

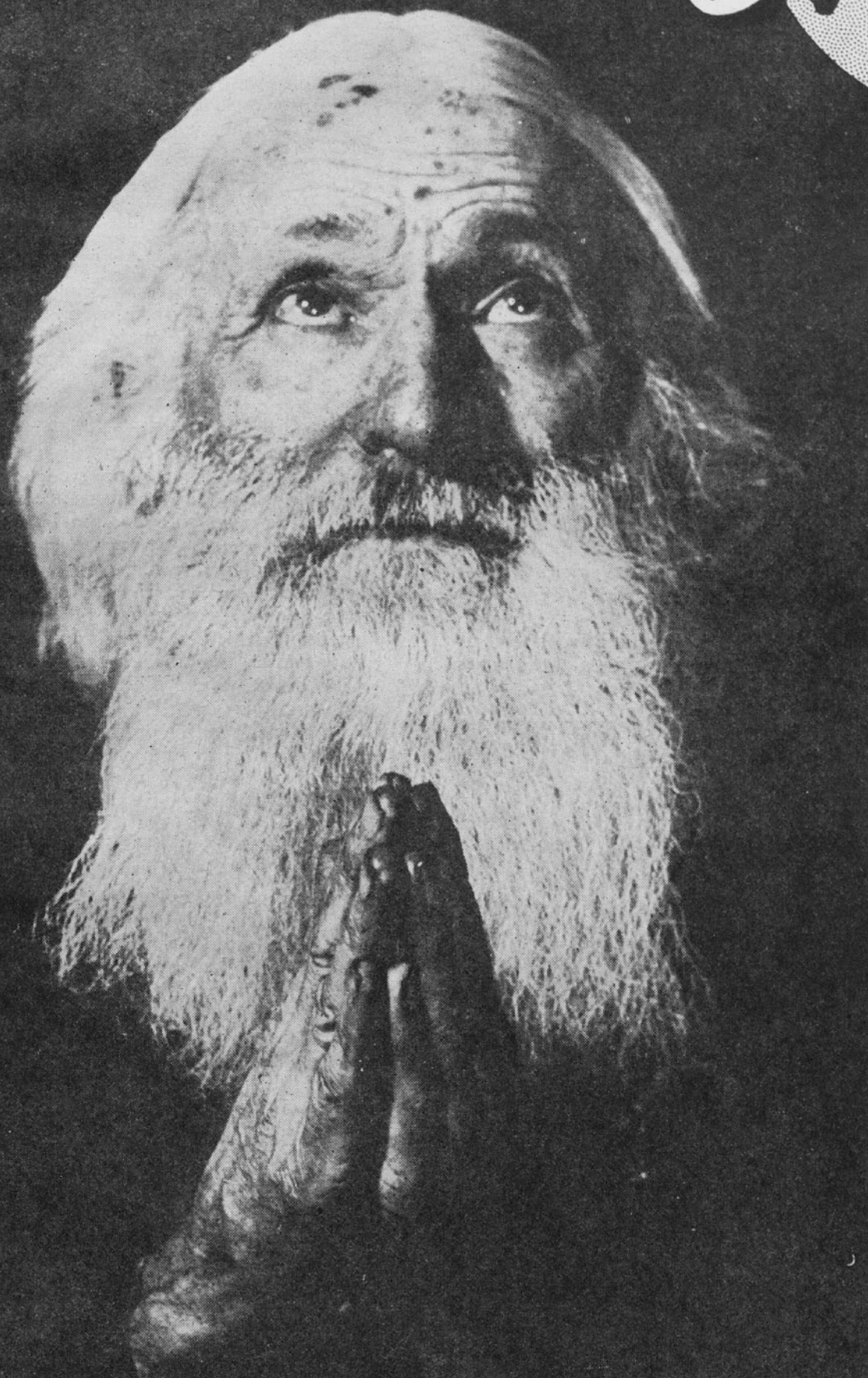
NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD

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NOT GROWING OLD

This frail old shell in which I dwell
Is growing old, I know full well—
But I am not the shell.

What if my hair is turning grey?
Grey hairs are honorable, they say.

What if my eyesight's growing dim?
I still can see to follow Him
Who sacrificed His life for me
Upon the Cross of Calvary.

What should I care if Time's old plow
Has left its furrows on my brow?
Another house, not made with hand,
Awaits me in the Glory Land.

What tho' I falter in my walk?
What tho' my tongue refuse to talk?
I still can tread the Narrow Way,
I still can watch, and praise, and pray.

My hearing may not be as keen
As in the past it may have been,
Still, I can hear my Savior say
In whispers soft, "This is the way."

The outward man, do what I can
To lengthen out his life's short span,
Shall perish and return to dust,
As every thing in nature must.

The inward man, the Scriptures say,
Is growing stronger every day.
Then how can I be growing old
When safe within my Savior's fold?

Ere long my soul shall fly away,
And leave this tenement of clay.
This robe of flesh I'll drop, and rise
To seize the "everlasting prize"—
I'll meet you on the Streets of Gold,
And prove that I'm not growing old.

John E. Roberts

Read this thrilling story, and pray for a similar visitation in your assembly.

A Mighty Revival at C. B. I.

CENTRAL Bible Institute has been enjoying, recently, one of the greatest revivals in its history. There has been no evangelist, and no one personality has been in the foreground; but for one week all classes and unnecessary activities were suspended and the student body of six hundred spent the days in the chapel in the presence of the Lord. The principal, W. I. Evans, states that he has never seen so many people maintained and sustained for so many days in such an intense spiritual atmosphere.

The entire student body came together daily at the eight o'clock chapel hour, and nearly everyone remained through the morning hours until noon. Then when others were leaving for their lunch, many remained praying until the rest returned at two to continue with the services. The same thing was true of the long afternoon services, and when the group would adjourn for the evening meal some would remain in chapel until the evening service, waiting in the presence of the Lord.

Sometimes the long altar services in the evening would continue until breakfast time the next morning. It was amazing how large a number remained until all hours of the night tarrying before the Lord or rejoicing with those who were praying through. One young man states that for almost forty-eight hours he never removed his clothes to sleep, but remained steadfastly in the attitude of prayer or praise. This state continued from Monday morning, January 19, 1948, until early the following Monday morning, January 26, when the Sunday night altar service broke up and the last happy seeker went back to his dormitory to rest; for the next day was to begin the week of mid-year examinations.

During the week of revival, as nearly as could be ascertained, twenty received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, among whom was one young man who had tarried for thirteen years. "What made the difference now?" he was asked. "Why, I just now felt like really meaning business about it," he explained. This sudden awareness of deep spiritual need, and the inward drive to have it met, characterized the revival. The heinousness and enormity of so-called "small sins" became vivid as one after another would arise in the public gatherings and confess openly the wrong doing and inconsistencies which the Holy Spirit had spot-

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lighted in his life. At times the sense of guilt was so intense that men would break into uncontrollable weeping as they asked their classmates for forgiveness. As the days went by and the Holy Spirit settled down upon the school, those who had arisen to confess their sins on the first days would ask to be heard again, explaining that their earlier confession dealt with only the more superficial things, and the Holy Spirit had revealed more deeply seated wrongs.

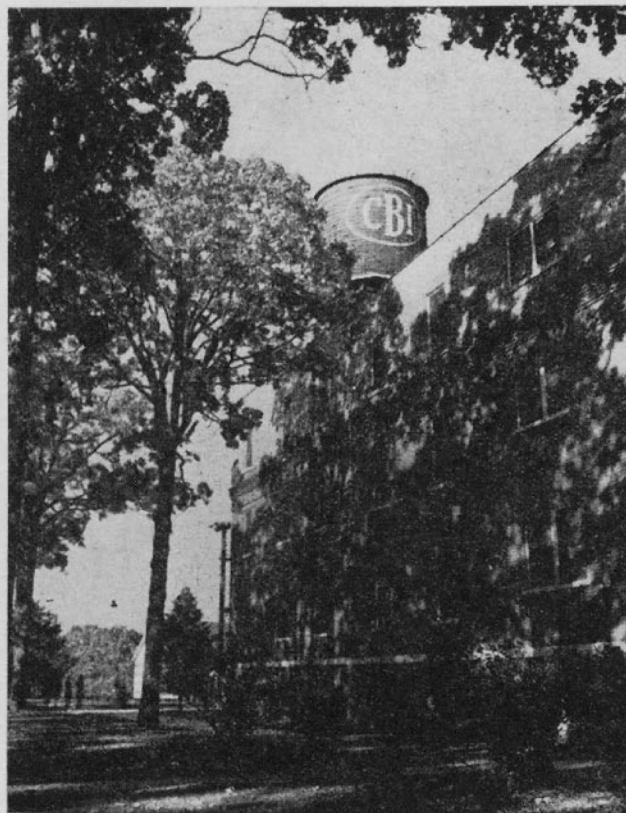
In spite of the deep sorrow for sin and spirit of humiliation which were prevalent, it is remarkable how the Holy Spirit was able to guide the young people into safe and sane channels of expression. Private matters which would involve another personality if confessed were dealt with in person, for the most part, while matters which concerned relationship to the group were brought into the open. Sometimes matters of an entirely personal nature were confessed openly before the group inasmuch as it was felt that the thing had robbed the group of the spiritual contribution which the individual might have made had he been free from it. So great was the hunger to be right with God and man that it superseded the natural inclina-

tion to spare the flesh and "save face." One young man who had been freed from his condemnation and was rejoicing in perfect liberty arose one evening and said, "I want to tell you something about the old man, inasmuch as I don't feel identified with him any more."

Confessions were not regarded as an end in themselves, but rather as a means of getting to Calvary where sins could be washed away. At times when the agony of soul was great someone would pour out his confession and then beg everyone to pray with him at once that his heart might be set at liberty. It was common to see the burden of sin leave and students enter into a time of ecstatic rejoicing and praising the Lord for deliverance. During the first few days of the outpouring, the one song which was on every lip was, "There is a Fountain filled with Blood." Over and over again our hearts took refuge in the truths of Cowper's immortal hymn. Calvary became wondrously real in those days. A number of the students had visions in which they saw Jesus in His sorrow and passion, and saw the blood streaming from the cross. As they would tell of their experiences the eyes of the rest seemed to be opened to see the efficacy of the cross or the compassion of Jesus. Another hymn which, toward the middle of the week, became the expression of every heart, was, "When I survey the wondrous Cross." One day a stirring message in prophecy came forth which began with the question, "Have you surveyed the wondrous cross?" What a melting came over the congregation as the Holy Spirit pointed hearts to the significance of Calvary.

In addition to the twenty who were baptized in the Spirit, many were renewed and restored to their first love. Numbers who had professed the Baptism in the Holy Spirit for years were brought out into a depth of consecration and joy that they never had known before. Perhaps this was the outstanding effect of the revival. Hearts all over the campus were so filled with love for God and one another that it was reminiscent of the story of early Wesleyan revivals when people testified to a Baptism of Love, or to an experience of Perfect Love.

Everyone became suddenly "rule conscious." The Deans and the manager of the cafeteria were almost overwhelmed with the number who came asking permission on matters

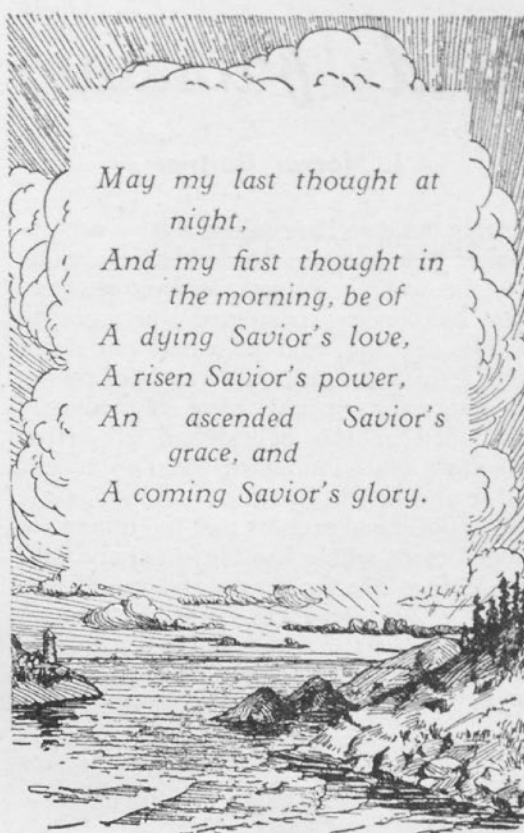


which the students formerly had taken into their own hands. In the cafeteria payment was made by some who had passed through the lines without a meal ticket. Restitution for wrongs was made freely, and an unusual degree of conscientiousness was manifested in the written examinations which followed the revival.

The outstations which are served by the students within a radius of eighty miles of Springfield felt the impact of the spiritual outpouring, for in a period of three weeks fifty-one conversions were reported, as over against the previous average of possibly a dozen for a similar length of time.

It all came about after a quarantine had been imposed by the city health department when three or four cases of Scarlet Fever broke out on the campus. On Sunday night, since there was no church service which the students were permitted to attend, a large number of them went ice skating at a nearby pond without permission. For some time there had been a growing disregard for authority, and spiritual life was at a low ebb. A few of the students, themselves, had seen the decline and had been taking it to the Lord daily in early-morning prayer meetings at five o'clock. On this Sunday night a small group of young men had been especially burdened and had stayed in the chapel until one o'clock in the morning weeping before the Lord that He would send revival to the campus and "reveal God's righteousness." One of them says, "That word *righteousness* got hold of us. We spoke it again and again in prayer. 'Lord, reveal to us *Thy righteousness!*'"

On Monday morning the Principal, Brother Evans, came before the student body in a broken spirit and said, "We are going to have a family meeting. Students, I think it is time for us to have a house-cleaning." He cited the general disregard for rules, especially the violation of the Lord's day as evidenced by the skating episode, and asked that those who had been involved apologize to the school. Before he sat down he led in prayer and brokenly confessed before the Lord that he needed forgiveness for any lack in his own life which may have allowed such a condition to exist. As he assumed blame upon himself, the students were deeply moved to see their own sinfulness. One after another arose to confess skating on Sunday night. Finally a student said, "I did not go skating, but I have done worse things." There followed a confession of lawlessness and spiritual bankruptcy. Soon the Holy Spirit was reminding everyone of deeper sins than those which had been confessed. This continued and increased in intensity throughout the day, and in the days that followed, until nearly every one of the students and some of the faculty



had spoken at least once, and some of them a number of times. On Saturday one young man arose with a shining face and exclaimed, "When this began on Monday I wasn't afraid of it!" but added that God had finally shown him that he, too, was in need of a housecleaning.

By Monday evening the fire from heaven was falling upon new consecrations which had been made, and numbers of students were brought out into glorious freedom. One girl who had been severely frost-bitten while skating on Saturday, felt an urge to get on her feet. As she did, the Lord touched her injured foot and she spent the remainder of the evening dancing up and down the aisles. Her girl friend had a vision of the cross that night, and a deep burden to evangelize the lost came upon her.

The son of an African missionary, who for some time had been forgetting the call of the Master, was called to give an account before the Lord, in a vision that night. As the power of God came upon him he began jumping in his seat. When he resisted, he was prostrated on the floor. He heard someone call his name and arose to try to make his way to the front of the auditorium, but being too weak to propel himself he was assisted by a friend. Again the power of God descended upon him and he was in the Spirit for several hours. He had the sensation that he was passing through space when he saw a bolt of lightning strike and split the heavens open. He saw Christ sitting on a beautiful white throne with rays of light radiating out in all directions. The focal point of his attention was the pained,

unspeakably beautiful expression in the eyes of his Lord as He looked into his own and asked, "Earl, what have you been doing about your call?"

"I tried to explain to Him that I had been doing something about it, but that He hadn't been helping me," the young man relates. "But again He asked the same question. I looked into His eyes and it was more than I could stand. He told me that the trouble lay in my spiritual poverty—that I had no burden for souls, and that I had been lax in my prayer life, and had been telling others that the Lord had cancelled my call.

"After I admitted that I had not been doing my share, my heart was melted by the look on His face. I looked away, down the length of His body, and my eyes rested upon His feet as they stood on that dazzling white step. His eyes followed mine, and He said that those feet of His would soon return to earth and He would catch away those who were ready to meet Him. Again He reviewed my spiritual neglect and broke my heart. When I came back to consciousness I asked the students if they had seen Him too. It was difficult to believe that they had not."

The young man was so paralyzed by the experience that he could not even open his fingers. He was carried out of the tabernacle to his own room and remained under the power of God for three hours. The result of his experience has been a radiant new relationship with the Lord.

On Tuesday morning the Holy Spirit began probing in another vein. Sister Montgomery, a U. S. government employee from Berlin, brought to the student body a victorious report of the youth work which some of the government men and women are carrying on in that city. As she told of the enthusiastic, hungry response there to the gospel as presented by these non-professional "missionaries," a number of ex-servicemen in the student body were reminded of lost opportunities, now gone forever, and confessions were made amid tears of contrition. One young man stated that he, too, had served in Berlin, but in spite of the hungry hearts who clamored to hear of Christ, he had lost out in his own spiritual life, and had had nothing to give them. Some who had gone through the war with a testimony and a burden for souls acknowledged that since coming home they had lost that burden and had fallen into careless ways of living.

As the note of despair deepened, a young man arose and, under a mighty anointing of the Spirit, cried out in prophetic utterance, "It is the Cross! The Cross! If there are any here who are bound by sin, He will set you free. If any are in darkness, He will give you

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The Purpose and Passion of a Pastor

WHAT should be the purpose and passion of a pastor? A pastor is a minister, and a minister is not a minister unless he ministers.

Our Lord came from the glory, and was garbed in human flesh—took upon Himself our nature—in order that He might minister unto humanity. And mark how He ministered! “The Son of man came, not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give *His life a ransom for many.*” The record of His life here upon earth, as we read it in the New Testament, is a record of self-sacrifice and service. Pilate said, “I find no fault in this Man.” No fault! Not even a tiny bit of selfishness, pride, ambition or avarice.

Our Lord had been charged by His accusers with being a malefactor, and Pilate undoubtedly examined Him very closely and carefully on every particular point, but, finding no charge that had been lodged against Him sustained by even a semblance of evidence, acquitted Him. And when Christ was finally turned over to the appointed executioners to be crucified, He was not turned over because He had been adjudged a criminal, or because Pilate had decided He was a dangerous man to be allowed to live, but because there was a fear the Jews would make a report to Caesar that they had apprehended a man who had claimed to be a king, that they had asked Pilate to order his execution as an enemy of Rome, but that Pilate had released him.

Pilate felt that his official position was in jeopardy, and he preferred to sacrifice a man he had pronounced faultless, rather than release Him at the risk of the loss of his own position, prestige and power. Pilate, when he delivered our Lord to be crucified, was a supreme example of selfishness, and our Lord was a supreme example of unselfishness. Pilate had only his own interests in mind, and for them he was willing to do the dastardly deed of delivering an innocent man to the will of the mob; but our Lord, in the true spirit of self-sacrifice, did not have His own interests in mind at all: He had in mind the interests of others, the interests of the lost sons and daughters of Adam, and for them He was willing to lay down His life.

Christ could have saved Himself, but

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had He done so He could not have accomplished the purpose for which He came into the world. Angels, legions of them, who had been accustomed for ages to do His bidding, and who had come and gone a million times on errands of mercy or judgment, would have immediately responded at His behest had He lifted His voice and summoned them to appear and unsheath the sword of justice against His hypocritical accuser and the unworthy judge before whose bar He stood and into whose face He fearlessly and unselfishly looked. And had He done so, we can imagine what the result would have been, as we read Isa. 37:36, “Then the angel of the Lord went forth, and smote in the



Give Thy servant
an understanding
heart

1 Kings 3:9

camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.”

A remarkable passage concerning the vicarious sufferings of our Lord is found in 1 Peter 2:21-24, a passage that is very frequently quoted, but the part of it that is not sufficiently emphasized is the twenty-first verse, “For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, *leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps.*” Every Christian (and, of course, every Christian includes every pastor) should follow the example of Christ; we should live as He would live, if He were here in our place, environed by the same environment, assailed by the same temptations, confronted by the same difficulties, and appointed to perform the same tasks. I have heard

it said that the question, “What would Jesus do?” is not a fair question to ask, but I unhesitatingly assert that it is. Does not the Scripture tell us that the Christian, if he is a real Christian, is indwelt by Christ? Did not Paul say, “I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me”? Is it not true that this ought to be the testimony of every child of God?

What is the difference between saying that I should do just what Jesus would do if He were in my place, and saying that “the life I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me”? I fear that the standard we have been holding up has been too low. Christ is the standard, and he who comes short of it fails, in so far as he comes short of it, in being a Christian: for to be a Christian is to be Christlike; to be a Christian is to have the Christ enthroned within guiding my footsteps, controlling my emotions, prompting and purifying my thoughts, and governing my entire conduct and conversation.

It would seem that, if this is a proper definition of a Christian (and it is), the most of us are Christians in part only. Because many among us, the most of us, have not measured up to the standard shall we lower the standard? Nay, verily. Let us rather be like Paul who said, “Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect, but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.”

A pastor should be “an example to the flock.” He should not drive the sheep; he should lead them. He should be able to say to the members of his flock, “Follow me, as I follow Christ.” When our Lord appeared to Saul of Tarsus, He said, “I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness.” It was the plan and purpose of the ascended Christ to operate mightily through this “chosen vessel,” and that He did thus operate we are definitely told. More mightily through Paul, it appears, than through any other channel, did the Lord work in the days of the early church. Writing to the Colossians, Paul wrote, “Christ in you, the hope of glory: whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

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Reuben Miss-the-Mark

Harold Horton

Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel.
Gen. 49:4.

THERE are indications that Reuben was one who wanted to do good. That is the normal desire of the Christian. He found evil was present with him. That is the normal experience of the Christian. But Reuben failed to reach his goals. He overcame good with evil. He missed the mark.

He wanted to live chastely. But he looked lasciviously at women. He went up to his father's couch. Is your bow bent, brother? Where will your arrow fly? Where your gaze is it will speed. "Let thine eyes look straight on." Keep your heart with all diligence in days when Reubens and Reubenettes are missing chastity all around us. There are sudden gusts in the wind of passion that will shake your hand and mar your life—and others.' Learn of Joseph. With this miss, Reuben missed honor, "the excellency of dignity," the parental blessing, the family leadership, his birthright. A bad miss, indeed!

He wanted to be true and courageous. He disliked that miserable business of destroying the favorite. He tried to save Joseph. Gen. 37:21, 29. He returned to the pit—too late. Too long planning. He missed the mark.

He missed the mark of spiritual perception and consecration. He knew someone ought to be surety for the other favorite, Benjamin. He offered his sons instead of himself. Gen. 42:37. Judah, hitting the mark, offered himself. Gen. 44:33. Are you offering your children or your brother's goods instead of yourself or your cash? Are you making a burnt offering of somebody else's lamb? Sister, are you sacrificing your old mother, leaving her to slave in the kitchen, while you are having "a time with the Lord" in the quiet corner?

Reuben's tribe wanted to overcome in the fight in Deborah's day. Judges 5:15, 16. They were engaged in great deliberations and debates and heart searchings, wanting the correct combination of forces and the exact weapons and strategy. While they were busy (so to speak) with the agenda in the District Presbyteries and General Councils and committees and sub-committees, and inspired woman with a bent for action and another woman with a household hammer and a nail hit the mark. The battle was fought and won without Reuben. He "abode beyond Jordan." He missed it again.

Reuben wanted no doubt the best God had for him. He looked at the pasture of Gilead and the size of his assembly—his flock. He chose Gilead instead of Canaan, grass instead of grapes, forms instead of unction, organization instead of Pentecost. He missed the mark.

No doubt he wished to contribute his quota to the general good of all the tribes, his brethren in the inheritance God divided to them. But by his customary inertness ("Shall your brethren go to war, and shall ye sit here?") he delayed his brethren, and by designed disinterestedness discouraged them from "going over into the land." Num. 32:6, 7. A deliberate miss.

Reuben would certainly desire to "dwell in the land for ever." But choosing his portion on the wrong side of the river with Gad and Manasseh, he was first to be carried into Assyrian captivity. 1 Chron. 5:6, 26. Inevitable logic of repeated misses.

Are we later Reubens missing our targets? Prayer, Bible reading, resolution, punctuality, habit, diligence, timesaving, unction, holiness, Pentecost? Our aims are no doubt good, like Reuben's. If we are missing, flocks will be missing too.

Reuben was unstable as water. He lived a limp and liquified life and lost himself in every ditch he encountered. Unstable as water, instead of solid as crystal. A weakness of delay and indecision dogged him. He was never ready—always making ready.

Moses, blessing Reuben's tribe said, "Let Reuben live, and not die; yet let his men be few." R.V. Let him live, that is, but not prosper—and "the fewer Reubens the better!" as someone has put it. Pity!

No one of any note was born of Reuben except Dathan and Abiram, "famous (or infamous) in the congregation, who strove against Moses and Aaron . . . when they

strove against the Lord." An unworthy parent is not likely to produce worthy sons; nor an unworthy shepherd worthy flocks. His children missed the mark of holiness, claiming they were holy and gifted as Moses. Num. 16:3-33.

In mercy God granted Reuben his twelve-thousand sealed against judgment among the other tribes (Rev. 7:5), and gave him a northward gate into the city. Ezek. 48:31. Reuben thus saved his life; he lost his eternal excellence and reward.

Those who loyally stand up to the tests of life shall not miss the mark. They shall not "err," as the margin of Job 5:24 puts it, using an archery figure. They shall have no outers or near misses. They shall get all bull's-eyes. They shall miss nothing, neither achievement nor reward. Lord, help us to hit the mark.

When we stand in the day before our heavenly Father, as Reuben before Jacob, waiting for His blessing and reward, shall we hear the solemn words, "Thou hast not excelled—take the crown from him and give it to him who has excelled?" Or shall we (as we strongly desire) hear His glad, "Well done—sit thou in My throne?"

The Triumph Over Death

Christ had paid the price—the full price: that price was presented before the Father's judgment seat. He looked at it, and was content. But as it was a solemn matter, it was not hurried over. Three days were taken, that the ransom-price might be counted out; and its value fully estimated—the atonement was accepted. Then the angel came from heaven swift as the lightning flash, he descended from the spheres of the blessed into this lower earth, and he came into the prison-house in which the Savior's body slept—He was lying there a hostage for His people. The angel spake to the keeper of the prison, one called Grim Death, and said to him, "Let that captive go free." Death was sitting on his throne of skulls, with a huge iron key at his girdle of irons and he laughed and said, "Aha! thousands of Adam's race have passed the portals of this prison-house, but none have ever been delivered. No mortal power can turn the key." Then the angel showed to him Heaven's own warrant, and Death turned pale. The angel grasped the key—unlocked the prison door. The Royal Captive arose and arranged His grave-clothes orderly and left the prison legally. Thou Lamb of God! When I see Thee risen from the dead, I see myself accepted, and all Thy dying redeemed people fully delivered.—C. H. Spurgeon.



I have prayed
for thee, that
thy faith fail
not

Luke 22:32

The Beginning of Sorrows

Ernest S. Williams

on National Radio Hour, "Sermons in Song"

WE are happy to have you with us in this radio hour, and we wish to begin our meditation with a scripture. Have you heard it before? Of course you have. It is this, "All these are the beginning of sorrows." Matthew 24:8. When Jesus spoke those words He was looking toward the end of the present age. He foresaw wars, rumors of wars, famines, pestilences, nation rising against nation, and fearful sights in many places. He also foresaw that because iniquity should abound, the love of many should wax cold. Then He gave the exhortation and promise to those who love Him: "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."

We would like to bring a word of comfort to all those who love our Lord Jesus. We would like also to encourage those who do not believe in Him as their personal Savior, that they may find Him as their Savior and Lord.

We are living in days of perplexity. Uncertainty is everywhere. Caught in the crisis of the present are the people of God as well as others, and they feel the spiritual dearth and the oppression of the enemy. If you are having a struggle, remember the promise, "In due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

The beginning of sorrows, spoken of by Jesus, means travail or the birth-pangs out of which will be born a new order. Better days are coming than those in which we now live. Thank God for that. But they may not come until Jesus comes to reign. It looks very much as though we are living in the close of the age. Now hear what Jesus says about this. After forewarning, He speaks of His coming. Let me quote: "For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." And again, "They shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." Hallelujah, He is coming. The world is getting ready for tribulation. The Church is getting ready for the coming of Christ. Oh, friend, we want you to be in this latter body. Hear what He says: "And He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." Are you one of the elect, saved by grace to be gathered to glory when the harvest time comes? You may if you will trust in Christ.

Before Jesus was crucified He knew the time would come when His atonement would be rejected. And He knew that when this time came a lost world would be plunged into its darkest misery. The only hope left is the hope possessed by God's believing ones. And the only way of their escape is through the coming again of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I believe the Spirit of God is speaking to some who are gathered around their radios today. May He put fresh courage into the hearts of all those that love Him. But if this warning word finds you still unsaved, I urge that you repent and believe the gospel. You may be saved now, but this may not be your privilege later on. Jesus is passing your way. He longs to bestow upon you His blessing, healing for your body, comfort for your heart, salvation for your soul. Look to Him in prayer and let Him meet your need today.

IT COULD HAPPEN HERE!

According to *Christian Century*, documents have been discovered recently which reveal additional facts concerning Hitler's thirty-point program for the destruction of Christianity. Saturday was to take the place of Sunday. Christian churches were to be abolished. The printing of the Bible and Christian books was to be prohibited in all of Germany, and *Mein Kampf* was to be Germany's holiest document.

If this could happen in such a land of culture, music and art, of Luther and the Reformation, of archeological exploration, scientific discoveries, and magnificent literature, as Germany, it could happen in other lands also.

The Pen of the Scribes Is in Vain (Jer. 8:8)

Frank Isensee, Sr.

ACCORDING to God's plan of events pertaining to this earth's existence, there is an end-time set for all things: the snow-drop that melts, the blade of grass that withers, and this very earth itself that will some day be destroyed with fervent heat. 2 Peter 3:10; Revelation 21:1. Somewhere in God's program He will bring to an end the rule of man upon this earth. Jesus Christ, the King of kings, will be the supreme Dictator over this whole earth. Along with many other references in God's Word, we read the following in Zechariah 14:9: "And the Lord shall be King over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and His name one."

Also, in 1 Timothy 6:15 we read: "Which in His times He shall show who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords."

Just previous to that glorious event, the Bible tells us, there will be many unusual conditions existing, causing much alarm among people in general. Luke 21:26. "This know also that in the last days perilous times shall come." 2 Timothy 3:1.

These warnings throughout the Bible concerning the perilous times of the last days were written for the admonition of man as a last warning to come to repentance. A merciful God is revealing such a flood of the signs of the times within the last year or so that no person should fail to see the handwriting on the wall. We read in Jeremiah 23:20: "In the last days ye shall consider it perfectly."

One of the outstanding signs of the closing days of this age is the world-wide confusion that exists among world leaders. Man has always had the opportunity of getting divine wisdom and walking in the pathway of light. Psalm 34:9 says that if we fear the Lord we shall never be in want. Now as we look back into the pages of history and on down to the present day, we see the natural man constantly seeking many new inventions and new ways of living. If we stay on the homeward trail through a forest, all is well, but trouble comes when we leave it. So it is with God's pathway.

The early settlers of our country were God-fearing people, and we marvel at what they accomplished. Against tremendous odds,

WEEPING OVER JER(U.S.A.)LEM



O Jerusalem, Jerusalem...how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not. Matt. 23:37

Ramsay

they built a solid foundation for one of the greatest governments on earth. God blessed the efforts of our early leaders and their influence has lasted down to recent times. But something has happened. Slowly but surely there has come the great falling away from God's pathway, as foretold in 2 Timothy 4:3, and we see a great lack of godly fear in the hearts of people. We as a nation are slowly but surely slipping into a state of confusion, along with the rest of the world. Nations are warned by God to seek wisdom from Him. James 1:5. If they do not, confusion will reign.

This generation has witnessed the failure of many international conferences. The pen of their scribes has been in vain. Written documents have proved to be of no avail. The Prime Minister of England has stated that confusion is gripping the world. One of the Japanese leaders remarked, "If it were not for the confusion of thought that is so prevalent today, the world leaders would be able to accomplish a definite program."

God puts this question to man: "Can two walk together except they be agreed?" Amos 3:3. Individuals or nations who do not agree with God certainly will not have God walking with them. Without God there is confusion. Without the guiding hand of the Living God, every written document in every world conference will be in vain.

"The pen of the scribes is in vain. The Wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the Word of the Lord; and what wisdom is in them?" Jeremiah 8:8, 9.

Again, in 1 Corinthians 1:19 we read: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise."

The climax of this world-wide confusion will come with a world-wide conflict. The climax of the next global war can mean the destruction of both sides, according to many military leaders. Our Bible tells us that all nations will fall in the last conflict. Isa. 34:2; Jer. 1:10; Ezek. 6:12; Haggai 2:22; Rev. 19:15.

The end of man's rule on this earth may be sooner than most people expect. In this world of turmoil, what a privilege it is to be able to understand why these conditions prevail and what the outcome will be. God plainly shows His people that His hour is at hand, and that this world's unrest is but leading up to the last great war of this civilization. Many of the worldly wise say we are just experiencing the birth pangs of a new era. In one sense that is a true statement, but not in the way they think. No person who is unsaved, no matter how brilliant in mind, can grasp the true light of the signs of the times. We read in Revelation 17:8 that "they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the Book of Life."

In Proverbs 1:7 we are told that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge." One cannot have the real fear of God until he is saved, born again, in the Kingdom of God. It is only then that our names are written in the

Unseen Delegate



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Lamb's Book of Life, and we become wise in the ways of the Living God. Daniel tells us in 12:10 that "none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand."

Have you come to repentance? Is your name written in the Lamb's Book of Life? All whose names are not found written in the Book of Life shall be cast into the lake of fire. Rev. 20:15. The world stage is being set for the last great struggle, the battle of Armageddon. God will some day withdraw His invitation. "Then shall they call upon Me, but I will not answer; they shall seek Me early, but they shall not find Me." Prov. 1:28.

The door to the Ark of Safety will soon be closed. Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior?

MODESTO, CALIF.

ROBERT A. BROWN WITH CHRIST

Just as this Evangel goes to press, news has reached us that Robert A. Brown, pastor of Glad Tidings Tabernacle, New York City, has gone to be with Christ. In the next issue of the Evangel there will be special tributes to this stalwart Pentecostal pioneer. At this time our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Sister Marie Brown, who so faithfully labored as co-pastor in the splendid work in New York City for more than thirty-eight years.

Brigands and Christ

ONE night two hundred brigands visited our city in China. They made their presence felt by shooting down a number of children playing in the streets—an indication that they were not going to have any nonsense. They pillaged one of the temples next door to our house and proclaimed martial law. This meant that my wife and I could not do our evening evangelistic work. We could not go out, and no one could come to us. So we opened our chapel and invited the brigands in! We started by playing one or two hymn-tunes on a small harmonium and a cornet. In came the ruffians and filled the place; and I then opened one of the Gospels and read the story of the passion and death of our Lord. I just took the Word as it is and read it, and then said, "If you come back tomorrow night, I will read this again."

The following night the same thing happened, and it went on through the week. Every night the place was full of bloodthirsty bandits. Toward the end of the

week I felt that a work of grace was going on in somebody's heart, and I ventured to make an appeal. I said, "If any of you men want to accept this Christ as your personal Savior, I ask you to make an open confession by kneeling down right out here." And thirteen came, with their eyes streaming with tears! These were men who used to murder their enemies, cut out their hearts and eat them. Before they left, I announced that I would start a Bible class the following morning.

Next day at 4:30 a.m. I was awakened by someone outside the house. Going out I found my Bible class waiting for me, each man holding out his money for his Bible! Not only were the lives of those thirteen changed, but many of the other brigands were also brought to Christ. They renounced their lawless ways and joined the army of a Christian general. I received a letter from the general some years later, mentioning those men by name, and saying that they were all keen Christians. He wrote to me, "We now have over four hundred baptized Christians in this army."—*Bible Society Report*.

TEACH THE CHILDREN

A visitor of Coleridge argued strongly against the religious instruction of the young and declared his own determination not to "prejudice" his children in favor of any religion, but to allow them at maturity to choose for themselves. Coleridge gave a good reply: "Why prejudice a garden in favor of flowers and fruit? Why not let the clods choose for themselves between cockleburs and strawberries?"—*Presbyterian Record*.

Revival in Duasi

J. Burdette Wiles, Gold Coast

LAST month in the village of Duasi, a new village opened up by Pastor Tchic, the people were praying. They had no leader, as neither Pastor Tchic nor myself were there. One of their own men acted as a leader to gather them together.

As they were praying God graciously filled six of them with the Holy Spirit. They did not know what was happening as they began to speak in other tongues. No one had told them about this experience. The next day they sent a messenger to find out if it was all right. Pastor Tchic just told them to go ahead and on that Saturday we came out in the evening, and read to them from the second chapter of Acts.

What a thrill to hear of how God had met them. Now there are thirteen in the village who have received the Holy Spirit. They are going forth for God. It was a joy to see

thirty-four go into the waters of baptism on December 28. We now have around fifty Christians in this village.

In one of our first villages opened about three years ago this March, the man who was the deacon in the church was visited by Pastor Tchic. It had been told that his temper was not under control at times, and he would speak very harshly to others. Pastor Tchic spoke to him about it, and then they had prayer together and the brother asked forgiveness, and expressed a desire for more of God.

The work is moving forward in the town and in the villages as well. In the past four weeks around 100 have been baptized in water. Others are being converted. The native workers in the bush villages are taking hold, and we are now at the start of a great forward move for God. How thankful we are. Pray with us that God may visit them all with His precious Holy Spirit, with signs following.

Ministering in Jamaica

Melvin B. Hanson, Jamaica

JAMAICA is a mountainous island, which makes it very scenic. Add to this the lovely palms, flowers, and all the other kinds of tropical trees, shrubs, and plants and you have a wonderland of enchanting beauty, set in a realm of balmy breezes and a pleasant climate.

One of our first impressions of Jamaica has been that it is a land of contrasts. Here the primitive and the modern meet on friendly terms. Above fly the 20th century Clippers, while nestled in the hills below are the primitive, grass-thatched huts of the people of the interior, living much as they have for centuries. On the streets of the towns and cities march pedestrians—women balancing baskets on their heads; rattling donkey carts wend their way; two-seated top-buggies offer taxi service, and then—honking, and dodging in and out, come the automobiles at unbelievable speed. It has amazed us how streets so filled with people and traffic can be traversed so quickly, but it seems that these people have the uncanny ability of disappearing just a few seconds before they might be struck by an oncoming vehicle. To add to our confusion (but apparently not theirs) traffic keeps to the left as in Britain since this is British territory. There are American cars here of course, also many of the little English cars which are new to our eyes.

Money, too, is different here. Instead of dollars, dimes, and pennies, we must learn the value of pounds, shillings, sixpence, three-pence.

At the table we have been meeting ever so many strange vegetables and fruits, which have been tastily prepared by "Sue"—the colored cook.

The people are predominantly colored, but there is a wide variety of nationalities represented in the million and a half who live on the island. This is also a resort where

people come from England and America to enjoy themselves in comfort while northern regions endure the rigors of winter.

Under the direction of Cyril Huckerby, superintendent of the Assemblies of God on the island, we expect to be visiting churches in various places, ministering to the best of our ability. While we find here so many things that remind us that we are in a foreign field, there is the great advantage that the English language is used.

I have been visiting some of the other places on the Island since the Convention, first at Treasure Beach, and then at Montego Bay. At this latter place it was my privilege to baptize fifteen in the waters of the Caribbean Sea early Sunday morning. We had a precious service at their little church at the regular morning service, when we presented several children to the Lord in dedication, received a goodly number into church fellowship, partook of communion, and had an altar call after the message, to which several responded. For the three night services I had there, they had secured the Town Hall Auditorium right on the public square. There was good attendance and quite a number came forward to seek the Lord. There is a definite need for a larger and more centrally

located building here.

Last Thursday Mrs. Hanson, Charles and I went up to Glengoffe for several days, where Mr. and Mrs. Hemmings pastor. Souls were at the altar each night.

This week we are going to a church a few miles away for three nights, driving back and forth. Next Sunday we go to Port Antonio for a few days.

We are rejoicing in the precious fellowship we are enjoying, and in ministering to these people. There is a great future for the work here as there are many hungry hearts. There are difficulties and limitations, but God is graciously blessing.

BURIAL CONTRASTS

Edna Peterson, French West Africa

THE native custom here is to have a "Koure" for the dead about a year after burial. It is a time of drunken revelry with much dancing to the rhythm of tom-toms as a form, representing the spirit of the dead one, is carried about. The number of people who attend and the length of the fete depends on how important the person was when alive. Often, for a dead chief they go on for a week.

A few weeks ago there was a "Koure" in full swing as we passed by on the way to the Mission Church. The look of hilarity stimulated by the drinking of much beer and the hopeless expressions on the faces of these poor souls steeped in heathenism made one's heart ache. What a joy to tell them of the hope there is in knowing Him. All through the afternoon service we could hear the beating of the tom-toms and shouting above the singing and preaching of the Word. I could only pray that God would use me in some way to bring the light and love of Christ to the souls here. It is no easy matter for them to break away from centuries-old customs and it is a real and terrible temptation to our Christians as well as the usaved around us.

What a contrast the foregoing was to the following. One of the preacher's children, an adorable lad of six years, fell ill. He called for the missionary immediately and they prayed. The child looked up to his parents and told them that he would soon see Jesus and that he would be resurrected, but not to sorrow. In a short time he had slipped away. The burial was held by lantern light as they sang a Christian hymn of con-



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solation and the missionary read the Word and committed the little body to the Lord. Their hearts were sad but there was no wailing or hopeless grief. They will see their little one again. Thank God for the hope we have in Christ.

AFRICAN

*I slept. I dreamed. I seemed to climb
a hard, ascending track
And just behind me labored one whose
face was black.
I pitied him, but hour by hour he gained
upon my path.
He stood beside me, stood upright, and
then I turned in wrath;
"Go back," I cried, "what right have you
to stand behind me here?"
I paused, struck dumb with fear, for lo!
the black man was not there—
But Christ stood in his place!—
And oh! the pain, the pain that looked
from that dear face.*

Author unknown—

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**FOREIGN MISSIONS DISBURSEMENTS
for January, 1948**

Congo	\$ 3,641.41	Brazil	4,584.66
Dahomey	437.00	Chile	1,568.79
Egypt	8,487.45	Colombia	336.00
French Sudan	165.73	Paraguay	383.38
French Togo	158.00	Peru	2,648.17
Gold Coast	4,782.42	Uruguay	283.00
Ivory Coast	2,686.03	Venezuela	2,854.82
Liberia	9,708.37	British West Indies	1,919.98
Nigeria	8,040.63	Burma	399.00
Nyasaland	867.48	Fiji Islands	652.20
Sierra Leone	718.30	Hawaiian Islands	1,638.24
Tanganyika	1,919.01	Japan	2,307.50
Union of South Africa	2,903.88	Netherlands East Indies	1,516.10
China	24,236.76	Philippine Islands	2,827.00
Ceylon	2,833.19	Samoa	164.74
India	25,208.55	Straits Settle- ments	1,362.64
Europe	2,416.76	Retired Mission- aries	1,225.14
Palestine and Near East	2,208.23	Non-Council Mission- aries	6,477.39
West Indies	6,716.89	Miscellaneous Fields	3,204.76
Mexican Work in United States	498.76		
Mexico	3,235.05		
Central America	4,867.18		
Argentina	926.94		
Bolivia	716.63		
Total Disbursements	\$154,778.16		
Credited to Designated Accounts	38,198.98		
Total Receipts	\$192,977.14		

**MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS
January, 1948**

Alabama	1,794.21	New Hampshire	51.45
Arizona	898.47	New Jersey	2,676.72
Arkansas	3,433.05	New Mexico	707.95
California	31,769.42	New York	8,392.06
Colorado	3,391.25	North Carolina	193.97
Connecticut	627.00	North Dakota	2,561.88
Delaware	495.00	Ohio	9,292.30
District of Columbia	2,313.45	Oklahoma	11,672.51
Florida	3,181.80	Oregon	6,838.72
Georgia	893.03	Pennsylvania	14,123.56
German Branch	595.75	Rhode Island	140.20
Hungarian Branch	97.17	Russian Branch	107.56
Idaho	2,223.47	South Carolina	82.67
Illinois	7,458.27	South Dakota	1,194.74
Indiana	4,710.77	Tennessee	415.80
Iowa	2,301.03	Texas	10,913.31
Kansas	7,292.85	Ukrainian Branch	36.00
Kentucky	552.08	Utah	22.98
Louisiana	499.71	Vermont	32.50
Maine	230.28	Virginia	973.11
Maryland	976.71	Washington	18,982.53
Massachusetts	1,200.68	West Virginia	427.97
Michigan	6,752.09	Wisconsin	4,100.14
Minnesota	7,304.18	Wyoming	475.85
Mississippi	721.20	Alaska	71.20
Missouri	6,479.42	Canada	1,269.57
Montana	4,261.80	Foreign	141.53
Nebraska	2,050.14	Legacies	102.78
Nevada	140.00	Miscellaneous	32,728.64
Total Amount Reported	233,374.48		
District Fund	10,836.65		
National Home Missions	1,786.01		
Office Expense Fund	8,984.75		
Literature Expense Fund	123.69		
Given Direct to Missionaries	186,666.24		40,397.34

Amount Received for Foreign Missions 192,977.14
Amount Received for Home Missions 39,516.71

Burnt Out But Still Burning

H. C. Ball, Field Secretary Latin America

THE Dominican Assemblies of God Bible Institute was founded in the city of Santiago, Dominican Republic in the West Indies in 1946 for the preparation of young men for the ministry. In 1947 the Institute was moved to the city of La Romana, in the eastern part of the Republic, as the majority of the Assembly churches are located in that part of the country.

Thirteen promising young men have been attending the school. Mr. and Mrs. Verne Warner and Victoria Schott have been the teachers.

Apparently, the enemy has become stirred about the success of the Institute and the possibilities of harm being done to his kingdom, as recent events have proven. Mr. and Mrs. Warner hurriedly left the Republic for Florida to attend the funeral of Mrs. Warner's father. While in Florida, Mr. Warner got word that his father in Missouri was very ill and so he had to rush to see him.

Next door to the Institute building in the

Dominican Republic is a garage. One day a mechanic was working on a car in this garage and while working he smoked a cigarette. The sparks from the cigarette caused the car to explode and the fire rapidly ignited other cars, trucks, buses and all objects that were inflammable. Miss Schott with two of the students, worked heroically and moved all the furnishings from the building before it caught fire and burned to the ground. The loss to the owner of the building was over \$10,000.

The furnishings were moved into another building and the next day classes were re-summed. There was only a loss to the school of one single day.

Land for the erection of our own Assembly of God Bible Institute near the town of Hato Mayor had been purchased long before the fire occurred. Perhaps it is now time to trust God and proceed with the erection of the school. The Bible Institute building was burnt out, but the bright Pentecostal fires still burn on.

NEWS FLASHES

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Petroskey arrived safely in Cotonou, French West Africa on January 30 according to a cable.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Spencer and family reached Santa Rosa de Copan, Honduras on January 19.

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Sophie Erhardt and Edith Imhoff arrived in Boñbay safely on February 2.

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Leslie Kim also arrived safely in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Tinsman in Amboina, Netherlands East Indies on January 22.

The New address of Walter H. Clifford is Scots Kirk Manse, Trincomalee Street, Kandy, Ceylon.

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Wesley Steelberg, assistant general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, and Mrs. Steelberg returned to the States February 5 after a month of meetings in the West Indies.

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Mrs. Aud and children returned to the States from Nigeria in January.

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A. Walker Hall arrived safely at Hong-kong according to a cable from him.

Here are some things you'll want to **KNOW!**

and stories to **READ!**

- *WHEN GOD THREW STONES by Mathilde Stevenson
- *NOTES FROM MY DIARY by Mrs. Harold Jones
- *THE CHALLENGE OF THE MASSES by Melvin L. Hodges
- *SWITZERLAND, LAND OF CONTRASTS by Howard Fox
- *AS I SEE GERMANY by Mrs. M. C. Nelson
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THE PASSING AND THE PERMANENT

THE THREAT OF COMMUNISM

Says J. Edgar Hoover: "The danger of Communism in America lies not in its political philosophy, but in the fact that it is a materialistic religion inflaming in its adherents a destructive fanaticism. Communism is secularism on the march. It is a mortal foe of Christianity. Either it will survive, or Christianity will triumph, because in this land of ours the two cannot live side by side."

DOGMETICS

Not content with wasting money on cosmetics for themselves, the women now buy cosmetics for their pets! A national concern is offering a line of cosmetics for dogs, called dogmetics. The set, at \$1.98, consists of shampoo, flea powder, and a perfumed coat dressing. That much money would keep a great many dogs clean for a long time in former, more sensible and more modest days!

A YOUTH PROBLEM

The crime problem is essentially a youth problem. In the first nine months of 1947 the arrests of boys under 21 years of age increased 13.6% over the same period in 1946. The greatest increase in arrests of boys under 21 was for offenses against common decency, which increased 26% over 1946. Are the churches failing in their spiritual duty toward the young people?

ELIJAH OR ELISHA

Lord Beaverbrook of Great Britain is the son of a poor Canadian preacher of the gospel. One day he pitied his humble father, but now he envies the life and career of his parent. Concerning Great Britain's recovery, he asks, "Have I hope? Yes, some Elijah or Elisha will arise."

With the rise of some spiritual leader he believes prosperity will return. Comments *The Prairie Overcomer*: "This statesman knows history, knows that Wesley's revival once pulled England out of the slough of moral, spiritual, and economic bankruptcy. If he had but followed his father, he himself might have been that Elijah or Elisha. Instead, he dwarfed into a government leader."

RESTORING THE TEMPLE

For several decades prophetic students have taught that the Temple will be rebuilt in Jerusalem. But the problem has always been that the Mohammedan Mosque of Omar stood right on the Temple site, and Great Britain has sought in every way to maintain friendship with the Moslems for political purposes. But when Great Britain withdraws from Palestine this summer and the Mosque of Omar is under British protection no longer, will the forces of the United Nations be as careful to protect it? And will some irresponsible Jews, in their antagonism toward the Arabs, destroy the Mosque of Omar with the thought to rebuild the Temple on the same site? It would be no surprise to prophetic students if this were to take place.

MORE JEWS FOR PALESTINE

Eliezer Kaplan, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, says that 75,000 more Jews will be admitted to the partitioned Holy Land this year and 400,000 in the next four years. Palestine will be predominantly Jewish within a few years if the Jews have their way.

SECEDING FROM ROME

According to the *Sunday School Times*, 250 or more of the Roman Catholic priests in Venezuela (that is, nearly one-third of all the priests in the country) have seceded from Rome in at revolt against the Pope's rule, and have united in an organization known as the Venezuelan Apostolic Church.

NO SENSE OF SIN TODAY

A major reason for today's juvenile delinquency is the fact that "the world has lost its sense of sin," Edward A. Tamm, assistant director of the FBI, said recently. "Is it any wonder that so many millions of Americans, bewildered by the situation with which we are confronted abroad and at home, look back with a feeling of desperate longing to their own school days when the teaching of love of God went hand in hand with the teaching of love of country?"

"That was the day before the arrival of the debunkers, the distorters of truth, the God haters, the debasers of values, and the neopagans. They have had their day, and mankind, in following them, has been through the Gethsemane and experienced the Golgotha of two wars.

"We have developed an immunity of indifference. Crime is committed in the overwhelming number of cases because the offender does not possess a sufficiently strong sense of moral responsibility."

MODERN ALCHEMISTS

On December 1, at a laboratory some miles from Chicago, a party of newspapermen were shown the working of chain reaction in the release of nuclear energy. Before the eyes of the observers, silver was turned into cadmium, and pure uranium was turned into plutonium. They were also informed that later on, baser metals would be turned into gold, as was dreamed by the alchemists of the Middle Ages.

Whether men ever will be able to do such a thing we cannot say. It would be more characteristic of men to take gold and turn it into the baser metals! With men there is a continuous deterioration of the precious things God has given. In Lam. 4:1, 2 we hear Jeremiah lamenting the fact: "How is the gold become dim! how is the most fine gold changed. . . ." But with God there is power to turn base things into that which is pure and precious. Has He not done it in the lives of His saints? He is the Divine Alchemist. Of the day when He will deliver Zion, He has said: "For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron." Isaiah 60:17.

THE PROMISED LAND

On October 1, 1948, the Jews are to have their own homeland in Palestine—but what a small portion it is compared to the great scope of land which the Lord has promised them! Says Alexander Keith, in *The Boundaries of the Promised Land*:

"In round numbers, the average breadth of the promised land would be six hundred miles, which multiplied by its length, five hundred, gives an area of three hundred thousand square miles, or more than any kingdom or empire of Europe, Russia alone excepted. But Israel, extensive as are its bounds, is not destined to stand alone. Its mightiest adversaries of old shall be its servants. No prince but of Israel shall rule in Egypt or Assyria. The former country will add to Israel's dominion, or subservient domain, an area of one hundred and fifty thousand square miles. The latter, including Mesopotamia, and stretching beyond the Tigris as far as the mountains of Media, and from the mountains of Armenia to the Persian Gulf, leaves no region that shall not owe immediate fealty to the kingdom of Israel from the eastern shores of the Mediterranean to the borders of Persia and the vicinity of the Caspian." But Israel must return to covenant relationship with God before the covenant promises can be fulfilled.

A DECLARATION OF WAR

The Arabs have declared a Holy War upon the Jews of Palestine who seek to partition the land, and it is considered the sacred duty of every Arab to do his part to win.

Soon after the United Nations had voted the partition of Palestine, the elders of Islam declared the terrible *Jihad*. This word shouted from person to person calls all members of Islam to Holy War. According to *Revelation*, Moslems are taking upon them the most horrible oaths to die rather than consent to the partition of Palestine.

Emir Faisal, son of Ibn Saud, swore by the soul of his father. Others swore by the beard of Mohammed. Saleh Harb Pasha, president of the Young Men's Moslem Association, held a pistol in one hand and a copy of the Koran in the other as he took his oath before 100,000 people gathered in Opera Square in Cairo for the demonstration.

This year will go down in history as an era of terrible bloodshed for the Jews. Christians must pray earnestly for the peace of Jerusalem, according to Psalm 122:6.

KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS!

A timely word is given in *Alliance Weekly*. "There is always the danger of becoming so taken up with what the world is coming to that we forget Him who has come to the world. Studying current events and peering into the future is fascinating business these days when things happen with such colorful rapidity. There is a great temptation to turn prophet exclusively. The newspaper may easily become more absorbing than the Bible, and keeping our ears to the ground we fail to keep our eyes on the Lord." Let us heed the warning: "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." Luke 21:28. Keep your eyes on Jesus. No matter what may lie in the future, the best way to be prepared for it is to keep praying, keep trusting, keep feasting on His Word, and keep busy in His service.

The Power of United Prayer

An amazing story concerning the healing of W. F. P. Burton, as told by a Pentecostal sister in Australia.

BROUGHT up to love the Lord from my mother's knee, and trained through my childhood by godly parents, I experienced the New Birth at sixteen years of age. It was a case of love at first sight; but, praise His wonderful name, it is love that has stood the test. From that time onward I have been determined to go all the way with Jesus.

After my conversion I served the Lord in a number of denominations and in various ways for many years, always in search of a closer walk with God. Finally, through one of my brothers, I had the great joy and privilege in 1934 of coming into contact with S. J. du Plessis and other Pentecostal evangelists from South Africa. I was delighted with this wonderful gospel with signs following, and knew it would fill my every need. It revolutionized my Christian experience. Within a few weeks I was gloriously filled with the Holy Ghost and spoke in "other tongues" as promised in the Word of God. Acts 2:4.

My life then began anew, and for the first time I realized the full satisfaction and contentment of the deeper things of God that my heart had longed for. The Bible became a new book to me and each hour a joy. That is thirteen years ago, and I can still say the same that the "joy of the Lord is my salvation." I would like to make it very clear that I am definitely opposed to Spiritism, Christian Science, Theosophy, and all such, which I regard in the light of 1 Timothy 4:1 as being "seducing spirits and doctrines of devils."

On Saturday, September 30, 1944, at 9:30 a.m., I was sitting up in bed reading my morning mail, among which was a *Pentecostal Evangel* from U.S.A. dated August 12, 1944. On the front page of this was an article entitled, "Triumphs Through Prayer," by the well-known missionary to Belgian Congo, W. F. P. Burton, and at the bottom was a footnote:

"Recently Brother Burton had a fall and sustained very serious internal injuries. He went to South Africa, and we have just received a cable from Brother Salter, 'Burton discharged Johannesburg Hospital incurable with cancer. Please pray.'"

I was greatly moved for this suffering child of God, who had so wonderfully given his life for God's work, and at once began to pray, just where I was, still sitting up in bed.

Later I got up and went again to prayer, kneeling by my bedside, when there appeared before me the face of a man twice normal size. It was very distinct and was swathed in bandages or wrappings as in death. The eyes were closed and the brow was knit, as though troubled and extremely sad. I had never seen the person before.

It was a very bright day in September, and the sunlight was streaming into my room through several large windows. In addition I had a 100 candlepower electric light burning, and yet the heavenly light which encircled this vision was quite different from any other, and in great contrast to the sun and electric light.

The face was surrounded by a soft glow so beautiful. I gazed for about five seconds at the face, and as I did so the bandages disappeared and the expression changed. The eyes opened and the heavenly glow became much brighter. I gazed for a further few seconds, when all faded excepting the "light" which got brighter still, and then into view came the Cross of Calvary in the midst of the light. After a few more seconds all faded gradually, but I could still feel the presence of the Lord in the room all about me.

At last I arose from my knees entranced by the glory and presence of the Lord and awestruck because of the privilege granted me from God of such a spectacular and marvelous vision. There and then I asked God for the interpretation, as a result of which I felt that Brother Burton was to be healed, so I decided it was my duty to let him know at once. But how?

The world was at war. I was in Australia and he was in South Africa, and I didn't even know his address. So I decided to write to the Gospel Publishing House at Springfield, Missouri, U.S.A., for the address. It took sixteen weeks for that letter to go and for the reply to come.

During this time of waiting for a reply I sometimes worried over the delay, with this child of God suffering so, but I would tell myself that time would not make any difference to the healing anyway, and that Brother Burton, being a man of God, would be resting in the Lord. From what appeared in later copies of the *Evangel* and from letters received, I gathered that such was the case.

In due course the address came from the Gospel Publishing House, giving Brother Bur-

ton's address as in care of his sister in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Immediately I sent a message by air to Brother Burton, also one to Evangelist S. F. du Plessis, whom I knew was at Johannesburg at this time. It took another thirty-six days before a reply was received from Brother du Plessis, reading: "Brother Burton was here in hospital, and afterwards at his sister's home. Doctors could do nothing. He nearly died, but has now sufficiently recovered to return to the Congo. Your vision was actually right. Praise the Lord."

By the time my air message had reached Brother Burton's address, he had left for the Belgian Congo, and it had to be forwarded to him. Some time later I received a wonderful letter from Brother Burton, reading:

"Let me tell you of God's leadings and then you will understand your vision clearly. The doctors gave me no hope at all (cancer of the colon), but instead of getting on with my dying as they expected, I am now gaining weight and getting stronger. In January, 1945 (I had this vision in September, 1944) God told me to return to the Congo, even though still far from robust. So here I am busily at work for these precious Luban churches; and, moreover, God continues to save souls at every service."

I wrote again in reply to Brother Burton's letter, asking, if possible, that I might have his photograph, as I wished to see if it tallied with the face I beheld in the vision. A few months later—for it was still war time—I received his reply together with a photograph of both him and his wife. Imagine my delight when I saw that this was the face that God had shown me in my vision! Extracts from this second letter are as follows:

"You may have heard that the most brilliant abdomen surgeon operated on me, and found I had cancer so far advanced that he sewed me up again! He could not take it all away, and told my wife that I might last six months. That was in June, 1944. Now I have just done 1,000 miles by car over rough forest roads, driving the car a considerable part of the trip myself,

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and visiting eight of our mission stations."

Evidence of Brother Burton's healing came also through other channels. *Harvest Grain*, a magazine published in Melbourne, Australia, said: "Brother Burton of the Belgian Congo praises God for restoration to health, and writes: 'The finest specialists in South Africa (men who had been flown to the Mediterranean and to U.S.A. for special war operations) did all they could for me. Now the functions which they said would never work again are operating perfectly. To God be the glory!'"

The Pentecostal Evangel of July 27, 1946, printed the following: "Some eighteen months ago we asked prayer for Brother Burton, who was suffering with malignant cancer, according to the diagnosis of a leading South African doctor. He left the hospital in a dying condition, but intercession was made for him on four Continents, and God miraculously answered. He has just been examined by a leading surgeon who has given him microscopic tests, X-ray photos, etc., and declares that there is not the least sign of cancer. He has gained the sixty pounds that he lost, and is now enjoying a good day's work every day."

The Evidence also declared, in December, 1946: "Brother Burton's miraculous healing is confirmed by a surgeon. A letter from Brother Burton recently contains the following glorious news: 'The specialist who opened my colon admitted that he diagnosed my case as malignant cancer, and the official record at the hospital was that I had left there in a dying condition. Now since the ulcer has dried up a year ago and all my functions are perfectly normal, I felt it time to act, so we have come down to Dr. Charles Fisher. Dr. Charles is a gold medallist in surgery. He is a brilliant man, has a beautiful hospital here, and is adviser to the North Rhodesian Government. He has given me a thorough overhauling, including microscopic tests, X-ray photos, etc. of the colon, and he declares that now the passage through my colon is absolutely normal, and that there is not the least trace of cancer.'

Doubtless you will wonder why I have waited so long before telling out this wonderful story, but the Scripture enjoins us to "prove all things," and I wanted to be able to present all the facts with the proof of this miracle of healing before writing my story for publication. Even as I write, Brother Burton, who is Field Superintendent for the Congo Evangelistic Mission, and well known as author of many books, is now at his post a living witness of a mighty God's willingness to miraculously heal today, and the power of united prayer.

(This story by Mrs. L. F. Sadler, 15 Almondbury Road, Mount Lawley, West Australia, first appeared in *The Evidence*, a monthly Pentecostal magazine published in Sydney, Australia.)

A MIGHTY REVIVAL AT C.B.I.

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light. Just any need you have will be met. It is the Cross! It is the Cross!" As he spoke he wept, and one felt that he was seeing a vision. Later he revealed that he had seen the cross at that moment, and around it people were receiving life. Multitudes were coming with their troubles and sickness, and were going away completely whole. The effect was electri-

fying. Immediately all eyes were turned again to the efficacy of Calvary, and those who had confessed their wrongs found courage to press through and find release from their guilt. The young man who gave the prophecy said later that he had been used in that way in the past, but had become intimidated and had not yielded to the Spirit for the exercise of this gift for some time. This, to him, was a confirmation that the gift was of God.

From time to time, as the revival progressed, the Holy Spirit used a brief message from the Word to channel it in a new direction. On Tuesday morning He was able to convey the idea of an entire surrender of the life, rather than a piecemeal consecration, through a message taken from Joshua 4. The stones which Joshua set up in the midst of the Jordan were likened by Brother Evans to the believers' past—his whole past, both the good things and the bad. He pointed out that some find it difficult to forget their better years when they did great things for God. These things become a substitute for going forward today, and so they need to be buried. The bad things out of our past, on the other hand, stand like specters to frighten us and break our spirit. All of the past must be buried in the waters, as a great weight which is rolled off; and, like the priests of old, we must carry a new stone from the depths through which we pass into the new life, symbolic of the resurrected life in Christ.

The idea caught fire at once, and carrying the stone and depositing it in the river became the figure of speech on dozens of lips as they told how God had led them into the fully surrendered life. Some would confess brokenly that their stone was still weighing them down and they needed prayer in order to have grace to unload. Each evening the meeting lasted until late, but always when the call was made to gather about the altar the response was good. One young lady was under the Spirit's power on Tuesday night until six o'clock the next morning. With all the blessing which she had already received, she was still unsatisfied. "What I really wanted was a new relationship with Christ," she says. That night His holiness was revealed. "I didn't have to reach out; He was right there. I hated even to breathe, His presence was so real. I realized how unworthy anyone was to come into the Presence of that holiness, but that it was only His love and grace which brought us there. I entered into a new relationship that night which has made everything different."

For an hour she carried on a conversation in other tongues with one of the young men. "I knew what he was saying, and I was trying to tell him about the beauty of Christ, and of His holiness. If he would yield as the Lord wanted him to, he would be taken into that sacred relationship, and all of this would hasten the return of Jesus. Sometimes when I would speak he would seem to interpret in English."

All Wednesday morning the confessions went on and hearts were finding cleansing and great joy. After lunch one of the girls began praising the Lord as she was passing down the hall in the ladies' dormitory. Instantly the spirit of rejoicing fell upon everyone, and an eye-witness relates that there must have been a hundred girls in the halls dancing in the Spirit or prostrated under the Spirit's power. When the time arrived for the afternoon service, the Matron and the Principal were hard put to get

the girls over to the chapel where the men were already waiting for the service to begin. Again and again the call echoed through the corridors above the din, "Girls, go to the tabernacle. We are one body."

At last the procession was on the way, and it is said that numbers of the girls danced all the way across the campus to the tabernacle. When that shouting, rejoicing band entered the chapel the Spirit fell at once upon those who were gathered there, and heavenly pandemonium broke loose. Careful check reveals that more was accomplished on Wednesday in the midst of that spiritual ecstasy than during any other day of the revival. Brother Evans gave a brief talk, after things had quieted again, admonishing those who had no liberty in the Lord to be free. As he spoke one girl who had not been enjoying the fulness of the Lord began to shout, and the glory fell again. That afternoon meant to her the restoring of the lost radiance, and two weeks later it is still lasting!

On Wednesday evening in the dining room someone yielded to the spirit of praise, and almost instantly the entire roomful of diners were abandoned to the Holy Spirit. A witness tells that he counted thirty-nine who were dancing in the Spirit, and five prostrate on the floor. Some received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit on that occasion.

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Deaf-Mute Church Dedicated

The first Pentecostal church ever erected for the exclusive use of a deaf-mute congregation was dedicated in Tulsa, Oklahoma, January 11. Fred Vogler, Home Missions Director, gave the dedicatory message to an overflow crowd in the new church building, which seats 150.

The service was conducted by LaVona Tompson, pastor of the congregation, which is known as the "Church of the Silent Sheep." Included in the program were appropriate songs in the sign language, Scripture readings, an original poem, and short messages by the following speakers: John W. Stallings of Norfolk, Virginia, Superintendent of the Christian Deaf Fellowship; Paul C. Meacham of Kansas City, Kansas, Assistant Superintendent; and V. H. Ray, Superintendent of the Oklahoma District Council of the Assemblies of God. They report a blessed service, marked by the presence of God throughout.

Gospel work among the deaf was begun in Tulsa in 1936 by Brother and Sister Meacham, deaf evangelists. Some time later the Meachams moved on to other fields in evangelistic work,

leaving the Tulsa congregation in the care of La Vona Thompson. Sister Thompson, although she has her hearing, is thoroughly conversant in the sign language, and has been called of God to minister to the deaf.

In 1944 God spoke to Sister Thompson about a church exclusively for the deaf, and they began their building fund with \$17.00. Through co-operative labor, prayer, and faith in God, the many obstacles of discouragement, spiritual depression and persecution were overcome, and it was truly a happy time for the deaf of Tulsa as they participated in the dedication of the Church of the Silent Sheep. Their dreams of a church of their own, where they could have freedom to worship God in their own unique way, at last has become a reality.

DEAF CONVENTION

The second biennial convention of the Christian Deaf Fellowship will be held in Springfield, Missouri, June 9 to 13, at Central Bible Institute. A good gathering of missionaries to the deaf is expected from all over the United States, and many delegates from the various deaf congregations.

THE PURPOSE AND PASSION OF A PASTOR

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whereunto I also labor, striving according to His working, which worketh in me *mightily*—or, as the literal rendering is, *in power*. Col. 1:27-29. Every man who is called to preach is called to be "a minister and a witness." And it is not enough that he bear witness by word of mouth only; he must bear witness also by a blameless life. And a blameless life in a blameworthy world involves both sacrifice and service.

Paul told the Ephesian elders that he was going "bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem." It was his way of saying that he was being impelled to go; and even though he knew that "bonds and afflictions" were awaiting him there, he could not be persuaded to alter his purpose. He so earnestly desired the salvation of his country men that he was willing to suffer, willing, if need be, to die, that they might be saved. He once wrote, "I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh." Rom. 9:2,3. Is it any wonder that, speaking of the trials awaiting him in Jerusalem, he said, "None of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God?" Acts 20:24.

What should be the purpose and passion of a pastor? To prosecute the work of that ministry which he has received of the Lord Jesus, in a manner acceptable to the Master, unmindful of present comforts, conveniences, and compensations, except in so far as they contribute to the success of his mission as an ambassador of Jesus Christ; and so, finally, to "finish his course with joy." He cannot thus finish his course unless his purpose and passion is to be a faithful shepherd of the flock and win souls.

To this end he must lay aside all personal

ambitions, all desires for prestige, prominence, popularity. James and John wanted the prominent places in the kingdom they thought was about to be established; they wanted to sit, one at the right hand of our Lord, and the other at His left, in that kingdom. It is to be feared that the spirit they manifested is still in evidence in the earth, and in evidence among many who have responded to the call to preach the gospel. Others have a desire for what Paul calls "filthy lucre." A minister once said to me, "I wish that expression were not in the Bible. Money is not filthy lucre." But it is "filthy lucre" if a minister of Jesus Christ makes it an end rather than a means to an end. How much covetousness there is in the world! And God hates it. He classes it with the worst sins, and calls it idolatry—"covetousness, which is idolatry." Col. 3:5. Surely, if there is one sin every minister ought to be absolutely free from, it is this sin.

One of our leading pastors told me a few years ago that this sin was the sin of all sins, against which he had to struggle the hardest. I received a letter one day from a leading layman of one of our prominent churches, and in it he wrote, "We love our pastor; he is a good preacher, but he loves money. He seems to think he ought to be more highly compensated for his services than anybody else. He watches for every opportunity to urge that his salary be increased, and it seems to many of us that he is much more anxious to be served than to serve." What a sad comment!

As I look back over more than half a century in the work of the pastorate, I thank God I never even inquired before assuming the duties of a pastorate how much salary I was to receive, and not once during all those years did I ask, or even suggest, that my allowance be increased, or added to in any way. The matter of support was left entirely in the hands of the Lord. In the early years of my ministry, when the salary was very small, and was very irregularly paid, there were times when there was not money enough in my possession to buy a loaf of bread or a postage stamp. But *we never suffered*. Our needs were met in such a way that we never went hungry; and those times of testing, as I look back over them, I recognize now as times when God was taking me through a school in which I was taught what it would, perhaps, have been impossible for me to learn anywhere else. What I learned has been of great value to me in later years.

Some of my brothers in the ministry who sought the more prominent places, and were not satisfied unless their needs were being much more than met, and some of whom actually reproached me for being so backward, so unwilling to press my own claims, and one of whom said I should always be given an insignificant place, and an inadequate salary, unless I learned to do what others were doing, and take my own part, made shipwreck of their faith, and died long ago. God saw fit to spare my life, and to prolong my days until I can now look back over more than "threescore years and ten," and say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped me." I have had enough, and to spare, the most of the time.

If our pastors will make it their purpose and their passion to fulfill their ministry with an eye single to the glory of God; if, in a spirit of self-sacrifice, they will follow the footsteps of

Him who "came not to be ministered unto, but to minister," I am sure they will be cared for "as long as a raven has wings or a poor widow has a little meal left in the bottom of a barrel."

And oh, brothers, there is joy in self-sacrifice and in service. I testify that it is true. If I had my life to live over, I should devote my energies, my entire self, even more passionately, to the great purpose for which every true minister has been called by his Lord to serve.

Among the Assemblies

NEEDHAM, ALA.—Pastor Hubert Loper sends in this report: "We have just closed a revival at the Mt. Olive Assembly of God with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fowler as the evangelists. God's blessings and power were manifested in the services. Seven were saved, 5 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and the Christians were blessed."

JULESBURG, COLO.—We recently closed a very successful 4-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Bennie Harris, 710 Lincoln St., Fort Morgan, Colo. Night after night, showers of blessing fell from heaven. About 15 came for salvation. Among those saved was a backslidden Christian minister. His wife also was saved and received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. In spite of bad weather and the extreme cold, which reached 20 degrees below zero, the attendance was very good. The Sunday School also reached a new high.—A. E. Hokanson, Pastor.

SEBASTOPOL, CALIF.—In July and August, Brother and Sister F. N. Alexander of Oklahoma held a meeting for us. Around 50 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. In November, Evangelist Edith Little and co-worker Audine Stogner, of Ft. Worth, Texas, conducted a meeting here. God blessed in a marvelous way. Souls were saved and believers filled with the Holy Ghost. God stirred hearts to a deeper consecration. Especially were our young people led to take a definite stand for God.—J. L. Jeffrey, Pastor, Route 3, Box 2C.

SEATTLE, WASH.—We have had three weeks of special meetings with Evangelist B. P. Birkeland. There was a splendid spirit throughout the campaign. Thirty-four decided for Christ; about 20 of these we feel really prayed through to salvation and a closer walk with Christ. On the last Sunday, 16 united with the church, 3 by transfer. There was one outstanding healing. A Science practitioner, paralyzed on one side of her face, was instantly healed when anointed with oil and prayed for by Brother Birkeland. We thank God for this consecrated young man's rich ministry of the Word, especially appealing to young people.—B. M. Shelton, Pastor, Ballard Gospel Tabernacle.

TULARE, CALIF.—The Full Gospel Tabernacle has enjoyed a most profitable year in the salvation of souls, spiritual growth, and numerical as well as financial increase, reports Pastor Paul B. Franklin. A beautiful and commodious parsonage has been erected, with 3 bedrooms, a large living room to accommodate gatherings of the various groups of the church, and a large hall the length of the house. There is only a small indebtedness. The parsonage is located adjoining the church, corner Inyo and M Streets, one block from the City Hall, Civic Center, and Central Park.

Brother Franklin reports a healthy increase in membership, a large number of souls saved, healed, and filled with the Spirit. Two fine revival campaigns have been conducted under the leadership of Evangelists Paul and Betty Wells of Taft, and Smith and Rogers of Granite City, Ill. A weekly radio program over Station KCOK, 1240 kilos., at 9 a. m., Sundays, is directed and produced by Brother Franklin and his radio staff. At the recent "housewarming" on January 22, a large number of gifts were presented to the parsonage by the members of the church. The house was dedicated to the Lord with those present praying in unison.

EL CENTRO, CALIF.—The church here was greatly stirred in a 4-week meeting conducted by Evangelist A. S. Arnold. Pastor Kenneth R. Schmidt reports: "Brother Arnold's timely messages on the Holy Spirit brought great blessing to all, and bore fruit; with a goodly number being saved and 30 receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. The revival closed with a high tide and we are praising God for the gracious outpouring of His Spirit."

HIGHWAY CITY, CALIF.—We came here November 30, three years ago, and found a faithful little band of saints hungry for old-time Pentecost. We have had about four revival meetings a year and God has given us souls in every revival. We have added three rooms to the parsonage, making six rooms in all, and a service porch. The Sunday School had outgrown the church, so we built a two-story front on the building, making five large Sunday School rooms. The auditorium also has been remodeled. People have a zeal to work for God, and His power is being felt in every service.—Ralph Gaither, Pastor.

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.

GRESHAM, ORE.—March 2—; Christian Hild, Evangelist.—Geo. A. Bullock, Pastor.

ROLLA, MO.—March 2, for 3 weeks; Evangelist and Mrs. J. C. Kofahl.—Geo. H. Fry, Pastor.

ELVINS, MO.—Meetings in progress; Mathan Musical Evangelists.—Odis Cooper, Pastor.

STURGEON BAY, WIS.—Feb. 25—March 7, or longer; Albert Taxdahl, Evangelist.—A. C. Abrahamson, Pastor.

SCHOOLCRAFT, MICH.—Assembly of God, March 3—14; Bible Studies by Chas. E. Robinson, Springfield, Mo.—H. E. Taylor, Pastor.

FT. SMITH, ARK.—New Bethel Assembly of God, 2201 N. 8th (at T St.); meeting in progress; George Hayes, Houston, Texas, Evangelist. All neighboring churches invited to attend.—W. A. McCann, Pastor.

BROWNWOOD, TEXAS—501 E. Lee St., March 7—21; Otto J. Klink, Miami, Fla., Evangelist.—Lester Summers, Pastor.

SLAYTON, MINN.—Feb. 25, for 2 weeks or longer; Eugene Smith, Cheyenne, Wyo., Evangelist.—D. H. Tarr, Pastor.

HUTCHINSON, KANSAS—Feb. 22, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Ernie Reb of Dallas, Texas.—Oria Bray, -Pastor.

AUBURN, CALIF.—Meetings in progress; Joseph Wilderman, Coulee City, Wash., Evangelist.—Thomas L. Mendenhall, Pastor.

ABBOTSFORD, B. C., CANADA—Pentecostal Tabernacle, Feb. 18—March 1; B. P. Birkeland, Seattle, Wash., Evangelist; William Malveney, Soloist.—Marvin Forseth, Pastor.

MICHIGAN MINISTERS' INSTITUTE
Annual Michigan District Ministers' Institute, Bethel Assembly, 477 Cherry St., Benton Harbor, Mich., March 8—10. Services: 2:30 and 7:30 p.m., Monday; and 9:30 a.m., 2:00 and 7:30 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday. Gayle F. Lewis, speaker, Monday afternoon and evening, and Tuesday and Wednesday morning and evening. For reservations write E. D. Cooley, 1603 Broadway, Benton Harbor, Mich.—D. G. Foote, District Secretary.

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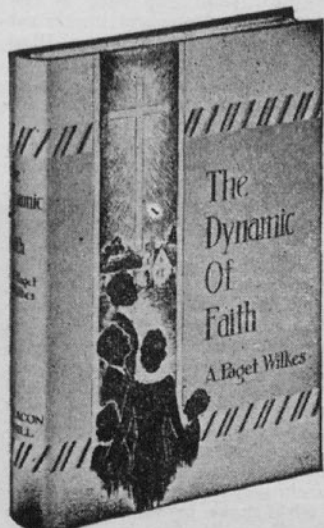
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SANTA MARIA, CALIF.—Feb. 22—; Clarence Goad of King City, Evangelist.—C. J. Brown, Pastor.

TULSA, OKLA.—13th St. and S. Trenton Ave., Feb. 22—29; Robert F. Fierro, San Jose, Calif., Evangelist.—W. F. Garvin, Pastor.

INDEPENDENCE, KANSAS—March 3, for 2 weeks or longer; Wesley Goodwin, Evangelist. H. C. Humphrey, Pastor.

HIGHWAY CITY, CALIF.—Feb. 29—; Bobby Clark of Bakersfield, Evangelist.—Ralph Gaither, Pastor, Route 10, Box 439, Fresno, Calif.

WESTERVILLE, NEBR.—Meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Neale Sheneman.—Frank Sabotka, Pastor.

EUGENE, ORE.—March 2—; Evangelist and Mrs. Velmer Gardner, Wenatchee, Wash.—Gordon Kampier, Pastor.

FRUITA, COLO.—March 2—14; Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Hild, Fargo, N. Dak.—W. W. Brandt, Pastor

MINEOLA, TEXAS—Meeting in progress; Clarence E. McNeely, Evangelist.—J. C. Lewis, Pastor.

HEMET, CALIF.—Feb. 17—29; Virgil and Edythe Warens, Artist Evangelists.—J. Van Oosbree, Pastor.

CENTRALIA, WASH.—Feb. 17, for 2 weeks or longer; Paul Cantelon Party.—R. W. Miller, Pastor.

VERMILLION, S. DAK.—March 2, for 2 weeks or longer; J. C. Snyder, Evangelist.—C. A. Davenport, Pastor.

TIPP CITY, OHIO—Bethel Tabernacle, Feb. 22—March 14; M. W. Richards, Long Branch, N. J., Evangelist.—E. P. Cooper, Pastor.

LONG BRANCH, N. J.—465 Hampton Ave.; Feb. 22, for 2 weeks or longer; Virgil R. Jackson, Mt. Vernon, Mo., Evangelist.—Allen E. Mitchell, Pastor.

LOMITA, CALIF.—255th and Oak Sts., Feb. 15—; Evangelist and Mrs. Dean E. Duncan, Denver, Colo.—Eugene C. Williams, Pastor.

EL DORADO, ARK.—Feb. 29, for 2 weeks or longer; Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Scott, Oklahoma City, Okla., Evangelists.—H. Jewel Murry, Pastor.

TULARE, CALIF.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, Feb. 29 —; Martin Luther Davidson of Texas, Evangelist.—Paul B. Franklin, Pastor.

OLNEY SPRINGS, COLO.—Feb. 22—March 7; F. Wm. Olson, Tennessee C. A. President, Evangelist.—Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Henson, Pastor

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NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT COUNCIL

The North Carolina District Council will convene at Edenton, N. C., March 2-4. G. F. Lewis, speaker, at Minister's Institute each morning and Evangelistic service each evening. C. A. Rally, evening, March 1. For reservations write D. B. Lawrence, 306 First St., Edenton, N. C.—Andrew Stirling, District Superintendent.

SOUTH FLORIDA C. A. RALLIES

South Florida C. A. Rallies: March 15, Central Assembly, Miami. March 16, Bethel Temple, Tampa. March 17, Winter Haven. March 18, Ocala. March 19, Riverside Assembly, Jacksonville. Wesley R. Steelberg, National C. A. Director, special speaker. For further information contact T. M. Waldron, C. A. President, Clewiston, Fla.

N. E. OHIO PRAYER CONFERENCE

CLEVELAND, OHIO—N. E. Ohio Prayer Conference, First Pentecostal Church, E. 55th and Lexington Sts., March 1-3. F. D. Drake, Buffalo, N. Y., will speak and assist. First service 2:30 p.m.; then 3 services daily. For rooms write D. P. Holloway, Pastor, 4063 Stillmore Rd., Cleveland 21, Ohio.—Howard R. Davidson, Fellowship Secretary.

OKLAHOMA SECTIONAL COUNCILS AND BIBLE CONFERENCES

Oklahoma Sectional Councils and Bible Conferences: March 8-10, Tulsa-Seminole Sections, Stroud, Nos. 7 and 8. March 15-17, Muskogee-Poteau Sections, Poteau, Nos. 2 and 3. April 12-14, Altus-Elk City Sections, Elk City, Nos. 15 and 16. April 19-21, Pawhuska-Vinita Sections, Bartlesville, Nos. 1 and 6. May 10-12, Oklahoma City-Anadarko Sections, El Reno, Nos. 11 and 12. May 17-19, Cherokee-Woodward Sections, Alva, Nos. 10 and 14.

All licensed ministers and exhorters required to get renewal blank at one of the above Sectional Councils, fill it out and turn it in to the District Secretary for renewal of papers for 1948-1949 fiscal year. Those desiring license or exhorter's permits requested to get the proper blank, fill it in with the endorsement of their Sectional Presbyter, and present it to the board at any of the above Sectional Councils.

Services: Monday, afternoon and night, C.A.'s. Tuesday, morning, WMC; afternoon and night, S.S. Wednesday morning and afternoon, Sectional Fellowship Meeting, election of officers and licensing service; night, Missionary Rally and Fellowship Meeting. Examination of applicants for licenses and exhorter's permits will be held during entire Council. For further information write V. H. Ray, District Superintendent, or Robert E. Goggin, Secretary-Treasurer, P. O. Box 1341, Oklahoma City 1, Okla.

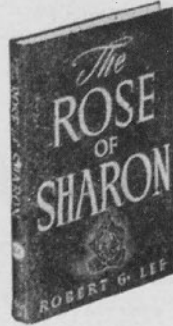
TEXAS SPRING CONVENTIONS

Texas Spring Conventions. The following, two nights, one day, first service 7:30 p.m.: Corpus Christi Section, First Baptist Church, Robstown, March 2-3. Valley Section, Harlingen Assembly, March 4-5. Yoakum Section, El Campo, March 9-10. San Antonio Section, Kennedy, March 11-12. Paris Section, Rose Hill Assembly, Texarkana, March 16-17.

The following, two days, one night; first service 10:30 a.m.: Dallas Section, Oakland Assembly, March 18-19. Austin Section, East Assembly, Austin, March 23-24. Waco Section, Corsicana Assembly, March 25-26. Beaumont Section, Lamar Assembly, Beaumont, March 30-31. Houston Section, First Assembly, 4305 Lillian St., Houston, April 1-2. Tyler Section, First Assembly, Tyler, April 6-7. Lufkin Section, Evangelistic Temple, Palestine, April 8-9.

Greenville Section, Glad Tidings, Sherman, April 13-14; two nights, one day, first service 7:30 p.m. Fort Worth Section, Bethel Temple, Ft. Worth, April 15-16, two days, one night, first service 10:30 a.m. Wichita Falls Section, Archer City, April 20-21, two days, one night, first service 10:30 a.m. San Angelo Section, Abilene, April 22-23, two nights, one day, first service 7:30 p.m.

All our ministers required to renew their fellowship with the District at this time, and we are requesting each one, whether exhorter, licensed or ordained, to meet the Sectional Committee in their respective sections. Those desiring ordination at the June Council must be present and make application and be examined at this time. Final examination for ordination will be made in your Section and not at the District Council as has been our custom before. For further information write your Sectional Presbyter or the District Office.—James O. Savell, Superintendent; E. B. Crump, Secretary-Treasurer, 1260 Sycamore St., Waxahachie, Texas.



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NEW HAVEN, CONN.—Fellowship Meeting, Connecticut Section of New England District Council, for Home Mission Plan Inaugural Rally, Gospel Tabernacle, Orange and Edward Sts., March 1. 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Grady L. Fannin, Pastor. Speakers: J. Robert Ashcroft, Presbyter; and Thomas R. Brubaker, District Superintendent New York-New Jersey District. Nearby assemblies and sections invited.—James Thornhill, Sectional Secretary.

TEXAS DISTRICT S. S. CONVENTIONS

Texas District Sunday School Conventions: Austin Section, 501 W. 37th St., Austin, March 2-3. Beaumont Section, Ave. A and Wall St., Beaumont, March 4-5. Lufkin Section, Nacogdoches, March 9-10. All services begin 10 a.m., first day, unless local changes necessary. Notice given in such cases. Loine C. Honderick, National S. S. Representative, main speaker; James McKeahan, District Representative, presiding. For further information write Sunday School Department, 1200 Sycamore St., Waxahachie, Texas.

GEORGIA MINISTERS' INSTITUTE

AUGUSTA, GA.—Annual Ministers' Institute, Georgia District, First Assembly of God, Fenwick and Bohler Sts., Feb. 24-26. Gayle Lewis in charge. Other speakers include J. D. Stevens, E. A. Crawford, Elmer Green, and Jimmie Mayo. First meeting, Tuesday night. Wednesday and Thursday sessions will deal with the work of a minister. All three Augusta Assemblies co-operating in entertainment; Grover Langston, Host Pastor, promises to furnish free sleeping rooms to all ministers and their wives. Young people and public in general urged to attend night evangelistic services, with Brother Lewis speaking.—Robt. C. Jones, District Superintendent.

MINISTERS' INSTITUTE AND S. S. CONFERENCE

GREAT FALLS, MONT.—District Ministers' Institute and Sunday School Conference, First Congregational Church, Ninth St. at Third Ave. N., March 2-5. General Superintendent Ernest S. Williams, Special Guest Speaker, will address ministers and their wives daily, 11 a.m. to 12 noon, and will speak in public service each night at 7:30. Wm. F. Kirschke, Director Christian Education for Northwest District Council, will speak daily, morning and afternoon, and conduct discussion periods for ministers and Sunday School teachers, officers and workers. Devotions and prayer daily 9 to 10 a.m., beginning March 3. For further information contact Leonard Palmer, District Superintendent, Box 1549, Great Falls, Mont.

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