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IF CHRIST were not sufficient to meet all our needs, the Scriptures would not teach us that "there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." Call it bigotry if you choose, this is the declaration of Bible truth which all must meet when we stand before God. We will be saved through what Christ has done or we will not be saved at all.

Our day is filled with new philosophies and plans. Man delights in working out schemes by which he thinks he can circumvent God's plan of redemption. Be not deceived. We must deal with God hereafter; may we deal with Him now on the terms which He has laid down.

When God planned redemption He knew all about man, his needs, his weaknesses, and his sins. And He knew what would be the remedy required to meet man's every need. Then He sent Jesus.

Jesus is sufficient to reconcile us to God. Christ is of more value than all of us because of His divine Sonship and His sinlessness. His dying in our stead, the Just for the unjust, enabled God to be just in His punishment of sin, for our curse fell upon Christ, and at the same time to be "the Justifier of him that believeth in Jesus." That is why the Scriptures say, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

Jesus is sufficient to lift our load and to keep us from falling. Hear the apostle Paul who before his conversion was a rejecter of Christ and a persecutor of those who believed in Jesus. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." "Thanks be unto God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." This is a living testimony. It tells of a man who had been bound by sin, a fanatic who had been determined to destroy the work of Christ, who was then brought to a saving knowledge, and what a change it wrought. Instead of relying on self-effort, he now relied on Christ. What a difference it made.

Friend, put your case into the hands of Jesus. Give your

HE IS ABLE . . . TO SAVE THEM TO THE
UTTERMOST THAT COME UNTO GOD BY
HIM, SEEING HE EVER LIVETH TO MAKE
INTERCESSION FOR THEM. Hebrews 7:25.

PEACE, PERFECT PEACE

*Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin?
The blood of Jesus whispers peace within.*

*Peace, perfect peace, by thronging duties pressed?
To do the will of Jesus, this is rest.*

*Peace, perfect peace, with sorrows surging round?
On Jesus' bosom naught but calm is found.*

*Peace, perfect peace, 'mid suffering's keenest throes?
The sympathy of Jesus brings repose.*

*Peace, perfect peace, with loved ones far away?
In Jesus' keeping we are safe, and they.*

*Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown?
Jesus we know, and He is on the throne.*

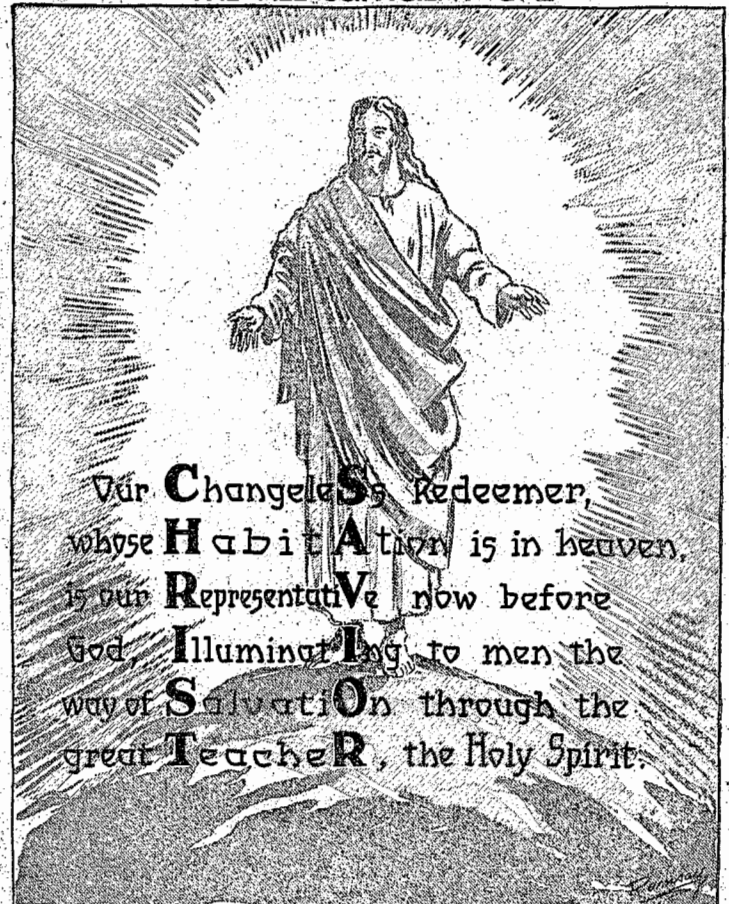
*Peace, perfect peace, death shadowing us and ours?
Jesus has vanquished death and all its powers.*

*It is enough: earth's struggles soon shall cease
And Jesus call us to heaven's perfect peace.*

—Edward Bickersteth.

life to Him and trust Him. He will uphold you with the right hand of His righteousness.

THE ALL-SUFFICIENT ONE



Our **C**hangeless Redeemer,
whose **H**abitat^{ion} is in heaven,
is our **R**epresentative now before
God, **I**lluminating to men the
way of **S**alvat^{ion} through the
great **T**eache**R**, the Holy Spirit.

PRESSING THROUGH

SMITH WIGGLESWORTH

IN THE second chapter of Mark we have the wonderful story of the healing of the one sick of the palsy who was laid at the feet of the Lord Jesus. Christ spoke a word, "and immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion."

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever, and wants to manifest Himself in our midst in a similar way. It is His purpose that signs and wonders shall be seen in our midst, and men shall go away and declare, "We never saw it on this fashion."

God wants the gifts of healings and the working of miracles to be seen in our midst. In the book of Acts we read, "There came also a multitude out of the cities round about Jerusalem bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits and *they were healed every one.*" Acts 5:16. God wants us to move on into a Pentecostal experience where we shall see this happen in every meeting.

I believe that if there is anything that God is dissatisfied with, it is our settling down into a stationary condition. We stop on the threshold, when God in His great plan is inviting us into His treasury. Oh, this treasury of the Most High, the unsearchable riches of Christ, this divine position which God wants to move us into, so that we are altogether a new creation, the old self-life having passed away, where we are dead unto sin but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

There is one thing that hinders, and that is the carnal mind, which is enmity against God. But there is a glorious victory over carnality through the cross of Christ. My Bible tells me that my old man with all his carnality was crucified with Christ. At the cross of Christ there is victory complete and full over all the old self-life. God wants us to know the resurrection power of the Lord, and to bring us into a place of rest, of faith, of joy and peace and blessing and of fulness of life; the very same Spirit which raised up Christ from the dead quickening our mortal bodies so that we are full and overflowing with the life of Christ Himself.

May the Lord give us a new vision of Himself, and such a fulness of His divine life that we will shake off all that

remains of the old life. Let us pray that He may bring us fully into all the newness of life. May He reveal to us the greatness of His will concerning us for there is no one who loves us as Jesus, there is no love like His, no compassion like His. He is filled with love and never fails to take those who fully obey Him into the promised land.

Beloved, in God's Word there is always more to follow, always more than we can know, and if we will allow the Spirit of God to take us into all that is in the mind of God for us, what wonderful things will happen. Do not merely take a part of the Bible, take it all. When we get such a thirst upon us that nothing can satisfy us but God, we have a royal time.

If you are a child of God do not be satisfied with anything less than reality all the time. God has His hidden treasures for those who seek Him. Are you dry? There is no dry place in God, but all the good things come out of hard times. The harder the place you are in, the more blessedness can come out of it, as you yield to His plan. God is so abundant, so full of love and mercy; there is no lack to them that trust in Him.

It is an ideal thing to get people to believe, when they ask, that they shall receive, for Christ has said, "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and *ye shall have them.*" Mark 11:24. It must be so, when God says it.

In the case of this man with the palsy, we see a helpless man, so infirm that he could not help himself to get to the place where Jesus was. Four men, whose hearts were full of compassion, carried the

man to the house, but the house was full. I can see that house today as it was filled, jammed and crammed, just as I have seen houses in Mexico, in Switzerland, in Sweden, in Norway, and in Denmark. The places have been packed to hear the word of our Savior. There was no room even by the door. It was crowded inside and crowded outside.

The men who were carrying the palsied man said, "What shall we do?" But there is always a way. I have never found faith to fail, never once. Do not accept opposition. Believe through. There is always a way. May God the Holy Ghost give us a new touch of faith in God's unlimited power to remove every obstacle, and bring us to the place where we have such a living faith that we dare to trust Him and say, "Lord, I do believe."

There was no room, not so much as by the door. But these men said, "Let's go up on the housetop." Unbelievers would say, "Oh, that's ridiculous!" But the men of faith declared, "We must get this poor fellow in at all costs. It is nothing to remove the roof. Let's go up and go through." That is the spirit that *we* must have. These men said in their hearts, "Let's drop him right into the arms of Jesus, and He will fix him up."

O beloved, that is a lovely thing to do, to drop right out of your self-righteous unbelief, right into the arms of Christ, who will meet every need of yours for spirit, soul, and body. I find some people who have been in a strange place of deadness for years; but press through to our lovely Christ and He will shake you out of it. He can make perfection out of imperfection by His wondrous loving touch.

I tell you, my sister, my brother, that when Christ's blood was shed, He paid the full price and met all the world's needs. Truly our Lord Jesus has met the need of the broken hearts and the sorrowful spirits, and also the withered limbs and the broken bodies. God's dear Son paid the debt for all, for He took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses. In all points He was tempted like as we are, in order that He might be able to succor them that are tempted.

I want to make Him real to you so that you will say, "He is my only salvation, He is my only life, He is my only help." Oh, thank God! He has triumphed over all the power of hell. He came to seek and to save that which was lost, and He heals all that come to Him. Even though your faith may be tested, believe, and continue to believe. He never fails. In Him there is full redemption. He is still the same blessed Jesus, under the same mighty anointing, filled with the Holy Ghost and with power, just as He was when He went about doing good in the days of His flesh,

POWER

If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

Matthew 17:20.



and healing all that were oppressed of the devil.

As the palsied man is let down through the roof there is a great commotion, and all the people are gazing up at this strange sight. We read, "When Jesus saw their faith, He said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee." What did the forgiveness of sins have to do with the healing of this man? It had everything to do with it. Sin is at the root of disease. May the Lord cleanse us from outward sin and from inbred sin, and take away from us all that hinders the power of God from working through us.

The scribes reasoned in their hearts, "Who can forgive sins but God only?" Christ answered the thoughts of their hearts by saying, "Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (He saith to the sick of the palsy, I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.")

Christ had seen the weakness of that

man and his helplessness. He saw also the faith of these four men. There is something in it for us today. Many people will not be saved unless some of you are used to stir them up. Do not say with Cain, "Am I my brother's keeper?" We have a responsibility towards our brethren; we must take them to Jesus. When these men carried the palsied man, they pressed through until he could hear the voice of the Son of God, and liberty came to the captive. The man became strong by the power of God, arose, took up his bed, and went forth before them all.

Beloved, I have seen wonderful things like this wrought by the power of God. We must never think about our God on small lines. He spoke one day and made the world from things which did not appear. That is the kind of God we have, and He is just the same today. There is no change in Him. Oh, He is lovely and precious above all thought of comparison. There is none like Him. Let us remember this: He has declared, "The just shall live by faith," and nothing will profit you but that which you take by faith. God wants you to come into a close and intimate place with Himself, where

The Fellowship of the Cross

"Have this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." Phil. 2:5, R.V.

Paul tells us in Phil. 2:5-8 what that mind was in Christ: He emptied Himself; He took the form of a servant; He humbled Himself, even to the death of the cross. It is this mind that was in Christ, the deep humility that gave up His life to the very death, that is to be the spirit that animates us. It is this that we shall prove and enjoy the blessed fellowship of His cross.

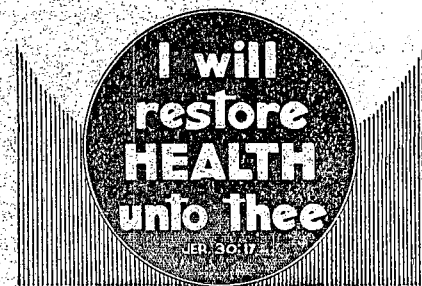
Paul had said, "If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love" (v. 1)—the Comforter was come to reveal His real presence in them—"if any fellowship of the Spirit"—it was in this power of the Spirit that they were to breathe the Spirit of the crucified Christ, and manifest His disposition in the fellowship of the cross in their lives.

As they strove to do this, they would feel the need of a deeper insight into their real oneness with Christ. They would learn to appreciate the truth that they had been crucified with Christ, that their "old man" had been crucified, and that they had died to sin in Christ's

death and were now living to God in His life. They would learn to know what it meant that the crucified Christ lived in them, and that they had crucified the flesh with its affections and lusts. *It was because the crucified Jesus lived in them that they could live crucified to the world.*

And so they would gradually enter more deeply into the meaning and the power of their high calling to live as those who were dead to sin and the world and self. Each in his own measure would bear about in his life the marks of the cross, with its sentence of death on the flesh, with its hating of the self-life and its entire denial of self, with its growing conformity to the crucified Redeemer in His deep humility and entire surrender of His will to the life of God.

It is no easy school and no hurried learning—this school of the cross. But it will lead to a deeper apprehension and a higher appreciation of the redemption of the cross through the personal experience of the fellowship of the cross.—Andrew Murray.



you will believe and claim the promises, for they are Yea and Amen to all that believe.

Let us thank God for this full gospel which is not hidden under a bushel today. Let us thank Him that He is bringing out the gospel to us as in the days of His flesh. God is all the time working right in the very midst of us. Beloved, there is greater blessing for you than you ever received in your life. Do you believe it? Will you receive it?

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It Pays to Pray

One large village was particularly hard. The people were absolutely indifferent and the little band of believers were very downcast. We focused special prayer on the village and the saints visited every hut and spoke to each individual about Christ's claims and God's grace. Among others prayed with was a bed-ridden man, a living skeleton, who had not set foot to the ground for fifteen years. They pleaded with him to repent of his sins and cry to God for mercy.

That night the sick man lay praying in the darkness of his hut when suddenly the Lord Jesus appeared to him in dazzling light and said, "Your sins are forgiven. Get up and walk. You are healed."

Next morning all the people were amazed to see him walking and telling everyone how the Lord Jesus had saved him. The result is the little chapel in that village is far too small for those who are coming to see and hear, and they hold meetings under a great tree near by, where the folk sit for hours asking questions and listening to the testimonies of God's children.

At the present moment, in this section of the work, five new chapels are going up, built by the believers themselves, while one is being enlarged because there are so many new converts that there isn't room for them in the old chapel.—W. F. P. Burton, Belgian Congo.

The cause of Christ is paralyzed because of sin—the sin of believers.—D. L. Moody.

THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

Seeking God's Honor Alone

GOD commissioned Saul to bring utter destruction on the Amalekites and all their cattle. But he did not obey; he spared King Agag. He doubtless thought it would be to his honor to have a triumphant procession in which he could display the Amalekite king as his prisoner, and he could show Israel what magnificent spoils he had gotten from the Amalekites.

But the prophet Samuel was troubled at the disobedience. He did not care for the honor of man but was zealous for the honor of God. When he saw the great trophy of war, King Agag, whom Saul had spared, he was so filled with desire for the honor of God that he himself took a sword and hewed in pieces the evil king whom God had sentenced to destruction. Saul had sought honor for himself, but he had dishonored the Lord by rejecting and disobeying His word. And God rejected him. The throne was taken from him.

GOD HONORS HIS WORD

Naaman, the Syrian general, heard there was a prophet in Israel who could heal him of his leprosy, and went to him. The prophet sent word, "Go and wash in Jordan seven times." The general, who had great honor in his own country, was very disturbed that the prophet Elisha had not come out to give him the honor coming to a great man. But the hidden prophet sought the honor of God alone. He gave the message God had given him for the general, and that was sufficient. Naaman went away in wrath; but his servants reminded him that if the prophet had asked some great thing, he would have done it, so why not do the small thing? Naaman humbled himself in taking the counsel of the servants. And as soon as he honored the word of God, God healed him.

Then Naaman went back to do honor to the prophet. He was going to bestow great gifts on him. But the prophet, who knew Him who is the Maker of heaven and earth, did not covet earth's honor, earth's riches, earth's raiment—mere material things. He sought the things which were above—the eternal rather than the temporal. Elisha's servant Gehazi wanted the temporal, the material, and he got them—plus the disease from which Naaman had been cured.

IN SECRET

Men seek earthly honors and the praise of men, but the Lord showed His disciples that this must not be their spirit. When His disciples gave, it must be in secret, that all the glory might be to God. It was to be the same with their prayers and fasting. God would honor such. When men seek honor for themselves, they are robbing God of the honor due to Him. He alone is worthy to be honored.

NOW OR HEREAFTER?

There were many who saw the miracles which Christ wrought. They were convinced that He was the true Prophet whom God had promised, but they knew that if they confessed this despised One they would be put out of the synagogue. They preferred the honor coming to them as honorable members of the synagogue, rather than the shame which would come to them by confessing that this Miracle-Worker in their midst was the Son of God. They got the honor of men, and missed the eternal honor which God will give to those who confess and honor His Son. Peter once said, "Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed Thee; what shall we have therefore?" Christ replied, "In the regeneration . . . ye shall sit on twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

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A SECRET OF VICTORY

Among the saints at Corinth there were not many wise, not many mighty; not many noble. They were the ignorant, the foolish, the poor nobodies, the despised ones. But all they required was provided in Christ Jesus—wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption. In everything they were enriched by Him.

Let us ever remember that in ourselves we are base, foolish, and utterly vile; but the Lord calls us to lose these worthless lives of ours, to deny the self-life and all its abominable pride and lust for human honor, and to take up daily the cross on which we may be crucified to the world with all its pride and vanity.

Paul gloried in the fact that he had lost his own life, and that he could now testify, "Christ liveth in me." He could say, "I labored more abundantly than they all." But he quickly supplemented this by saying, "Yet not I, but the grace of God." He wanted none of the glory. He wanted all the glory to go to Christ Himself, who had enabled him to labor fruitfully. Let us go to the meek and lowly Lamb and ask Him day by day to put His own cross upon all our abominable pride, to absolutely "cross" it out of our lives, and to impart to us His own meek and lowly spirit, a humble spirit that will delight to give all the glory to God.

WHY WE FAIL

The dearth of the manifestations of the Spirit in our midst is due in part to the fact that we are wont to take the glory to ourselves, instead of giving all the glory to God. Shall we not seek the lowliness, the meekness and the humility of Christ, the spirit that will not seek the honor of men but seeks only the honor of God? Unto those who are truly meek and truly lowly, He will entrust the manifestations of His Spirit and the gifts of His power.

Instant in Prayer

SEE how short are the prayers recorded in the Bible. "Lord, help me," is one. "Lord, save, or I perish," is another. Why, if Peter had given as long a preamble as some men put into prayers nowadays, he would have been forty feet under water before he would have got as far as the petition for rescue.—D. L. Moody.

"When a preacher of righteousness has stood in the way of sinners, he should never again open his lips in the great congregation until his repentance is as notorious as his sin."—John Angell James.

The Outpoured Spirit

It is written, "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:1-4.

If you have a language from heaven brought down to earth, then you must know you have a heavenly Visitor within. But some do not recognize the heavenly Visitor. Why? They have no revelation of heavenly things. They are earthly, sensual, devilish, having not the Spirit.

It is written, "The light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not"—it never can, and never will. Do not try to put a bat on a mountain peak in the broad sunlight and expect it to have the vision of an eagle. The eagle would do better in a cellar than a bat would do on a mountain peak. Men have bat's eyes as they try to pierce the glories of heaven. But we do not have to concern ourselves with the judgment and opinion of so-called professing Christians, or of those who are dead in trespasses and sins, but we do have to concern ourselves with the judgment of the Word. That is the plummet line, the standard, the authority.

God said, "It shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh." Joel 2:28. Will He? Can He? Does He? Has He in the past? Ask those three thousand. Do not ask the wrong crowd. Do not ask the men in the Sanhedrin if the Spirit was outpoured. They would say, "These people are accursed. They know not the law." Peter never consulted them. But Peter instructed, warned and cautioned them. He said, "Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. . . . We ought to obey God rather than men."

Has He poured out His Spirit? Ask Cornelius. You will have to wait for an answer, he is so occupied in praising the Lord. When the Spirit has lifted, then he can answer your impertinent question in a pertinent manner.

Will He pour out His Spirit in the last days? Prove God yourself. Do you say, "It is not for this dispensation"? Prove your statement. If those in this dispensation have proved that God has poured out His Spirit now, you are not to deny it. Satan puts off his banishment

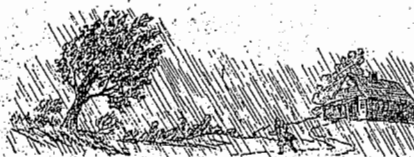
and punishment to a far distant dispensation. He endeavors to hide the fact. Do not take a leaf out of his book and put off to an indefinite hereafter the blessing that God has promised for now. Do not be a colleague of the devil.

Joab would not be a colleague of the devil when Satan tempted David to number the people. Joab took part in this, but only under protest. The devil has all kinds of tools. Sometimes he takes hold of heavenly ones, that is, when they have taken themselves out of the hand of Christ. Remember that it is written, "The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek Him; but His power and His wrath is against all them that forsake Him." Ezra 8:22. Keep under the hand of God.

"I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh." No stinting, abundance for all. Superabundance, enough to make your cup run over, to make you more than satisfied, and the overflow is for the neighbors. "I will pour out." Who can stay His hand? God has decreed it. Faith says, "I believe, I take." Unbelief rejects and refuses.

God has promised, "I will shew wonders . . . in the earth." Joel 2:30. He promises visions. "Your young men shall see visions." And the old men will be dreaming—not of old times, but they will have heavenly dreams, illuminating dreams. "And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out My Spirit, and they shall prophesy." The uninitiated and unlearned will have inspiring utterances beyond their natural ken.

"I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh." Give God the chance to do the



PRAY UNTIL IT POURS!

Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.

Zechariah 10:1.

supernatural which He has promised, which He longs to do to the children of men. Put in your own personal claim for your own personal share.

The Gifts of the Spirit

JOHN WESLEY

It does not appear that these extraordinary gifts of the Holy Ghost were common in the Church for more than two or three centuries. We seldom hear of them after that fatal period when the Emperor Constantine called himself a Christian; and, from a vain imagination of promoting the Christian cause thereby, heaped riches and power and honor upon the Christians in general, but in particular upon the Christian clergy.

From this time they almost totally ceased; very few instances of the kind were found.

The cause of this was not (as has been vulgarly supposed) "because there was no more occasion for them" because all the world was become Christian. This was a miserable mistake; not a twentieth of it was then nominally Christian.

The real cause was, "the love of many," almost of all Christians, so called, was "waxed cold." The Christians had no more of the Spirit of Christ than the other heathen. The Son of Man, when He came to examine His Church, could hardly find "faith on the earth." This was the real cause why the extraordinary gifts of the Holy Ghost were no longer to be found in the Christian Church; because the Christians were turned to heathen again and only a dead form left.—*Wesley's Sermons, Vol. 2, Page 415.*

A Rebuke to Vanity

The personal ministry of many a preacher is spoiled by an unhealthy desire for publicity. In Steven's "History of Methodism," there is a story of a rebuke that one of the early Methodist preachers, who was not content to be among God's "hidden ones," received from John Wesley. Michael Fenwick, whom Wesley described as "a tolerable preacher," accompanied him on many of his journeys, and one day complained that though he was constantly traveling with him, his name was never inserted in any of Wesley's published journals. In the next number of the journals he found his egotism effectually rebuked. "I left Epworth," wrote Wesley, "with great satisfaction, and, about one, preached at Clayworth. I think none were unmoved but Michael Fenwick, who fell fast asleep under an adjoining hayrick."

A MODERN "WITCH OF ENDOR"

LESTER
SUMRALL

MARIA PEDRAZ is thirty-nine years old and looks sixty. The woman's shriveled body, wizened face and lifeless hair portray a life of distress and disillusionment.

There is a positive reason for this premature old age. Until about two years ago Maria had lived in vital contact with the spirit world for more than a quarter of a century. She possessed wide notoriety as a powerful *curandera*—a feminine witch doctor or native medical woman. By this means she had made her livelihood since a child.

A LAUGHING DEVIL

At the tender age of ten Maria was taken seriously ill, her parents despairing of her life. They were ignorant folk and did not know what to do for the child, and they had no money to purchase professional assistance. An interested neighbor woman asked for permission to take the ailing girl to a special healing meeting where she declared the "spirits" would heal. The anxious parents, desiring their daughter to be healed, did not inquire about the type of meeting, but willingly gave their consent for Maria to go and obtain healing gratuitously.

The neighbor took Maria to a powerful low-type spiritist *seance*. Senora Pedraz believes she was relieved from her illness by the spiritists. However, she contracted something more terrible at the same time. From that night weird attacks of laughter came upon her making her laugh hysterically. Nothing comical need happen; in fact, she did not laugh at funny things. It was an "evil spirit of laughter" that sent cold chills up the spines of those who heard. This spirit possessed her at will, Maria having no power to control the laughing or the melancholy that followed.

A CALL TO HEAL CHILDREN

The second evil turning point in the *curandera's* life was when she was sixteen years old. Standing at an open window on the second floor of a building, suddenly she trembled violently; and, with a terrifying scream, plunged through the window to the ground. To her amazement, and to the surprise of all, no bodily harm was experienced from the fall. At this moment an inward spirit told her she possessed great power, and informed her that her mission in life was to *heal children*. These new spirit voices would lead her into the country and tell her to take certain herbs and prepare them for the

healing of children. Marie claims many sick and suffering children were "healed" by her witchcraft. Her fame quickly spread through the countryside—a young girl had obtained miraculous power. The superstitious people came to see the girl wonder. The sick came seeking healing.

I asked her why she was specially called to heal children. She did not know unless it was because her life had been captured by Satan when only ten years of age, and he wished through her to capture thousands of innocent children.

"Senora Pedraz," I queried, "what did you do when someone came and sought information about their personal lives, or desired healing?"

"First, I 'got in the spirit,'" she replied retrospectively. "Then I called my *duende*, a spirit that came and took control of my soul and mind, escorting me into spiritual realms." She confessed that this *duende* was her *second self* who created a dual personality in her. It was a spirit she could see with her soul eyes.

For more than twenty-five years Maria Pedraz lived in a spirit coma, with devils guiding and maneuvering her life in most dreadful ways. At no moment, during those long years, was she completely normal as other people. She says the spirits were with her both night and day.

One of Maria's mediumistic means of obtaining netherworld information was by tapping on a table with a pencil. She would ask questions and receive answers through a given number of taps. At other times she says her spirit would leave her body and travel distances to homes, and there she saw what was happening. This was usually when a person desired information regarding someone living in another part of the country. Other times she predicted future events and told fortunes by casting dice. I asked her how this was done, and what the various combinations of numbers on the dice meant in the forecasting. She explained that she was not mentally conscious at the time, therefore did not know what numbers the dice revealed nor what she had told the inquirer. She felt sure the dots on the dice had nothing to do with the calculating, unless the spirits counted them! Another way her witchery worked was by visions in the night. One night she saw a strange woman that she had never met, and the spirits told her the woman would come to inquire of her.

The very next day a woman from the city of Ponce, many miles from her village, came and said a spirit had given her Maria's name and address, assuring her that Maria could tell her fortune. Maria replied: "Yes, I saw you last night in a vision and can tell you what to do."

MONDAY AND FRIDAY

During our conversation, with my wife interpreting from Spanish to English and Pastor Andres Rios assisting with the story, Senora Pedraz said there were two important days of the week for the *curandera*—Monday and Friday. Monday is *teaching day*. Each Monday Maria's students (she had hundreds during a period of over twenty-five years) came to her house and spent the day studying the mysteries of Spiritism. I asked her what she taught and if she used textbooks. The *curandera* said she did not know what she taught, as she was in a spirit coma during the entire time of instruction. The doctrines came directly from the evil spirits. Maria said that Monday is known as "The Day of the Guardian Angels" among the mediums. This is the special day when the "angels" reveal secrets to the worshippers.

Friday is *healing day*. On Fridays miracles can be performed more easily because the spirits are near to help, she explained. Maria always felt she had special power on this day. Upon inquiry I found that the two days are observed by other spiritists in Puerto Rico.

HOW THE GOSPEL CAME

It is remarkable how the glorious gospel finds its way into the darkest spots of the world. Maria's sister heard the gospel and accepted Christ, then later came to live with Maria. This Christian sister brought a powerful influence into the home. Maria found it difficult to communicate with her spirits after her sister arrived. She felt her life had been bound by another power and a great inward conflict was being waged. In desperation she fasted and prayed for five days for her spirits to return, but there was no response. Maria was disturbed and disgusted. This revealed that the sister possessed a greater power than she.

Senora Pedraz heard her first gospel message on a street corner, where thousands of Puerto Ricans for the first time listen to the story of salvation. This first sermon convicted her. Later she consented

to go with her sister to church. She was already determined to serve God. On the same day when she attended the church service, she went around to the homes of her students and told them there would be no more classes, for she was becoming a *creyente* (believer) that night. She sent word to her regular clients not to return, as the spirits did not appear nor talk with her any more. That night after the sermon, without hesitation, and without anyone speaking to her, she responded to the appeal of the minister and accepted Christ. She was ignorant of true spiritual ways but willingly obeyed all that she was told to do. As she stood to her feet after prayer, a great burden fell from her shoulders. It was so real she turned to see what it was. Nothing visible could be seen—but her sins were gone! Her heart was overjoyed. She purchased a Bible and started studying it diligently. She came to all the meetings, eagerly learning more about the gospel. A new look came on her face. Sadness and depression were gone from her heart. A modern witch had been cleansed and changed by the power of God.

With a hearty laugh Maria said: "The spiritists broadcast the news that I had gone crazy, and for no one to believe me. But in reality I had just come to myself when I found Christ!"

THE CHALLENGE

I asked Senora Pedraz if there were many spiritists in Puerto Rico. Her attitude was explosive: "Sure! Most of the people of the island are afraid of spirits; they are willing to consult spiritism in times of trouble."

Spiritism is rapidly increasing throughout the world. Satan, knowing his time is short, is making his last stand. The people of God should accept the challenge and combat these forces of darkness. "Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world."

SANTA CATARINA, BRAZIL

"If Ye Do"

When sin comes into our lives, and we play with it and toy with it, then the fires go out. Then God cannot use us. Christ comes to challenge us as to the real depth of our surrender to Him. How far are we going to allow Him to rule our lives, plan our future? Turning to the disciples, He once said, "You are my friends." They must have felt cheered at once. Then, after a pause, "if ye do whatever I command you." And there is the command, tied to every promise of Christ in the New Testament.—Wilson Cash.

Ready to Die

It happened the other day in Los Angeles. A friend of mine was walking along in the downtown district, when suddenly a workman high on the side of a tall building fell from his dizzy perch, and crashed with a terrific shock to the sidewalk below.

Writhing in agony, for nearly every bone in his body was broken, the man cried out, "Lord Jesus, help me!" My

friend, being a minister, immediately ran to the side of the stricken man to give him a few words of comfort.

Suddenly the dying man lifted himself on one elbow, turned a broken and twisted hand toward the skies, lifted his face toward heaven, and cried out, "Take me home, Jesus, take me home!"

Then he sank back upon the sidewalk and closed his eyes. Jesus had taken him home.

He was ready to die. Are you?—Delbert Bullis.



Doubtless all who have listened to our national radio hour, SERMONS IN SONG, have enjoyed the wonderful music and the ministry of our Brother Williams as it has gone forth over scores of stations from week to week.

The inspiring theme song, "Jesus Is the Only Savior," has won its way into thousands of hearts, and is being sung in many of our assemblies.

Before publishing the words and music of this chorus efforts were made to find out with whom the words and music originated. Our efforts failed, and so when we printed the chorus in the *Evangel* of February 16 we could only say that the music had been arranged by Leslie Barnett (who is responsible for nearly all of the beautiful musical arrangements that are heard on our radio program).

Since publishing the chorus we have learned that the words and music were written by Mary Roszell Adams (now of Brantford, Ontario, Canada) in 1924, who secured a copyright in 1927 and published it together with other choruses that the Lord had given her. Sister Adams writes:

"I cannot remember when I was not musically and poetically inclined, but it was only in a worldly sense until the Lord filled me with His Spirit on Sept. 21, 1924. I then wanted only to glorify the Lord, and this is the first chorus the Lord gave me after He filled me with His Spirit; it was only a few days later I sat down at the piano and, realizing that Jesus was my All and in all, I started to play and sing out of my overflowing heart:

"Jesus is the ONLY Savior,
Loud let the echo ring;
Jesus is the mighty Healer,
Gladly the message bring;
Jesus is the great Baptizer,
Glory, Hallelujah sing;
And we rejoice for
Jesus is the coming King."

The way it is sung on our radio program is only slightly different, the differences being due

to the fact that we learned the chorus by ear. The words are the same as above except that in the last line we sing, "He's our coming King." Sister Adams' prayer and ours is that as the chorus goes over the air it will convey to multitudes of hearts the fact that Jesus is indeed the ONLY Savior, and that He Himself is our Healer, our Baptizer, our coming King, our All in all.

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"SERMONS IN SONG" is now going forth over 94 stations, including one in Cuba. The latest addition is:

KOMA, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 1520 k.c., 7:30 a.m.

The time of release over KBUR, Burlington, Iowa, has been changed from 8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.; and the broadcast over WFBM, Indianapolis, Indiana, has been changed from 7:05 a.m. to 7:15 a.m.

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Write for free copies of our Radio Log for distribution in your church and community.

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There are three ways in which you may be a co-worker in this great radio ministry:

SAY a word to your friends about "SERMONS IN SONG"—that it is a weekly broadcast of Spirit-filled songs with a brief gospel message; that it is the voice of the General Council of the Assemblies of God. (Also don't forget to say a word to us if you are enjoying the programs.)

PRAY that God will make this broadcast a means of blessing and encouragement to needy hearts, and a medium through which lost souls are led to Christ.

PAY toward the support of the National Assemblies of God Radio Hour in order that it may continue and be extended into areas which are not now being reached by this glorious full gospel message.

Offerings and letters should be sent to Assemblies of God Radio Hour, P. O. Box 70, Springfield, Missouri.

THE PASSING AND THE PERMANENT

NO JOY WITHOUT JESUS

Said Marcus Dodds: "I have been in every land on which the sun shines, and never have I anywhere seen a single happy, hopeful face among women where the gospel of Jesus Christ has not been preached."

WHAT'S WRONG WITH EUROPE?

A group of London reporters recently asked General Smuts, South Africa's prime minister, what is wrong with Europe. The great statesman unhesitatingly replied, "Her moral basis. The bedrock of the Christian moral code has become undermined and the whole structure is now sagging."

CATHOLIC SPAIN

According to the *Philadelphia Record*, the Spanish parliament has proclaimed Spain officially a Roman Catholic State. No Protestant church services or ceremonies will be allowed, but non-Catholics may "exercise their religion privately." Such is the Pope's conception of the "religious liberty" which he professes to champion.

"GOD MEANT IT FOR GOOD"

A Chinese puppet official took a fancy to the premises of the China Inland Mission in Loyang, Honan, and spent a huge sum on repairs and improvements. Before he could enjoy the comforts of his work, however, peace came and the official had to flee, leaving the buildings in better shape than ever for the returning missionaries! The official "thought evil against" the Mission, "but God meant it unto good." Gen. 50:20.

THE WALDENSES

Waldenses of Italy are the oldest Protestant church in the world today. In 1180 Peter Waldo led the little group of believers out of the Church of Rome. For nearly seven centuries the Waldenses, the "slaughtered saints" of Milton's sonnet, weathered bitter persecution in the valleys of the Cottian Alps. Today there are 93 Waldensian churches or preaching stations in Italy, and they have joined the World Council of Churches which now includes 92 denominations of many lands.

HIROHITO AND CHRIST

It was reported a few weeks ago that Emperor Hirohito and his household were preparing to embrace Christianity. The report was attributed to Dr. Shigeru Nambara, president of the Imperial University of Tokyo, but Dr. Nambara says he was "entirely misunderstood" by the American newspapermen. He says he has no inside information whatever concerning the emperor's intentions. Being a Protestant Christian himself, he merely had voiced the fervent hope and prayer that, someday, the emperor may decide to become a Christian—and it was this statement that was twisted into the false report that appeared in the American press.

MISSING

According to *United Presbyterian*, the Missing Person's Bureau reports the virtual disappearance of the old-fashioned couple who filled their church pew with five to ten children. Reward offered for their discovery.

BROKEN HOMES

For forty years the United States has been granting more than twice as many divorces as all the rest of Christendom put together. Nine out of ten delinquents that come before our juvenile courts are the products of these broken homes. Why does such a sad condition prevail? It is because Christ is not made the head of each home, and because family devotions have ceased to be a daily custom. The American home needs to be rebuilt, and the place to begin is at the family altar.

THE FIRST LADY

Mrs. Truman and Margaret, wife and daughter of the President, are reported to have requested orange juice when they were the honor guests of the exclusive Metropolitan Club recently. The occasion was the opening of the Metropolitan Opera in New York, which is always one of the most brilliant social events of the year. Alcoholic refreshments had been provided in lavish abundance, but nothing else, and it was necessary to send out for the orange juice. They set a fine example in this choice. The habits of the first lady of the land have a great influence upon others.

CRIME PROGRAMS DENOUNCED

District Attorney Fred N. Howser of Los Angeles, Calif. says that radio crime programs are "a menace to society." "They contribute to juvenile delinquency more than any other one thing," he charged in an address. "Some crimes in Los Angeles County are duplicates of broadcasts.

"They ridicule law enforcement officers, glamorize crime and criminals, and are more habit-forming than narcotic drugs." Well said, Mr. District Attorney! We hope Christian parents everywhere will follow your advice and shut off the radio if their children can't get any better programs than the crime stories.

HOLD US IN QUIET

Thou art the Lord who slept upon the pillow,
Thou art the Lord who soothed the furious sea,
What matter beating wind and tossing billow,
If only we are in the boat with Thee?

Hold us in quiet through the age-long minute
While Thou art silent and the wind is shrill;
Can the boat sink while Thou, dear Lord, art
in it?

Can the heart faint that waiteth on Thy will?

—Amy Carmichael

OUTSTRETCHED HANDS

Ethiopia is stretching out her hands unto God. Psalm 68:31. Eight Canadian teachers who went to Ethiopia under the Sudan Interior Mission, to train native teachers for Ethiopia's public school system, have given such satisfactory service that the Ethiopian Government has asked the Mission for fifteen more American teachers and fifteen more British.

KING CLAUDIOS OF ETHIOPIA

Haile Selassie is not the first Christian ruler Ethiopia has known. King Claudios, who reigned 1540-1559, had a creed which the Emperor repeats today:

"We believe in one God and in His only Son Jesus Christ, who is His Word and His power. He was with Him before the world was created, and in the last days He came to us without stripping Himself of His divinity. He became man by the Holy Spirit and from Mary, the Holy Virgin, and He was baptized in the Jordan in the thirtieth year and was hung upon the wood of the cross in the days of Pontius Pilate. He shall come again in glory, and there shall be no end of His Kingdom. We walk the royal path, straight and true, and turn aside neither to right nor left in the doctrine of the Twelve Apostles and of Paul, the fountain of wisdom, and of the 318 orthodox men assembled at Nicea. This do I proclaim and thus do I preach, I Claudios, King of Ethiopia."

LACKING A LEADER

Said General Jan C. Smuts of South Africa, at a Christian gathering: "The love for God and man is the final answer to all the unsolved questions of the ages. It is also the program for the church of today and for mankind, which is milling around like frightened sheep without a shepherd. The Man of Galilee is and remains our one and only Leader."

But the nations are not following that Leader. In 1919 the *London Times* proposed that in the Peace Palace in Geneva there should be an empty chair at the head of the table when the League of Nations met, signifying the presence of Him who alone could guide men's feet in the paths of peace. The proposal was rejected, God was given no place in the proceedings, and the League miserably failed. Today, in the new League, the United Nations Organization, God again is being left out, and the maneuvering of the diplomats can well be described in General Smut's words—"milling around like frightened sheep without a shepherd." There is a lack of leadership in the UNO. No decisive action can be taken because there is no one leader who is recognized and who is given authority to execute the will of the majority. Eventually this lack will be recognized and a leader will be appointed. It will not be Christ. It will be some individual who will appear to be very clever and trustworthy at first, but as he gains more and more power he will prove to be the Antichrist.

The world is not ready to accept Christ as their Leader, so God will let them have a leader of their own choice, and will let them live long enough to regret it. But one day He whose right it is to rule will come, and under His leadership men shall beat their swords into plowshares, and shall learn war no more.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP INCREASE

Results of a census of religious bodies made in 1944 have just been made public. It shows 72,492,669 church members, representing 52.5% of the entire population, and registers a gain of 38.2% over an eighteen-year period. The Southern Baptist Convention showed the greatest growth, an increase of 60.8% since 1926. The United Lutheran Church gained 39.2%; Lutheran Missouri Synod 30.4%; Roman Catholic Church 25.9%; Disciples of Christ 21.4%; Northern Baptist Convention 20.6%; Protestant Episcopal Church 19.8%; Methodist Church 19%; Jewish Congregations 13.7%; Congregational Christian Churches 8.1%; Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. 7.7%.

An editorial in *The Presbyterian* shows how the last-mentioned body feels about the report: "In response to our question, 'Why is the gain of our Church the lowest in a list of eleven?' a few answers have come to hand from a subscriber. (1) It is suggested that our ministry is not so secure in the faith as should be the case. Ministers fail to go to the minds and hearts of the people with a positive message. (2) The most important objective, winning souls to Christ, is lost in an effort to do a number of secondary things in the name of God. (3) Our Church has a tendency to become a class church. (4) People take the Church for granted, and make too much of our history and too little of the gospel."

JAP LEADS YANKS TO CHRIST

This is a true story, published in *The Seattle Rallycaster* and *His*. It tells how a young American pilot was led to accept Jesus as his Savior because of the testimony of a Japanese submarine captain.

He had been shot down in the Pacific over enemy waters, finally being picked up by a Japanese submarine. He and his companions were treated well, but grilled by the captain to get as much military information as possible. Evidently satisfied that he had all the information he could expect from the young Americans, the captain decided to let them go. The pilot was called into the skipper's quarters before his release.

"Before I let you go," said the captain, "I would like to ask you a question. Are you a Christian?" The lad answered that he wasn't.

"Would you listen while I tell you how you can become a Christian?"

Answering in the affirmative, the pilot listened as his Japanese captor told him the sweet story of redeeming grace. As a result, the young man took Christ as his own personal Savior in the presence of the Japanese submarine commander. Having witnessed to the boys, the skipper released the Americans, setting them on a life raft near a friendly island.

BARTENDERS MAY NOT DRINK!

A labor controversy in New York City between the bartenders' union and the liquor dealers has brought to light an interesting fact. The liquor dealers want the union to write into their contract a clause giving the employer the right to discharge any bartender who uses liquor. They say, "Woe to our employees who put the bottle to their lips," but they ignore the fact that God has said, "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink." Hab. 2:15.

NAZI ANARCHY

The French assert officially that twenty-six million people were murdered in Nazi concentration camps. Justice Jackson said, in commenting on the prisoners at the Nuremberg trial of Nazi leaders: "These men are really surprised that there is any such thing as law. These defendants did not rely on any law at all. Their program defied and ignored all law." Such lawlessness is an extraordinary forecast of "the Lawless One"—the one without law. 2 Thess. 2:8, margin.

"SAVED TO SERVE"

The *Bible Society Record* tells the story of Liu Rang-shen, a gambler, broken in health. About 15 years ago he dropped in at the home of a friend for evening worship. "I have not long to live," he said to his friend; "can your Jesus do anything for me?" "Yes, if you trust Him fully," replied this friend, and handed him the Gospel of Matthew. Three evenings later, Liu returned, both healed and saved. Soon, in his spare time, he was selling Gospels from a table in front of the church he attended. In 1936, Liu started out as a colporteur, equipped with two kerosene cans, enamelled in blue and decorated with pithy

gospel thoughts. The cans were fitted to carry about 250 Gospels, and a supply of tracts, besides his own Bible, hymn book, and change of clothes, and were suspended from his carrying pole. In nine months he had sold 6,540 Gospels and traveled 2,650 miles. He continued two years. His last entry was, "Resting because of sickness." Not long after he entered into the joy of the Lord.

In these two years he covered over 4,000 square miles of mountainous and hilly country, visiting at least 300 centers, often more than once. He placed in heathen homes 21,000 Bible portions, and tens of thousands of Christian tracts.

NEW JEWISH MUSEUM

The fifty-odd-room Felix M. Warburg mansion at Fifth Avenue and 92d Street in New York is being made into a Jewish Museum. When it opens to the public on Oct. 1, 1946, it will be the only museum of its kind, since the destruction and dispersal of the great European collections. Friends of the Jews will find it enjoyable and profitable to visit this place. It will picture the permeation of Jewish life and history with art, music, literature, etc., mostly religious in character.

Our Home Frontiers

INTRODUCING OUR FAMILY

In addition to helping pioneer fields, our Home Missions Department is sponsoring several branches and is fully responsible for their maintenance. These include: the evangelization of Alaska, the American Indians, the Jewish people of our country, prisoners in penal institutions, and the deaf people, among whom we already have several congregations.

OUR NEWEST MEMBER

The latest addition to our Home Missions family, but by far not the least, is the European-speaking people of the United States. Since the first of this year the Slavic work already established has come under our supervision as well as the great responsibility of furthering the gospel work among these people. We now have the Polish, Russian, Ukrainian and Yugoslavian Branches. Our present budget for the Slavic work alone is over \$9,000 a year, and appeals are coming to us for support for more workers that we might reach more people.

YOUR CO-OPERATION NEEDED

It is our earnest prayer and desire that this brief outline of the responsibilities of the Home Missions Department will serve to acquaint our readers with the extensive possibilities for the salvation of precious souls within our reach if only we had finances with which to go forward.

We should be most grateful to receive offerings for any of the needs we have mentioned, but especially for our General Home Missions Fund.

Offerings should be sent to The Home Missions Department, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

Among the vital forces in the consistent development of our Assemblies of God movement is that of HOME MISSIONS. In fact, a large percentage of our well established churches had their beginning in small groups which received assistance from stronger congregations until they were able to sustain themselves and eventually take their place in sending aid to others. Thus our fellowship was built, and thus it continues to grow.

Calls are constantly coming to our Home Missions Department for a little financial aid to build or strengthen some of these pioneer endeavors. It is our sincere desire to send such financial help, realizing that new churches established will soon mean strong recruits to press the battle to occupy more new territory.

OUR POSITION

BUT between our sincere desire and our ability to act, there is a great barrier—the lack of funds.

Very little money comes into the Home Missions Department which we are free to use where we see the need, since practically all we receive is designated by the donor for some particular purpose or person. Our policy is to use every offering exactly as specified by the donor. Nothing is ever retained here even for the cost of operating our Home Missions Department, although we do have considerable expense for postage, office help, etc.

We are confident that our friends and assemblies will be glad to send offerings for our General Home Missions Fund and also for our Office Expense Fund when they know of the need and how their money will be used.

Our Missionary Advance:

THEY SHALL GLORIFY



• Children carrying water in Haiti.

Haitian Welcome

Amelia Schewe

I ARRIVED in Haiti the morning of November 22, having had a very enjoyable trip. The country is beautiful but the need of the people is appalling.

After I had rested a bit, Miss Burke came bringing three children with her. One of them, Amelia, presented me with a bouquet of roses. We then started for the orphanage. On our way, we had to pass under a beautiful flowering tree. Kinky, a two-year-old boy who was also with Miss Burke, asked for one of the flowers. Miss Burke, thinking he wanted to play with it, plucked one and gave it to him. But no, not to be outdone by Amelia, he immediately presented it to me. When we arrived at the orphanage, the children, who were sitting in chairs out in the yard, immediately stood and began to sing, "Welcome to Haiti." They sang both in French and English, then recited Scripture and poetry in French.

The Haitian people have all been grand to me. I have met many of the leading doctors, government officials, and others. All have been fine; and when they found in whose home I was staying (a French home), they seemed greatly pleased. Some of the doctors have said that, since I had come all the way from America to help the Haitian children, they too would be willing to do all they could to help.

The money used here is chiefly American. Although the Haitians have some coins, they use American bills. When they refer to gold, they mean American currency. The following are some gold prices on food: butter, 90c per lb.; all canned vegetables, 30c per No. 2 size can; chickens, not quite as large as the leghorn in the States, sell for 50c by hickering with the native until you can get the price down. If you pay what they ask first, the chicken will cost you a dollar. Yesterday I went to town to purchase some olive oil. I was not able to get pure olive oil, but bought a pint of another type. This cost me \$1.20, American money!

Much has transpired during the month of December. Words will never express our appreciation for the gifts of money received at Christmas.

Upon arrival here, I found that the children lay on mats upon the floor without sheets or blankets. Many times the children have said to me, "Soeur Amelia, we are cold at nights."

At meal time, they ate in relays of three, as they didn't have enough dishes or spoons. After the first group had eaten, they rinsed off the plates and the spoons, then fed the second group. Before the third group could eat, the plates and spoons had to be rinsed again. Neither were there enough chairs; so the children stood and held their plates while they ate.

When we moved to the big house, we had more rooms than furniture! We took the money that I received at Christmas, the \$50.00 the Haitian Red Cross gave, plus \$10.00 that Mr. Bryant of the Texaco Co. gave. Miss Burke and me, added \$25.00, and endeavored to buy as many things as we could possibly get for our money.

We purchased: a large table, two benches and a few chairs, three dozen tin plates and four dozen spoons, and oil cloth to cover the tables. We also bought: one dozen cribs, which don't begin to take all of the children off the floor; twenty cotton blankets which we cut in two, but which still leaves about one third of the children and the help without; water repellent cloth, since we could not buy rubber sheeting; and one dozen towels, hardly enough to begin with although we cut them in two. Then Dr. Seville sent some unbleached sheeting to the orphanage as his annual Christmas gift.

So we rejoice in the way that God has provided thus far. However, there are yet tremendous needs. The orphanage now has about seventy children, and the cost per month has been estimated at \$5.00 for each child. Anyone wishing to share in this work for the Master may send their offering to Foreign Missions Department, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.



My righteousness is near; my salvation is gone forth, and mine arms shall judge the people; the isles shall wait upon me, and on mine arm shall they trust.—Isa. 51:5.

First Bahaman Field Council

Walter Haydus

There were ten of us at our memorable and important first Field Council meeting. Brother and Sister Weech, Brother Pritchard, Brother Van Weech (Marsh Harbor), Brothers Cooper and Bethel (Palmetto Point), Brother Albury (Cherrekee Sound), Brother Paul Roberts from the church here, and Brother and Sister Haydus.

Send all contributions to:
NOEL PERKIN
 Secretary, Foreign Missions Department
 336 W. PACIFIC ST
 SPRINGFIELD, MO.

HIM IN THE ISLANDS

We passed on the constitution, ratified the appointment of Brother Weech as Field Council Superintendent, elected Brother Haydus Sec.-Treas., and Brother Pritchard was elected the third party to act on the Executive Council. We are looking for a small room which we might use as a Field Council office downtown since we do not have the accommodations in our homes.

The services have been precious. There is a real spirit of revival moving in the midst. Souls are still being saved every week. One young man with a beautiful tenor voice has given his heart and talent to the Lord and is now singing with us on our radio program.

Friday afternoon the Women's Missionary Council goes to the Leprosarium to hold a service for the lepers. We brought them boxes of food and held a service at Christmas time. Now we are going once every month. A lady from our church is a patient there. She is maintaining a very good attitude it seems, but of course she needs our earnest prayers.



It was a Jew who brought the gospel to Rome, a Roman who took it to France, a Frenchman who took it to Scandinavia, a Scandinavian who took it to Scotland, a Scotchman who evangelized Ireland, and an Irishman in turn made the missionary conquest of Scotland. No people have ever received the gospel except at the hands of an alien.—S. S. Times.



MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS

February, 1946

Alabama	\$ 1,015.53	Nevada	144.00
Arizona	689.56	New Hampshire	27.16
Arkansas	2,064.82	New Jersey	1,911.06
California	19,674.91	New Mexico	591.01
Colorado	1,654.37	New York	5,984.91
Connecticut	566.83	North Carolina	169.55
Delaware	719.95	North Dakota	668.45
District of Columbia	2,817.00	Ohio	8,987.03
Florida	1,556.97	Oklahoma	4,031.15
Georgia	762.74	Oregon	4,396.40
German Branch	196.61	Pennsylvania	7,548.55
Hungarian Branch	61.16	Rhode Island	155.55
Idaho	1,480.92	South Carolina	30.75
Illinois	4,318.17	South Dakota	911.15
Indiana	2,042.56	Tennessee	478.36
Iowa	1,469.86	Texas	5,309.59
Kansas	4,738.65	Ukrainian Branch	60.10
Kentucky	510.89	Utah	8.83
Louisiana	330.19	Vermont	32.00
Maine	107.12	Virginia	736.91
Maryland	648.05	Washington	9,296.49
Massachusetts	497.72	West Virginia	184.12
Michigan	3,759.76	Wisconsin	2,260.73
Minnesota	4,395.02	Wyoming	228.80
Mississippi	163.16	Alaska	99.26
Missouri	5,936.63	Canada	784.59
Montana	1,049.48	Foreign	274.65
Nebraska	1,303.79	Legacies	14,447.85
		Miscellaneous	6,368.94

Total Amount Reported	\$140,860.35
District Fund	\$7,888.42
Office Expense Fund	2,191.15
Literature Expense Fund	181.26
Given direct to Missionaries	9,739.66
	20,000.49

Amount Received for Foreign Missions	120,859.86
Amount Received for Home Missions	4,180.03

Pentecostal Convention In The Philippines

Pastor R. C. Esperanza

THE Annual Convention of the Assemblies of God in the Philippines convened December 29 to 31, 1945, in Bilad, Camiling, Tarlac, with Pastor Sebastian as host-pastor. All our Christian workers and church delegates in the island of Luzon were present, happy to meet once again after the terrible experiences of war. Throughout the convention there was such a spirit of praise, thanksgiving, and victory. The war seems to have been a wonderful blessing in disguise, for it has drawn us all nearer to the Master.

On the 28 of December, just before sundown I joined Brother Soriano in waiting on the Lord. A few minutes after, the Spirit told me to praise the Lord, and I began. Then I called to the others that they should join us if they wanted the blessing of God. The Holy Spirit came down in wonderful blessing upon all of us and many were speaking in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

All the services were attended with the marked presence of the Holy Ghost. Praise be to the gracious Lord! In the evening services, sinners came to the altar and received Jesus as their personal Savior. We were not able to count them, but I know there were several who received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost.

A Pentecostal GI from Paris, Texas, is now in Bauang, La Union. He has been holding meetings in an Army Chapel there with the brothers and sisters in the Lord and five have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. He is so on fire for the Lord that he proved to be a channel of blessing to the convention also.

We will revive *The Bulletin* (our monthly Fellowship paper), the Lord willing, as soon as we can get a mimeograph machine, stencils, and paper. I believe *The Bulletin* has a wonderful ministry since our work is so widely scattered. The responsibilities are increasing and becoming heavier. Consequently, I need above every other thing, your earnest prayers, PRAYER IN THE HOLY GHOST.

We plan to open Bethel Bible School in Pozorrubio and are considering when is the best month to open. We were informed by Brother Ogren that a couple will be sent from the States to help us in the Bible School, but I believe it will take quite awhile for them to come over. So we intend to go ahead this year, the Lord willing. I propose to have Pastor Acena devote his full time to the School. Since there are no regular funds designated for him, please make this a subject of prayer. Anyone desiring to send an offering for this purpose, please mark it, "For Bible Teacher, Bethel Bible School, The Philippines," and address your letter to Foreign Missions Department, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.



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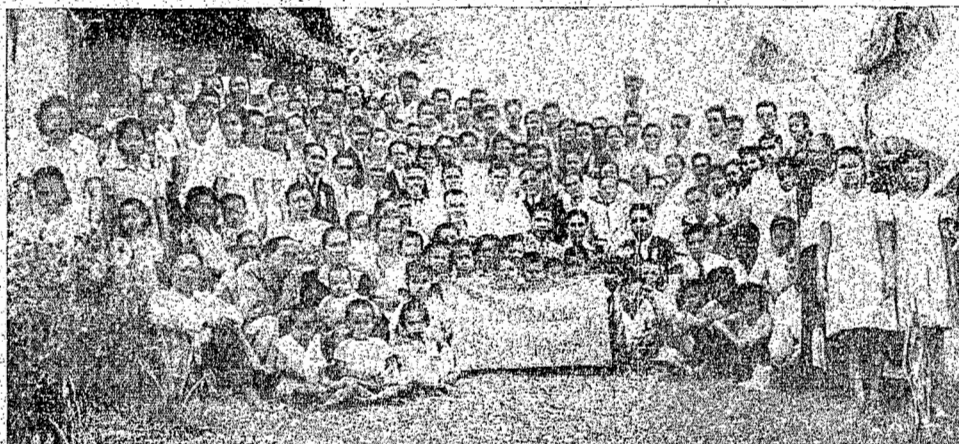
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Winkelman are hoping soon to return to Pago Pago, Samoa, for missionary work.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leonard McNutt and family have arrived in Monrovia, Africa. Let us remember them in our prayers as they begin missionary work in Liberia.

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Recent arrivals in the States are: Mr. and Mrs. David L. Kensinger, Central America; Anne Eberhardt, Lydia Vaux, and Verena Rich, from North India. Welcome home!



● Fourth Annual Convention of the Assemblies of God in the Philippines.

Healing for All

THE first Adam was made in the likeness of God. He fell. But even after the fall, man has been able to declare, "I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Psalm 139:14. In spite of the fall, this is true of the natural man. But the new man, redeemed by the precious blood of Christ, is to be yet more wonderful; he will be in the image of Christ. 1 John 3:2.

Though the natural body has been cursed by sin, after it has been "sown," it will be raised a spiritual body. 1 Cor. 15:44. Satan will never be able to touch the spiritual, resurrection body, but he seeks to mar the natural body. Christ's body was perfect when He was upon the earth; and His perfect body was sacrificed for our imperfect bodies, the bodies marred by sin, as well as for our imperfect souls and spirits. Through His atoning work at Calvary there is forgiveness for all our sins and healing for all our diseases, for it is written: "Who His own self bare our sins in His own body . . . by whose stripes ye were healed." 1 Peter 2:24. That is not written for our future deliverance in eternity, but for our present deliverance in time.

We are to be living epistles, not half-living epistles, not mutilated epistles, not abridged epistles, but *living* epistles of Christ; the hidden life of Christ penetrating, operating, vivifying, preserving every part of us. 1 Thess. 5:23.

The face of Moses shone through the transforming glory of God, and it is written: "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." 2 Cor. 3:18. Do not limit this to moral change or spiritual beauty. It includes physical soundness. "His name through faith in His name hath made this man strong . . . hath given him this *perfect soundness*." Acts 3:16.

Christ, who is our life, has come; Christ, the disease destroyer; Christ, the invigorator; Christ, the superabundant life giver, has come that we might have life, and life more abundantly; life plus life for spirit, soul and body. Why? To prove to the world that all blessings are not for the future.

Christ has given us the commission: "These signs shall follow them that believe: In My name . . . they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Mark 16:17, 18. Christ desires channels for His temporal as well as for His eternal blessing, to convey life, love and victory to a world dying of disease and despair.

BROKEN BONES HEALED

March 7, 1942 I was thrown from a bus, breaking my left leg and some bones in my right foot and breaking my back. For ten months I was bedfast and in great pain. The doctor came often and suggested that I could have my suffering relieved by taking some-

thing, but I never did. Fourteen years before the bus accident I had been run down by an automobile, breaking my leg. After suffering some time I went on crutches to a Volunteers of America meeting where they prayed for me. I threw down my crutches and walked up and down the aisle shouting the praises of God. Besides that God had healed me of leakage of the heart, appendicitis, and ulcers of the stomach at different times, and I was sure He would not fail me now that the bus had hurt me.

But the X-rays showed my injuries to be such that the doctors said I would never walk again, and I was pretty blue. But one day the Lord said to me, "Is there anything too hard for Me?" I said, "No, Lord, I'm still trusting in you." Then a great hunger for God's Word sprang up in my heart. In December I decided to go to church regardless. I had a very hard time with competent assistance in getting there, and after I was there I suffered so that I asked to be taken home. Instead they gathered around me and prayed, and, thank God, the same Savior who had come to my aid fourteen years before came in His great love and compassion and healed my broken body. I again put the crutches aside and walked, and am still walking, doing my housework, and hearing people say they cannot tell that anything ever had happened to me.—Addie Fuller, 1512 South Troost, Tulsa 5, Oklahoma.

HEALED OF GALL BLADDER TROUBLE

About February 3d, 1944, having suffered for several years with gall bladder trouble I asked for prayer. As I did so a still, small voice said, "If I heal you of this will you take Me for your healer and discard all medicine?" I replied, "Yes, Lord, I will." I did not get relief then.

The next Sunday I felt so bad that I took an aspirin, forgetting that I had promised the Lord I would take no more medicine. It made me very sick. I went to the hospital and was X-rayed. The X-ray picture showed several gall stones and the gall bladder greatly distended. The doctor said there was nothing to do but to remove them.

But I had promised the Lord to trust Him. Brother Ralph Hillegas took me to Brother Sheal's meeting where I was prayed for, but got no relief. But I refused to go to the hospital, and then the church got under the burden, and some of them were there every day to pray for me.

February 14 Sisters Bertha Johnson and Minnie Lou Long came in. They prayed for me. That evening five came and prayed. Sister Johnson said, "In the name of Jesus, get up. Seemingly I did not hear her, but they told me later what she had said. But I heard that still, small voice saying, "By faith you are healed."

I threw back the covers and got up. I dressed, got supper and we went to the fellowship meeting that same night. I received a glorious refilling of the Spirit that night, and I have been well ever since—almost two years. Last summer I was broken out with heat. My husband got some heat powder. When I put it on my body began burning like fire. I said, "Lord, if you do not want me to use this powder, stop the burning and I'll never use any more." The burning stopped at once, and, God helping me, and

so far as I can control it I will never use any remedies again.—Mrs. Wm. Rush, 1437 North Santa Fe, Wichita 4, Kansas.

Among the Assemblies

FAYETTEVILLE, ARK.—The First Assembly of God enjoyed a very successful series of meetings with Evangelist L. Wayne Pitts of New Mexico. Many came to the altar for salvation and one was baptized in the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. Many sick were healed and gave their testimony of God's power to heal. Our church as a whole was greatly helped.—G. W. Pitts, Pastor.

SIKESTON, MO.—Evangelist R. F. Davis recently closed a successful 3-week meeting in our church. A good many were saved and filled with the Spirit according to Acts 2:4. The forceful and anointed ministry of Brother Davis was a blessing to our entire church. Every department of the church gained new ground, and we are encouraged to press on in a greater way for God.—Gayle Jackson, Pastor.

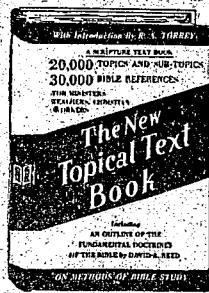
ORANGE, TEXAS—We are praising the Lord for the good revival He gave us with Evangelist Willa Short, of Oklahoma City, Okla. The church had been fasting and praying for an old-time revival, and when the evangelist arrived it seemed the revival was on. Twenty-six received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, 30 or more were saved or reclaimed, 16 were baptized in water, and 31 were received into the church. The church is taking a religious census of the town and we intend to follow it up with personal work.—R. L. Davis, Pastor.

OSAWATOMIE, KANSAS—Our new church was dedicated February 1. We rejoiced to see so many of our ministers from neighboring assemblies, many of whom brought visitors with them. At all four services the presence of God was manifested.

February 3 Doreen Justus, Evangelist, and Edna Pape, Pianist, came to us for a 3-week meeting. Several men and women came to the altar for salvation. One woman was baptized with the Holy Spirit. Our people rejoiced at the inspirational preaching and music of these two workers for God. They were a real blessing to us all.—J. L. Boulware, Pastor.

DALLAS, TEXAS—We have just closed one of the most successful meetings we have ever had in this church. Jack Coe was our evangelist. God certainly used our brother to preach the gospel. Several were saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Our Sunday School record was broken twice despite rainy weather. Nine united with the church. The revival still continues in our regular services.

We are finishing laying the brick for our new church this week. God has helped us to pay cash for everything except one small debt of \$350.00 which we plan on having paid by May 19, the third anniversary of the church. To God be the praise.—H. D. Skelton, Pastor.



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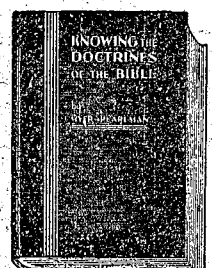
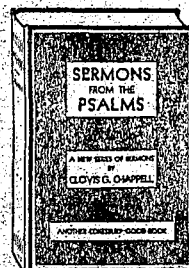
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COLUMBUS, GA.—We just closed a meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Denver C. Ogden of Siloam Springs, Ark. About 10 were saved and 10 were filled with the Holy Ghost. All Sunday School records were broken. Brother and Sister Ogden were a blessing to our church and home.—Johnnie I. Carroll, Pastor, Summerfield Assembly of God.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—We recently closed a meeting with Kaley Stanbaugh of Inglewood. God blessed throughout the services and a very fine foundation was laid for Evangelist Melford Henschel to follow up with soul-stirring Pentecostal messages. We are now in the midst of a mighty downpouring of God's Spirit. New people are coming in and great interest is manifested.—Burton D. Lancaster, Pastor, Glad Tidings Assembly, 1726 Venice Blvd.

LIVE OAK, CALIF.—Evangelist and Mrs. W. T. Stallings of Shamrock, Texas, were with us in a 3-week meeting, February 3-24. It was one of the best revivals in several years for the church. Eight were filled with the Holy Ghost, and 10 were saved or reclaimed. The entire church was built up in the Lord, and many have received a new vision. Brother Stallings has a burden for the lost, and his God-anointed messages were soul stirring, being real food for our souls. Sister Stallings assisted with special singing and altar work, and was an inspiration to many. Brother and Sister Stallings are our converts from a former pastorate in Wellington, Texas.—Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Givens, Pastors.

VANCOUVER, WASH.—Sunday evening, February 17, marked the close of a 2-week meeting at Glad Tidings Church with Christian Hild of Fargo, N. Dak., as the evangelist. Every night, including Monday, there was a Sunday night crowd, and a great number, especially young people, came forward for salvation. The highlights of the revival were the Sunday School Rally on Monday night, and a Booster Choir of some 60 children on Friday nights. As a climax to the meeting, Monday evening, Brother Hild presented his life story at the Shumway Junior High Auditorium, in the opening Youth-for-Christ Rally in Vancouver. Twenty young people came forward at this service.—Paul C. Trullin, Pastor.

HAMBURG, ARK.—A 2-week meeting was conducted here by Evangelist L. A. Wells of Arkansas, formerly of Texas. The church surely enjoyed his inspired messages from time to time. Several were saved. On the closing night 11 came to the altar, 10 prayed through, and 2 received the Baptism according to Acts 2:4. Every department of the church was blessed of the Lord. Our Sunday School attendance has almost tripled since our coming here two months ago. Brother Wells is a graduate of the San Marcus Baptist Seminary of Texas. He was a Baptist minister for several years. After he and his wife had received the Baptism, they came into the Assemblies of God fellowship several years ago, in the Texas District. Council ministers passing this way are invited to stop over for a visit.—C. I. Myers, Pastor.

EL RENO, OKLA.—We have been in one of the most wonderful revivals this church has ever had, with the Christian-Jewish Evangelist Lee Krupnick and Mrs. Krupnick. Forty-five have been saved, 17 have received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, 24 new members have been brought into the church, and many sick have been healed by the Lord. Our church was crowded to capacity every night for 3 weeks, with people coming from far and near. Brother and Sister Krupnick's ministry and love for Christ brought our people to God and gave them a determination to work for the Lord as never before. These evangelists surely co-operate 100 percent with the pastor, and they are untiring workers around the altar, never leaving the church until the last person is through praying, which is around midnight almost every night. Their love for Jesus is contagious and many of our oldtimers fell in love anew with Christ.—V. E. Wilson, Pastor, Assembly of God Tabernacle.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA MIDWINTER CONVENTION

The Annual Midwinter Convention of the Northern California and Nevada District Council was held in Oakland, Calif., February 5-8. The opening rally, night of February 4, and the three services on February 5 were held in the First Assembly of God and during the three remaining days the convention was held in the Civic Auditorium. We had four full and blessed days, with ministers' institute in the mornings, special District Council business sessions in the afternoons, and gospel services in the evenings.

The ministry of G. F. Lewis, Assistant General Superintendent, both in the ministers' institute in the mornings and in the gospel services in the evenings, was very helpful and thoroughly enjoyed by the large crowds.

The ministry of the missionaries who were present was informative and inspiring as they sang and spoke at the various services. The Women's Missionary Council meeting was of interest to others as well as to the women who have been working on their projects. Sunday School promotion and activities were also featured during the meetings with a Sunday School exchange and display which functioned throughout the days in the auditorium, and with a special service in the main hall.

The closing service was a C. A. rally which, though the attendance had been very good throughout the convention, brought the largest crowd of the meetings as the young people gathered from surrounding communities in an enthusiastic Pentecostal youth meeting.

At the Council sessions it was voted to hold the annual District Councils hereafter at the midwinter gathering instead of in the summer, to adopt the Metropolitan Group Insurance plan, to find a more central location for a District Camp ground, and to sell the present site at St. Helena. The Glad Tidings Corporation offered to put the management of the School under District auspices; so a board of eight directors, four from the District and four from the Glad Tidings Corporation, with the District Superintendent as chairman, will comprise the managing directorate of Glad Tidings Bible Institute.—R. J. Thurmond, Secretary-Treasurer.

BRICELAND, CALIF.—Last August while holding an evangelistic meeting in Humboldt County, Calif., we were asked by the pastor to visit with him a rural community twenty miles away in the redwoods. Accordingly, we joined this brother and drove into the district.

We learned that there was a grade school with some 60 children, and that the community contained as many as 200 persons, with no Sunday School or church nearer than twenty miles.

In thirty minutes God had completely changed our evangelistic plans and we knew we were commissioned to organize a work. Our first move was to try to secure the district schoolhouse and, failing in that, we were directed to a sawmill owner from whom we hoped to buy or lease land on which to build in faith. This man, when told of our mission, immediately said, "Yes, I will deed you a plot on which to build and will donate half the lumber needed." After selecting the ground, the mill owner, whom we found to be a godly man, supplemented his first offer by saying, "I will clear the land of fallen trees and rubbish and supply free all the material for the church building."

My minister friend, George McNutt, and I at once began construction work and in six weeks we held our first service with 45 in attendance. Within a week, a young man, the father of four small children, whose pay check had many times found its way into the district tavern, was wonderfully saved and soon began teaching our Junior Boy's Sunday School class. The father of the young man and a number of young people have recently come to the Lord.

We heat our rough lumber church building by means of a large drum stove, using blocks of redwood from the nearby sawmill for fuel, and there being no electricity in the district, we light the tabernacle with kerosene lamps and gasoline lanterns.—Clyde V. Hummel.

Coming Meetings

Due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 16 days before the date which appears upon it, all notices should reach us 18 days before that date.

OGDEN, UTAH—Revival in progress; Bill Durbin, Cowboy Evangelist.—V. A. Harris, Pastor.

CHANDLER, OKLA.—March 17—; N. B. Rayburn of Henryetta, Evangelist.—G. H. Lancaster, Pastor.

SALEM, OHIO—April 2-14; E. Wm. Anderson, Oakland, Calif., Evangelist.—M. R. Searles, Pastor.

PASADENA, CALIF.—1147 Cordova St., March 10—; Martin Luther Davidson of Texas, Evangelist.—Claude Weaver, Pastor.

ALBERT LEA, MINN.—Revival and Youth Crusade in progress; Wesley G. Kaufman, Tacoma, Wash., Evangelist.—E. C. Rosen, Pastor.

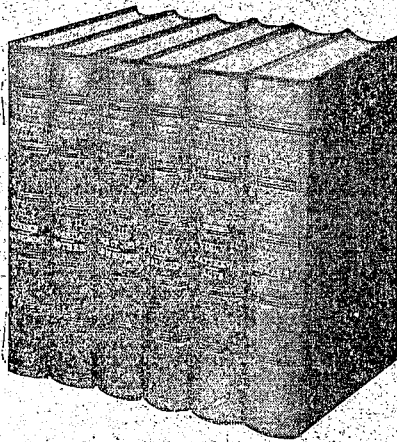
MODESTO, CALIF.—15th and G. Sts.; March 12, for 3 weeks; Ted Ness, Minneapolis, Minn., Evangelist.—Donald G. Weston, Pastor.

FT. WORTH, TEXAS—Riverside Assembly of God, March 17—; Donald Walker, Fayetteville, Ark., Evangelist.—E. R. Wilkinson, Pastor.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.—1200 N. 20th St., March 17—April 7; Virgil T. Smith, Macon, Ga., Evangelist.—D. Herbert Browne, Pastor, Norwood Assembly.

PUEBLO, COLO.—Glad Tidings Tabernacle; meetings in progress; Hattie Hammond, Evangelist.—R. A. McClure, Pastor.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—4401 West 14th St., March 17-31; Evangelist and Mrs. E. V. Berquist.—Robert C. Sellers, Pastor.



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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—9th and Phillips Assembly, April 2-21; John H. Boström, Pasadena, Calif., Evangelist.—R. H. DeLancey, Pastor.

COLUMBIA, S. C.—1131 Knox St., March 21—H. D. Ferrell, Millville, Fla., Evangelist.—J. C. Hunnicutt, Pastor.

ST. CHARLES, MO.—March 31, for 2 weeks or longer; Anna B. Lock, Evangelist.—Russell L. Thompson, Pastor.

HAVANA, ARK.—March 24, for 2 weeks or longer; Cecil Janway, Evangelist; Dibrill Helton, Musical Director.—Beatrice Helton, Pastor.

MARSHALL, MINN.—March 24, for 2 weeks or longer; N. R. Dickerson, Pawhuska, Okla., Evangelist.—B. E. Galyen, Pastor.

FINDLAY, OHIO—405 East Sandusky St., March 17; R. L. Bartlett of Texas, Evangelist.—F. Pepper, Pastor.

NEBRASKA DISTRICT CONVENTION
The 29th annual Council of the Nebraska District will convene at the Assembly of God, 6th and Sycamore Sts., Grand Island, Nebr., April 2-4. Fellowship Meeting, evening, April 1. Gayle F. Lewis, principal speaker. Harold D. Champlin 322 E. Sixth St., Host Pastor. Melvin F. Brandt, 601 N. 28th St., Lincoln, Nebr., District Superintendent.

PHILADELPHIA C. A. RALLIES
Kensington Pentecostal Church, 3455 Frankford Ave., March 23; Gay Benson, speaker.

Highway Mission Tabernacle, 19th and Green Sts., April 6; Thomas R. Brubaker, speaker.

Italian Pentecostal Church 16th and McKean Sts., April 20; Mrs. J. R. Flower, speaker.—Anthony A. Marinacci, Chairman.

NORTHWEST DISTRICT C. A. RALLIES
Northwest District C. A. Rallies; Wesley R. Steelberg, speaker; Port Angeles, March 20; Bremerton, March 21; Hollywood Temple, Seattle, March 22; Bethany Temple, Everett, March 25; Full Gospel Assembly, Wenatchee, March 26; Stone Church, Yakima, March 27; Spokane, March 28; Walla Walla, March 29. Rallies at 2:30 and 7:30.—Paul G. Truhm, Northwest District C. A. President.

HEMPSTEAD, L. I., N. Y.—C. A. Rally for Long Island, Junior Order Hall, March 27; Gilbert Stadley, speaker.—Mrs. S. Raicale, Secretary.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—7300 Virginia Ave., March 21—home-coming revival with Evangelist and Mrs. E. L. Hance, founders of the church.—V. L. Hertwick, Pastor.

MORRIS, OKLA.—Monthly Area C. A. Rally, March 25, 7:30 p.m. Admittance; one can of something for orphanage. W. A. Brown, Host Pastor.—Hattie C. Jennings, Representative.

NEW MEXICO DISTRICT COUNCIL
The Seventh Annual New Mexico District Council will convene at Las Cruces, N. Mex., April 2-4, Fred Vogler, special Council speaker. Fellowship meeting at the church, night, April 1. For further information or if you want to reserve rooms, write Pastor E. E. Franks, Box 326, Las Cruces, N. Mex.—B. H. Caudle, District Secretary-Treasurer.

C. A. RALLY AND S. S. CONVENTION
HARRISON, ARK.—All section C. A. Rally, North Central Section, April 8, 7:30 p.m. Brother McClellan, C. A. and S. S. Director of Northeast Section, speaker. North Central Sunday School Convention, April 9-10. Three services daily, under direction of C. C. Crace, State Sunday School and C. A. President. Rooms furnished all delegates. We extend a welcome to all.—H. L. Bayless, North Central Sectional C. A. and S. S. Director.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA C. A. CONVENTION
The 21st Annual Convention of the Southern California Christ's Ambassadors will be held at Civic Auditorium, 1401 N. Verdugo Road; Glendale, Calif., April 17-19. Speakers will include James Hamill, Memphis, Tenn.; LeRoy Sanders, Jefferson City, Mo.; Wesley R. Steelberg, National C. A. Director, and others. The "Haven of Rest" quartette will sing the opening night. For further information write L. B. Lewis, District C. A. President, 1032 West G St., Wilmington, Calif.

SUNRAY, TEXAS—Meeting in progress; Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Titus of California, Evangelists. C. E. Eldridge, formerly of Harrison, Ark., has accepted the pastorate of our church.—Mrs. Nuel Sanders, Sunday School Secretary.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Illinois District Ministerial Meeting, 1665 N. Mozart St., March 18. Everett L. Phillips will preside. John Boström evening speaker. Young People's Meeting, 6:30 p.m., under auspices of Great Lakes Bible Institute. Special Smorgas Board dinner to which all in-town and out-of-town guests are cordially invited.—Pastor and Mrs. James Clark.

SOUTH FLORIDA MINISTERS' INSTITUTE
South Florida District Ministers' Institute, 1127 E. Lemon St., Lakeland, Fla., April 2-5. Opening rally, Tuesday evening. Three services daily. F. J. Lindquist, Minneapolis, Minn., main speaker. The theme of the Institute will be "Men, Methods, and Message." Will accommodate as many as possible in camp dormitory and rooms in private homes. For further information, write District Headquarters, Route 4, Box 700, Lakeland, Fla. Phone 38512.—J. W. Collins, District Secretary.

OKLAHOMA SECTIONAL COUNCILS
Oklahoma Sectional Councils: Southwest Section, Anadarko, March 18-20; Leslie Moore, Pastor, North Central Section, Pawhuska, April 8-10; R. A. Work, Pastor, Panhandle Section, Woodward, April 15-17; Albert D. Pyle, Pastor, Southwest Section, Wright City, April 22-24; L. J. Choate, Pastor, Northwest Section, Fairview, May 13-15; Elmer T. Watkins, Pastor, Northeast Section, Claremore, May 20-22; C. O. Haymaker, Pastor.
First service, C. A. Rally, 7:30 Monday night; T. C. Burkett, District C. A. President, in charge. Meetings: Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. Last service, Licensing service, Wednesday afternoon. Election of Presbyter, and S. S. and C. A. Representatives, Wednesday afternoon.

All those desiring license or exhorter's permit, meet the members of the District Board at these Sectional Councils. Licensed Ministers and Exhorters get your renewal blank at one of these Sectional Councils.—V. H. Ray, District Secretary-Treasurer, P. O. Box 1341, Oklahoma City 1, Okla.

TEXAS SPRING CONVENTIONS
Services at the following Texas Spring Conventions will begin at 7:30 p.m., the first day: San Angelo Section, San Angelo, April 4-5. Paris Section, Texarkana, April 11-12.

Services at the following Conventions are scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m., the first day: Austin Section, Eastside Assembly, Austin, March 19-20. Waco Section, Fairfield, March 21-22. Tyler Section, First Assembly, Tyler, March 26-27. Lufkin Section, Nacogdoches, March 28-29. Wichita Falls Section, Olney, April 2-3. Fort Worth Section, Bethel, Fort Worth, April 9-10. Greenville Section, Denison, April 16-17. Dallas Section, Revival Tabernacle, Dallas, April 18-19. Beaumont Section, Orange, April 23-24. Houston Section, Evangelistic Temple, Houston, April 25-26.

Sunday School Rally at each convention. All ministers urged to attend these meetings to renew their fellowship with the Texas District. You will obtain a blank at the convention of your section. Fill out, have your presbyter sign, and return to the District office. All those desiring to become affiliated with the District for exhorter's license, license, or those desiring to be ordained at the next District Council, will need to meet the Sectional Committee in the section where they live. For information write the Texas District Office, attention C. P. Robison or F. D. Davis, 1200 Sycamore St., Waxahatchie, Texas.

ALABAMA SPRING CONVENTIONS
Alabama District Sectional Spring Conventions: Southwest Section, Prichard, April 1-2; J. W. Godwin, Presbyter. Southwest Section No. 2, Toxey, April 8-9; Hubert Loper, Representative. Southeast Section, Dothan, April 15-16; J. C. Thames, Presbyter. South Central Section, Faith Tabernacle, Montgomery, April 22-23; W. P. Hughes, Presbyter. North Central Section, Alabaster Assembly, Silouri, April 29-30; A. T. Hickman, Presbyter. Northeast Section, Leeds, May 6-7; J. B. Davis, Presbyter. Northwest Section, Liberty Assembly, Millport, May 13-14; O. C. Hickman, Presbyter.

Daily Program for each Convention: Monday, 7:30 p.m., a big World Missions Rally; Doris Malone, returned missionary and representative of Foreign Missions Department, Springfield, Mo., speaker. Tuesday, 9:30 a.m., Prayer Meeting; 10:30 a.m., message by Marvin L. Smith, District Superintendent; 2:00 p.m., Sunday School lecture by A. T. Hickman, Educational Secretary of the District; 7:30 p.m., a big C. A. Rally, W. T. Davis, State President, special speaker. All ministers expected to attend conventions in their respective sections. Ministers and one duly elected delegate from each assembly in the section will elect their District Presbyter. All applicants for credentials of any kind to preach, for renewal of exhorter and license permits, and those applying for ordination required to meet their Sectional Credentials Committee in person.—Marvin L. Smith, District Superintendent.



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WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Annual Spring Convention of the West Central District Council will convene at the Armory Building, East First and Grand Ave., Des Moines, Iowa, April 8-11. This is our annual election year, and we have some very important business to take care of. Ernest S. Williams will be with us the entire time.

Those wanting room reservations, write Pastor P. C. Long, 2928 Ingersol Ave., Des Moines, Iowa, telling him the date you will arrive.

For further information write Chas. E. Long, Secretary-Treasurer, Box 246, Des Moines 1, Iowa, or Roy E. Scott, 1421 East 12th St., Trenton, Mo.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICALS

The Fourth Annual Convention of the National Association of Evangelicals will be held at Minneapolis, Minn., April 24-May 3. Convention Headquarters, Curtis Hotel. Order of Events: April 24-29, Evangelical Foreign Missions Association; April 25-27, National Evangelical Youth; April 26-27, National Religious Broadcasters; April 27, Christian Educational Institutions; April 27, Home Missions Conference;

April 29-May 2, National Association of Evangelicals; May 3, Board of Administration Meeting, NAE. For further information write National Association of Evangelicals, 120 Tremont St., Boston 8, Mass.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

BROADCAST—"The Assembly of God Broadcast," Station KFRU, Columbia, Mo., 1400 kilos., Sundays, 8:00-8:15 a.m.—Charles A. Parker, Pastor.

NEW ADDRESS—151 S. Virginia St., Pasadena 8, Calif. "Having left off conducting Servicemen's Hospitality Home at Oceanside, Calif. in co-operation with the Servicemen's Department at Headquarters, I have entered the evangelistic field."—Paul B. Franklin.

WANTED—The African Bible Institute (to be opened in South Africa) will require equipment for workshop such as wood-working tools, power saw, band saw, etc. Also scripture slides for visual aid, and gospel records for gospel work. Anyone knowing of any of these available, please communicate with the Foreign Missions Department, 336 West Pacific St., Springfield, Missouri.

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Evangelist and Mrs. Clarence A. Kindschy, 2908 York St., Denver, Colo.—"Have made special study of Sunday School administration; also interested in Child Evangelism. Equipped for ministry similar to National Sunday School workers. Contact Sunday School Department, Gospel Publishing House, or write direct to Denver address."

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Evangelist and Mrs. W. F. Harding, 7815 Ave. E., Houston, Texas—"Open for calls in the Mississippi District during month of May."

David Edwards Evangelaires, 603 N. Fountain-Wichita, Kansas—"Three in party. Open for calls. Preacher of old-time gospel, musicians, gospel artist."

Ralph A. Nance, 723 Kiowa St., Leavenworth, Kansas—"We are former pastors of church in Concordia, Kansas. Open for evangelistic calls after May 1."