

TODAY IS DOUBLE DOLLAR DAY

THESE ARE THE PENTECOSTAL COLLEGES SHARING DOUBLE DOLLAR DAY, WITH THEIR CAPABLE AND GODLY LEADERS

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A. A. Wilson We believe the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible and authoritative Word of God. WE BELLEVE that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. We BELLEVE in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal future re-turn to this earth in power and glory to rule over the nations. WE BELLEVE that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and fath in the precious blood of Christ. WE BELLEVE that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation. WE BELIEVE that the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the human body in answer to believing prayer. WE BELIEVE that the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 24, is given to believers who ask for it. WE BE-LIEVE in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life. WE BELIEVE in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation.

The Air Force Manuals

Certain training manuals issued by the U. S. Air Force stirred up quite a storm last month. The first was a manual for "Airmen Aides" who serve as orderlies for generals. It told how the enlisted men should go about mixing alcoholic drinks for officers' cocktail parties. That brought a lively reaction from religious and temperance leaders who wanted to know why public taxes should be used to train bartenders.

No sooner had this offensive manual been withdrawn by the Pentagon than another came to light. It was a training book for mess attendants and it actually contained some recipes recommended for use in making potent cocktails. It also gave the mess attendants some advice on how to keep the airmen from getting too drunk! This is strange training, indeed, to be given under the guise of "military necessity."

But the manual that made front-page news day after day was an Air Force training volume with a section on how to safeguard military information and how to recognize subversive techniques. It contained a statement that Communists and Communist fellow-travelers and sympathizers have successfully infiltrated into American churches. "It is known that even the pastors of certain of our churches are card-carrying Communists," it said. "The National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. officially sponsored the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Of the 95 persons who served in this project, 30 have been affiliated with pro-Communist fronts, projects, and publications. . . ."

This, of course, brought heated denials from the National Council of Churches, and strong demands that the manual be withdrawn. However, the chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee objected to its withdrawal. He insisted there were grounds for the charges.

One of the many Washington people to raise his voice on the issue was Clyde W. Taylor, secretary for public affairs for the National Association of Evangelicals. He said the political activities of liberal theologians is the natural result of their basic belief in the goodness of man. He said the roots of the controversy lie in the fact that liberal churchmen do not believe in the depravity of human nature and the need of the New Birth. They believe that all man needs is better social and economic conditions. That is why they embrace socialist schemes.

"While it is perhaps true that they have not adopted Marxist-Leninist thinking in its entirety, there has been a tendency to promote a social gospel which has been related at points to the objectives of international Communism," he said. He declared that the public is so confused over the issue that the only sensible thing to do is "to lay all the facts on the table in such a way that they may be studied in their theological, political, and social perspective."

No doubt Dr. Taylor is right. Liberal theology is what draws some clergymen into "pro-Communist fronts, projects, and publications." If they had stuck to their calling and preached the simple gospel of Christ they never would have been entangled in questionable associations. What America needs is the message of personal salvation through the New Birth. No Christian who preaches the individual's need of repentance and cleansing from sin through the precious blood of Christ will ever be tolerated in Red-tinged organizations.

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A T NO TIME IN MY MINISTRY HAVE I felt a greater concern for those who once walked with our blessed Lord in fellowship and have turned back to the beggarly elements of this world than I feel today. Certainly "we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things that we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip" (Hebrews 2:1).

Why is it that men and women who have tasted of the powers of the world to come, who have become partakers of His grace, who have known something of the fellowship of Christ, can turn back into the world? Why is it that the flesh and the devil get such a grip upon them that it seems wellnigh impossible to draw them back to our wonderful Lord?

Hebrews 2:3 reads, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" Usually we use this text to preach to the unsaved. But it was written to the church-to believersto born-again, Spirit-filled Pentecostal people. They were men and women who had learned to know Christ as their Saviour. They had become partakers of the powers of the world that is to come. They had come into the high and holy calling of sons of Godbelievers, worshipers of the Lord Jesus Christ. Yet, these people who had become partakers of such wonderful grace had set it aside and determined to go their own way. How could this be?

I do not have all the answers, but I think that I have discovered a few, which may be of help to someone.

Our Lord had a group of believers who followed Him of whom it says in John 6:66, "From that time many of his disciples went back and walked no more with him." What in the preaching of Jesus Christ drew the line that penetrated to the depths of their soul until even many of His disciples decided they would no longer walk with Him? They had seen His miracles-5,000 men fed, besides the women and children; hands laid on sick bodies and made every whit whole. Perhaps they themselves had partaken of some of these graces. But they deliberately decided of their own will to follow Christ no longer and the Scripture says, "... they walked no more with him."

Who were these who had decided to follow Christ no longer? They were His disciples. Why did they leave Him? In John 6:65 Jesus emphasized



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something of the cost of discipleship —the cost of being a Christian. We may become partakers of divine grace, of the gifts of the Spirit, and of all the blessings God provides for us, but in return He expects something from us. We must cut loose from the old life, the old habits, and many times from the old friends if those friends are detrimental to our spiritual life and fellowship with the Lord.

There is a cost to discipleship. It may differ from one person to another, but in each case God demands that we put out of our lives those things that hinder fellowship with Christ. If we fail to do so, the day will come when those things will so grip us that we will "walk no more with him."

Some things are idols for one person that are not idols to another. These things conflict with true discipleship. Christ comes into our lives and places His finger on the idols that we set up.

What is an idol? It may be anything that takes the place of Jesus Christ in our life. It can be our home —our family—our business—our social life—our pleasure, sports, etc. Anything on which we squander too much of our time, energy, and talents becomes an idol. Thus, Christ, instead of reigning supreme in our life, is dethroned and the idol is enthroned.

Further causes for apostasy are found in Luke 21:34: "Take heed to yourselves lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness...." To whom is he talking? To disciples-believers. What is surfeiting? It is becoming intemperate in partaking of the pleasures of this life. Does "drunkenness" mean the drinking of intoxicating liquors? It certainly includes that (no man who follows Jesus Christ is going to partake of anything which will wreck his body). But a person can be drunk on many different things. Anything that upsets your sense of balance and overcomes your reason until you think little of Jesus Christ, is an intoxicant. I knew a person who didn't have time to go to church on Sunday mornings because she wanted her house spick and span, her meal cooked, and everything in order. She literally was drunk with the care of her home-a house that would deteriorate or which she would have to leave behind.

In the year A.D. 64 Paul wrote two epistles—one to the church at Colosse, and another to Philemon. In Colossians 4:14 he tells about his co-workers. He mentions Luke, a physician, a brilliant man, and writer of the Gospel that bears his name. Also, Paul says, "Demas greets you." So Demas was among Paul's co-workers. Then in Philemon he lists a number of his workers—Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, Lucas, "my fellow laborers." These were the men who stood by Paul in the stress and strain of the ministry. They were to be counted on.

Two years went by, and one day Paul sat down to write the letter that we call Second Timothy. He was now a prisoner—a prisoner for Christ's sake. He did not permit his bondage to daunt his spirit, but in 2 Timothy 4:10 he wrote, "Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world."

Here was a man with an apostolic ministry—he labored with the greatest spiritual leader of the Christian church after the ascension of Christ to His Father's right hand—yet he turned away from such a glorious ministry and left Paul when he needed him most.

Did Demas go out and get drunk? The Bible does not say that he did. Did he become a fan at the amphitheaters of Rome? Did he indulge in other sinful pleasures? The Bible does not tell. It only says that Demas forsook Paul—forsook the glorious fellowship of the gospel because he loved this present age. The word "world" here means "age." Demas loved this present age. (See next page)

Workers Together ... THOMAS F. ZIMMERMAN, GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT ARE LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD .--- 1 CORINTHIANS 3:9

Dear Fellow-Christian:

The training of our precious young people is one of our greatest privileges and sacred responsibilities. To this end the Assemblies of God has instituted eight Bible colleges and one liberal arts school. In the present school year the total enrollment in these institutions has reached 2,767. Surely ours is a Godgiven challenge to provide higher education in our Full Gospel environment.

To accomplish this, we have a host of school administrators and 228 faculty and staff members who have dedicated their time and talent to this sacrificial ministry. Many of them have made the consecration of foregoing more lucrative remuneration in order to meet this urgent need.

Beyond the income from tuition and housing, our schools require at least one-third more income in order to carry on their minimal program. This is a responsibility in which we all have a stake. March 20 has been designated by our General Presbytery as Double Dollar Day. Every person is sincerely requested to make a contribution of at least two dollars—one dollar for Evangel College and a like amount for the Bible school of the donor's choice.

I appeal to you to join forces with us in making your gift so that the pressing need can be met. This is an investment in our youth and the future of our Movement. Make your contribution through your local church or send it to the Department of Education, 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield, Mo.

Hen. J. Simmerman

What happened in this man's life? He changed his sense of values. There was a day in Demas' life when he held Christ, the cross, the ministry, to be of more value than anything else in the world. But something happened in the inner life of Demas. He forsook the apostle Paul, "having loved this present world."

Paul didn't say that Demas actually left the ministry. Not every one that changes his sense of values leaves the ministry. Perhaps Demas continued to preach but wanted to get everything out of the world that he could. We have men today who ask others to sacrifice but they have gained great wealth by the sacred ministry. No man has the right to ask another to sacrifice unless he is sacrificing himself.

I believe in healing. If God hadn't raised me from a death bed twelve years ago in answer to the prayers of the saints, I would not be in the ministry today. Also as a boy I had a large tumor on my intestines. The only food I could take was orange juice. When the doctor said I was too far gone to operate, and had given me up, then God touched me. The tumor broke, and the poison and corruption was forced from my body. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, healed me and the truth of Divine Healing is precious to me. But I have no right to take the sacred healing ministry out of its setting in the local church and make myself rich because of it. If our sense of values is such that we value this world more than the world to come, something has happened to us.

Second Timothy 2:15-17 says, "Study to show thyself approved unto God... rightly dividing the word of truth." Put the emphasis here where it belongs on the study of the Word of God. "Shun profane and vain babblings, for they will increase unto more ungodliness." While professing great powers little of it is exercised to develop a life of godliness.

"And their word will eat as doth a canker, of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus." What was wrong with these two men? They believed in the Virgin birth of Christ, in His deity, His death burial, and resurrection; they believed in heaven and hell, in the baptism of the Holy Spirit, in healing, in the inspiration of the Word of God. But they took the doctrine of the resurrection and said to the churches, "The resurrection is already past." Truth was taken out of its proper setting. Doctrine was perverted and preachers who should have known better wrecked their own faith and that of others. For some who heard them said, "If we have missed the rapture, what use is there in trying to go on further with the Lord?" We need to "rightly divide the word of truth." We must study the Word of God to know the truth and keep from being sidetracked.

Men have often frustrated the plan of God by pushing a truth beyond the limits he set for it. A church in London, 124 years ago, was pastored by a brilliant preacher named Edward Irving. He began to contend for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the operation of the gifts of the Spirit. One Sunday morning the Holy Spirit fell like rain all over the church and people who had sat in the pews for weeks, months and even years-sedate and correct in every way-fell to the floor, prostrate under the power of God. They were filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit of God gave them utterance.

Out of that outpouring of the Spirit came a group of people known as Irvingites. I have in my library a very rare set of books—the works of Edward Irving. Here is what happened to the Irvingites. They decided they had a later revelation than the Word of God which was then about 1,800 years old.

Since God had come among them in such a phenomenal way and was giving to them direct leadership and guidance, they felt they did not need to pay so much attention to the Bible. They still believed it to be the Word of God, but they depended upon certain manifestations which occurred among them-prophecy, speaking in tongues, interpretation of tongues, and other gifts. These beautiful works of God were pulled out of their proper relationship to the Word of God and people began to get "leadings" for each other. They took the divine revelations of God and put human interpretations on them.

The Irvingites set up twelve apostles as in the early church. No one could preach unless one of the twelve

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We believe in the

W E READ OF "BRAINWASHING" IN Communist countries and we resent it, for we consider "freedom of thought" our most sacred privilege. We are seemingly unmindful or indifferent to the fact that a far more dangerous brainwashing is being carried on in our tax-supported colleges and universities.

A convention of scientists was held in Chicago recently with Sir Julian Huxley as the principal speaker. He is reported to have made it clear that he is not opposed to "religion," for he believes that all men should have a religion of some sort, but he is opposed to the supernatural in the affairs of this world. Now what does this mean?

It means that the Bible is false; that God did not create the world. It means that the world was created through the process of evolution, and through billions of years, and from a germ of life it became what it is now. They do not believe in the Flood, for that would have interfered with evolution.

It means they do not believe in prophecy. They believe the prophets wrote after the events had occurred, so there was never a prophecy of the coming of Jesus, no virgin birth, no death on Calvary to save our souls from sin, no resurrection from the dead, no gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. These atheists would be surprised if they realized that they themselves are slaves of a supernatural being-Satan.

Sir Julian Huxley and his followers are very optimistic about their war against God. He said, "The belief in the supernatural will soon be given up by everyone." They have downgraded Jesus to the level of Buddha, Mohammed, Bahai, etc.

Some foreign missionary societies have sent out men who have graduated with high degrees from these modern colleges. They teach Social Ethics and "Creative Altruism." These modernist missionaries are very popular with students who do not wish to give up worship of Confucius; or of various false gods such as the all-powerful kitchen god, which must be pasted on the wall

Supernatural

A plea for Christian colleges that teach the whole Bible

BY ELIZABETH BOWMAN

above the kuo (stove), or they have no food. Such students love to be entertained in the homes of these agreeable modernists, but I have never heard of a single convert being made to Christianity by this means.

Jesus told the woman at the well, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in Spirit and in truth." By His mighty power He upholds and guides a million or more star cities as large as our own Galactic Circle, with their billions of flaming suns and their satellites, in the "one-way traffic of the stars," and yet He could not save one sinner from his sins. Why? Because God the Father cannot die.

Jesus Christ, the second Person of the Trinity of God, put aside His great power and dignity and was born as a human being. Humbling Himself to death on the cross, He paid the penalty for our sins, and now we can become new creatures as if we had never sinned. Because Christ Jesus stooped so low to redeem us, "God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name ... that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:9-11).

HOW SHOULD I KNOW?

How should I know how great Thou art, How strong to save and guide, How wise of will, how kind of heart, How careful to provide; If I had never felt the blast Of sharp adversity, Nor in the darkness had to cast My burdens all on Thee? —Irene May Roney

This strange warfare against the third Person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, whom the Lord Jesus sent on the Day of Pentecost to be our Comforter and Guide, places the Assemblies of God among the hated supernaturalists. Jesus told Nicodemus, "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (John 3:5).

There are no vacuums in the spiritual world. If God is not wanted in our great colleges, you may be sure that Satan is in charge. The first cause of death among the students is auto accidents; the second is suicide. Students are in rebellion against civilization and morality. Many call themselves "beatniks," they are determined to live at cross purposes with the world and its culture, and to live for thrills only.

Can people honestly pray, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil," and then send their young people to a godless college? The best investment on earth today for the Kingdom of heaven is in Christian colleges where our brilliant young people can study to help other young people with facts instead of theories. Every fact of archaeology, ancient history, or proved science they learn supports Bible statements. Every church should provide a scholarship for a Christian college.

Our precious young people should have a supernatural, born-again experience of conversion, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit. They should be educated in our own Christian colleges and go forth to serve our supernatural Lord, with whom nothing shall be im-4 4 possible.

Green Lane, Pennsylvania

A Glowing Reality

F ONE IN HIS FUTURE CONFLICT with sin should always act upon the fact of the crucifixion of his self life at the Cross, he should likewise act upon the equally glorious fact that he was raised with Christ into newness of life when Christ arose (Romans 6:4, 5, 10, 11; Ephesians 2:5, 6; Colossians 2:12, 13; 3:1). Water baptism symbolizes the death to self (the old man) and the resurrection with Christ into newness of life in Christ of every believer. Water baptism does not make the facts; it portrays the facts of every believer's co-crucifixion and coresurrection with Christ. A present reckoning (Romans 6:11) makes the newness of life in Christ a glowing reality. A grave and a resurrection put an impassable gulf between the new man and the old man (Ephesians 4: 22, 24) of every Christian who holds tenaciously to his position in Christ. One does not overcome sin by one's own depraved life but by the indwelling life of the Spirit of Christ within. Paul declared, "I have been crucified with Christ"; and it is no longer I that live, but "Christ liveth in me" (Galatians 2:20). The enlightened, abandoned believer dares to declare the same words every day, for it is his right to do so. He never reckons upon the fact of his co-crucifixion with Christ without, at the same moment, reckoning upon the fact of his co-resurrection with Christ. He ceases to live his own life and lets Christ live in and through him.

BEGET AN ATTITUDE

Faith in the facts of a situation begets an attitude. Let one believe a report that his dearest loved one has within an hour been killed, and gloom will fill his heart; but let the report be corrected by the facts which show that the loved one is well despite a serious accident, and his attitude will be one of gladness. Every Negro slave in the time of Abraham Lincoln, who believed the fact of his emancipation by the decree of the President, walked with a new sense of dignity. "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." If one believes himself to be no good, he will be no good. Let a young man recognize the fact that he is the son of a reigning king and he will act like a king's son. Let one continue to believe with all his heart that he died in Christ at Calvary and arose with Him on Easter morning, and he will act accordingly.

The device of Satan is to get a Christian in time of defeat to beg God to deliver him from his self life rather than correctly (after his confession and cleansing of sin) to praise God for his present liberation from sin's dominion because his old nature (the old man) died at the cross and he arose with Christ from the tomb a new creature.

ALREADY ASCENDED

When one is crushed by defeat, he will naturally tend to offer his being to God to be crucified afresh, or he may seek to crucify the member or members or faculties involved. To the contrary, Paul says, "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey the lusts thereof : neither present your members unto sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves unto God, as alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God" (Romans 6:12, 13, R. V.). If you, reader, are a defeated Christian, observe that you are to present (offer as a sacrifice of love to the Lord Jesus) your members as of men who are alive from the dead, members which are indeed "alive unto God." Some birds mount up to the heights with prolonged effort. But look vonder at some glorious bird which soars to the heights by the lifting currents of the sky, and then maintains with graceful poise its heavenly position by resting on the winds of God far above the valleys of death below. Offer vourself to God for righteousness unto holiness as one already ascended with Christ to the heights of victory. Valleys, streams, and mountains seem as nothing to a great bird that finds a posture of rest on the bosom of the heights.

VIRTUALLY AUTOMATIC

Grow in grace! Indeed, defeat will come in one's immature Christian experience as a child falls in learning to walk. Good habits are fixed by one's repeated application. By this principle a little child learns to walk firmly and surely; and by the same principle one learns to type. The writer typed the manuscript of this article without a consciousness of the location of the several keys bearing the letters of the alphabet. It was not always so. There was a time of painful, laborious application to fix in mind the position of each letter. When the law of habit prevailed, the operation of the keys became virtually automatic. The Greek word "reckon" in Romans 6:11 is a present imperative which signifies that the Christian is commanded to reckon continually upon his co-crucifixion and co-resurrection with Christ. Such a continued reckoning will beget in the believer a constant sense of the death of self and of his resurrection life in Christ. This will enable him unceasingly to present his members and faculties to the indwelling Christ for His keeping and use.

THE PRE-EMINENT MEDITATION

The Spirit of Truth will lead the child of God who hungers for righteousness to the Word of truth which sanctifies all believers in whom it abides (John 15:7; 17:17; Psalm 119:9). No Christian can live a victorious life unless the Scriptures are his pre-eminent meditation. By them sin is discerned. They reveal the heinousness of the smallest sin and the fact that the wrath of God rests upon all ungodliness and unrighteousness. "God is no respecter of persons." "By the fear of the Lord men depart from evil" (Proverbs 16:6). The fear of God inspired by the Word of God will impel those who cherish it to flee to the Cross for God's deliverance from the power of sin as well as from the pollution of sin. Every disciple of Christ constantly needs a pungent sense of the constraining love of God and the restraining anger of God. Each is a necessary wing to keep him poised by the Spirit in the heights of unbroken fellowship with God. If one or the other is missing he will tumble to crushing defeat.

INSEPARABLES

A life of prayer and communion and a life of victory are inseparable. Sin did not enter Eden until Adam and Eve lightly esteemed unbroken communion with God. Sin cannot dwell in His presence. The Holy Spirit is God's Eleazar to keep the believer close to the heart of Christ by inspiring him to pray without ceasing. Sin will cause one to cease from praying or praying will cause one to cease from sinning. The arrows of temptation cannot pierce the heart of the believer who dwells in the presence of Christ. "In thy presence is fullness of joy."

LEAN FOR A LIFT

"The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death ... that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us who walk not after the flesh [the self], but after the Spirit" (Romans 8:2, 4). If any Christian would but depend upon the person of the indwelling Spirit to keep him even as he daily depends upon the blood of Christ to cleanse him, he would soon know the joy of a life of constant communion with Jesus Christ; sin's dominion would be broken! Tenderly regard the Spirit's whispers, His checks, and counsels. "Walk by the Spirit and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh" (Galatians 5:16, R. V.). Do not grieve Him; lean upon Him for His keeping. Temptations and trials will not cease, but "greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4).

"My" for "Thy"

Count upon the inworking of the Holy Spirit to produce within you every virtue of the ninefold qualities of the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5: 22). Exchange your hate for His love, your gloom for His joy, your turbulence for His peace, your weakness for His virtue. Canon Wilberforce learned a great lesson from a venerable minister who said that too much was mentioned about giving up for Christ rather than intaking from Christ. The canon first applied the truth when his patience was sorely tried by an inattentive Sunday school class. In the midst of his distress, he prayed, "Thy patience, Lord," and found that instantly the patience

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Why "Double Dollar Day"?

C. W. H. SCOTT Executive Director, Department of Education

THE GENERAL PRESEVTERY OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD HAS DESIGNATED this Sunday, March 20, as Double Dollar Day to help to provide for the financial deficits of the colleges of the Assemblies of God.

Brochures and "cointainers" were mailed to the churches of he fellowship in care of the pastors in January. It was suggested (in communications which were sent out from the non-resident executive presbyters) that this material be placed in the hands of church members during the latter part of January so that they might plan their gifts to the schools well ahead of the designated day. By placing twenty-five cents in the cointainer each week the minimum total of two dollars would be collected in time for today's special offering.

You may bring your offering to your church or mail your check or money order directly to the Department of Education, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri. One dollar will go to the support of Evangel College. The other dollar of your offering will go to whichever Bible college you designate. Be sure to mark the Bible college of your choice.

The nine colleges listed on the cointainers are strategically located across the nation and are serving more than 2,750 Assemblies of God young people.

Bethany Bible College, Santa Cruz, Calif., offers a three-year diploma course and a four-year course leading to a degree, with majors in Bible, Theology, Christian Education, Sacred Music and Missions.

Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Mo., offers a three-year diploma course and a four-year degree course with majors in Bible, Missions, Religious Education, and Music. It also offers a graduate program leading to a master's degree in the fields of Bible, Missions, and Religious Education.

Eastern Bible Institute, Green Lane, Pa., offers a three-year diploma course in the Ministerial, Missionary, and Christian Education fields.

North Central Bible College, Minneapolis, Minn., offers a three-year diploma course and a four-year course leading to a degree, with majors in Bible, Religious Education, Music, and Missions.

Northwest Bible College, Kirkland, Wash. (a suburb of Seattle), offers a four-year course leading to a degree in English Bible with minor concentration in the fields of Theology, Missions, Christian Education, and Sacred Music. It also offers a five-year program leading to a Bachelor of Theology degree. The first two years are Junior College.

South-Eastern Bible College, Lakeland, Fla., offers a three-year diploma course with majors in English Bible, Missions, Business Education, Music, and Christian Education. It offers a four-year degree course with majors in English Bible, Missions, Music, and Christian Education.

Southern California College, Costa Mesa, Calif., offers a three-year diploma course with a Bible major; a four-year degree course with majors in Bible, Religious Education, Missions, Music, Education, English, and Social Science. A five-year program leading to a Bachelor of Theology degree is also offered.

Southwestern Bible Institute, Waxahachie, Tex., offers a three-year diploma course in Bible and a four-year degree course with majors in Bible, Christian Ministry, Missions, Religious Education, Theology, and Music. It also offers a Junior College program.

Evangel College, Springfield, Mo., offers a liberal arts program leading to bachelor degrees with majors in Business Administration, Education, Fine Arts, Language and Literature, Natural Science and Mathematics, Religion and Philosophy, and Social Science.

Two dollars from each member and friend of our Assemblies of God churches will help relieve the financial burden and provide additional revenue for these colleges which are training the young people who will be among the future leaders of our movement. All offerings should be sent to:

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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CHRIST AND PILATE Sunday School Lesson for March 27, 1960 LUKE 23:1-5, 20-26

PILATE'S DECISION

1. The accusation of the Jews. Vv. 1, 2. Before the Jewish council Jesus had been charged with (1) Heresy, or teaching a secret doctrine contrary to the law. See John 19:19-24. (2) Sacrilege: threatening to destroy the temple. See John 2:19-21. (3) Blasphemy, for claiming to be the Son of God. On this last count they condemned Jesus to death. However, the power of inflicting the death penalty had been taken from the Jews and therefore brought Christ before the Roman governor Pilate.

Knowing that Pilate would not consider religious charges, they shrewdly gave the charges a political tone, accusing Him of violating Roman law and of rebellion against Caesar, asserting that by claiming to be a King he stirred the populace up against Rome.

2. The perception of Pilate. Vv. 3-22. A comparison of Luke's account of Christ before Pilate with that of Matthew and John makes it very apparent that Pilate was not deceived about Jesus, nor about His accusers! Consider his statements as recorded in the lesson:

"Art thou the King of the Jews?" The emphasis was on the word "thou," as if to say, "You don't look dangerous enough to threaten the rule of Rome."

"I find no fault in this man." Pilate was used to the trial and cross-examination of criminals. Even after his first interview with Jesus, he was convinced He was innocent. And in an effort to dodge the responsibility either of violating his conscience or angering the Jews, he sent Christ to Herod who was ruler over Galilee.

"I have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him," Pilate declared when Christ was returned to him by Herod who evidently was also loath to pronounce Jesus guilty of death.

Pilate was convinced of Jesus' innocence, impressed more than he cared to admit by His real nobility and poise, (see John 19:7-12) and rightly concluded that the Jewish priests had an ulterior motive. John 11:47-53. Like other weak men, he lacked moral courage to be true to his convictions and sought to evade the issue. It was customary at the time of the present feast (probably Passover) to release some prisoner. Pilate narrowed the choice to Barabbas, a murderer and seditionist (Mark 15:7), and Jesus. He hoped, of course, they would be forced to release Jesus rather than a man who was so evidently a criminal.

3. The decision of Pilate. Vv. 23, 24. Pilate's plan failed. The blood-thirsty mob cried out for Jesus to be crucified. In a final weak effort to absolve himself of guilt, Pilate washed his hands before the people and gave them the sentence they desired.

PILATE'S CHARACTER

1. Unbelief. When Jesus said to Pilate, "For this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth," Pilate asked, "What is truth?" Yet just a few feet from him stood Truth Incarnate. Had he accepted Jesus, he would have had the Light of life. Had he listened to the voice of conscience and acted upon principle, it is doubtful that he would have been left in cynicism and unbelief. He is representative of people today who are unbelieving because of moral dishonesty rather than because of sincere intellectual doubts.

2. Worldliness. Pilate was above all a politician, whose dominant motive was self-interest. To have spared Christ would have jeopardized his power and position. And he would rather sacrifice Christ than risk personal loss. He is representative of all who sacrifice principles, convictions, and ideals for the sake of material advantage.

3. Weakness. Pilate could be firm (Luke 13:1), but in his treatment of Jesus he revealed himself as a moral coward. He made a number of mistakes commonly made today: (1) He was afraid of the people. "The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe." If we are more afraid of displeasing others than of displeasing the Lord, we shall surely fall into sin. (2) Pilate sought to shift to other shoulders the responsibility for his own actions. In modern parlance he tried to "pass the buck," or as psychologists would put it, he sought to "rationalize" his sin, to find justifiable and plausible excuse for it. This tendency is present in all of us. The victorious life in Christ calls for complete honesty with God and with oneself!

-J. Bashford Bishop

WATER WON'T DO IT!



THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL



NEW PRESIDENT FOR SOUTHWESTERN

WAXAHACHIE, TEX. — Dr. Klaude Kendrick has resigned as dean of Evangel College to accept the presidency of Southwestern Bible Institute. He will succeed M. E. Collins who has headed the school since 1947. President Collins, 67, is retiring from the top post but will continue with the school as an instructor.

Dr. Kendrick will complete the current year as dean of Evangel College and assume his new duties at Southwestern on June 1.

Before coming to Evangel College in 1955, Klaude Kendrick had served as an instructor, dean of men, business manager, and vice-president at Southwestern.

DORMITORY UNDER CONSTRUCTION

KIRKLAND, WASH. — Construction began December 28 on the new women's dormitory on the campus of Northwest Bible College. The first wing of the building, which is to be brick over frame construction, will be a three-level structure, including the basement level. It will house seventytwo students. The reception area, which is being constructed adjacent to the wing, is designed to serve another wing which will be added at a later time.

NEW MISSIONARY ORGANIZATION AT NBC

KIRKLAND, WASH.—A new missionary organization has been formed at Northwest Bible College. It is composed of all those in the college who either feel a definite call to missionary work or are willing to volunteer for this service. The group, which includes over fifty young men and women, meets occasionally during missionary group prayer meetings to consider matters of interest to prospective missionaries.

One of the projects presently under

consideration is a proposed trip to Mexico so that missionary volunteers can see a mission field and learn something of the rigors of missionary life. The trip is planned for the month of April. The college bus recently purchased from the Greyhound Bus Company is being prepared for the trip. About 25 or 30 students under the direction of two faculty members will visit cities from the Mexican border at El Paso to Mexico City and Acapulco. They will return via a different route. The trip will take approximately three weeks.

NBC ENJOYS ENROLLMENT INCREASE

KIRKLAND, WASH. — Winter quarter enrollment figures at Northwest Bible College indicate a slight net increase over that of the autumn quarter with a total of 199 students as compared with 197 for the first quarter. With the addition of twelve new students on January 5, which marked the beginning of the winter quarter, the cumulative enrollment for the year so far stands at 209 students.

HOWARD S. BUSH HALL DEDICATED AT SEBC

LAKELAND, FLA.—The dormitory building on South-Eastern Bible College campus was officially named "Howard S. Bush Hall" in a dedicatory ceremony recently. Approximately 500 persons, including district officials, administrators, faculty, pastors, students, and friends were present for the ceremony which was held on the campus lawn. President A. E. Spence officiated, and J. Bashford Bishop offered the dedicatory prayer before the portrait of Brother Bush was unveiled.

The decision to honor Brother Bush in this way was made several months ago by the Board of Administration and the Board of Directors in appreciation of his many contributions to South-Eastern Bible College. Brother Bush recently resigned from the office of District Superintendent of the South Florida District to take up his new duties at national headquarters as an Assistant General Superintendent.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE PLANNED

LAKELAND, FLA.—South-Eastern Bible College will observe its twentyfifth year of operation in April with a Silver Anniversary Jubilee celebration on the campus of the college.

The first service of the Jubilee will be held in Lake Bonny Tabernacle on Tuesday evening, April 26, at 7:30, with O. L. Harrup, Sr., from the Potomac District, as guest speaker. Services are scheduled for 10:30 a.m., 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, with services on Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Highlights of the Jubilee will include open house on Wednesday afternoon beginning at 1:30 and a trip to Cypress Gardens at 2:00 on Thursday afternoon. The Board of Directors will meet prior to the Jubilee.

The South-Eastern Jubilee is conducted each spring, alternating between the college campus and one of the districts supporting the college.

CBI BEGINS SPRING-SUMMER DEGREE PROGRAM

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—This semester marked the beginning of CBI's spring-summer degree program. It is an enriched program, tailor-made for mature ministers, missionaries, and Christian workers, particularly those who have a three-year diploma from Bible school. The Bachelor of Arts degree is offered in Bible, missions, religious education, and music.

Ten students are presently enrolled. Among them are James Vigna, veteran missionary to China and Formosa; Paul Goodwin, missionary to Jamaica; Pastors Harris Jensen from Michigan and Wildon Colbaugh from Oregon; Nellie (Huffer) Boyd; Lester Duncan; and Joseph Fiorentino. Mrs. Boyd and Brother Vigna were first-year students at CBI in 1929 when the late W. I. Evans began his ministry here. Under the concentrated program, these students will get in six months, what is usually offered in nine.

TEACHERS NEEDED

The Department of Education is interested in hearing from Assemblies of God persons who would like to teach in our colleges. There is a need for teachers with a master's degree in the following fields:

> Guidance and Counseling English Biology Business Administration Social Science Applied Music

Mature and qualified *bookkeepers* are needed in some of the schools

A nurse is needed who has had some years of experience.

These needs are all urgent! Persons interested in the above opportunities should contact the Department of Education, 434 West Pacific, Springfield, Missouri immediately.

Thrilling Results From Revivaltime Sermon on "THE BACKSLIDER"

BY STANLEY MICHAEL

THE POWER OF THE SPOKEN WORD —anointed by the Holy Spirit—changes lives! God has ordained that "through the foolishness of preaching" souls should be claimed for the kingdom of God. Each week as Brother C. M. Ward preaches over *Revivaltime*, individuals send thrilling testimonies telling what the sermon has meant to them. As these messages go into homes through the medium of radio, souls are saved, backsliders reclaimed for the kingdom of God, and sick persons are healed.

A woman from Savannah, Tenn., sends this testimony of the influence of the messages: "Last year my father wrote you to pray for him in behalf of his soul. He accepted Christ as his personal Saviour through your prayers and inspiring messages which meant so much to him. I do thank and praise God, for my dear dad went to sleep in Jesus in April, 1959."

"I listened to your wonderful broadcast last Sunday and your message made me realize why I had been in so much misery," writes a man from Miami, Fla. "I came back to Christ tonight, and I praise the Lord for you and your ministry."

From Washington, D. C., a woman sends this report: "Although I am a member of a different denomination, I pass up one of our denominational programs to hear *Revivaltime*. Each sermon seems so fitting for individual needs. This Sunday the sermon held me spellbound, which I can hardly afford to be at that hour on Sunday morning, as I am preparing for church. Thank you very much, and continue as God leads to preach practical messages."

During the past few months Brother Ward has felt a special burden for backsliders. As a result of this burden, he preached a series of three messages directed to the backslider which, together with a personal word from Brother Ward, were put into booklet form. Many backsliders have written to the Radio Department to report blessing and help received from these messages.

Winston-Salem, North Carolina-

"After hearing your message last night I knew those sermons were for me. I thank God He has caused you to preach them. I have tried for so long to get back to God, but I was the soul you were preaching to last night. I realize I am in the destitute condition about which you were speaking when you said a soul could get his mind on his sin until it kept him from coming back to God. Please send me the book on the backslider, and pray that as I get it I'll find peace of heart and mind from reading and studying it. If ever a soul needed help, I am that soul."-Mrs. H. W.

Antigo, Wisconsin-

"I want to thank you for the sermon you preached January 10. I am sure it was meant for one such as I, for I was a backslider-I had turned my back on the Lord. I thought the things of the world could bring me more happiness than the things of the Lord, but I am happy to say I have found out I was wrong. Knowing that worldly things bring no real happiness in life, I wanted so to live once again a life of happiness following my Lord. I tried for some time to receive the blessings I once had, but each time I would kneel to pray it seemed as if my prayers were going unanswered. Last night as I was praying in my room, I heard your program come on and I listened to those wonderful words of encouragement you gave for me. It gave me renewed faith and thrilled me so. It was as if the Lord Himself was saying to me, 'I forgive you.' That was all I needed. From that moment

RADIO NEWS FLASH!

The following stations have been added to the **Revivaltime** radio log:

- LEESBURG, VIRGINIA (WAGE) 1290 kc.—1,000 watts Sundays, 10:30 a.m.
- ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO (KALG) 1230 kc.—250 watts

Sundays, 1:30 p.m.

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA (KHOF) 99.5 mg.—100,000 watts Sundays, 8:00 a.m.

PHILLIPSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA (WPHB)

Sundays, 2:30 p.m.

CHANGE OF TIME CLANTON, ALABAMA (WKLF-AM &

FM) Sundays, 8:15 a.m.

on the blessings just came forth. I was blessed as I had been when I first took Jesus as my Saviour."— A/2C F. P.

Terre Haute, Indiana-

"The wonderful booklet about the backslider was such a great inspiration to me. I have determined to go God's way from now on."—N. M.

Brooklyn, New York-

"Your message on the backslider came home to my heart for I was on the verge of going back towards the things of this world. Your sermon brought me back home."—B. B.

Jersey City, New Jersey-

"I was glad to hear your message over the radio about backsliding, for I was a backslider. I tried to pray, but I didn't get anywhere. When I heard your message I got down on my knees and asked God to forgive me of my backsliding. He did and I felt a wonderful peace. As you prayed I felt you were in the room with me. So praise the dear Lord, He's wonderful to me."—J. P.

Testimonies are still coming in telling of similar experiences and thanking God for the message of the anointed spoken word. Brother Ward and the *Revivaltime* team request your continued prayer and offerings as they send the "good news" of the full gospel into homes across the nation and around the world each week. Write to RE-VIVALTIME, BOX 70, SPRING-FIELD, MISSOURI.

(To obtain copies of "My Message to the Backslider," by C. M. Ward, check last week's Pentecostal Evangel.)



PERSONAL TESTIMONY OF A STUDENT AT BETHANY BIBLE COLLEGE, SANTA CRUZ, CALIF.

By Marvin W. Schmidt

Called to Serve

I WAS BROUGHT UP IN AN ASSEMBLIES of God pastor's home, and my heart was always open to the things of God. When I was ten years old we had a revival with Evangelists Fred and Sarah Byers at the Assembly in Kingsburg, Calif. The first Tuesday night I was entranced by Mrs. Byers' anointed sermon on the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

In response to the challenge at the close of the message I went quickly to the altar. Oh, how I longed for the Spirit's fullness! Altar workers began praying with me as they sensed my desire. The blessed Baptizer Himself came into my hungry heart as I raised my hands in complete surrender. How I praised God as the Holy Spirit came into my life to abide!

My mother, who was close by, prayed a special prayer that night. "If you are going to use Marvin some day," she said, "cause him to speak in Swedish, for there are people in this church who understand that language."

Soon afterward, a lady came up to her and exclaimed, "Your son just spoke in the clearest Swedish tongue, saying twice, 'The land is so beautiful.'"

As I uttered those words, not knowing their meaning at the time, I was seeing in a vision spiritually-starved souls running toward me in swarms. For an hour and a half I preached to them in divers kinds of tongues—some belonging to earth's family of languages; others exclusively heaven's own.

Some are of the opinion that children do not understand enough about the baptism in the Holy Spirit and should not be encouraged to seek for that experience. It has been ten years since I received the initial infilling of the Spirit, but I still remember it vividly. For me, that first experience was not a stopping place, but rather a gateway to greater things in God.

The vision of the needy masses thronging for help burns more brightly than ever in my soul. I am perparing myself here at Bethany Bible College to obey the commission which I received from God as a boy of ten, and which has been intensified as I have grown older.

Can We Afford a Liberal Arts College?

BY EVANGELIST PAUL B. HOFF

N VIEW OF THE MANY PRESSING DEmands of our rapidly expanding movement, some of our assemblies are tempted to throw all of their weight into the balance of one or two worthy causes at the expense of all others. There are undoubtedly sincere and dedicated workers who question the channeling of precious funds into our liberal arts educational program because it appears to them that it offers few immediate returns.

There is danger in over-simplifying any problem. A general thinks neither in terms of an isolated sector of a front nor of the present moment only, but rather in terms of total strategy. To pour all reserves into a battle that promises immediate returns may appear wise, but in the long run it may impoverish the defense of other vital areas, and actually work toward defeat.

Our young people are living in an age which places emphasis on education as a means of advancement; it is impossible to obtain many worthy occupations without a college degree; many of our Pentecostal youth will attend institutions of higher learning. The question is merely, "What school shall I attend?" Some of our young people are enrolled in huge universities where they are subjected invariably to certain professors on the teaching staff who deliberately and brilliantly belittle all genuine Christianity, and the loss of faith among many is to be mourned. Others of our young people attend excellent evangelical colleges which honor God's Word but either directly teach against Pentecostal experiences or unintentionally provide an atmosphere in which social pressure undermines loyalty to Pentecostal belief and practice; again, the loss to our movement is tragic.

One pastor tells with a broken heart how one of his young people who was healed of a loathsome disease went away to a good evangelical college. Today this young person almost denies healing and is severely critical of the very church which "prayed her through" to health. She could not bear the "reproach" of holding to a belief in the supernatural power of God. This example could be multiplied by many pastors.

The loss of these young people poses a threat to the welfare of our movement. Not only are we losing potential lay leaders from our assemblies but also those who would be in the best position to contribute largely to our varied causes because they will hold highly-paid jobs. This loss at the home front will be felt eventually at the ends of the earth.

Unless our churches provide funds systematically and adequately for the proper staffing and equipping of Pentecostal liberal arts colleges, we are inviting our youth to go elsewhere in order to obtain an education which will be of the highest order. We must not surrender many of our youth because of a shortage of educational funds. For immediate advantage we may kill the goose that lays the golden eggs; the neglect of one vital area even to strengthen another area may seem momentarily wise but prove ultimately foolish.

The answer lies not in decreasing our giving toward any single program but in sacrificially increasing our giving toward the most worthy causes. The question is not whether we can afford a liberal arts college of an advanced status, but can we afford to be without one?



Students spent many hours praying in the chapel

Revival at Central Bible Institute

BY RUTH NOURSE

G od's MARVELOUS VISITATION AT Central Bible Institute last month made an indelible impression upon the entire student body.

One student spoke the thought of many when he said, "We have heard a lot about the good old days of Pentecost, but those of us who are privileged to be at CBI during this outpouring of the Spirit will never have to look back to those 'good old days' again with a longing for a reality of the moving of God. We have seen it with our own eyes during the last few days."

The revival began on Thursday, February 4. The chapel service started out according to the usual pattern three songs, then prayer. It was the third service in a series with Evangelist Warren Litzman. The emphasis of the messages had been on the need for the reality of Pentecost in the world today. There had been no indication that the series would be more than a programmed emphasis on the Spiritfilled life and ministry.

As the third hymn was sung, the students began to pray; and as they prayed, God Himself came down and set aside the pre-arranged program. For the next several days the chapel services were informal, though orderly. No one knew what would be next on the program for it was directed by the Lord, not by man.

Through the Spirit, the student body was exhorted to seek the Lord. A burden descended which held the congregation in prayer. By midnight on Thursday it became apparent that an unusual move of the Holy Spirit had begun.

The Spirit challenged the students to dedicate their lives to a world-wide revival of Pentecost. One after another stood to personally accept the challenge. Many confessed that as third-generation Pentecostal believers they had never known the reality of the power of God. Under deep conviction, they confessed their sins and their determination to be instruments in God's hands, so that others would know the reality they had found in Christ.

At 3:30 a.m. most of the student body was still in the chapel, and Broth-



Evangelist Warren Litzman (left) and Campus Pastor Glenn Reed talk with Gordon Theilen of Mason City, Iowa (center) who was healed of a heart condition during the recent revival at CBI. Gordon returned to the Springfield hospital where he was treated last summer. A cardiograph showed his heart to be normal.

er Litzman (who, along with Campus Pastor Glenn Reed, remained in the chapel almost night and day) was led to call the congregation to a "love feast." On one side of the chapel the men wept as they greeted and encouraged one another. On the other the ladies expressed to one another the love that God had poured into their hearts. Faults were confessed, grudges forgotten, wounds healed. The demonstration continued for nearly an hour.

As the sun came up, 120 or more students still remained and lifted their hearts in praise as the ladies softly sang, "When Jesus Breaks the Morning." When the other students arrived for chapel at 7:30 a.m. the evangelist related the happenings of the night and newcomers began to seek God.

Through the day prayer and confession continued. The sincerity, earnestness, and dedication of the students was apparent as they came forward to a microphone one by one to unburden their hearts. Again and again they were cautioned to count the cost, and to be very careful not to speak unless they were ready to pay the price. They continued to come in a stream.

"God has shown me that my work for Him has not been for Him at all, but everything I have done has been so others would think well of me," said one student.

Said another: "I've been raised in a Christian home and an Assembly of God church. I've learned the right things to do and say. I've known how spiritual people were supposed to act. So I've acted that way. Now I see how much I've needed reality in my life. God has met me, and my life will never be the same." These were not obscure, little-known students. These were student leaders testifying to a deep and mighty work of God.

The Spirit's leadership and anointing was evident even in the unburdening of hearts. One young lady tearfully confessed, "When this revival started, I felt that I had no place in this school because I was such a sinner. I made plans to pack my things, and figured out how I could get away from here. I wasn't going to try to serve the Lord any more. But the Lord got hold of me, and He showed me that He loved me even though I was a sinner. And now, I'm afraid there might be other students like me. If you are here and feel like I did. don't leave. Jesus loves you and will forgive you like He did me."

After this testimony students again flocked to the altar to seek the Lord. And at intervals throughout the entire revival they would begin to come spontaneously and fall on their knees before the Lord.

The following day the student body was challenged by the Spirit to pay the price of a Spirit-filled, Spirit-led life. Again they counted the cost, and hundreds stood to accept the challenge. No one could have heard the earnest testimonies of God's dealings with these young people without great confidence that He would indeed lead them from this point forward. Many testified that during the revival they had received far more than an experience; they had seen the beginning of a new way of life.

Many who had known the Lord for years but had lost their peace, now found it anew. One young man confessed that his Christian experience had been a struggle because he wanted to hold to things of the world which were not really harmful, but which caused a conflict in his heart. He has now given them up and there is such a sweet joy in his heart that he wonders why he didn't do it before.

Brother Litzman cancelled an engagement to remain at CBI as long as the students wanted to seek God. By Saturday evening a number of visitors were arriving. Students from Evangel College testified concerning what they had received from the Lord as a result of the services. The personal workers squad went out on the streets as they do each Saturday night. They returned bringing six servicemen to the chapel. Five of these were saved that night and the other, who was a Christian, sought the Holy Spirit Baptism.

Most of the students went to rural preaching posts or to services in the Springfield churches Sunday morning. Many gathered in the chapel in the afternoon and the service continued into the evening. About 10:00 p.m. the returning outstation squads brought reports of God's blessing in their places of ministry. Praises filled the chapel anew as each student-pastor or Sunday school teacher related experiences of God's blessing. At 1:30 a.m. the students were advised to go to their rooms for rest unless urged by the Spirit to remain in prayer.

The third challenge accepted by the students was to pay the personal price for a gifted ministry. Upperclassmen who had dedicated their lives to the ministry confessed discouragement and the feeling that perhaps the Lord would allow them to go into business or other pursuits to accummulate this world's goods in order to educate their children or provide security for their families. Now, the call was clear again. They were ready to pay the price.

President J. Robert Ashcroft spoke seriously to the students concerning the temptations and the responsibilities of the Spirit-anointed minister. He said that after Jesus' baptism and the descent of the Spirit upon Him, He was driven by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. Spiritanointed men and women will meet the same temptation, Brother Ashcroft warned. Jesus was first tempted to use the power God had given Him to provide for His own physical needs. He was then tempted to display it before the religious leaders of His day. The last and most subtle temptation was to compromise. Satan said, "Just co-operate with me, and I'll give you the whole world. There is no price to pay, just use some of my methods and the world will be yours." Jesus had the answer. He defeated Satan, and returned in the power of the Spirit to meet human needs.

Though the extended prayer and (Continued on page nineteen)

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DAT	Е		EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Mobile	Eight-Mile				W. O. Stephens & wife	
	Phenix City	Rolph Survey	Mar.	22-Apr.	3	Joel Palmer & wife	Hollis Kelley
Alaska	Juneau	A/G	Mar.	2-20		James A. Call	Everette Schonema
Calif.	Crescent City	First	Mar.	20-Apr.	1	Fisher-Cheek Team	D. L. Rhodes
	Huntington Park	A/G		22-Apr.	1	Oran & Audrey Duncan	Larry Cederblom
	Long Beach	NLB-South St.		23-27		Robert Watters	Allan G. Snider
	Porterville	First		22-Apr.	3	Everett Stenhouse	Floyd Cagle
	Riverbank	A/G		17-20		John French	Lee Archer
Fla.	Ft. Walton Beach	Wright		21-25		W. J. Cox	Houston Miles
Ill.	Danville	First				Arthur F. Berg & wife	James Hyllberg
	Hamilton	First				Bob & Jeri Winford	M. A. Deyo
Ind.	Michigan City	A/G				Hildreth Ethridge	Stewart Robinson
Iowa	Burlington	First				Smith-Rasmussen Team	
	LeMars	A/G				Arnold & Anita Segesman	
	Oskaloosa	First				Bill Newby	C. Max Johnson
Kansas	Ft. Scott	A/G				A. N. Burns	W. C. Crowder
	Larned	A/G				Don Young	E. H. Rosenberg
	Leavenworth	A/G				Ivan Christoffersen	Howard Shelton
Md.	Cumberland	First				Jack & Clara Peters	Arthur Vespa
Mich.	Dearborn	Calvary			3	Wesley C. Wibley	A. L. Kent
	Niles	First		22—		John Higginbotham	Albert Marialke
	Olivet	Verplank				Bradley Evang. Team	Harold Boland
Minn.	Barnesville	A/G				R. W. Hastie & wife	K. L. Peters
	Minneapolis	Full Gosp. Temp.				Andrew G. Basell	J. M. Strand
Miss.	Biloxi	Central		21-Apr.	3	Jimmie & Carol Snow	Douglas Carroll
Mo.	Stockton	A/G		16—		Donald Lunsford, Jr.	Wilford David
Mont.	Butte	Finnish Gosp.				Delman Rudnik	Walter Daggett
N. Y.	Huntington Sta.	A/G Pentecostal			10	O. M. Keener	Chas. Shaffer
	. Portales	First		16	-	Musical VanderPloegs	Earl G. Vanzant
Okla.	Alma	Pruitt City				Eldon & Donna Bryce	Boyd Tucker
	Ponca City	First			10	Hallie Gaddis	Leo Swicegood O. R. Cross
Oreg.	North Bend	A/G		20-		Lloyd Portin	Samuel Weidler
Pa.	Chambersburg	Bethel		22-Apr.	3	Joseph Pittman	
	Everett	A/G		22-		E. Howard Anderson	Lucy Burman
	Kane	A/G		22-		Eugene E. Petroski	David Hannon F. E. Reitzel
	Landisburg	A/G		20-27	-	Byron D. Jones	Peter Dahlberg
	Hot Springs	A/G				Paul R. Sandgren	
Tenn.	Ripley	Whitefield		20-Apr.	5	Lewis Coleman	J. R. Baggett Ted Vassar
Tex.	Abilene	First		20-	2	Winferd Mack	R. L. Tumlinson
	Bryan	College Hghts.		21-Apr.		Leon Bayless	Wm. Hageman
	El Paso	First		23-Apr. 1	>	Ernie Eskelin	H. S. Coons
	Houston	Humble Road		20		Don Jeter	H. E. Boatright
	Laird Hill	A/G		20-	10	J. B. Essary & wife	Dave E. Laughlin
	New Braunfels	First				P. H. Collins	Curtis Brandon
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Our Foreign Missions Team

The Internal Staff at Headquarters

BY J. PHILIP HOGAN Executive Director of Foreign Missions

PICTURED ON THIS PAGE ARE THE persons who now constitute the Foreign Missions Department internal staff. Some of the faces and signatures are new to staff operation in missions and others have been synonymous with the program for many years.

Since the retirement of Brother Perkin, and subsequent changes that followed, we have sought to be as prayerful and deliberate as we possibly could in the choice of individuals to head up the various departments of missionary operation. Every one of the people here introduced is a specialist in his field and we believe their combined efforts will make for a smooth and efficient team in carrying out the foreign missionary mandate of the General Council.

Noel Perkin remains on as Executive Director Emeritus. He retains a desk here in the department and acts as consultant on matters referred to him by the executive director. He is being widely invited for field ministry and he also serves as dean of the School of Orientation, which meets on the campus of Central Bible Institute every June. The School of Orientation



Noel Perkin

serves as the chief briefing session for appointees and candidates for missionary service.

Robert McGlasson is the foreign missions secretary. This is the first time this office has been separated from that of executive director. Brother McGlasson has been in charge of our important New York office for fourteen years. He has carried much of the public relations and liaison responsibilities with the United States and other governments, as well as with other missionary societies. He serves directly under the executive director in the field of office management and general missions administration.

Maynard Ketcham is beginning his ninth year as a field secretary. After more than twenty-five years of missionary ministry in India, Brother Ketcham now directs the affairs of 176 missionaries in the Far East fields, from Korea to Burma.

Melvin Hodges begins his sixth year as secretary for the Latin American area. After seventeen years as a missionary in Latin America, Brother Hodges now leads 197 missionaries over all the area south of continental United States as well as the West Indies. He is the author of two widely-read books on basic missionary practice and is the department expert on the building of the indigenous church overseas.



J. Philip Hogan

Everett Phillips, secretary for Africa, served for many years as a missionary in Africa. The field he helped to pioneer and served in for so long, Nigeria, West Africa, is now one of the most progressive and best-developed mission fields on the continent of Africa. His responsibilities are to direct the affairs of 243 missionaries over this vast emerging continent.

Victor Greisen, known to most people as the former superintendent of the Kansas District, serves as secretary of the area now called Europe and Southern Asia. Geographically, his responsibilities begin with East Pakistan, go through India, Ceylon, the Near East, and Europe. Brother Greisen more recently has served as a missionary in continental Europe. There are 143 missionaries in his secretariat.

The promotions and missionary education division of the Foreign Missions Department is now headed by a new secretary of promotions, Wesley Hurst. A veteran of several years in Tangan-



R. T. McGlasson M. L. Ketcham

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CEBU CITY EVANGELISTIC CENTER DEDICATED

The Cebu City Evangelistic Center in the Philippine Islands has been completed and dedicated to the Lord. This climaxes years of planning and work on the part of missionaries and nationals. Thanks to the gifts of Filipino and American Christians, the new center was clear of debt at the time of dedication.

Rudy Esperanza, Superintendent of the Philippine Assemblies of God, was dedicatory speaker, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest A. Reb were honored for their part in raising funds and carrying the project through to completion Dan Marocco is pastor of the Evangelistic Center at Cebu City.

yika, East Africa, Wesley's responsibilities will be to direct the entire homeside operation of the Foreign Missions Department including conventions, itineraries of missionaries, public relations, and statistics. In an operation such as ours, this is one of the most important phases of the missionary program.

Serving with Brother Hurst in the Promotions Division, as promotions coordinator, will be Harold Mintle. Harold has had his previous ministry in the Nebraska District, and has more recently served here at headquarters in publication promotion. His current responsibilities are to promote Global Conquest magazine as well as assume other details in the Promotions Division.

Raymond Brock becomes Editor-in-Chief of Foreign Missions publications. Ray is eminently qualified for his responsibilities, having served as a missionary in Nigeria, as well as having had various writing and teaching posi-

tions. His task will comprise editing Global Conquest and the foreign missions pages of The Pentecostal Evangel. as well as supervising the publication of other types of promotional and educational literature.

Charles Greenaway, veteran missionary from West Africa, is accepting an extended furlough to do special representative work for Global Conquest, for a limited time. Charles' furloughs, for a number of terms, have been characterized by a strong rally and campaign ministry across America and we are asking him to delay his return to the mission field so that he can spearhead Global Conquest rallies and promotions here in the States. This is a vitally important program and, at this juncture, it needs a voice and ministry like Brother Greenaway's.

Whatever else the Foreign Missions endeavor is, it is a large banking enterprise. When you consider that we receive and disburse millions of dollars

yearly, through hundreds of accounts, the fiscal operation of this department looms very large. We have asked a veteran member of the department, Gladys Newbill, to serve in the area as financial secretary. It will be Mrs. Newbill's responsibility to regulate the fiscal operations of the Foreign Missions Department and keep its missionaries informed.

Will you pray for these individuals? They are but the front lines, the division heads of the several departments where fifty-six persons are currently employed. These include stenographers, bookkeepers, statisticians, file clerks, secretaries, and a host of related helpers. As immense as this program is, it exists for but one purpose; that is, that more than 800 emissaries of the Cross of Jesus Christ may be transported to their fields, established in locations, and sent forth to bear the glorious tidings of salvation to the ends of the earth.



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Each in His Season BY EVELYN WITTER

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ONE DAY FOUR-YEAR-OLD JIMMY came into our farm kitchen where I was busy canning peaches.

"These are for when the snow flies," I told him.

"How do you know the snow will fly, Mommy?" he asked wonderingly. "Because God has told us in the Bible that there will always be four separate seasons of the year, and snowtime is one of them. Because God promised it, that's the way it has always been and always will be."

That was Jimmy's first lesson about God's integrity. As time went on there were many other chances to show him the constancy of God's world.

Because young children are so dependent, they need to place their trust in that which is reliable. They trust their parents because they have learned that they can depend on them. This simple fact helped us teach our child faith in God. At every opportunity we pointed out God's dependability. These assurances of the trustworthiness of God's world came naturally, out of the happiness of everyday living. Like the time we were sitting together on our hillside waiting for Dad to come in from the fields. The moon had risen and the sky was spattered with stars. "The stars and moon are always there, aren't they, Mom?"

"Yes, son, and in their appointed places. It's God's order."

And the time when Jimmy and I were gathering windfalls in the orchard, we talked more about God's order.

"When these trees die we can always get more, can't we?" Jimmy asked.

I took a deep bite into my apple. "See these seeds, Jimmy? This is the beginning of a cycle we can rely on. First the seed, then the tree, then more apples with more seeds."

We talked about a similar cycle the next spring when robins built a nest in the elm next to the house. We could watch them from the upstairs window.

"Let's watch the miracle of God's cycle," I suggested. We talked about birds, eggs, birdlings, grown birds. Again Jimmy had proof that God's cycle was dependable.

Last Sunday Jimmy joined the

church. When the minister asked if he had faith in the one God, his eyes lighted with a sure and certain response, which brought tears of happiness to my own. This is what I had prayed for. Jimmy was certain about the dependability of God. He knew where to place his faith.

THE HAND YOU HOLD

When a boy or girl thrusts his small hand in yours, it may be smeared with chocolate ice cream, or grimy from petting a dog, and there may be a wart under the right thumb and a bandage around the little finger.

But the most important thing about his hands is that they are the hands of the future. These are hands that some day may hold a Bible, or a Colt revolver; play the church piano, or spin a gambling wheel; gently dress a leper's wound, or tremble wretchedly uncontrolled by an alcoholic mind.

Right now the hand is in yours. It asks for help and guidance. It represents a full-fledged personality in miniature to be respected as a separate individual whose day-to-day growth into Christian adulthood is your responsibility. —Selected

FOR THE JUNIOR READER

FILL THEM IN

Fill in the blanks in the following Bible verses. Each dash indicates one letter of a word.

After you have filled in the missing words, take the letters which have circles around them and unscramble those letters. When you do, you will find a word which is related to something happening this week. In fact, these Bible verses are also indirectly related to that occasion. How well can you do?

1. "And God said, Let the earth bring forth" (Genesis 1:11).

2. "Then I will give you.... in due season" (Leviticus 26:4).

3. "Blessed be the Lord of his land... for the precious fruits brought forth by the" (Deuteronomy 33:13, 14).

4. "He maketh me to lie down in green" (Psalm 23:2).

5. "He causeth his to blow" (Psalm 147:18).

6. "The _____ appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come" (Song of Solomon 2:12).

ANSWERS:

I-grass; 2-rain; 3-sun; 4-pastures; 5-wind; 6-flowers. The unscrambled letters spell the important occasion of this week: SPRING!

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Monday, March 21

Read: Psalm 73

Learn: "Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory" (Psalm 73:24).

For the Parent: In the first part of this passage the psalmist considers the comparative ease of the wicked and the many problems of the righteous (vv. 1-14). He was troubled and perplexed about this, not daring to mention his doubts to anyone (vv. 15, 16). Then, in communion with God, he realized the final end of the wicked (vv. 17-20) and he felt foolish for even questioning God (vv. 21, 22). He then encouraged himself with his position in God and the benefits he had (vv. 23-28).

Question Time: What problem did the psalmist face? (See above) How was it solved?

Missionary Birthdays: L. W. Turner, Togo Dahomey; G. W. Flattery, Senegal.

Tuesday, March 22

Read: Psalm 74:1-12

Learn: "For God is my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth" (Psalm 74:12).

For the Parent: This psalm was apparently written at a time when the enemies of God's children seemed to be triumphing. This passage is a plea to God for His help. It points out some of the problems His people are going through (vv. 3, 4) and shows some of the destructions caused by the enemies (vv. 5-8). The saddest part is that God's people seem to have lost contact with God (vv. 9-11). The Psalmist, however, encourages himself in God's deliverances in the past (v. 12). Question Time: What was happening when this psalm was written? (See above) Missionary Birthdays: Ralph M. Miller, Alaska; Mrs. Bert Parker (Indian), Ariz.

Wednesday, March 23

Read: Psalm 74:12-23

Learn: "Remember this, that the enemy hath reproached, O Lord, and that the foolish people have blasphemed thy name" (Psalm 74:18).

For the Parent: Have the group review the material studied yesterday. In this passage the psalmist further strengthens his trust in God by remembering God's great power in nature (vv. 13-17). He then reminds the Lord that the reproaches His children are suffering are actually reproaches against Him (v. 18). This means the battle is not ours—it is God's! He then continues his plea to God for deliverance, feeling assured that it will come. **Question Time:** How did the psalmist strengthen his faith in God? (See above) **Missionary Birthdays:** Mrs. J. J. Friesen, Belgian Congo; Mrs. John Andresen, Chile; Mrs. Gunder Olson, Philippines; John W. Peck, Mexico; E. D. Davis, Ghana.

Thursday, March 24

Read: Luke 23:1-5, 20-26

Learn: "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you" (John 15:18).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "Christ and Pilate" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) No one who came in contact with Christ was ever the same again. Discuss how Pilate met Christ, having the group review the situation. Stress Pilate's hesitancy to go against the crowd, giving consent for Jesus to be put to death though he found no fault in Him. Discuss also Christ's attitude before Pilate as He was unjustly and falsely accused. We, too, should be forgiving.

Question Time: How did Pilate meet Christ? What effect do you think that meeting had on him?

Missionary Birthday: Mrs. Paul Pipkin, Japan.

Friday, March 25

Read: Ezra 1:1-4; 3:10-13; 6:21, 22 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad" (Psalm 126: 3).

For the Parent: After a period of captivity—because they had disobeyed God —God allowed His people to return to their own land. Notice how God worked through the king of Persia (who ruled the Jews) to bring about this return (I: 1-4). Then discuss the joy of the people as they rebuilt the house of the Lord some of it expressed by tears, some by weeping (3:10-13). Emphasize their desire to seek God (6:21, 22), thus showing they had learned their lesson about disobeying God.

Question Time: How did God bring about the return of His people to their land? Missionary Birthdays: Maynard L. Ketcham, field secretary for the Far East; Mrs. J. C. Morrison, Burma; Floyd J. Pappin (Indian), Ariz.

Saturday, March 26

Read: Matthew 27:31-54 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "Christ died for our sins" (1 Corinthians 15:3).

For the Parent: Remembering the sufferings of Christ for our sins helps us better to appreciate what He did for us. Have the group review the events immediately preceding the death of Christ, pointing out the physical sufferings, the mockings and jeers, the signs and disturbances in nature, and the testimony of the centurion who crucified Jesus. From verse 51 show that we now have direct access into the presence of God. Also stress that Christ died for our sins.

Question Time: Why did Christ die? (See above) What happened when He died?

Missionary Birthdays: Ruth Melching, Formosa; Mrs. Robert W. Oakes (Indian), Ariz.; Anthony Piraino, Italy.

Missionary Birthdays for Sunday: Mrs. Ralph Cobb, Nigeria; Virginia Hamlin, N. India. Marie Juergensen, Japan; Bert Parker (Indian), Ariz.

The Answered Prayers

We know not what we should pray for as we ought .- Romans 8:26.

I prayed for strength, and then I lost awhile All sense of nearness, human and divine; The love I leaned on failed and pierced my heart, The hands I clung to loosed themselves from mine; But while I swayed, weak, trembling, and alone, The everlasting arms upheld my own.

I prayed for light; the sun went down in clouds, The moon was darkened by a misty doubt, The stars of heaven were dimmed by earthly fears, And all my little candle flames burned out; But while I sat in shadow, wrapped in night, The face of Christ made all the darkness bright. I prayed for peace, and dreamed of restful ease, A slumber drugged from pain, a hushed repose; Above my head the skies were black with storm, And fiercer grew the onslaught of my foes; But while the battle raged, and wild winds blew, I heard His voice, and perfect peace I knew.

I thank Thee, Lord, Thou wert too wise to heed My feeble prayers, and answer as I sought, Since these rich gifts Thy bounty has bestowed Have brought me more than I had asked or thought; Giver of good, so answer each request With Thine own giving, better than my best. —Annie Johnson Flint

March 20, 1960

Capital Punishment

Do You Deserve It?

GAPITAL PUNISHMENT WAS ORDAINED by God. It was inflicted during Old Testament times for certain heinous crimes. Nine are definitely mentioned. Is yours one of them? Had you lived then, would you have been stoned to death?

First—*murder*. "He that smitch a man, so that he die, shall be surely put to death" (Exodus 21:12; Leviticus 24:21). Are you a murderer and ought you to die on the gallows?

Second—kidnapping. "He that stealeth a man, and selleth him, or if he be found in his hand, he shall surely be put to death" (Exodus 21:16). Are you guilty? What would happen if you were to get your just deserts? Third—cursing. "He that curseth his father, or his mother, shall surely be put to death" (Exodus 21:17). Have you cursed your parents? Then, if you had lived before Christ you would have been condemned to die.

Fourth—blasphemy. "He that blasphemeth the name of the Lord, he shall surely be put to death" (Leviticus 24:10-16). If you have cursed God, you are guilty and you merit death.

Fifth—*idolatry.* "He that sacrificeth unto any god, save unto the Lord only, he shall be utterly destroyed" (Exodus



22:20). "Thou shalt... put him to death" (Deuteronomy 13:6-11; 17:2-7). All idol worshipers were executed. Have you ever bowed down to idols or served other gods?

Sixth—spiritualism. "A man or woman that hath a familiar spirit shall surely be put to death" (Leviticus 20: 27). Under the Mosaic law all spiritualist mediums were executed. Today they even advertise their seances in the newspapers and live. God says they are an abomination and, had they lived before Christ, they would have been slain. Are you guilty?

Seventh—Sabbath desecration. "Whosoever doeth work therein shall be put to death" (Exodus 35:23). In Numbers 15:32, we read that a man was caught gathering firewood on the Sabbath. God's verdict was, "The man shall surely be put to death" (v. 35). Today, men both work and play on the Lord's Day. Under Moses they would have suffered the death penalty. What about you?

Eighth—*impenitence.* "If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, which will not obey ... a glutton, and a drunkard... the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die" (Deuteronomy 21:18-21). Are you a prodigal, stubborn and rebellious, a confirmed drunkard, unwilling to repent? Then, had you lived under Moses, you would have been stoned to death.

Ninth—adultery. "The adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death" (Leviticus 20:10). Has this been your sin? If so, you, too, deserve death.

Such, my friends, are the awful pronouncements of God. Has He changed? Does He not still hate sin? True, the physical death penalty is no longer enacted, at least not for some of these crimes, but let me tell you this—the spiritual death penalty is. "The soul that sinneth it shall die," is still as true as ever. "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).

You may never suffer capital punishment here, but you will suffer eternal death hereafter. If you were to get your just deserts for these and a thousand other sins, you would die. Be not deceived, you will get justice—if not here, then hereafter.

Is there no escape? Must you die? No, thank God, you need not perish. Nor does God want to inflict the death penalty. "As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die?" (Ezekiel 33:11).

How, then, can God keep His own law and yet save you? By finding a substitute. By slaying someone in your place. By executing another for your sins. Did He find one? He did—the Lord Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son. Over nineteen hundred years ago He bore your sins "in his own body on the tree" (1 Peter 2:24). In other words, "The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6). "O Christ, what burdens bowed thy head!

Our load was laid on thee;

Thou stoodest in the sinner's stead, Didst bear all ill for me.

A victim led, Thy blood was shea; Now there's no load for me."

Yes, He took your place, became your Substitute, died in your stead, that you, though worthy of death, might live. So God can now forgive you, for His law has been kept; the death penalty has been enacted. "Christ died for our sins" (1 Corinthians 15:3).

Under law, death; under grace, life. "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Timothy 1:15). "The Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" (Luke 5:32). The prodigal is welcomed the moment he returns.

Are you satisfied? God is. Then accept Christ as your Sacrifice, your Sin-bearer. Take Him as your Saviour, and rest on His finished work, and you will escape the death penalty. "As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God" (John 1:12). Will you receive Him? Do it now.

Take Heed

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had laid hands on him. The day came when one of the apostles died, then another died, and finally all of them were dead. Then there was no one else to ordain men to the ministry. A few years ago in New England an old man died—the last of those who had the apostles' hands laid on them. When he died no one else could preach —because they had taken the truth of God's Word and had put it in the wrong setting! What God had started to do in purity and in power was hindered and frustrated by man.

We may never be tempted along these lines, but our text warns, "... we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things that we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip." In the original Greek the word "slip" is expressed as "drift past." It is a picture of a boat going down the stream headed toward a dangerous part of the river. There are certain places where the boat can put in and be safe. But it drifts past the last harbor of safety and goes on over the dangerous falls and is wrecked. Paul admonishes us to give more earnest heed to the truths which we have heard lest we let them slip.

How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? Your faith and mine can be wrecked if we are unwilling to pay the price of discipleship, if we become intoxicated with the pleasures of this life, if we love this



EMPTY CUPBOARD—Dorothy Edwards (left) and Shirley Yost (right), C.A.'s of Havelock Assembly, Lincoln, Nebraska, are shown in their presentation of "Mother Hubbard's Cupboard." The skit, used last year on C. A. Day, acquainted churches with the ministries and financial needs of the National C. A. Department. world more than the world to come, if we change our sense of values, or if we take truths from their rightful setting and use them wrongly.

Let us heed the warning and keep our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us be led by the Scriptures into a place of inner rest, where we will not be swayed by doctrines of men, and keep close to God lest we permit a "love of this present world" to overcome us and that day of Christ come upon us unawares.

Revival at C.B.I.

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praise services have come to an end, and though the routine of school life has been resumed, CBI is no longer the same. Students and faculty have banded together to seek God for the world-wide Pentecostal revival that is needed. They are applying truths that became so real during revival to the practical problems of daily living. Student ministry reports give evidence that the Spirit has found clear channels through which to meet the needs of surrounding communities.

Pastors of the Springfield assemblies have called special times of prayer for the young people. One pastor urged every family to pray twice a day for a visitation of God among the youth of the city.

As a result of national press coverage of the CBI revival, letters have come to the school and to members of the faculty concerning God's visitation elsewhere. Other letters contained requests for prayer. One pastor wrote that as a result of telephoned reports from students about the meeting, his whole congregation had been moved toward God. The regular service of the church was turned into a confession and healing service. "God's glory was all over the tabernacle!"

Those of us who have witnessed God's mighty working at CBI on previous occasions can say that we have never seen anything like this before. God has been here and "done great things for us, whereof we are glad!" The greatness and depth of what has transpired will only be measured by future accomplishments but if Jesus tarries we believe multitudes will be blessed through the students whose lives have been revolutionized by this encounter with God.

A Glowing Reality

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of the Spirit flooded his heart. Later, in moments of irritation, he prayed, "Thy sweetness, Lord," and in moments of weakness, "Thy strength, Lord." To his delight, he found the needed virtue springing up from the indwelling Christ. Paul summarized his great secret in his testimony: "It is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me: and that life which I now live in faith, the faith which is in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself up for me" (Galatians 2:20, R. V.). "For me to live is Christ to live" (Philippians 1:21, a free translation). The German translation is, "Christ is my life."

"O strong life of God in Christ within me,

Direct, control, suggest this day All I design, or do or say, That all my powers with all their might, In thy sole glory may unite." Amen! —Christianity



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Don't Know Who Christ Is

A Hebrew Christian businessman puts the responsibility for telling them on laymen's shoulders.

BY NATE SCHARFF

HALF OF THE WORLD'S JEWS LIVE IN the United States. Christians—especially in big cities—rub shoulders with them every day. Yet progress in winning them to Christ is slow.

This should not be, in the opinion of Nate Scharff, Hebrew Christian businessman of Dayton, Ohio, who is widely in demand as laymen's conference speaker.

Scharff explodes the notion that special knowledge or technique is needed in witnessing to Jews.

"Ninety-seven out of every hundred Hebrew Christians I have met have been won by gentile Christians," said Scharff. "The hour has come when we must go after Jews in love and prayer like we go after anyone else."

To tap Scharff's rich store of advice on this subject, *Christian Life* editors tape-recorded this exclusive interview in *Christian Life* offices.

Question: Are gentile Christians concerned enough about winning Jews to Jesus Christ?

Scharff: True lovers of the Lord Jesus Christ, who are burdened for souls, surely want to see Jews become Christians. Yet I don't think as individuals they are doing the job they should do.

Question: Do you think gentile Christians are afraid to witness to Jews?

Scharff: I don't know why anyone should have fear. The Lord plainly instructs us in Mark 16:15 that we're to preach the gospel to every creature. How can one be in fear of talking about the Lord Jesus Christ to anyone?

Perhaps some Christians who deal with Jews in business activities don't talk to them about Christ because they're afraid it will hurt business. This is exactly what influences the Jew that there's nothing to Christ. He wonders, "Why doesn't this one who is a church member tell me about Him?"

Question: But doesn't a Hebrew Christian have an advantage over a gentile Christian in witnessing to a Jew?

Scharff: No. So many have the fallacious conception that you have to know the Jewish teaching on the Old Testament, about Jewish customs and so forth. Well, that's not true. I've met very few twentieth century kinsmen of mine who know the Old Testament. In fact, they know more about Mickey Mouse or Dick Tracy than they do about the Torah.

In the cases of ninety-seven out of every hundred Hebrew Christians I have ever met, it has been a gentile Christian who has led them to Christ. It was so in my life.

If we see the Jew through the eyes of the Lord as a person who's lost and heading for hell, then we'll not hesitate to witness to him.

Question: In other words, a lot depends upon our attitude toward the Jewish believer.

Scharff: Yes, the reflecting of the love of Christ in your own life—that's the first step. Christians must by their lives, their transparency, exalt the Lord. The Jew will see that there's something different in us.

Question: Suppose a gentile Christian becomes friendly with a Jew. How would he first introduce the gospel?

Scharff: The Scriptures teach us that the entrance of God's Word giveth light. The Jewish friend one day may notice that the Christian carries his Testament with him. Some day he'll say something about it.

Then is your chance to say something like this: "Here am I, a Gentile, in love with a Jewish book. I carry it in my pocket for daily joy and daily peace. Yet you know so little about it. How about letting me acquaint you with some of the Jews in my life?"

Question: So you can make an approach merely by thanking the Jew for the heritage he has given us?

Scharff: Yes, but then you must go further. Don't give up if you're rebuffed. Why, for fifteen years I spit in the faces of the good people who were burdened for me. I wanted nothing to do with them. Every time someone would confront me with Jesus Christ, I'd fling back at him, "I'm a Jew."

Here's where you can make mistakes. Don't make him feel different. Don't put him on the defensive. Never argue.

Question: What is the next step?

Scharff: Once you have his interest, he'll be happy to be invited to various meetings of Christians. Let him hear prominent Christian laymen. Stop in to see him frequently. Get other Christians to take an interest. Invite him to Bible study groups. A lot can be accomplished in homes over a cup of tea and a cookie. Don't try to get him to go to church right away.

Question: Why not?

Scharff: He would come into a service he knows nothing about, where things said and done are so foreign to him that he might arrive at wrong conclusions. The approach to use is your everyday witness.

Question: Is he ready now for more specific facts about the Christian life?

Scharff: Now you have to acquaint him with the fact that Christianity is a spiritual birth. Here's where you

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may have to overcome prejudices due to treatment of Jews by Gentiles. So many Jews do not know the difference between Christian and gentile. Tell him Christians are those who have accepted Christ by faith and He's changed their lives. Those who have persecuted and hated the Jews have misrepresented Christ.

Bring him right up to why you have accepted Jesus as your personal Saviour.

Explain that you would not have accepted anything but facts, because you face the same daily problems as he does-marital, work-a-day, raising children. But you have found something that is a fact and has brought you an inward peace and tranquillity that gives you to know there is Someone who overrules all of this. And those facts were preached by Jews-laymen, fishermen, tax gatherers. Had they not seen Him, had they not placed their hands into His wounds, had they not seen Him as He ascended into heaven, they'd never have gone out to turn the world upside down. The Holy Spirit fell on these Jews and these facts have come down through the ages by Jews so today we know what we believe.

You have to make the Jew understand who Jesus Christ really is. He doesn't really know.

Question: How do you accomplish this?

Scharff: Take him right to the Word. Tell him, "This is what changed my life, and it's for you." And don't neglect prayer! Without your travail, without your agonizing for his soul, he's not going to be born spiritually.

Then, as with anyone else, he must make a real commitment to Christ not to God. Don't rest until you're sure he has been truly born again.

Question: When a Jew is converted, it may mean a terrible break with his background. How would we aid Him?

Scharff: The best illustration I could give you would be from my own experience. This thing was as foreign to me as to a Hottentot in Africa. But those who loved me for Christ's sake were after me constantly. They seemed to know when I needed them the most. They saw to it that my nights were not empty and lonely. They'd walk in and shut the office door and have a word of prayer with me. They taught me many things.

Question: Did they bring you into fellowship with other Christians?

Scharff: They brought me into almost immediate fellowship. And the church received me openly, warmly. This is what the converted Jew needs. He should get into visitation, to be thrown right out into a witness life and get interested in the Sunday school. Don't segregate him.

Question: What suggestions do you have to help someone reading this to start ministering to Jews?

Scharff: First, pray about it. Then, read a Jewish history. Perhaps The Rise and Fall of Israel by Hull. Read books by noted Jewish scholars. If you know recent history—the Hitler atrocities and Russian purges—you'll understand Jews better. The Million Testament Campaign, T. B. Davis, has a special edition of the New Testament for Jewish seekers.

Question: Do you have anything further to add?

Scharff: The hour has come when we must go after Jews in love and prayer like we go after anyone else. Jewish missions can't do it alone. They don't have enough workers. They are not working in daily contact with them as Christian laymen are. We can't depend upon others. It must be personal.

Editor's Note: Ministry to the Jews in the U. S. is one of the seven Special Ministries of the Home Missions Department, Assemblies of God. At present, eleven appointed home missionaries are working among the Jewish people in Los Angeles, Chicago, Kansas City, Philadelphia, and New Kensington, Pa. There is an urgent need for more workers for this important home missions field. Jewish souls are being won to Christ; but it is impossible for the few appointed missionaries to reach all the 5,500,000 Jews now residing in the U.S. This lack of workers should be a matter of concern and prayer for all Assemblies of God members.

A brochure, "Witnessing to the Jews," is available upon request from the Home Missions Department, 434 West Pacific, Springfield 1, Mo.

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