



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

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Living Epistles of the Living Christ

Alive Forevermore

AN EASTER MESSAGE BY SMITH WIGGLESWORTH

Because I live, ye shall live also.
John 14:19

PAUL writes: "Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshly tables of the heart." 2 Cor. 3:2, 3.

This is what the Lord does for us when we come to Him; He takes out the heart of stone and gives us a heart of flesh. The Spirit of God will write in both our hearts and minds the law of Christ. He cleanses us from all iniquity, takes away the old order and brings in the new, and He gives us His blessed Holy Spirit who causes us to walk in a way that is pleasing to Him.

The old life is brought to the cross of Calvary. Our old nature is crucified there and we are brought into the position that Paul speaks of when he says, "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me." Gal. 2:20.

Beloved, God would have us see that no man is perfected on any line only as Christ the living Word abides in him.

In this new life we must have the Word of God dwelling richly in us. This Word is living and powerful and effective. It is the sword of the Spirit that will prove an effective weapon in the hands of the Spirit-filled warrior. By it we get complete victory over all the power of the enemy. But we need the power of the Spirit within to enable us to wield the sword of the Spirit effectively.

When Christ dwells in us, our life will be like that life which is described of Him in the Gospels, a life of constant communion with the Father. Ours will be a life of dependence on

the Spirit of God, for we do not know how to pray as we ought. It is only as the Spirit prays through us that things will be accomplished for God. But as we yield ourselves wholly to God and ask for the Spirit, He will graciously give the Spirit so that we can pray in the Holy Ghost. And as we pray in the Holy Ghost we shall see signs and wonders wrought in the name of the holy child Jesus. We can have a ministry of the miraculous even as the early apostles had, if we give ourselves to prayer, for in response to prayer God will send the Pentecostal power as at the beginning. Nothing is so sweet as to have our hearts yearning with compassion, moved with compassion for the poor and needy. As the Lord fills your heart with love and compassion, you will find the inward cry from the depths of your need is met by the depth of God's love. When God gets into the depths of our hearts He purifies every intention and He fills us with His own joy.

When Moses received the tables of stone and he returned to the people, God made his face to shine. There was a glory in the giving of the law. But there is a more wonderful glory in the giving of the Spirit. Much more wonderful than the shine on Moses' face is the moving of the Spirit to write His commandments on our hearts, the deep movings of the God of eternity as He writes His law of love and compassion into our inner beings. O beloved, let us let the Holy Spirit have His way in our lives to unfold to us the grandeur of Christ's glory.

The Lord will bring us into a life of humility where we have no confidence in ourselves, but our whole trust rests upon the authority of the mighty God who has promised to be with us at all times. He has made us able ministers of the New Testament, ministers of the Spirit that giveth life. Rivers of living water will flow from us as our confidence rests in Him. As we constantly partake of the living Christ within, He will give us a message direct from heaven, hot, burning, living. Just as the old prophets said, "Thus saith the Lord," speaking as the Spirit gave them utterance, so we shall go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit, our whole minds illuminated by the blessed Holy Spirit. He will elevate our minds until we have heavenly minds. We will be able to bring the vision of heavenly things to the people until they will want more of God and more of the Spirit, till they long to be filled with Spirit that they may be fruitful on every line.

I have found that the Baptism in the Holy Ghost infuses into us an intensity of zeal. You will remember it is written of Him, "The zeal of Thine house hath eaten Me up," and we too, like our Lord, will be eaten up of holy zeal. He will fill us with a passion for the good and ac-

ceptable and perfect will of God. The Spirit of God will bring us to the place called Calvary, to the place where we are dead unto sin, but alive unto God, and filled with the resurrection life and power of the living Christ. Oh, beloved, we must live in the Spirit. We must grow into the likeness of our Master. We must be continually changed from glory to glory as we behold His face, until we are changed into the same image by the Spirit of God.

Have you failed God? He has mercy for you. Out of the depth of your sins and failures you can cry to God for all unrighteousness to be cast out and for His righteousness to be revealed within. Christ was made sin for you and took your sin, that you might become the righteousness of God in Him, that you might receive His righteousness. But it means a constant going to the cross of Calvary for the bringing to death of the old natural order, that you may come into the supernatural plan of God which He has for you.

God wants each one of us to be indeed an epistle of Christ, an epistle that recommends Christ to men. We can only be this as the Spirit of God writes into our hearts and minds the Word. He will make the Word of God life within. Now out of the abundance of a heart steeped in the Word of God there will come forth that which will bring blessing to all those with whom you come in contact. Let your heart cry go up to Him, "O God, lead me step by step in this divine life, for Jesus' sake. Amen."

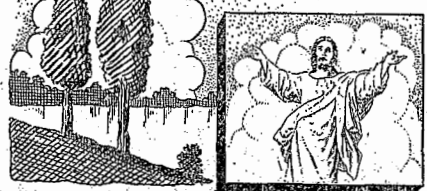
GAINING BY GIVING

A little state on the borders of ancient Rome stood out for its independence a long time, but was continually assailed by its powerful foes, and had to appeal to Rome for help again and again. At last it consented to become part of Rome, and then it became as powerful as Rome itself. None of its adversaries dared to attack it, knowing that all the resources of Rome were behind it. So when we yield to God, we become allied to infinite strength, wisdom and all-sufficiency, and the consecration we make to Him is small indeed compared with His giving of Himself to us in all His glorious fullness—A. B. Simpson.

"THE CHRISTIAN FRONT"

Said a Quisling paper in Norway: "The Christian front is the hardest to conquer." Yes, even the gates of hell cannot prevail against it!

RAISED for our JUSTIFICATION



"Christ Our Passover Is Sacrificed for Us"

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WHY is it that after mentioning the birth of Christ and the incidents of His circumcision and dedication, the next mention we have of Him is in His observing the passover? The reason is this. Among Orthodox Jews they do not consider a male child of age until his twelfth birthday. It is then that he becomes *Bar-mitzvah* and *laigs tallus* and *i'fillim*, which means that the phylacteries are wrapped around the left arm and hand and fingers, and the *tallus* (prayer shawl) is placed over the shoulders and around the body. He is then considered of age, officially old enough to participate in the services.

I was brought up in a very strict Orthodox Jewish home that money could secure. My father was a *kohen* (priest), which is the highest tribute and honor that can be bestowed upon a Jew; and because my father was a *kohen* and his father was a *kohen*, that made me one also. A *kohen* is set aside for the priesthood because he is a direct descendant from the tribe of Levi. In the synagogue they feel honored when they know they have a *kohen* in their services. But since I have become a Christian, I am not allowed to come near a synagogue, because in the opinion of the Jews I am now dead.

Before I was saved I attended the synagogue services for all holidays, and every day for a year without missing, saying *Kadish* (prayers for the dead). Many times I was called upon to read from the *Torah* (law). I would have my phylacteries on and before I started to read from the *Torah* I would take the fringe that hung on the bottom of my *tallus* and would touch the *Torah* where I was to read and then kiss the fringe. To the Jews it is an outstanding honor to be called upon to read from the *Torah*, and it is a rare occasion when they have a *kohen* in their services.

How well do I remember when I became twelve years of age and had my *Bar-mitzvah*. I remember how proud my father was of me. He spent hundreds of dollars for the celebration. He had a table that was almost a hundred feet long spread with the finest of foods for the guests who came to see my *Bar-mitzvah* (becoming officially of age, in relation to the laws of Moses). Thus I became of age, to be recognized as one permitted to participate with the menfolk in the synagogue service (womenfolk have no part in the synagogue services; they are to remain silent).

There must be at least ten men (called a *minyuan*) before they can begin a synagogue service. I remember one Friday night being in a service. We were to *daven* (pray) for the *Minchah* service, that is the one before the sabbath is ushered in (while it is yet light). Someone noticed that we only had nine men in the service, and we only had a few minutes' time left before it would be dark, which would mean the beginning of the sabbath day. There was great excitement because there was not enough men to "hold a *minyuan*." I rushed out and grabbed every man I saw and said, "Are you a Jew?" Finally one man said "Yes." I literally grabbed him and pulled him into the service, and we started to pray for the *Minchah* with ten men. Oh, how I praise God that Christ said, "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them." Matt. 18:20.

We find Jesus in the temple, in the midst of the doctors, hearing them and asking them questions. What questions do you think they were discussing during the passover feast? What do people talk about when they are at the football game, at the baseball game, or at the opera? When thousands upon thousands of people were coming from all parts of the world for the one purpose of partaking of the passover, what do you imagine was uppermost in their hearts, and what do you think

When many are leaving the ministry to enter secular occupations, Lee Krupnick has given up a lucrative position as chief photographer for the "Tulsa World" to devote his whole life to the ministry of evangelism. Brother Krupnick and his devoted wife have been granted licenses to preach by the Oklahoma District Council of the Assemblies of God. They are open for evangelistic calls and may be addressed, P. O. Box 145, Tulsa, Okla.

would be the general trend of the conversation at a time like that?

I believe Jesus was telling the doctors in the temple that He was to be the Passover Lamb that was to be slain, and that no more would it be necessary to slay the lamb every year. Someday He would tell them once and for all, "It is finished." The doctors may not have taken much heed to what He said, but the Holy Ghost has caused it to be written, "His mother kept all these sayings in her heart." Doubtless these sayings sounded strange to His mother, but there was something unusual about the sayings of that unusual child of hers that made her keep them in her heart.

Why is it that the Bible depicts Christ at the very beginning of His ministry at the passover and also depicts Him at the end of His ministry at the passover?

What do you think John meant when he said, "Behold the Lamb of God"? Why didn't John say, "Behold the lion," or some other kind of beast that would represent strength and power. Certainly a lamb did not signify that. It would remind every Jew of the passover. A lamb is more clearly a type of Christ than any other of God's creatures. A lamb is gentle, inoffensive and silent under torture. It wonderfully sets forth the nature of Christ, the Lamb of God, who bore away our sins on the cross of Calvary.

Isaiah in his prophetic vision saw the One who was coming to take away our sins as a lamb. "He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He openeth not His mouth." Isa. 53:7.

In Ex. 12:5 we read, "Your lamb shall be without blemish," which is a perfect picture of Christ, for He is holy, harmless and undefiled. Heb. 7:26. There was not a single fault in Him, for even Pilate had to say, "I find no fault in this man." Luke 23:4.

In Gen. 22:2 we read that God told Abraham, "Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest... and offer him there for a burnt offering." Isaac said to his father, "Behold the fire and the wood: but where is a lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "My son, God will provide Himself a lamb." God did provide Himself a Lamb, a Lamb on a hill, on the cross, to take the place of Lee Krupnick and every other sinner in the whole wide world.

Why is it that many times the enemies of Christ tried to kill Him before the passover, but could not? In John 7:1 we read that "the Jews sought to kill Him." In John 7:30, "They sought to take Him: but no man laid hands on Him, because His hour was not yet come." Hear me! The enemies of Christ could not kill Him before the time. In Ex. 12:3-6 the actual hour and actual day, when the lamb was to be killed was specified. And just so, no man could take Christ's life before the specified time, the actual time that God had fore-ordained from before the foundation of the world. We read in Num. 9:3, "Ye shall keep it (the passover) in his appointed season." There was no power on earth that could take Christ's life before God's appointed time, His appointed hour.

When was God's appointed time? In John 13:1 we read, "Now before the feast of the passover,

when Jesus knew that His hour was come..." And in Luke 22:14, "When the hour was come." What hour? When the passover lamb must be killed. It was then that He sat down with the twelve apostles, all Jews. No Gentile was allowed to participate in the Lord's Supper. So Christ said, "With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer." Luke 22:15.

Do you know what the passover meant? It meant deliverance from bondage and from the power of their oppressor and enemy Pharaoh. How did they procure deliverance? It was through the sacrifice, through the slaying of an innocent lamb. The blood of the lamb was to be placed on the lintel and on the sideposts.

The sacrifice of the lamb in Egypt to commemorate the passover was the way that deliverance was obtained, and Christ obtained deliverance for the whole world by becoming your sacrifice and my sacrifice.

When Christ said, "It is finished," by that He meant, no more would it be necessary for you to kill the lamb every year at the passover time. He has for all time done away with this. God meant this when He said through Abraham that He would provide Himself a lamb for the sacrifice. The death of Christ, the Lamb of God, was to take the place of all those innocent lambs that had to be slain every year for the passover. Now that ritual was no more necessary, for "It is finished."

A certain Jew said to me that the reason why they do not continue the sacrifice of the lamb at the passover is because the Jews are now in captivity and have no temple, no altar, no sacrifice. But this answer is not sufficient. Hear me, my dear Jewish people, it is not because you are in captivity that you are without the passover lamb; but because you did not accept the true Passover Lamb you are in captivity. How I pray that my dear Jewish people would read the Bible for themselves. Search the Scriptures with honest, open heart. How plainly the Scriptures tell us that Christ is the true Passover Lamb.

Why do not my dear Jewish people use the lamb in their passover service any more? All that they use today is the lower unbroken joint of the front leg of the lamb called the shankbone. Surely they know that *killing* the lamb is the first and most important command in partaking of the passover. Did you know that there are twenty-six references to the lamb found in Ex. 12:1-11, and only once is there reference made to the bitter herbs and unleavened bread; and though twenty-six references are made to the killing of the lamb and only one to the bitter herbs and unleavened bread, you my dear Jewish friends are very careful to observe the last two commands, but not the first and most important.

Listen to me, my dear Jewish people, God commanded Israel to kill the lamb for the passover, and here is Bible truth. For your soul's salvation's sake please read these passages of Scripture: Ex. 12:6-21; 2 Chron. 30:15-17; 2 Chron. 35:1, 6, 11; Ezra 6:20; Mark 14:12 and Luke 22:7. God said, "The blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you." Ex. 12:13. It is the blood of the Lamb foretold by the prophet Isaiah (Isa. 53:7), and nothing but the blood that can bring salvation. It is not through traditions or ceremonies but only through the blood of the Lamb that you can be brought nigh unto God. Eph. 2:13. I ask again, why do not my dear Jewish people kill the lamb at the passover sacrifice any more? I will tell you why. Because Christ said, "It is finished," and it is not necessary any more.

The word *Exodus* means "a way out." Thanks be to God, that He still has a way out, and the only way out of the bondage of Satan is through the gospel of the blood of Jesus Christ. Some

teach, "As long as you do the best you can and are sincere, that is all that matters; everybody does not believe the same way, but we are all planning to go to the same place; and so it does not make much difference which way we decide to go. After all, we all plan to make heaven our home and be with the Father." *I say that such a statement is a lie out of the pit of hell.* There are not many different ways to get to heaven. There is only one way and Jesus is the way. No man can come to the Father but by Jesus.

If you intend to make heaven your home you will have to come by the way that I came, the way chosen by a company of people too numerable to count, who came by the way that God would accept—the blood-bought way, by the way of the Cross and by the sacrifice of the Lamb who bore away the sin of the world. Any man who attempts to come to God without coming through Jesus Christ will find no salvation.

The Bible tells us, "There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." 1 Tim. 2:5. In Deut. 12:23 we read, "The blood is the life," and there is life through the blood of Christ. We all know that the blood carries dead tissues from the human body, and just so it is the blood of Christ and only the blood of Christ that can carry away sin and death from the heart and life of man. Thank God, the child of God can say, "The blood of Jesus Christ God's Son cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:7. Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin. Heb. 9:22.

I remember how I used to sit at the passover service, and we would all wait until the midnight hour. Then my oldest brother (the firstborn son always does this) would go to the door, open it, and all eyes looked through that open door, waiting and hoping that the Messiah would come into our house and sit in the empty chair in which no one was permitted to sit; for that empty chair was only to be used by the Messiah (for whom the Jewish people are still waiting). For years I and all my family had been waiting with expectancy (my family is still waiting) for the Messiah to come to our passover service. And now, glory, hallelujah! how it thrills me when I realize that my Messiah is already come and He is a living reality in my heart and life. The Messiah has already come. He came to His own, and they would not receive Him, but He is coming again and "every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him." Zech. 12:10; Rev. 1:7.

I praise God and rejoice in the fact that I know; yes, thank God. I KNOW that Christ is our passover, and that our passover is sacrificed for us; for He was declared by Abraham, prophesied by Isaiah, recognized by John the Baptist, proclaimed by Paul, and foreordained by God. Jesus is our deliverer, our Messiah, our Lamb of God, and our Passover.

WE HAVE A CONVOY

John Bunyan tells us what Christian says to Hopeful as they discuss the perils of the Pilgrim Way: "Tis good that we desire of the King a convoy, yea, that He will go with us Himself. This made David rejoice when in the Valley of the Shadow of Death; and Moses was rather for going where he stood than go one step without his God. O my brother, if He will but go along with us, what need we be afraid of ten thousands that shall set themselves against us!"

NEXT WEEK LARGER PAPER

We regret that necessity has compelled us to reduce the size of the Evangel to eight pages during the past five weeks, but next week we expect to be able to resume printing 16 pages weekly. As we shall have to get along with approximately 65 tons of paper less this year than last, it will still be necessary to have one eight-page Evangel each month.

Degree of holiness is in proportion to the perfection of union with God.

"Quadruped Saints"

A. G. WARD

The Lord God is my strength, and He will make my feet like hinds' feet, and He will make me to walk upon mine high places." Habakkuk 3:19.

It must be evident to every thinking child of God that far too many of us are dwelling on the lowlands of Salvation and far too few live on the uplands of Redeeming Grace. How are we to reach the highlands in our spiritual Canaan? The task is not an easy one; no one ever yet became deeply spiritual by accident. If we would scale the heights of Hebron, we must do some mountain climbing; and for this very reason, I fancy, God compares us in His Word to the hind, which is a quadruped, and specially noted for its ability or power to climb the craggy

obedience, as a hind would find it difficult to scale the craggy mountain side with only three feet.

Obedience—that means doing what God says without asking any questions. True, there is the questioning of faith, but it is certainly not the highest kind of faith and will never get us far up the mountain. Let us determine that we will obey God at any cost and the results will be glorious. Constant obedience means constant abiding, constant abiding means the constant Presence of God, and the constant Presence of God means constant victory.

The third foot we have called "Prayer." Prayerlessness never leads to spiritual heights. All who have scaled the mountain top of Full Salvation have been men and women of prayer. Austin Phelps says, "We lay it down as an elemental principle of religion, that no large growth in holiness was ever gained by one who did not take time to be often and long alone with God. Not otherwise can the great central idea of God enter into a man's life and dwell there supreme." Prayer is the act by which man, detaching himself from the embarrassments of sense and nature, ascends to the spiritual heights in the Canaan experience. God's best and sweetest flowers, blooming on the hilltop of Redeeming Grace are plucked by the fingers of earnest and believing prayer.

Be not afraid to pray—to pray is right; Pray if thou canst with hope, but ever pray. Though hope be weak or sick with long delay; Pray in the darkness, if there be no light.

And now we come to the last of our four feet; this one we have named "Praise." Our other three feet may be in fairly good condition, but if our praise foot be crippled, our progress in mountain climbing will be greatly retarded. In the tenderest of the Pauline epistles we read a very great deal about praise. As you may know, when Paul wrote his Epistle to the Philippians, he was a prisoner in Rome; yet in this very epistle he says, "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice." This Scripture introduces us to the height of Divine Revelation and presents to us an ideal which is certainly attainable. Our Lord is desirous that His people should be rejoicing Christians, and I am certain that if Christians were more joyful they would set sinners' mouths a-watering for the dainties of true religion.

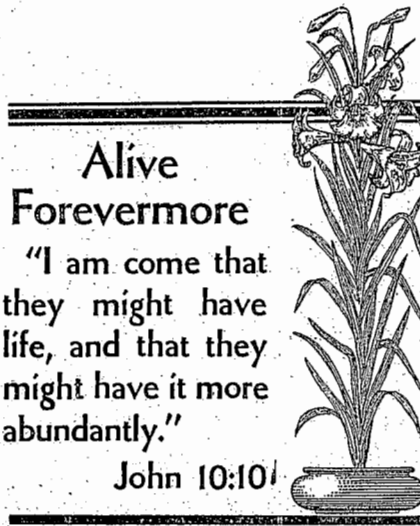
Often the way seems rough and the heights rugged; to continue climbing appears almost impossible. This is the time when we must call our praise foot into action. A real shout of praise will often lift one over the hardest bit of the road.

Oh, let us rejoice in the Lord, evermore,
When darts of the tempter are flying,
For Satan still dreads, as he oft did of yore,
Our singing much more than our sighing.

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LOVE'S ATTITUDE

In a packed church in a village in the heart of France on Easter Sunday, 1914, the preacher's text was "And Judas went out and hanged himself." He ended by saying: "I was speaking on this subject to the girls in the school, and I said, 'If you had acted as Judas did, would you too have gone out and hanged yourself?' And one of them replied: 'Oui, monsieur le curé. Je me serais pendu—au cou de Jesus!' Which may be translated—I would have hung myself around the neck of Jesus."



Alive
Forevermore
"I am come that
they might have
life, and that they
might have it more
abundantly."

John 10:10

mountain slopes until at last it is upon the summit.

Quadruped saints—saints fitted for mountain climbing. Even while I write, voices are calling from the mountain top of glory, bidding us attempt the climb which to some seems so hazardous. We may feel unequal to the task, but if we see to it that none of our four feet becomes crippled, but that each functions properly, we ought not to fail in our attempts to scale the highest peak in the land of Beulah; the land of corn and wine and oil, the land favored with God's peculiar smile, with every blessing blest.

Our first foot we shall call "Faith." One cannot get off to a good start up the mountain which leads into close contact with God without faith. When I speak of faith, I am not thinking of some strange, mysterious thing, but rather of simple trust in God; that is, believing God regardless of probabilities or possibilities as humanly viewed, just taking God at His Word. And why not? Thousands have proved Him true while none has ever proved Him false.

If our faith were but more simple,
We would take Him at His Word,
Then we'd see both signs and wonders
Wrought by our Almighty Lord.

We have named the second foot "Obedience." What a pity that we, through our unwillingness to obey, so often force God to commit to other hands the service He longs to place in ours. It is impossible for us to trust God's promises unless we are keeping His commands. We shall go limping on our way to the uplands of Salvation and find that it is as difficult to scale the mountain side of real victory without using the foot of

CHRIST IS RISEN

THERE were three hours of darkness on the earth when Christ was on the cross. What about the following three days? The Saviour of mankind was dead. It was the darkest period in the world's history.

In the beginning gross darkness was upon the face of the deep, and the Spirit of God brooded upon the face of the waters. But now the darkest ones of hell brooded over the earth, and Hell held high carnival on the borders of the earth. Hear them boast, "The Heir is killed; the inheritance is ours. The stone on the grave is sealed. A guard watches the tomb. We will see to it that the inheritance is not retaken."

But God was not dead, though the Heir was. And the Heir had the assurance, "Thou wilt not leave My soul in hell." God had not forgotten His promise. The word had gone forth, "Yet have I set My King upon My holy hill of Zion." Psalm 2:6. God does not forget His sure word of promise.

The grave could not hold Him who was the resurrection and the life. The stone was rolled away. The soldiers had to go down. The Christ came forth.

No human being witnessed it. The soldiers were as dead men? They never saw Him, though He was risen. And they fled. That place was no place for them. The supernatural scared those soldiers as nothing else on earth could scare them.

God raised Christ from the dead, loosed Him from the grip of death. He loosed those icy hands. He loosed His Son from the tenacious grip that had snatched all mankind and held them all, with two exceptions—Enoch and Elijah. God raised Him from the dead, never to die again.

Christ is now become the firstfruits of them that slept, the first of the fruits, the earnest of a mighty harvest. And He says to all who believe in Him, "Because I live, ye shall live also." John 14:19. God has His plan. There shall be a resurrection. It is all set forth in the Word of God: "Every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at His coming. Then cometh the end," and the final resurrection. 1 Cor. 15:23, 24.

As surely as man went down into the grave, so surely must man come out of the grave. For Christ went down into the grave as the last Adam; and He arose; and all will have to rise because He arose. "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." 1 Cor. 15:22. No man is fool enough to dispute the first point, that in Adam all die. The elixir of life has never been found. Books on wonderful cures and how to prolong life have to go. The writers die, and the readers also. The fact is universal—the death of the sons of Adam.

And the fact is also universal—that in Christ all will have to be made alive. The thing is sure: "As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." You cannot veto the first, neither can you veto the second.

Man's duty is to decide in which class he is going to be—in the resurrection of life or the resurrection of damnation. That is the problem, a serious problem; not the problem of prolonging life, but the problem of the quality of life that you are now living. Do not spend all your time trying to prolong the natural life but seek to procure the eternal life. That life is to be found in the risen and living Son of God. He who has this risen, resurrected Son of God dwelling in him has life. But he that has not the Son has not life.

It is appointed unto men once to die, and after death, what? Don't shut your eyes, don't stop

your ears, don't stultify your reason and stifle your conscience. After death, what? You have the power to say—

John's Patmos Vision

EYE hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him." 1 Cor. 2:9. God Himself hath prepared them. And He gave a summary of these things to John, fragmentary because human capacity was so limited that it could not take them in. What God has prepared! Surprise upon surprise, glory upon glory, revelation beyond revelation, vista beyond vista! Cycle follows cycle, age follows age; so each cycle, each age will have fresh revelations of God's marvelous unfoldings.

In the beginning of the Book we have a picture of the Garden of Eden, then at the close we have another picture. We see the river and the trees. But the second picture transcends the first. And do you not think God has garden beyond garden? Each epoch a fresh surprise! In age beyond age, God unfolding is own infiniteness! O the privilege of being saved! O the privilege of this high calling, the privilege of being in Christ! For in Christ you will be in all the blessings of eternity.

Do you think that John murmured about his imprisonment on the Isle of Patmos, at being cut off from fellowship, at being banished, when he saw what was prepared for them that love Him? Patmos was left behind when he saw Him whose countenance shone like the sun, whose head and whose hair were white as wool, and whose feet were as burning brass. John learned how to put things in proper relative positions. Banishment, isolation, punishment, brought revelation, manifestations of the Spirit's power, and glimpses of the unutterable glory. The very angels were so bright with the reflected glory that he mistook the created for the Creator. Don't magnify your Patmoses, but answer the cry of the Spirit to come up higher. If Patmoses were understood they would lead to revelations and to unutterable joy, as visions of glory to come are unfolded.

The Revelation was not for John only. It was the Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto Him to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass. God gave the revelation to His Son and the Son is anxious to pass it on. He wants listeners, enquirers searching and enquiring how and when these things shall be. The Lord Jesus wants to share His secrets. He says, "I go to prepare a place for you." If He has told you that, He will tell you the rest as you are able to bear it. Why the hung-down head and the feeble knees? Get a glimpse of some of the glories laid up for them that love Him. Hope thou in God. Set your affections on things above, the things that are worthy, the gates of pearl, and the precious foundation stones. If the outside is so beautiful, what must the inside be like? In the midst, God and the Lamb!

But it was not complete till the bride herself was there. God and the Lamb delighting to glorify the bride! John heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, "Alleluia!" And they say, "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready." The fitting, the readiness, accomplished by the Son Himself. She must be worthy of the beautiful place and she must be worthy of Him.

It hath not entered into the heart of man to conceive what things are laid up for them that love Him. And Jesus says: "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." The best, most glorious kingdom of earth is just rubbish—the dust of the balance—compared with the kingdom God is going to give to the redeemed. An inheritance, incorruptible, undefiled, that fadeth not away! Don't be afraid of the temporary cloud. This must needs be. The trial of your faith is much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried by fire, and

will be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.

It is the Father's good pleasure! And He does not give all these glories grudgingly; stintingly. He delights to give. He gave His Son first, and with Him He is willing freely to give us all things. And the privilege of these things is brought to us by being partakers of the divine nature, and therefore of the divine environment—heaven and all the glories that follow.

The Easter Hope

ASK that caterpillar, "What have you been doing of late?" He tells you, "I have been weaving these bedclothes for myself.

Shortly I am going to have a long sleep. The One who is my Creator is going to do something for me. He is going to change me so entirely that when you see me again you will not recognize me. He is going to give me wings and He will paint them with the various hues of yonder rainbow and with many other fair colors. I am sorry I cannot talk longer with you. I am feeling tired. Good night. One bright morning I shall see you again."

Speak to that old saint, "For what are you making preparations?" He answers, "I am finding that the outward man is perishing. If the Lord should tarry, this old body of mine will go to sleep, and they will lay it in the grave. But I—this spirit of mine—will be with Christ, which is far better. He has promised redemption for even this mortal body. He who came to wake Lazarus out of his sleep will one day speak the word and this body of mine will come forth from the grave and I shall be very beautiful. The beauty of the Lord my God shall be forever upon me. I shall be like my Lover Lord. I shall be satisfied—perfectly satisfied—when I awake in His likeness.

"But now my body has grown weary and tired. Maybe the Lord will let it sleep awhile; but hallelujah, one day my body will come forth gloriously transformed—like unto His."—S. H. F.

HOW A BABY WAS SAVED

In a lonely hut on the desolate China-Tibet border, a baby girl was dying. Her father, a British missionary named Harry Fisher, prayed for help. Nothing but a miracle could save his eighteen-months-old child. The baby, whose parents were the only white couple in that region; had pneumonia, and the crisis was approaching. The nearest hospital was hundreds of miles away. There was no doctor.

As the missionary prayed, there came the sound of an airplane. Then an India-China Ferry Command transport plane made a forced landing in a field near by. The crew came to the little hut to ask for help, which was gladly given. The miracle had happened. The plane carried oxygen tanks, and the oxygen saved the child, who was nursed by the airmen for three days.

A FLOWER SERMON

I was once asked to visit a man who was dying with cancer of the face. It was difficult to do personal work with him because the disease had so eaten into his mouth and throat that he could not utter a word. I took with me a box of flowers, and as I was leaving I said, "I am going to put here at the bottom of the bed where you can see them all the time some flowers that illustrate my favorite text." I then quoted Isaiah 1:18 and left the Spirit of God to do his work through the Word and the illustration. The flowers were scarlet and white carnations. *Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.*—M. Taylor.

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MENDING NETS

W. F. P. Burton

WE call him Peter. He has five legs. There used to be eight once, but he lost three. He carries on just as well with the five as he did with the eight. He lives outside our bedroom window. The black boys wanted to sweep away his great gauzy net. They said it was untidy. Perhaps it is, but we forbade them to destroy the web, for it catches hundreds and hundreds of mosquitoes.

In this land mosquitoes are among our worst enemies. They're like tiny gnats. They not only disturb our nights, they make our bodies itch with their bites. Worse still, they carry the dreaded malarial fever and other diseases. That's why we protect Peter.

His legs are quite two inches from tip to tip, and his smart livery consists of a jet black body with four bright yellow spots.

Why do we call him Peter? I'll tell you. It's because he always seems to be mending his nets. He is never satisfied. Taking out bits of dust or grass that have been blown into it, gathering together a rent here and a gap yonder, cutting some unwanted beetle or hornet that has blown into it and repairing the patch. He's untiring.

We usually have to sleep under stuffy mosquito nets for two or three months of every rainy season. This year it has not been necessary, because Peter and his family have accounted for so many mosquitoes.

By day you see him spinning silky skeins from his body. Backward and forward he goes. If anyone approaches he's off up into the thatch, but a minute later he will be back at work. Then at night he just feasts on the swarms of mosquitoes that are attracted by the lamp.

I like that idea of mending nets, don't you? One can't be always catching food. There must be a rest for repairs.

The other day I passed old Mako's house. He and his wife were sitting outside, with heads close together. She is the better reader of the two and was reading aloud to him.

"Hello, Mako," I shouted. Are you two mending your nets?"

"Yes, Bwana," he replied. "What would be the use of my Lord saying 'Let down your net for a draught,' if my net were in holes? It would catch nothing.

"Nothing is more disappointing than a preacher without a message. My children played a trick on me. I had a pot of honey. We used to dip our fingers in and lick them. It was sweet! One day they changed the pots. Next time I dipped in my fingers I found nothing. How disgusted I was! I did not put my fingers in that pot again.

"When the people come to get gospel honey and the preacher stands without a message from God, they go away disgusted. They will not come again for the man who has no message.

"If my wife Luse and I mend our nets, then we can go with confidence into the villages and catch men for the Lord Jesus."

Isn't that what Paul meant when he wrote, "Give attention to reading. Meditate on those things that thy profiting may appear to all?" 1 Tim. 4:13-15.

We cannot always be preaching, but when a lull comes let us learn a lesson from Peter and take time to mend the nets.

was to preach in the three largest Baptist churches in the city and he hoped to collect three hundred pounds (\$1,500) needed immediately for his own orphanage in London. He obtained the money. However, after going to bed on the last night of his visit, he heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Give that three hundred pounds to George Muller." He hesitated, knowing how his own orphanage needed the money, but sleep did not come to him until he said, "Yes, Lord, I will."

The following morning he went to Muller's Orphanage and found George Muller on his knees before an open Bible praying. The famous preacher placed his hand on his friend's shoulder and said, "George, God told me to give you this three hundred pounds." "Oh!" said Muller, "dear Spurgeon, I have been asking the Lord for that very sum." And those two prayerful men rejoiced together.

When Spurgeon returned to London, he found a letter awaiting him on his desk. Opening it, he found it contained three hundred guineas (a guinea is worth one shilling more than a pound). "There," said he with joy, "the Lord has returned my three hundred pounds with three hundred shillings (\$75) interest."

God's promise is, "Ask and ye shall receive," but He also says, "Give and it shall be given unto you." God can answer our prayers, but sometimes He waits to receive our obedience!

WHAT SHALL WE PREACH?

Peter was a Pentecostal preacher. What was his theme? "Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God . . . crucified . . . raised up." Acts 2:22-24. "The God of Abraham . . . hath glorified His Son Jesus . . . God, having raised up His Son Jesus, sent Him to bless you." Acts 3:13, 26. "By the name of Jesus Christ. . . Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:10, 12.

Philip was a Pentecostal preacher. What did he preach? "Phillip went down to the city of

Samaria, and preached Christ unto them." Acts 8:5. "Philip . . . began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus." Acts 8:35.

Paul was a Pentecostal preacher. What was his message? "And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God." Acts 9:20. "God . . . raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus." Acts 13:23. "I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified." 1 Cor. 2:2.

Let us preachers be Pentecostal. That will mean preaching Christ and Christ alone. He is just what sinner and saint need. Exalt Jesus Christ and Him crucified, and the Holy Spirit will anoint the message today as in the days of the early Church and cause us to see like revivals.

CENTRAL BIBLE INSTITUTE COMMENCEMENT

After another successful year at Central Bible Institute we are approaching the time when the school will close for this school year. Three hundred and forty young people will take part in this great time of blessing.

Central Bible Institute has always appreciated the many friends who have come in for the Baccalaureate and Commencement, and invites you to be with them again this year. Baccalaureate sermon on Sunday afternoon, May 23d. The commencement will be held at 7:30 o'clock the evening following, at which time sixty-nine will be graduated.

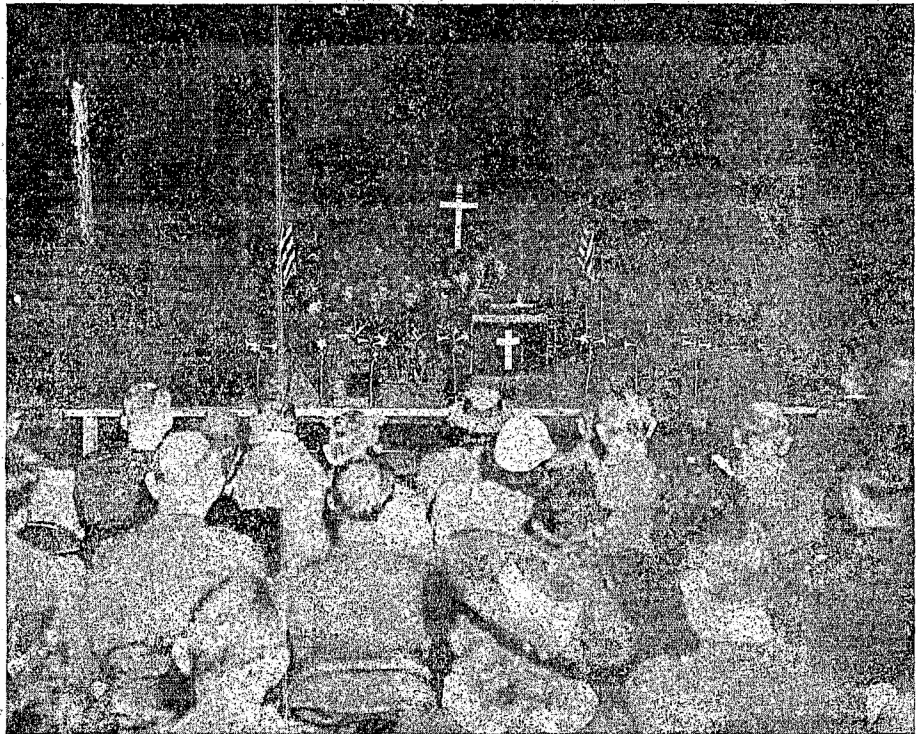
Be with us. Bring others with you.

GOOD COUNSEL

Believe not half you hear; repeat not half you believe; when you hear an evil report halve it, then quarter it and say nothing about the rest of it.—Spurgeon.

Prayer is simply opening all the gates toward heaven and letting down the bars for God to come in.

Money is a privilege—a power—a peril.—Morrill.



Second Armored Division Photo

Trio, composed of Harold Stover, Sam Seales, and Albert Walkup, sing for the Easter Sunrise Service at the Second Armored Division. These three sergeants and a group of other Christian boys aided in distributing 24,000 Gospels paid for by the Assembly of God churches of Columbus, Georgia. Each Gospel had a special Easter cover.

GIVING AND RECEIVING

Charles H. Spurgeon once visited Bristol where George Muller's orphan homes are located. He

Full Speed Ahead--for Missions

John Franklin, Furlough Central America

An article recently appeared in the newspaper with this heading, "FULL SPEED AHEAD FOR THE MOVIES DESPITE THE WAR." It was an expression of the movie firms that an effort was being made to increase production in spite of the war. What a challenge that is to us! If the world can be so enthusiastic over such an unholy matter, what should be the attitude of God's children toward His great program? Back 2,000 years ago the Son of God, risen from the dead and triumphant over Satan's power, took command, and gave orders: "GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE." All the powers of hell have tried to stop that plan from being realized—but God's program is moving forward, and it will triumph at last. We have our part in the fulfillment of this great plan. He is counting on us. May the Lord keep us faithful to the heavenly vision, as we labor during the little day that remains to us before the night cometh.

In Retrospect

We left Guatemala the first week in December, after more than six years in the mission field. We cannot forget our emotions as the train moved out of the capital city. Soon familiar landmarks began to fade from view as we wended our way down steep mountain grades toward the Mexican border about 200 miles away. We were bidding farewell for a time to the field where God had called us and where we had labored by His grace through many conflicts and trials. Years before on the strength of His promise to go with us, we had stepped out in faith into a very uncertain future. Those years had been full of His gracious providence and care, and His blessings upon our insufficient efforts.

We are leaving 16 assemblies and 45 outstations, with 40 native ministers to carry on. Almost 1,500 had confessed Christ in public services through the co-operative efforts of missionary and workers. There were 150 baptized in the Spirit, and we had witnessed innumerable healings, some quite miraculous. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harer, new missionaries, had come to assume charge in one section where the work had grown beyond our ability to care for it.

Behind the Scenes

We were thinking of faithful friends in the homeland who have stood by us in prayer and financial backing for the extension of the gospel into so many towns and villages. We tried to find some way to express our gratitude to the Lord for all these blessings and could not find words. Yes, the Lord had gone with us, just as He promised. It had not been our feeble instrumentality that had done the work, but Christ Himself confirming the Word with signs following, giving us fruit far beyond our dreams.

So often the tendency has been to look at gospel work on the foreign field as though the success accomplished were due to the missionary. If the truth were really known (and it will be manifested someday), it will be found that behind the scenes are dear children of God, constantly interceding before the throne of Grace, and their prayers make the wheels

of God's mighty program move onward to victory. Little is said of those intercessors—and for the most part they wish to remain unknown—but without their co-operation we missionaries could not carry on. One prayer warrior wrote to us a few years ago telling of the burden on her heart for the lost. She said, "I covet for Him a great company to be ready for His appearing. We see how they are responding in the dark places of the earth, and it does gladden our hearts to know that many are turning from death unto life." That saint was a missionary at heart. And thank God, we can all be that!

LATVIAN MISSIONARIES SUFFER

A few months ago John Johnson, of North India, accompanied a Latvian missionary, Brother Zingers, on a visit to a Latvian couple of the latter's acquaintance living some twenty miles from Dehra Dun, out in the jungle. They traveled by train from Dehra to the nearest railway station where, after vain attempts to secure pack horses for the six-mile journey, they manage to get one bicycle between them. Brother Johnson soon realized that his companion, who was lame, would have to do a great deal of walking as well as riding, for the road was merely a dry river bed. "Our first obstacle," he writes, "was a turbulent river that ran across the dry bed we were following. During the monsoon this river had flooded and swept away the bridge. On approaching we saw that men were working there, and my companion on the bicycle who reached the river before I did tried to arrange for a workman to carry him across. Just as I arrived, I heard him say to the foreman, 'Could not that tall man over there carry me?' 'He is a leper,' was the laconic reply. So two other men were found, one for Mr. Zingers and the other for the bicycle. I found that wading was not as easy as it looked, for the bottom of the river was covered with stones that cut one's feet. The rest of the road was the most uneven stretch imaginable, strewn with large boulders. It took us three hours and forty minutes to cover six miles.

"Finally we reached the home of our Latvian friends. The house had seen better days. I was soon introduced to the father but did not meet the mother just then as she was resting, having been ill for a number of months. In the house there were many signs of poverty—such poverty as I have never seen among Europeans in India. The father of the home, who also had been ill, tried to make us comfortable and set food before us. We enjoyed the bounty of his poverty. As I ate, I realized a little of what his people in Latvia must have suffered, as first the Russians and now the Germans have swept through their little country. These missionaries of the cross whom we were visiting had not heard from their loved ones for about two years. Their allowances had been cut off and there they were out in the jungle without complaint, praising and blessing God for His tender mercies. The meal set before us consisted of pancakes left over from breakfast, raw onions, and overripe cucumbers. Do I speak of food because I had to eat it? Ah, no, for I have learned to be content with all food; but I write so because of these faithful missionaries who are living

day in and day out alone in the wilderness, with each day becoming more difficult than the one before.

"Just before we left, the mother came out to greet us. Character and calm were written on her countenance. We all knelt in prayer to our Father above, asking for His help. I felt it a great privilege to be able to leave some funds with them."

Is your heart touched by the need of our Latvian friends? This is but one case—it could be multiplied many times over. Through our Emergency Fund we have already distributed thousands of dollars for the relief of such sufferers—European missionaries in India, China, parts of Africa and South America who have been cut off from their former source of support because of war conditions. Appeals coming to us day after day mean a constant drain on our funds, and we ask your continued remembrance of this war emergency need. Offerings may be sent to the Foreign Missions Department, 336 West Pacific, Springfield, Missouri, designated "Emergency Fund."

Planting Seeds in Fertile Soil-- The Hearts of Little Children

Lillian Trasher, Assiout, Egypt

Some friends who had come to visit us one Sunday not long ago stood and looked on in perfect amazement as the nine hundred children from our orphanage poured out of church. I said, "Oh, but remember you are seeing only these who are here now and are just little children. To realize what the work really is you should see those who have grown up and are now men and women."

Many times as our pastor is preaching, I sit on the platform and try to imagine each little girl and boy as they will be in a few years, heads of little homes all over Egypt, teaching their children what they are learning today.

One day while in Cairo I decided to visit one of my married girls. As I was passing under the window, the mother called little "Lillian," saying, "Honey, come here." Honey! That word belongs in Georgia and Florida—how had it come to Cairo? Then a warm feeling went all over me. I had brought that little part of the dear old South over here—and a whole lot more than a few words—which will be part of Egypt someday, when I am gone and all who ever knew me; for we are planting seeds in the very best ground—the hearts of little children.

Here we are, day after day and year after year, teaching them the things of God and life and decency. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." I have no fear but that the Word of God will be carried on by the little living candles whose feeble lights have just begun to burn.

All this you are helping us to do. Your name may not be mentioned; your gift may be forgotten by many, but our loving Father does not forget even a cup of cold water given in His name. So you who are helping in this great time of planting will share also in the harvest.

You will be glad to hear that everything is quiet and peaceful in Egypt, thanks to God's blessing on the work of the brave boys of the Eighth Army. We have had the great pleasure of showing a number of them the orphanage, and many have felt greatly blessed as they saw what God is doing for the children.

Send all missionary offerings to Foreign Missions Dept., 336 W. Pacific, Springfield, Mo.

The Lord's Healing

In 1925 I was very ill with flu. One day after I had been praying and when I had been sick about a week my wife came in and I told her I believed I was passing away. I was very low. About half a minute after telling her that I felt the healing touch and leaped out of bed. I was healed and O so hungry. I asked for food, but as my wife prepared something I peeled raw potatoes and ate them with salt. My wife said, "Now you will be sick sure enough," but I was healed. I ate my supper and the next morning I was in perfect health. At that time I had had the flu every winter since 1918; but since then I have only had one light touch of it; God had so completely healed me.

My little son got poisoned with poison ivy. He was a sight. My wife thought we should take him to a doctor. I said, "Let us pray first." We knelt by the bed and God worked a miracle. The boy was healed at once and was ready for Sunday School the next morning.

Another boy had his nose broken. He must have ruptured a blood vessel for he would bleed whenever he would cry or exert himself. One night when I was milking, my wife called me. She had emptied two washpans of blood and water, and he was utterly devoid of color. It seemed that he was bleeding to death. I laid my hands on his head and cried, "O God heal this boy for Jesus' sake; as no other power on earth can save him. If you do not stop the bleeding he will die, we believe. Stop this blood for Jesus' sake." Less than forty seconds after that the Lord stopped the bleeding. This same boy is in the navy now, on the U. S. S. Mississippi. He got hit on the nose and had it broken again. It is still crooked; but it bled only a few drops.

In April 1942 I fell off a fence and broke two ribs just under my heart. I had had broken ribs before and so I thought of the pain I was going to have to endure. I could work the ribs and feel and hear the broken ends click together when I would bend or get in a twist. Satan told me infection might set in and that I should see a doctor. I knew this might be; but I decided to take it to Jesus. It had been getting worse for eight or nine days. Well, it was Sunday evening. My wife and the rest had gone to church. My two-year-old girl and my five-year-old son were here with me. So I said, "Children come, let's pray to God to heal Daddy." We got down on our knees and joined hands and I said, "God You are able. You said if we had faith as a grain of mustard seed we could say to yonder mountain to be removed, and it would obey us. Now if such a small amount of faith will accomplish so much, surely O God I have a little faith, and it will not take much to heal these ribs. I know You are able, in Jesus' name. Amen." God healed me that night in my sleep. I awoke the next morning and when I turned I felt no pain. So I began to examine myself. I bent and twisted and pressed on my side, but God had done the work. I am fifty-three years old and broken ribs do not grow together over night without a miracle.

I was born and raised in the Tennessee mountains and only had a third grade education. When I was a small boy my mother had a cancer just back of her ear. The doctors said nothing could be done for it. I asked Mother if nothing could be done for it. She said no one but God could; that He could if we had faith enough. I loved my mother and tried my very best to have faith for her healing. So God in His great mercy cured this cancer on Mother and she lived for thirty years afterwards.—Milton H. Yohey, Box 96, Jupiter, Florida.

Burriss, W. Glen, Glenrock, Wyoming
 Carlson, Mrs. Beulah M., Alma, Colorado
 Chopper, Elmer F., Crook, Colorado
 Crouse, Kenneth L., Russel Springs, Kansas
 Cunningham, Mrs. Florence L., Littleton, Colorado
 Davies, Lloyd L., Flagstaff, Arizona
 Davis, Cyle G., Littleton, Colorado
 Holden, James H., Greeley, Colorado
 Kauffman, Eugene H., Sterling, Colorado
 Lane, Forrest S., Casa Grande, Arizona
 Larson, Mrs. Hildur N. M., McKeesport, Pennsylvania (Reinstated)
 McDaniel, Miles H., Scottsdale, Arizona
 Martin, William F., La Junta, Colorado
 Miller, Harry B., Santa Ana, California
 Pilot, Peter, Torrington, Wyoming
 Ritchie, Dwight C., Salt Lake City, Utah
 Robison, Elger J., Galveston, Texas (Reinstated)
 Smith, Terry L., Eloy, Arizona
 Wagner, Walter W., Fleming, Colorado

The following names were removed from the General Council ministerial list during the month of March, 1943.

Ballard, Benjamin J. St. Louis, Missouri (Withdraw)
 Benney, James A., Sauk City, Wisconsin (Withdraw)
 Brimlow, J. D., Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania (Deceased)
 Cook, Mrs. Grace, Alton, Illinois (Dropped)

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS

March

Alabama	\$742.95
Arizona	677.43
Arkansas	1,421.40
California	15,808.01
Colorado	1,180.75
Connecticut	418.49
Delaware	990.56
District of Columbia	798.41
Florida	965.00
Georgia	351.63
German Branch	1,079.58
Idaho	803.93
Illinois	3,352.81
Indiana	1,321.88
Iowa	1,028.18
Kansas	2,733.86
Kentucky	398.75
Louisiana	533.23
Maine	127.78
Maryland	731.48
Massachusetts	484.77
Michigan	3,700.50
Minnesota	2,341.15
Mississippi	201.19
Missouri	3,827.88
Montana	1,089.32
Nebraska	1,041.39
Nevada	161.20
New Hampshire	72.90
New Jersey	2,310.75
New Mexico	176.06
New York	4,214.48
North Carolina	121.09
North Dakota	483.12
Ohio	5,069.88
Oklahoma	3,311.85
Oregon	2,592.99
Pennsylvania	4,301.41
Rhode Island	143.44
South Carolina	38.32
South Dakota	576.35
Tennessee	316.14
Texas	5,080.08
Utah	81.99
Vermont	8.00
Virginia	1,138.73
Washington	8,438.26
West Virginia	194.01
Wisconsin	1,325.43
Wyoming	255.75
Alaska	21.00
Canada	215.11
Foreign	650.90
Miscellaneous	2,997.06
Total Amount Reported	92,398.71

Home Missions Fund	10,855.77
Office Expense Fund	1,544.00
Literature Expense Fund	97.58
Given Direct for Home Missions	3,497.41
Given Direct to Missionaries	4,056.74
Amount Received for Foreign Missions	72,347.21

Reports from the Reapers

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.—We received a call to pastor the Full Gospel Tabernacle, 17th and O sts., and arrived here February 14. Immediately we commenced a campaign with Einar Waermo assisting in the musical program. During the meetings daily broadcasts were

given, and as a result there was considerable new interest created among the people in the community. Since our arrival the main auditorium has been remodeled, the choir loft rearranged, and new drapes and rugs purchased.—William E. Long, Pastor.

WICHITA, KANSAS—We just closed a very successful 3-week revival with Christian Hild of Fargo, N. Dak., evangelist. Good crowds attended the services every night. Around 100 were saved and many testified to the healing of their bodies. A goodly number received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. The last Sunday of the revival, 41 united with the church. We are surely praising God for the outpouring of the Holy Ghost in our midst. We also broke our Sunday School record with an attendance of 500, so we can truthfully say that the days of revival are not over.—Chas. Sheall, Pastor.

BROWNWOOD, TEXAS—Our church burned to the ground in August, 1940. We secured another place in the heart of town, and now by the help of God it has been paid for. Cost of building and repair was about \$6,000. On April 27 we will have church dedication and mortgage burning. Had 80 soldiers in the service Sunday night, and have had as high as 127 in one service. Have a radio program, Monday through Friday, 7:00-7:30, Sundays, 1:30-2:30 p. m. Some of the prominent Baptist people are getting the Baptism in the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. Soldiers coming to Camp Bowie will find a hearty welcome at the First Assembly of God, 501 E. Lee St.—E. C. Tobey, Pastor.

Coming Meetings

NORTHWEST BIBLE INSTITUTE
 Graduation exercises, Northwest Bible Institute of Seattle, Wash. Roosevelt High School, night, May 12. Baccalaureate sermon, Hollywood Temple, night, May 9. Class service at School, night, May 11.—Henry H. Ness, Principal.

DRY FORK, W. VA.—Ministerial Fellowship Meeting and C. A. Rally, Western Section of Potomac District, April 26. Services 2:00 and 7:30.—Russell W. Harvey, Sectional Vice-President, Clarksburg, W. Va.

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT SECTIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS
 Panhandle, Woodward, May 10-12; Northeast, Tulsa, Capitol Hill Assembly, May 26-28.—W. S. Bragg, Secretary-Treasurer, Box 128, Okmulgee, Okla.

PLAINVIEW, TEXAS—The West Texas District Council meets April 20-22. Monday night Fellowship meeting. General Superintendent Ernest S. Williams, Council speaker. For room reservations and further information write H. Paul Holdridge, Secretary-Treasurer and Pastor, Box 10, Plainview, Texas.

TAMPA, FLA.—South Florida District. State-wide C. A. Rally, Oak Park Holiness Church, 50th St. and 7th Ave., April 21-23. Ralph Byrd, Atlanta, Ga., speaker. Three services daily. Rooms furnished out-of-town visitors as far as possible. Carl V. Brumback is pastor.—Oswald B. Leach, District C. A. President.

ILLINOIS DISTRICT COUNCIL
 The Illinois District Council will convene at Springfield, Ill., April 27-29. General Superintendent E. S. Williams, principal speaker. Credentials Committee will meet April 26, 2:30 p. m., to consider applicants for ordination. Bert Talcott is the local pastor.—W. R. Williamson, District Superintendent, 7131 Norman Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

EASTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL
 The 27th Annual Conference of the Eastern District Council will convene at Maranatha Park, Green Lane, Pa., May 11-15. The Credentials Committee will meet for the purpose of examining candidates for ordination. For application blanks write Wilfred A. Brown, District Secretary, 445 Main St., Penuburg, Pa.

APPALACHIAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
 The 24th session of the Appalachian District Council will convene at North Tazewell, Va., April 22-24. Fellowship meeting, Wednesday, 8:00 p. m. First service, 10:00 a. m. Thursday. C. A.'s will meet Saturday afternoon in connection with District Council. All our District ministers and delegates urged to attend. Two delegates from each assembly.

For information write Pastor A. H. Morrison, Berwind, W. Va.—M. B. Hampton, District Superintendent.

CENTRAL DISTRICT COUNCIL
 The Central District Council will convene in Lima, Ohio, April 27-29. The Christ's Ambassador officers of the District will have charge of a young people's rally, Monday evening, April 26. Services will be held in Trinity Methodist Church, Market and West Sts. A. G. Ward, evening speaker. For additional information write Pastor L. A. Sappington, 766 Holly St., Lima, Ohio.—D. G. Foote, District Secretary, Box 244, Port Huron, Mich.

TEXAS DISTRICT SPRING CONVENTION
 San Angelo Section, Brownwood, April 27-28. First service, 7:30.

All ministers urged to attend, as all licenses must be renewed at spring convention. All ordained ministers will renew their fellowship with the District at this convention. Those desiring to make application for ordination or license will meet the committee at their resident section. For information write the District Office, 2100 Belle Ave., Ft. Worth, Texas.—F. D. Davis, District Superintendent; C. P. Robinson, Secretary.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

SERVICEMEN CONTACTED—Melvin Freeman; church address: Etowah Ave., West Gadsden, Ala. Personal phone 1233-W.

Pastor P. D. Greel, P. O. Box 492, Marianna, Fla. Church located in west end of city. Near Air Base.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

933 Oak Hill St., Lakeland, Fla.—I. J. Bolton, 1772 E. 102nd St., Los Angeles, Calif.—Augustine Lopez.

GENERAL COUNCIL FELLOWSHIP

The following names were added to the General Council ministerial list during the month of March 1943.

The PASSING and the PERMANENT

BEWARE OF ANTI-SEMITISM!

The Church Mission to Jews printed this warning in an English paper—in bold type, two columns wide: "BEWARE OF THE ENEMY! Notice is hereby given that to cherish ANTI-SEMITISM will be deadly to your personal Christian character." It is a timely warning. Hatred is a two-edged sword; it cuts both ways and wounds the one who wields it.

NO SHORTAGE OF CIGARETTES

Moody Monthly quotes a news item from a business periodical, as follows: "Cigarette smokers received welcome tidings from the government yesterday. With the industry's supplies of labor and materials adequate, the W. P. B. said there was no reason for a cut in production, which reached the record total of 236,000,000,000 cigarettes in 1942." And Moody Monthly comments: "So far the only lines not adversely affected by government restrictions seem to be the booze, beer, and cigarette interests, night clubs, and the movie industry. Pretty sorry picture for a nation which appoints a day of prayer to ask God's help in war!"

TRYING TO HIDE THE PAST

Neus Review, in a paragraph concerning His Beatitude Sergii, Metropolitan of Moscow and Kolomma and acting Patriarch of the Russian Orthodox Church, states that: "Recently questioned about the reported persecution of the Church by the atheistic Soviet Government, Sergii emphatically declared that 'no one in Russia had ever been hindered from serving Christ.' He added that 'there had never been a case in the Soviet Union when anyone suffered for his Orthodox faith.'"

"It would appear as if the Nazi leaders are not the only ones who believe in the effectiveness of the big lie!" is the comment of the editor of the *Prophetic News*.

FINNS GIVE UP SMOKING

A *United Press* report in March said that the Germans have forced Finland to adopt starvation rations. "Finns can have only ten cents' worth of meat a month. That's about four sausages—when they're obtainable. Americans probably waste more under their present rations than the Finns get." The ration of dried fruit is about two ounces per month. Eggs, nuts, rice, cocoa, and dried beans can't be bought in the cities.

The report continues: "The monthly tobacco ration is about eight weak cigarettes a month. For smokers, Finland allows 24 ounces of sugar or syrup a month; non-smokers get 35 ounces. The Finns are giving up smoking." Tobacco is one thing that can very well be given up. Beer is another. Men are healthier and happier without them.

GLOBAL THINKING

"Global" is one of the words accented in the present world war. Men are thinking in terms of the globe. The full-page ad of an air line tells us of distance conquered—ten hours to England; twenty-six hours to Cairo; no spot on earth is more than sixty hours from your local airport! The world has "shrunk to approximately one fifth its former size."

It is heartening to realize that the Bible is the first global book. When other religions were talking in terms of tribes or temperament, the Bible was saying, "God so loved the world." The Bible also declares that "all have sinned." That's global. But with that is the global invitation, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." And Christians must never forget they have a global commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Christians, too, must think in terms of the globe.

THE PRISONER'S BOOK

Pastor Niemoller, writing from his German prison, said: "It is most wonderful to read the Bible at such a time as this; how alive it suddenly becomes—how real. It gives you the impression of being written for prisoners and for prison."

NO FEAR FOR THE FUTURE

Recently a preacher in Chicago called attention to the postwar menace of Communism. He said that Russia's unexpected success on the battlefield is giving her new prestige in certain quarters. America will have this prestige to face, and also will have the economic disturbance which comes with the end of high wages when the war ends. Discontent and the false promises of Communism make a bad combination, he pointed out. It is the worst menace our country faces today.

However, the Lord does not want His children to fear for the future. Many may fear, and are fearing—"men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." That is the natural result of looking after those world conditions. But the Lord wants us to have the upward look. "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." The upward look gives no fear but only hope, joy and glorious anticipation. Let us look for Him who shall come in the heavens, rather than those things which are coming on the earth.

PALESTINE'S MIRACLE FORESTS

A newspaper article says: "The forests of Palestine are probably the greatest of all the miracles in the Promised Land. They are fighting the war by preventing soil erosion, providing natural drainage, fixing the sand. Millions of trees have been planted by individuals and groups. Miracle forests would seem to be much in line with prophecy. In Ezekiel 34 we read of the last days: 'I will cause the shower to come down in his season... and the tree of the field shall yield her fruit.' And in Ezekiel 36: 'O mountains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your branches and yield your fruit to my people Israel, for they are at hand to come.'

"Citrus fruits are Palestine's great pride. And who would have dared to think only a few years ago that this soil could be improved to such an extent that it would produce half a dozen crops of forage and three crops of vegetables in a year? Who would have thought that the wheat-growing capacity of the land would increase tenfold in such a short time? Fertilizers and deep plowing are responsible. Whereas the native Arabs employed the implements of Abraham's days, the Jewish settlers are using America's most modern agricultural machinery.

"AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?"

Sheriff Holt McDowell, of Jefferson County, Ala., the county in which Birmingham is situated, has been converted to the dry cause. He says: "I have always heretofore believed that every man had a right to drink if he wanted to, and that it was nobody's business. But in my work as sheriff I have become convinced that it is somebody's business; and that it is every citizen's solemn duty to prevent his neighbor's getting anything that will ruin him. Ninety-five per cent of all crime in Jefferson County and Birmingham is caused by liquor directly or indirectly. I'll never vote another wet ticket as long as I live."

A DEMENTED WORLD

Writing in *The Harvester*, A. E. Long says that the problem of the devil in man is beyond human calculation. It is too vast in its ramifications for human wit to provide a remedy. "Where, then, can we turn for hope? It is the hope of the demoniac of Gadara. His lawless condition implied a challenge to the authority of the Son of God. He came from His own native country, a short distance across the lake of Galilee, especially in order to vindicate His authority by exorcising the demon. In like manner He will come to cast out the devil which torments this poor, mad world. Thus He will restore it to sanity. Even as His claims were immediately resisted by Legion, so will they be contested by the 'kings' and 'rulers' of that time. He will nevertheless impose His sovereign will and bring them into submission. Then, like the demoniac, will the world be found 'sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in its right mind.'" See Mark 5:1-15.

MR. GANDHI'S RELIGION

Some American preachers have shown admiration and sympathy for Mohandas K. Gandhi. Just prior to his latest "hunger strike" nearly five hundred religious, civil and educational leaders in the United States joined in sending a message of greeting to Gandhi in honor of the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of the Congress Party in India. Dr. Fosdick and Dr. E. Stanley Jones were included in the group, the *Alliance Weekly* states.

And yet, Mr. Gandhi is a Hindu. If he (instead of Britain) were ruling India, gospel missionary work would cease to be encouraged. It might be forbidden entirely. For notwithstanding the opinions of certain modernistic missionaries, Mr. Gandhi is not a Christian and he declares that India does not need Christianity. The following are some brief quotations from Mr. Gandhi's own writings:

"Hinduism, as I know it, entirely satisfies my soul, fills my whole being; and I find a solace in the Bhagvad Gita and Upanishads that I miss even in the Sermon on the Mount.

"There was a time when I was wavering between Hinduism and Christianity. When I recovered my balance of mind, I felt that to me salvation was possible only through the Hindu religion, and my faith in Hinduism grew deeper and more enlightening.

"I cannot set Christ on a solitary throne, because I believe God has been incarnated again and again.

"I don't disbelieve in idol worship. An idol does not incite any feeling of veneration in me. But I think idol worship is part of human nature. I do not consider idol worship a sin.

"Cow protection (and worship) is the gift of Hinduism to the world. And Hinduism will live so long as there are Hindus to protect the cow. The way to protect the cow is to die for her.

"Certainly the great faiths held by the people of India are adequate for her people. India stands in no need of conversion from one faith to another."

These quotations are copied from *Moody Monthly*. We pass them on for the benefit of those who are praying for India and her heathen millions. Pray that God will keep His hand upon the government so that it will not pass to those who would close the door to the gospel of Christ. The people of India need Him so direly.

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