

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

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## What Is a Christian Home?

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**H**OME is hell or heaven—just as you make it. Nowhere else can there be such misery or such happiness.

I one time helped police break down the door of a flat where neighbors had noticed lights burning for two days and nights, and no one could be seen coming or going. We found a woman shot to death in bed, the bullet having split her forehead in the shape of a cross. The husband lay sprawled on the floor, dead by his own hand.

On the other hand, I once lived in the home of a godly, kind-hearted, Christian couple, and it was a Paradise on earth. No cross words, thoughtfulness of each other, cheerfulness and joy radiated by every word and act.

Home is more than a man's castle. It is the place where the world is shut out, and where our innermost selves are revealed. Home is where we see each other face to face and come to know each other for what we are. Here the pattern of life is established, destiny determined, ideals crystallized.

I have been in mansions costing millions, yet the interior was cold as ice and the people who dwelt there were strangers. The other day I visited a barren-looking building in a desolated "blighted" section of Chicago—a stove-heated tenement that rented for \$15 a month—yet I found it a home rich in love and devotion, in spite of poverty and sickness, and children radiated the fine spirit of a true home.

Home, more than school or church or amusement center, determines human character, and it is personal character in the mass that determines the nation's future. America will never be destroyed by enemies from without—if it ever goes down, it will be at the hands of decay, degeneracy and corruption from within. The home will finally determine whether it shall fall or not. Divorce, immorality and domestic dissension threaten our homes as they never have been threatened before in our nation's history.

A court plaster will never cure cancer nor a bouquet of flowers a fever. In this day and age, when the very foundation of our civilization is being attacked by the termites of paganism, dissoluteness, glamorized infidelity, glorified dissipation, Hollywood glitter, sophisticated drunkenness, sneers at decency and ridicule of virtue, there is only one agency capable of warding off destruction—Christian character bred, nurtured, and matured in a Christian home.



WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN HOME?

The best answer I have ever seen to that question is contained in a familiar motto which adorned the wall of the dining room in the home of the Christian couple with whom I once lived. It ran like this: (Continued on Page Eight)

# Executive Presbyters Meet

A FULL meeting of the Executive Presbytery was held in Springfield, Missouri, from March 27 to 29. J. Narver Gortner of Berkeley, California, Wesley Steelberg, Superintendent of the New York-New Jersey District, and Aaron Wilson of Kansas City, Missouri, were present, together with E. S. Williams, Ralph M. Riggs, J. R. Flower, Noel Perkin, W. I. Evans and S. H. Frodsham of Springfield.

## NEXT GENERAL COUNCIL

The first thing considered was the Government request that all meetings, that would bring together a large number of delegates, be abandoned until there is less tax on America's transportation facilities and hotel accommodations. The sentiment was expressed that it would be wise to co-operate with the Government as far as possible.

However, the Secretary was instructed to write to Washington to find out, should the war with Germany end shortly, if such a gathering as the General Council would be allowed. If the reply is unfavorable, it was recommended that the Executive Presbytery call a meeting of the General Presbytery for next September. This, of course, will not take the place of the General Council, for the General Presbytery is solely an advisory and not a legislative body, and all recommendations made at such a meeting would have to be held over until the next General Council for ratification by that body.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Our Treasurer, J. R. Flower, gave an interesting account of all funds entrusted to his care. He mentioned that there have been 162 calls for loans from our Revolving Church Extension Fund during the past six months, which has practically exhausted the funds allotted for this purpose. However, since all the churches to whom loans have been made are returning these by monthly payments, and approximately \$7,000 is returned each month, some funds will be available each month for new loans.

During the past six months more than one thousand assemblies sent in their contributions for the support of our aged ministers. In addition, more than nine hundred offerings were received from ministers and laymen. These offerings were adequate for the support of the aged ministers during the six-month period.

## MISSIONARY REPORT

Noel Perkin told us that we now have 467 missionaries under appointment, and

17 on our superannuated list for whom we must make provision. At this time 44 countries are in our field of operations.

During 1944 the amount of offerings for World Missions totaled \$1,247,403.87 of which \$89,962.05 was returned to the home districts for missionary work in the U. S. This was exclusive of funds given for Home Missions or for our Servicemen's Department.

In our Latin-American work we have 704 churches with 97,681 members and 23,907 on the Sunday school rolls. In Africa there are 468 churches with a membership of 21,474. We do not have complete figures from other fields at this time.

Through the fine co-operation of our Christ's Ambassadors Department a drive is being made especially among the young people to help raise funds to provide any and every possible means of speeding the missionary and his message. Over \$12,000 has been raised in this Speed-the-Light Fund and this has helped to purchase an amphibious plane for West Africa, an ocean-going motor launch for the West Indies, another boat of this type for Alaska, and also a peep (a military vehicle like a jeep only smaller) for Costa Rica.

Our Missions Department is doing all it can to encourage the preaching of the gospel over the air. At the present time we have 19 broadcasts in Spanish and one in Portuguese going forth in five different countries. We need to grasp every opportunity to get on the air in other lands also. To do such work we must have trained and efficient speakers and musicians.

Brother Perkin said that we have set as our goal the occupation of 50 countries, the increasing of our missionary staff to 1,000 and the production of gospel literature for every land. To do this our missionary income needs to be increased to \$2,000,000 per year. This seemingly large sum of money can be raised if the per capita giving of our constituency is increased to ten dollars per year, which is less than three cents a day, or the price of a cheap sandwich once a week. Brother Perkin mentioned that our Christian and Missionary Alliance friends are encouraging their people to deny themselves of one meal a week and put the proceeds of that meal into missionary work. If all our Assemblies of God brethren would do the same we should have ample for the immediate needs of our missionary program.

## REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS

The Editor of the *Evangel* brought a comparative statement concerning circulation. In 1925 the circulation of all our publications amounted to 169,408; in 1935 to 428,000. At our last General Council meeting in 1943 we reported a combined circulation of 978,700. Today, in 1945, the circulation has increased to 1,103,750. It can be quite understood that with the Government rationing us so that we can use only 75% of the paper we used in 1942 we are greatly handicapped. Brother Kameron, our Manager, mentioned that he had twenty books for printing, but had no paper with which to print them.

Today the circulation of the *Pentecostal Evangel* has reached 115,000 as compared with 49,000 in 1935 and 20,758 in 1925

## HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT AND EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT REPORT

Ralph M. Riggs, who is Secretary for both our Home Missions Department and our Educational Department, gave us his reports. First he reported concerning the work of the Home Missions Department in this country among the Indians, the Jewish people, and the deaf-mutes; and the work in Alaska. We have a total of thirty-one workers in these fields.

He reported the meeting of a special Educational Committee last December when the question of the advisability of the General Council having a college of liberal arts was discussed. A questionnaire had been sent out to all our ministers and assemblies concerning this to learn their reaction to such a venture, to which eight per cent of our ministers had replied. The majority of the replies were favorable, but some showed that they did not favor such a move. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed that the matter should be brought before the next General Council and all the ministers be allowed to express their convictions on this subject. No decision could be made until there had been a free and frank discussion of the problem, looking at it from every angle.

Brother Riggs also brought in a recommendation for the future development of the Educational and Home Missions Departments.

## THE NEW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

At the last meeting of the General Presbytery the question was raised as to relieving the overcrowded condition of the Gospel Publishing House building. A special committee was appointed who discouraged the thought of once more patching up our present limited quarters. After the meeting was over, the brethren looked for a more favorable location and were able to purchase the large ball park in the center of Springfield at a price con-

sidered much below its present value. This park covers nearly two whole blocks.

An architect has been given the task of making a design for a new Publishing House building. The blueprints of this were shown to the brethren. Some of the non-resident Executives after viewing the blueprints, were of the opinion that an additional story should be added to the two-and-one-half-story administration building that had been planned. Hitherto we have never fully anticipated how much the Lord would bless us as a fellowship. The growth has been greater than our highest expectations or hopes. With a vision of still greater blessing ahead it was felt we should anticipate such blessing and provide for the same.

On the evening of March 28 the executives and a large number of friends and missionaries met together at the splendid new missionary rest home that was purchased in Springfield recently. During the dedication service Brother Perkin mentioned how one gift had come in for this home amounting to \$6,500, and through the sale of another property owned by the Missions Department, it had been possible to purchase the building. Saying that the Lord understood every language, he asked various missionaries present to pray for God's blessing on the institution in the languages of the countries where they labored. So Brother Garlock prayed a dedicatory prayer in an African language, Brother Baltau in Chinese, Brother Cummings of India in Urdu, Sister Bonilla in Spanish, and E. S. Williams, our General Superintendent, in English.

Brother Perkin mentioned that word had come from Blanche Appleby in the Philippines. She spoke of staying on there, but that he had cabled her that we had a splendid new dwelling in Springfield which she could make her home, and a cable had come back saying that she, together with her co-worker, Rena Baldwin, would return to this country for a needed rest after the terrible ordeal that they have endured while interned at the Japanese camp where they did not have sufficient food.

This missionary rest home at the present time is in charge of Brother and Sister Garlock. An inspection was made of the home, and all who saw it realized that God has provided a wonderful dwelling for our missionaries, many of whom have no place that they can call home in this country.

"All the green fields of the Scriptures are for all the sheep of His pasture, none are fenced off from us."—Amy Carmichael.

## Christ's Standard

Andrew Murray

"If any man cometh unto Me, and hateth not his own life, he cannot be My disciple. Whosoever doth not bear his own cross, and come after Me, cannot be My disciple. Whosoever he be of you that renounceth not all that he hath, he cannot be My disciple." Luke 14:26-33, R. V.

"If a man hate not his own life." And why does Christ make such an exacting demand the condition of discipleship? Because the sinful nature we have inherited from Adam is indeed so vile and full of sin, that if our eyes were only opened to see it in its true nature, we would flee from it as loathsome and incurably evil. "The flesh is enmity against God."

The soul that seeks to love God cannot but hate the old man which is corrupt through its whole being. Nothing less than this, the hating of our own life, will make us willing to bear the cross, and carry within us the sentence of death on our evil nature. It is not till we hate this life with a deadly hatred that we will be ready to give up the old nature to die the death that is its due.

Christ has one word here: "He that renounceth not all that he hath," whether in property or character, "cannot be My disciple." Christ claims all. Christ undertakes to satisfy every need and to give a hundredfold more than we give up.

It is when by faith we become conscious what it means to know Christ, and to love Him and to receive from Him what can in very deed enrich and satisfy our immortal spirits, that we shall count the surrender of what at first appeared so difficult, our highest privilege. As we learn what it means that Christ is our life, we shall count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord. In the path of following Him, and ever learning to know and to love Him better, we shall willingly sacrifice all, self and its life, to make room for Him who is more than all.

## Christ's "Go"

"Go to my brethren and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father, and to my God, and your God"—John 20:17.

The instant Mary saw Jesus Christ, He told her to "go." Now you have your commission—go. He did not say, "Go and tell what I have done for you," but, "Go and tell about Me." No one can tell anyone about Jesus Christ until they have seen Him. Mary sees Jesus Christ for the first time as He really is, the One who imparts the very

life that is His own, the Holy Spirit, a real emanation from the Lord Himself.

There may be the dark before the greatest dawn in your spiritual life just now. Darkness is not synonymous with sin. If there is darkness spiritually, it may be much more the shadow of God's hand than darkness on account of sin. The dark may be the threshold of a new revelation which comes through a big break in personal experience.

But before the dawn there is desolation first; desolation not of death, but the incoming of a totally new life into that which is half dead, and the agony is terrific. "I am come that they might have life." If you are experiencing the dark of desolation on the individual line, go through with it, and you will find yourself face to face with Jesus Christ as you have never been before. It is painful, and many a life is overcome with grief and agony and becomes spiritually insane; but wait, the dawn will merge into glorious day, a most magnificent life—a life in which there is no death.—Oswald Chambers.

## Keeping True

When the Lord "reaps the ripened corn" of this Pentecostal movement, what will He find? It is an ever-widening field at the present time. The Spirit of God has fallen like refreshing showers upon it, and the beneficent rays of the heavenly sun has shined upon it. And with what result? Will the Lord find the fruit in our midst He will be seeking for? Will the harvest reveal "full corn in the ears"? or will He find tares in abundance and corn ears "blasted with an east wind"? Let us pray and continually pray that the glorious Pentecostal movement will not lose its early purity.—Howard Carter.

## Christ's Love Letters

It is told of the widow of Schumann, the musical composer, that whenever she was going to play any of her husband's music in public, she would read over some of his old letters to her, written in the lover days. Thus, she said, his very life seemed to fill and possess her, and she was better able then to interpret his work. If we will read over Christ's words of love to us until His life enters into us, and His Spirit breathes into our lives, then we can be brave and strong in resisting evil and doing His will. "Let the word of God dwell in you richly." Col. 3:16.

What didst Thou ask of life, Lord Jesus, Lord of Life? No victor's crown, but only wood enough to make a cross."—Amy Carmichael.

# By Faith

SMITH WIGGLESWORTH

**W**E READ in the Word that *by faith* Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain; *by faith* Enoch was translated that he should not see death; *by faith* Noah prepared an ark to the saving of his house; *by faith* Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed. Hebrews 11. There is only one way to all the treasures of God, and that is *the way of faith*. All things are possible, the fulfilling of all promises, *to him that believeth*. And it is all by grace. "By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." Eph. 2:8, 9.

There will be failure in our lives if we do not build on the base, the Rock Christ Jesus. He is the only way. He is the truth. He is the life. And the Word He gives us is life-giving. As we receive the Word of life, it quickens, it opens, it fills us, it moves us, it changes us; and it brings us into a place where we dare to say Amen to all that God has said. Beloved, there is a lot in an "Amen." You never get any place until you have the Amen inside of you. That was the difference between Zacharias and Mary. When the word came to Zacharias he was filled with unbelief until the angel said, "Thou shalt be dumb... because thou believest not my words." Luke 1:20. Mary said, "Be it unto me according to thy word." Luke 1:38. And the Lord was pleased that she believed that there would be a performance. When we believe what God has said, *there shall be a performance*.

Read the 12th chapter of Acts, and you will find that there were people waiting all night and praying that Peter might come out of prison. But there seemed to be one thing missing despite all their praying, and that was faith. Rhoda had more faith than all the rest of them. When the knock came at the door, she ran to it for she was expecting an answer to her prayers; and the moment she heard Peter's voice, she ran back and announced to them that Peter was standing at the door. And all the people said, "You are mad. It isn't so." That was not faith. When she insisted that he was there, they said, "Well, perhaps God has sent his angel." But Rhoda insisted, "It is Peter." And Peter continued knocking. And they went out and found it so. What Rhoda had believed for had become a glorious fact. Beloved, we may do much praying and

groaning, but we do not receive from God because of that; we receive because we believe. And yet sometimes it takes God a long time to bring us through the groaning and the crying before we can believe.

I know this, that no man by his praying can change God—for you cannot change Him. Finney said, "Can a man who is full of sin and all kinds of ruin in his life, change God when he starts to pray?" No, it is impossible. But when a man labors in prayer, he groans and travails because his tremendous sin is weighing him down, and he becomes broken in the presence of God; and when properly melted he comes into perfect harmony with the divine plan of God, and then God can work in that clay. He could not before. Prayer changes hearts, but it never changes God. He is the same yesterday, and today, and for ever—full of love, full of compassion, full of mercy, full of grace, and ready to bestow this and communicate that to us as we come in faith to Him.

Believe that when you come into the presence of God you can have all you came for. You can take it away, and you can use it, for all the power of God is at your disposal in response to your faith. The price for all was paid by the blood of Jesus Christ at Calvary. Oh, He is the living God, the One who has power to change us! "It is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves." Psalm 100:3. And He purposes to transform us so

that the greatness of His power may work through us. Oh, beloved! God delights in us, and when a man's ways please the Lord, then He makes all things to move according to His own blessed purpose.

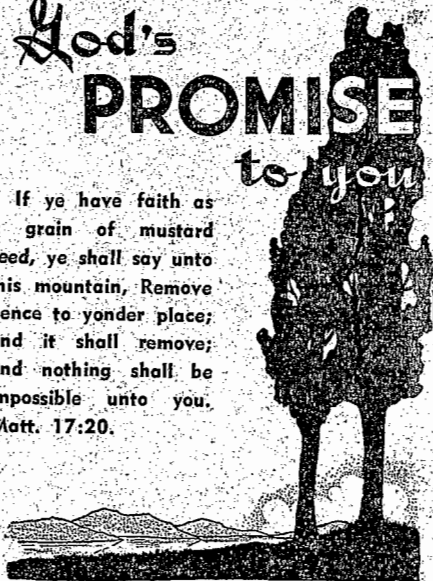
We read in Hebrews 11:5, "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death... Before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God." I believe it is in the mind of God to prepare us for translation. But remember this, translation comes only on the lines of holy obedience and a walk according to the good pleasure of God. We are called to walk together with God through the Spirit. It is delightful to know that we can talk with God and hold communion with Him. Through this wonderful Baptism in the Spirit which the Lord gives us, He enables us to talk to Himself in a language that the Spirit has given, a language which no man understands but which He understands, a language of love. Oh, how wonderful it is to speak to Him in the Spirit, to let the Spirit lift, and lift and lift us until He takes us into the very presence of God! I pray that God by His Spirit may move all of us so that we walk with God, even as Enoch walked with Him. But beloved, it is a walk by faith and not by sight, a walk of believing the Word of God.

I believe there are two kinds of faith. All people are born with a natural faith, but God calls us to a supernatural faith which is a gift from Himself. In the 26th chapter of Acts Paul tells us of his call, how God spoke to him and told him to go to the Gentiles, "to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified *by faith that is in Me*." The faith which was in Christ was by the Holy Spirit to be given to those who believed. Henceforth, as Paul yielded his life to God, he could say, "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)—the faith of the Son of God communicated by the Spirit to the one who puts his trust in God and in His Son.

I want to show you the difference between our faith and the faith of Jesus. Our faith is limited and comes to an end. Most people have experienced coming to the place where they have said, "Lord, I can go no further. I have gone so far, and I cannot go on." But God can help us and take us beyond this. I remember one night, being in the north of England and going around to see some

## God's PROMISE to you

If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. Matt. 17:20.



sick people, I was taken into a house where there was a young woman lying on her bed, a very helpless case. Her reason was gone and many things were manifested that were absolutely Satanic, and I knew it.

She was a beautiful young woman. Her husband was quite a young man. He came in with a baby in his arms, leaned over and kissed his wife. The moment he did so she threw herself over on the other side of the bed, just as a lunatic would do, with no consciousness of the presence of her husband. It was heart-breaking. The husband took the baby and pressed the baby's lips to the mother. Again there was a wild frenzy. I said to the sister who was attending her, "Have you anybody to help?" She answered, "We have done everything we could." I said, "Have you no spiritual help?" Her husband stormed and said, "Spiritual help? Do you think we believe in God after we have had seven weeks of no sleep and this maniac condition? If you think we believe in God, you are mistaken. You have come to the wrong house."

There was a young woman about eighteen who grinned at me as she passed out of the door, as much as to say, "You cannot do anything." But this brought me to a place of compassion for this poor young woman. And then with what faith I had I began to penetrate the heavens. I was soon out on the heights, and I tell you I never saw a man get anything from God who prayed on the earth level. If you get anything from God you will have to pray right into heaven, for all you want is there. If you are living an earthly life, all taken up with sensual things, and expect things from heaven, they will never come. God wants us to be a heavenly people, seated with Him in the heavenlies, and laying hold of all the things in heaven that are at our disposal.

I saw there, in the presence of that demented girl, limitations to my faith; but as I prayed there came another faith into my heart that could not be denied, a faith that grasped the promises, a faith that believed God's Word. I came from the presence of the glory back to earth. I was not the same man. I confronted the same conditions I had seen before, but in the name of Jesus. With a faith that could shake hell and move anything else, I cried to the demon power that was making this young woman a maniac, "Come out of her, in the name of Jesus!" She rolled over and fell asleep, and awakened in fourteen hours, perfectly sane and perfectly whole.

Enoch walked with God. During those many years of his life he was penetrating the heavens, laying hold of and believing

God, living with such co-operation and such a touch of God upon him, that things moved on earth and things moved in heaven. He became such a heavenly being that it was not possible for him to stay here any longer. Oh, hallelujah! I believe God wants to bring all of us into line with His will, so that we shall penetrate into the heavenlies and become so empowered that we shall see signs and wonders and divers gifts of the Holy Spirit in our midst. These are wonderful days—these days of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. You ask me, "When would you have liked to come to earth?" My answer is, "Just now. It suits me beautifully to know that I can be filled with the Holy Spirit, that I can be a temple in which He dwells, and that through this temple there shall be a manifestation of the power of God that will bring glory to His name."

Enoch conversed with God. I want to live in constant conversation with God. I am so grateful that from my youth up, God has given me a relish for the Bible. I find the Bible food for my soul. It is strength to the believer. It builds up our character in God. And as we receive with meekness the Word of God, we are being changed by the Spirit from glory to glory. And by this Book comes faith, for faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. And we know that "without faith it is impossible to please Him."

I believe that all our failures come because of an imperfect understanding of God's Word. I see that it is impossible to please God on any other line but by faith, and everything that is not of faith is sin. You say, "How can I obtain this faith?" You see the secret in Hebrews 12:2, "*Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.*" He is the author of faith. Oh, the might of our Christ who created the universe and upholds it all by the might of His power! God has chosen Him and ordained Him and clothed Him, and He who made this vast universe will make us a new creation. He spoke the word and the stars came into being, can He not speak the word that will produce a mighty faith in us? Ah, this One who is the author and finisher of our faith comes and dwells within us, quickens us by His Spirit, and molds us by His will. He comes to live His life of faith within us and to be to us all that we need. And He who has begun a good work within us will complete it and perfect it; for He not only is the author but the finisher and perfecter of our faith.

"The Word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the

## A REQUEST

If after kirk ye bide a wee,  
There's some wad like to speak with ye.  
If after kirk ye rise and flee,  
We'll all seem cold and stiff to ye.  
The one that's in the seat with ye  
Is stranger here than ye, may be.  
All here hae got their fears and cares;  
Add ye your own unto our prayers,  
Be ye our angel unawares.

joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Heb. 4:12. How the Word of God severs the soul and the spirit—the soul which has a lot of carnality, a lot of selfishness in it, a lot of evil in it! Thank God, the Lord can sever from us all that is earthly and sensual, and make us a spiritual people. He can bring all our selfishness to the place of death, and bring the life of Jesus into our being to take the place of that earthly and sensual thing that is destroyed by the living Word.

The living Word pierces right to the very marrow. When I was in Australia, so many people came to me with double curvature of the spine; but the word of the Lord came right down to the very marrow of their spines, and instantly they were healed and made straight, as I laid hands on them in the name of Jesus. The divine Son of God, the living Word, through His power, moved upon those curvatures of the spine and straightened them out. Oh, thank God for the mighty power of the Word!

The Word of God comes in to separate us from everything that is not of God. It destroys. It also gives life. He must bring to death all that is carnal in us. It was after the death of Christ that God raised Him up on high, and as we are dead with Him we are raised up and made to sit in heavenly places in the new life that the Spirit gives.

God has come to lead us out of ourselves into Himself, and to take us from the ordinary into the extraordinary, from the human into the divine, and make us after the image of His Son. Oh, what a Savior! What an ideal Savior! It is written, "Now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is." 1 John 3:2. But even now, the Lord wants to transform us from glory to glory, by the Spirit of the living God. Have faith in God, have faith in the Son, have faith in the Holy Spirit; and the Triune God will work in you, working in you to will and to do all the good pleasure of His will.

Never wound anyone unless you have lots of oil to pour into the wound.—Fred Vogler.

# Two Days Before Pearl Harbor

BERTHA S.  
BYRAM

IT WAS two days before *Pearl Harbor*. Seated high on a platform in dignified solemnity, seven Japanese judges presided over the civil court of Antung, Manchukuo. The walls of the room were lined with smartly groomed high Japanese officials. Below the black robed judges three Americans stood in the prisoners' dock.

Forty-five days in a dank Japanese prison had changed these three white missionaries. The hem of Mrs. Roy Byram's skirt hung in tatters, and both Dr. Roy Byram and Bruce F. Hunt were bearded—the one gray, the other red. Their clothes were disheveled and unkempt from sleeping on unheated cell floors.

Yet, "Man looketh on the outward appearance but the Lord looketh on the heart." These three actually were more than conquerors—conquerors and representatives of the one true God. They stood that day to warn a Japanese Empire madly bent in her contest against the living God. Little did Japan realize that it was a deadly dangerous thing to molest and imprison children of that God!

But to Japanese officials these three were enemies—had been for two or more years. These, plus the Korean Christians in Manchukuo, had been a real sore spot to the Japanese rulers of that country. Japan, wanting to "stay put" in Manchuria, had compelled all religions to be brought under control of the government. To agree to such a proposal would deny the rule and power of Christ. Korean Christians knew Japan's government was dominated by its state religion, Shinto. Knew, too, that its worship was nothing more than the exaltation of the government to the place of God, with the emperor made higher than all that is called God in heaven and earth. The Christians knew the uselessness of worship at a Shinto shrine. How could they worship the sun, or believe that all Japanese are children of the sun—potential gods?

Japan had asserted determination to bring every religion in the empire into subjection to herself. The Shintoistic State *must* be supreme. In the autumn of 1938 a "Law for Control of Religions" had been passed in Manchukuo and all churches, church schools and organizations were ordered to register under this law or cease to exist.

Suavely assured by the government that this new law would in no way circumscribe freedom of worship, the missionaries inwardly smiled. Previous dealings with the pagan government had

taught them that no promise could be relied on. To register was deliberately to surrender all religious freedom and break God's commands.

That's why a number of missionaries gathered at Harbin to seek God's guidance. And He who has promised to give His guidance to those who ask, gave unmistakable assurance that they should refuse to register under this law. Daniel's problem was their problem, and God's solution was still the same—obedience to all laws unless they conflict with the law of God.

Returning from the Harbin meeting, Korean Christians lived as if no such law existed. More than a year passed and with obedience, God had given ever clearer light.

Then war clouds began to gather. American citizens were urged to leave the country. Knowing they had been "planted" there by God, the American missionaries determined to stay. It was not just "happenstance" that they were in one of Manchukuo's largest cities at that time. Many Korean Christians stood in danger of being plunged into apostasy. Under persecution and withstanding suffering Americans can only partially imagine, many were succumbing to Japan's demands for Shinto worship.

When native missionaries began to visit small groups of believers throughout the country, explaining the Scriptures, things began to happen. Obedience to God's revealed will brought power, boldness and an utter absence of fear.

Evangelist Kim, who had been imprisoned ten times because of his stand against State Shinto, was asked how he could so calmly face re-imprisonment. Quietly he answered, "I consider my body as already dead. A dead man has nothing to fear. I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me."

During a Bible conference in Harbin in 1940 a group of these Koreans covenanted before God that, if need be, they would resist Shinto even unto death. They withdrew their children from schools where Shinto worship was compulsory.

It was this covenant which aroused the suspicion of the Japanese rulers. Early in the spring of 1940 Evangelist Kim was re-imprisoned, then two Bible women, then others in quick succession. Many that were put behind prison bars were Korean young people. One girl sealed her life with her testimony and died in prison in December. Other Chris-

tians, emboldened by the faithful witness of the prisoners, spoke the gospel message without fear and saw many accept Christ as Savior.

Through 1940 and 1941 more and more Christians were imprisoned. Then, in October of 1941 the three missionaries, Mr. Hunt, and Dr. and Mrs. Byram were also taken and thrust into prison. After weeks of solitary confinement and waiting, God began to answer prayer.

On December 5, these three stood in the courtroom awaiting trial. Since Japanese law will not try a prisoner until it has obtained a confession from him, all three had been questioned separately.

During a tedious day of questioning, Mrs. Byram queried, "Are you asking these things because you wish to believe on the Lord Jesus, or for some other motive?" Japanese officials admitted they had no desire to believe in Jesus. All questions were in Japanese and had to be given to her by an interpreter. When she insisted on answering their questions from the Bible, they demanded that she give her own opinion. Wisely she answered, "I am just a woman, and what I think has no weight whatever, but this Book is the infallible Word of God who made heaven and earth, who also made you and without whom you could not draw one breath."

After several days of constant grueling, the Japanese who was questioning Dr. Byram concluded with, "I believe I am through now. You have given me many Scripture verses. I have learned a great deal. Now I will leave one verse with you. It is Revelation 2:10."

Dr. Byram turned to it in his Bible and read: "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer; behold the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days; be thou faithful unto death, and I will give you a crown of life."

Turning toward the man Dr. Byram probed, "Why don't you become a Christian?"

With a short laugh the man returned, "I don't know what the officials above me would think."

Having been questioned separately the three were brought into the courtroom on December 5 to stand in the prisoners' box as these charges were read:

1. These missionaries had formed a secret death pact to fight against the Japanese government.

2. They were causing the citizens of Manchukuo to disobey the laws.

3. They were propagating a religion which was diametrically opposite to State Shinto.

4. They were disturbing the peace.

They were questioned from ten o'clock in the morning until five at night with but one hour intermission at noon. But, not about the charges! Not about their work, or their Korean associations. *About the Bible!*

The officials wanted to know what the Bible taught about God; about the kingdom of God; about the coming King who will rule the whole earth. "Where will Japan be in that set-up?" they questioned. There were literally hundreds of questions, straight and direct, and they seemed now not to want the prisoners' opinions but to find out just what the Bible actually said.

At last the judge and his colleagues and the military officers left the room.

In a short time the judges returned with the verdict, "Judgment deferred for two years." Immediately the Koreans in the courtroom cried, "*Choi upso! Choi upso!*" which means in a literal translation, "Crime is lacking." It was the Japanese way of saying the court would not press the case further.

But God had not finished. Not all those for whom He intended that testimony had heard it. At nine o'clock that night these three, still looking like the off-scouring of the earth, were ushered into a large beautiful room in another building to find themselves standing in the presence of the provincial governor. After flashlight pictures were taken of them they were soundly lectured.

They were told they were undesirable aliens. By teaching that there was but one true God who alone has the right to the worship of all races of mankind, they were striking at the very heart of Japan!

And they told the truth! For the heart of Japan, with her emperor worship is State Shinto. Even one of her priests said that if Shinto fails, the very throne will crumble.

One statement particularly saddened the three missionaries that night. "Amaterasu-Omi-kami, and *not* Jehovah, is the God of our land and the world will soon know it."

This was less than two days before Pearl Harbor! Did the governor himself know how near that fateful day was? Whether or not he did, he dismissed them to their homes to prepare for immediate deportation.—Condensed from "Brought before Governors For a Testimony," published by the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions, 151 Maplewood Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

## The Brahman's Testimony

IN a hospital in India was a Brahman patient, now a Christian. This is her story as it is told in *Whosoever Shall Receive*, by Mary Warburton Booth.

"The very first day some women came to hire a house for their school, my father arranged for them to come into our zenana and teach us. When I was married about two years later, the teacher gave me a holy Book.

"Then one day a Miss Sahib and a teacher came in to us in the inner zenana of my new home. Just before she left she asked if she might read from her Book, and behold, she read from a Book exactly like mine. As she read she paused and looked at us, saying, 'This is for you, for you.' I did not know, until then, that the words were for us, and I pondered them in my heart.

"That was the beginning of visits that led to greater changes than I ever dreamed of. 'Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give shall never thirst,' she read one day. 'It's just like this,' she said, 'there is a thirst that is easily quenched by going to the well and drawing up some water, but there is another thirst that can only be satisfied by Jesus the Lord; that is heart thirst, no one else can satisfy that, only He. That is why He has sent me here to tell you that He can satisfy that awful thirst in your heart if you will come to Him and drink.'

"We were too amazed to speak for a while. How did she know our hearts were thirsty? How did He know? Grasping the opportunity, she told us of His love for us. She pointed out how she had read to us of His wonderful works, and then she told us again about the Cross, and all it meant to Jesus to die there; then she added: 'It was all for you, for you.'

"It was as if something broke within me, and I looked across at the widow in our home; she was weeping. So that was the reason we had been so moved at the words of the Book! He did all that for us, for me! I know I sat like one in a dream. 'For me, all that for me,' I repeated again and again. 'Oh,' I cried out, 'let me know Him, take me to Him, and I will worship, take me now,' and the white lady put her hand upon my head and said words the like of which I never heard before. She called it praying. I only know that there, just there, a light came to me that banished all darkness, and I saw Him, the Holy One, with outstretched hands beckoning me to come to Him, and I fell at His feet in an ecstasy of joy. He met me there, the

room was transfigured. I looked across at the widow, and her face shone like the sun. We had read of Him, we had talked of Him, and now, we met Him, and we knew that life would never be the same again. The widow turned away with a deep sigh of content, the white lady left us, and I sat on just lost in wonder, for I knew that I had been touched by the hand of God. That happened many years ago. I have lost all of this world since then, home, and friends, property and money, but the peace that came to me that day remains; truly has He satisfied me. And He will satisfy you if you will come to Him and drink."

### Assistance for Aged Ministers

The time will come in the life of every minister, should Jesus tarry, when he can no longer assume the arduous duties of evangelistic or pastoral life. When that time comes, he must have help to sustain life in comfort during his declining years. It is the duty and privilege of all God's people to make provision for that day. By action of the General Council a fund has been created for the assistance of worthy ministers of our fellowship, and twice a year an offering will be solicited in our assemblies for this need.

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has been set aside, and on that day all our assemblies will be given the privilege of presenting an offering to the Lord for the assistance of those ministers in our fellowship who have now reached the stage where they need our help. We know that every reader of the *Pentecostal Evangel* will want to have a part in this benevolence. All offerings for our aged ministers should be sent to J. R. Flower, Treasurer, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

### Rest in the Lord

Satan would have us try today to bear tomorrow's burden with only today's grace, and would dismay us with anticipation of troubles which loom in the distance, leading us to disobey the direction, "Take no thought for the morrow."

"Come unto Me . . . and . . . rest." Note well the word of Jesus, dear brother or sister, if you are heavy laden with your service, and do not mistake it. It is not "Go labor on" as perhaps you imagine. On the contrary, it is stop, turn back, "Come unto Me . . . and . . . rest."—J. Hudson Taylor.

# Just Before His Execution

PETER VANSTEENBERGHE, son of Dr. P. O. Vansteenberghé of the Belgian Gospel Mission, was executed by the Nazis on December 30, 1943. The following letter, written just before his execution, is taken from *The Sunday School Times*:

Saint Gilles, Cell 522.

My dear friend Raoul and friends of the Evangelical Young People's Union, Brussels.

It is now 5 o'clock in the morning. In three hours and a half I shall no longer be on this earth of misery and war, but in the shining palaces and full of the peace of my Creator and Redeemer.

Dear friends, I do not say farewell to you, but rather good-by until we meet again. I still remember with pleasure the blessed moments we spent together. I ask you to sing in the course of one of your meetings the hymn, "Blest be the tie . . ."

I give you a last message. God holds the destiny of every one of us in His hands, and when He calls us to appear before Him let us see to it that we are ready to answer Him under every circumstance. Here am I. God is entitled to demand from us great sacrifices. Let us abandon all to Him and possess the calm to leave this earth without regrets. What does the earth offer us? Nothing that is very good. That is why we must walk, trusting the Lord, our hand in His hand, and daring to face every situation before which He places us. This is why I thank and bless God for maintaining peace in my soul. I send to every one of you my best wishes for a blessed New Year. May God send you His peace and bless you all! I greet you all once more a last time, calling you all by your name, and let not those whose names are not mentioned think that they are forgotten. Good-by, Jeanne, Louise, Lucienne, Andree, Elisabeth, and her cousin Rebecca, Rachel, Ruth, Robert, Joseph, Georges van der Heyden, Willy, Didier, Norbert, etc. . . . Dear friends, good-by until we meet above. The Lord bless you. The Lord free and protect our country. Psalm 23. Good-by, YOUR PETER.

On the same page of *The Sunday School Times* that contains the above letter is a word from Henry W. Frost (for many years Home Director of the China Inland Mission) who recently, at the ripe age of eighty-seven, went to be with Christ:

## HEAVEN ANTICIPATED

"It is a joy to me, as I await the great translation, that I know in part what God has declared in His Word concerning the state of the saints in heaven during the time which lies between death and the Lord's return. The Scripture is somewhat reticent as to this subject. Yet it speaks with sufficient plainness to make the prospect before me wonderfully enheartening. This then is sure; I shall be with Christ, for to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. I shall be like Christ, for I shall see Him as He is. I shall wear and share Christ's glory, ardently longing for the time to come when He will be declared the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings

and Lord of lords. And finally, I shall worship and adore and praise Christ as I have never done here below, for I shall be one in spirit with the living creatures on the throne who rest not day and night, saying, 'Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.' These are clear revelations, and they are certitudes beyond any doubting. When then, death parts the veil, they will be blessedly and beautifully realized. The look backward over my peculiarly blessed life is to me a wonderfully bright and happy one. But this look forward surpasses all that life has brought to me, and I confess that it is transcendently alluring.

"But, as I look beyond, there is one thought which to me is worth all besides. Christ declared that where He was, we should be also. I shall be glad to see the pearly gates and walk the golden streets. I shall be more glad to see father, mother, brother, sister, and friends. But my supreme joy will be to see Him who loved me and gave Himself for me. This in itself will be to me highest heaven. I have sought to serve Christ here, though absent from Him; but oh, the rapture of serving Him there face to face, with no hindrance of sin and in the full freedom of a purified spirit! Eternity will be all too short for a service of such love and worship and praise as heaven will bring. And since enfeebling years have left me little to do here on earth, that bliss and enrichment can come none too soon.

"And so my life has been lived and the end of my story has come. But, with God, an end is a beginning. Thus, another life will be lived and another story be told. And the theme there will be the same as the one here, for in time and eternity there can be none other. What it will be, the beloved apostle told us long ago:

*"Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."*

## PRAYER COUNTS

THE son was "somewhere" on the Belgian-German border. In America the parents and family sat round the peaceful Sunday-dinner table.

Suddenly the father exclaimed, "Tom is in danger!" Prayer was then and there made for the soldier boy in some unknown peril, till the burden lifted.

In due time a letter arrived from the western front, providing a sequel to the strange tale of the interrupted Sunday dinner in an American home. In substance the letter ran, "Several of us were sitting about in the room assigned to us for quarters. One of the boys remarked that enemy shells were beginning to fall near us, when suddenly one burst through the ceiling wrecking the room completely. Not a man was harmed. I give God all the glory."

A little figuring of dates, making allowance for difference in time, shows that the call to prayer in America coincided approximately with the need for that prayer in Europe. A

praying son in the battle zone and a praying family at home count with God.—Cassius H. Wood, Waterloo, Iowa.

## WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN HOME?

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CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THIS HOUSE, THE UNSEEN GUEST AT EVERY MEAL, THE SILENT LISTENER TO EVERY CONVERSATION.

In short, a Christian home is one where Christ dwells. It is not the home where the Bible is brought out and dusted off when the preacher calls, but where the Bible is opened daily and lovingly read by those of the household. It is the place where on bended knees father and mother and children humbly and joyously talk with God about their hopes and dreams, their faults and shortcomings, their love for each other and for Him, and where He talks to them patiently and encouragingly.

The Christian home is where motherhood is honored as heavenly, fatherhood is revered as a reflection of the Fatherheart of God, and childhood is glorified as the fulfillment of love. Here even the drudgery of the household takes on brightness because doing dishes and dusting are to help make a happy fireside. Here Dad reaps the reward of his day's labor by finding a family circle that makes him feel like a king. Here children flower out under the warmth of affection and praise, looking upon the world as friendly and determining to carry with them the joy and gladness of home as they go out into it.

In the Christian home there is mutual trust and unflinching courtesy. Not that misunderstandings won't come, because they do, but because there is forgiveness to heal any breach and to make smooth the path again. It is the place where honest effort is made to live the Christian life—the life that tolerates no jealousy, no malice, no hate, no harmful gossip or wounding words. It is the place where good for others is plotted, where friends may come and enjoy a pleasant welcome, and where strangers may find refuge.

The Christian home is not determined by its furnishings or its decorations, by its conveniences or its gadgets. It is true that the Christian home seeks the bright and beautiful things of this life, but it is not glitter that makes the gold. It is the atmosphere, the spirit, the intangible something that impresses you as you cross the threshold—like a delicate perfume from flowers across which the breeze has blown into an open window, instead of the stale odor of a place long closed up. The Christian home is open to the world and God.

Oh, you may say, that is a dream home you are picturing—something impossible to attain. Not at all. It is a dream home because it is the home you dream about, and you can make that dream come true. God has given to man the power to dream, and only man's failure keeps it from realization. Your home, whether just established or of long duration, whether it has honored God in the past or not, whether it has been blessed by harmony or cursed with discord, can be made a truly happy Christian home if you will it strongly enough.

## HOW TO ESTABLISH A CHRISTIAN HOME

1. Necessary above all else is a genuine enthusiasm for the venture. No real success is attained in anything, whether it be launching out on a business enterprise or seeking to know the will of God, without an eagerness, a zeal



and a longing for the goal, and a fervent belief in its being worthwhile.

Jesus said at the outset of his ministry that blessed are they which do *hunger and thirst* after righteousness, for they shall be *filled*—that's it, hunger and thirst for the blessings and joy of a Christian home. One must *want* a Christian home more than he wants pleasure, success or profits; with such a desire, he can't fail in establishing it.

How can one awaken such enthusiasm? Only by meditating upon the meaning of life, upon God's goodness in giving him a free land to live in, the blessings of a family and a home, the outlook for this life and the life to come, the hope of meeting loved ones on the further shore, and the desire to have so lived and loved that others will be made happy by the Christian example and kindness of the one. If one loves his wife or husband and children, it is no effort to determine to surround them with the beauty and outlook of a Christian home.

2. Study your own family. "schedule"—in this topsy-turvy world there is no old-fashioned getting together regularly for breakfast, dinner and supper—and decide when is the best time for all to assemble as a unit; in most city families it likely is the dinner hour at night. Then agree on a few moments for devotion before or after the meal, or possibly just before retiring at night.

This period together each day will provide a priceless memory for the family circle, especially as children grow older and depart to set up their own households. Above all, let it be a *cheerful, happy time*, with worries, disagreements, and disappointments shut out. It might be a good time for each one to tell of the most pleasant experience of the day. Then let minds and thoughts turn to the godness of God, the beauty of the world, the glory of living. Finally let the Bible be opened and a chapter, a Psalm, a parable, or maybe just a verse for the day be read. Then let there be prayer—a united prayer, a prayer by father or mother or child, a prayer from memory or a spontaneous one from the heart. The type of prayer doesn't matter; it's the spirit of it, the yearning for it, the surrender of the life and will to God in the devotions.

3. Devotions should not be haphazard or aimless. Many people prefer "guides"—many of which are available—for their observance. Books for an entire year can be secured. Some find greatest help in choosing their own readings. A concordance will be found of great help. Your pastor will be glad to aid you in securing guides to the study of the Bible and to the development of a prayer life. The resources are abundant; the main thing is the will to do it and the perseverance to carry it through.

4. Personal devotions sometimes must be substituted for the group, where members of the family come and go all hours of the day or night. Have a New Testament and carry it with you wherever you go. Study it in leisure moments.

5. An altar in your home. We speak of the family altar as the custom of holding daily prayers, not as something visible like an altar in a church. Anything that helps bring you and your family closer to God is all right to use, and God will bless you in its use.

Personally, I believe the Bible should always be in evidence, so that visitors know you have

a Christian home. A wall motto or a framed poem of a religious nature will help create the atmosphere.

6. A dedicatory service of your Christian home and grace at the table are invaluable aids. Many families have found it inspiring to ask their pastor to conduct a brief service of worship in their homes as they launched the family altar, dedicating the home to God and asking His blessing upon it and the family. This will also be a blessing to your pastor and will bind you closer to him. He will know of your new venture and will be of much help to you in making it a success. Also, if you will have grace at the table from the very start, your Christian home life will be greatly enriched.

Some Christian groups make it a custom of having a receptacle on the table at each meal and after the blessing each member deposits in it a gift of a penny or more for some Christian cause, as an expression of gratitude to God for His gifts.

7. Remember that the daily prayers and devotions are but the starting point. No formula or ritual means anything unless it works out into Christian service and living. There is no magic in reading a passage from the Bible and then uttering words as a prayer. If perfunctorily done, or done without faith, it is hypocrisy and will do more harm than good. Anything that is not in earnest is mockery and therefore a sin.

Unless you enter wholeheartedly and believingly into the family altar venture, do not enter it at all.

8. Determine that as you pray so also you will live. This means kindness, appreciation, courtesy and patience within the family circle. A home without Christ is like an engine without oil—it means heat, noise and finally ruin. Christianity glorifies the home and the family, and it enables people to live together in the peace and harmony born of true love—the kind of home that Jesus means for all His followers to have here on earth—a foretaste of the heavenly home to come.

Living the Christian life is not an oppressive, difficult thing. It is the simplest, easiest thing in the world. It means to govern each act, each purpose, each plan and each word by the standard of honesty and kindness that Jesus established. Before long you will find it a part of your subconscious self to judge your daily acts by the Christian standard.

And if one determines he will live the Christian life, feeding and strengthening his spirit each day on the Word of God and on prayer, he will find gradually life richer and kinder and be able to do more each day.

Put the purpose and enthusiasm to work by each member of the household and you will find you have a Christian home, and that yours is the finest and best home in the world!

## "That's the Stuff . . ."

Here is a recent letter written to the Servicemen's Department from a soldier in France:

Dear Sir,

Two days ago I received my first copy of *Reveille* with the attached letter introducing this fine paper. I was surprised, of course, when it came for that was the first I heard anything about it. However, I concluded that someone must have sent you my name, for which I am grateful.

One thing we overseas get a big kick out of is good reading material with humor and interest combined. It's interesting to read about things that we see and experience and even in times like these it's good to know that people still have a sense of humor. *Reveille* affords both interest and humor and for this I am happy and grateful to be on your mailing list.

The other and most important feature of *Reveille* is, of course, the spiritual end; the inspiring Biblical passages and the reports from the different and far-flung fronts telling of little, *inevitable* visits with the Almighty when things get hot and a fox-hole seems so exposed!

I notice, also, that you have set up a study course for the purpose of broadening one's knowledge of the Bible. This is a fine thing, and I know there's going to be a great demand for it. Please put me on the list for this course.

In closing, may I express my sincere thanks for my issue of *Reveille* and for the ones to come. It is good to know that friends back home are praying for "us guys"—*that's the stuff that wins wars.*

Accept my compliments for the grand work you are doing. Success and all the best.

Faithfully,  
Pvt. S. R.

Of the many services the Department offers our fighting men, this soldier mentions two in particular—*Reveille*, and the Servicemen's Bible Study Course. Both of these features are being enthusiastically received by soldiers, sailors, marines, and cost guardsmen scattered everywhere.

The study method, for earnest Christians who want to know their Bibles better, and *Reveille*, designed for saved and unsaved alike, are each meeting a vital need among servicemen. Both are being requested in ever-increasing numbers—and that leads us to another important observation. Both of these popular projects require funds for their maintenance. Free will offerings are the only means of support for the Servicemen's Department. We're counting on you to help.

SERVICEMEN'S DEPARTMENT, GOSPEL PUBLISHING HOUSE  
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# The MARCH of MISSIONS

## Revival Fires in East Bengal

Maynard L. Ketcham

AS we returned home on furlough just four months ago, our hearts were still thrilled with the work that the Lord was doing in East Bengal. We wondered, and perhaps you wondered, too, if such outstanding progress could be maintained, especially in the absence of a resident missionary to supervise the work with all of its many branches. Now we have the answer to that question. Past progress has not only been maintained, but the "stakes have been strengthened and the cords lengthened," still further. The new infusion of life brought about through the acquisition of such outstanding workers as Brothers Dutt and Shomadar and Miss Bose is really stamping the imprint of the full gospel message deeply on the face of Bengal.

For instance, here is an excerpt from a letter recently written by Brother Dutt: "There has been of late a continued demand for my ministry even in other churches. I have recently conducted a fortnight's revival campaign in a Methodist church. Many were saved and a goodly number baptized in the Holy Spirit. During the last Christmas week, I was invited to speak at an annual gathering of the C.M.S. (Anglo-Catholic) churches in the Nadia District. The people in many places are forcing the hands of their church authorities to invite me for meetings. In the Nadia gathering, where I spoke for four nights as the main speaker, there was a gathering of about 2,000 people. Most of these were Bengali Christians with a sprinkling of Hindus and Mohammedans. The Bishop of the Diocese was present in almost all the meetings, and we lived with him as guest. A brother and sister from our church accompanied me and we were all looked after very well by the Bishop. After the meetings he asked me to give him the whole month of March and April for a real revival campaign through his churches. The Church of England has been closed to the Pentecostal message for so long, but the Lord has been giving an open door even here, and I think we should not refuse to go. I believe the Lord's return is so imminent that we should not confine our activities to the establishing of full gospel churches, but go on reviving existing churches, wherever we get an open door. At present I have nine calls for revival meetings; two from Baptist Missions, two from Methodist Missions, three from Pentecostal churches, then our own churches in East Bengal and the Nadia District with the Bishop."

Brother Munshie has been maintaining his usual devastating pace, carrying the gospel to every nook and corner of Bengal, showing absolutely no consideration for his body so frequently wracked by fever and pain. He is so consumed with zeal that he sometimes forgets to eat, has little concern for the clothing he wears, and carries his few earthly possessions in a battered tin suitcase, as he rushes up and down the streams of the Ganges delta answering the call of hungry millions. Brother Munshie has been especially busy in the Untouchable area and he writes: "Now again the people at Belat and two other villages nearby are calling us and want to become Christians. Although there are about 40 or 50 families, there is also a new, rather fresh, move in the Kaligunj circle. We have no money and no available workers, otherwise we could have approached this area with great success. The Keshobpur people (about 40 Untouchable families) are still looking to us for teaching and salvation." There are over 300 people who could be baptized at once if we had the workers to locate here, to assure the people that we mean business. Providentially, we now have two men, earnest and zealous Christian business men of the Calcutta church, who have had a

definite call from God and have volunteered for this difficult service among the Untouchable People.

I have been at home only five months, and yet here I am, dealing with the steamship companies for passage, thumbing through the pages of Sears, looking up an outfit—preparing to return to India this coming summer, possibly in July. Brother and Sister Woolever are long overdue for a furlough and must return home. There still remains work to be done before I can return to India, however. We must have support for four additional Bengali workers. We must raise the support for several orphans at \$4.00 per month. We must raise the remainder of the cost of the motor launch. We must raise considerable more money for the relief of famine conditions among our churches. If I could stay at home another year and do deputational work, I know I could meet these goals without difficulty. But it seems that God wants me back in India very shortly. If He does, then I know that He will supply this necessary backing. Let us praise the Lord together not only for what He has already done in East Bengal, but also for the very bright prospects for the immediate future.



• Maynard Ketcham and a village of outcastes that accepted Christ.

## Africa's Need

A LETTER has been received by the Missions Department from Mr. and Mrs. Vivan Smith, who recently returned to Africa to resume their labors. While the letter contains much for which to praise God, one cannot help but be impressed by the great need for more missionaries and workers in that needy land.

The letter reads: "Recently we spent some time in Koudougou, one of the mission stations that is now without a resident missionary. We have no car at present, since the only one in the mission has a broken axle; so we are dependent on commercial trucks. One never knows the day nor the hour of departure, so we have to keep partially packed up and be ready to go on short notice.

"However, we certainly saw the hand of the Lord in the timing of this trip to Koudougou. The regular monthly workers' meeting came while we were there, so we were able to give the workers three days of concentrated teaching. In all, 28 classes and services were held during our 12 days' visit.

"One morning we conducted the funeral service for an old Christian woman. Several times after she had become ill, she was asked by her Christian grandson if she wanted anything. Each time she feebly lifted her hand and replied, 'Winnam bala,' meaning, 'God only!' Soon her request was granted and she was in the presence of Him whom her soul desired.

"The first Sunday that we were in Koudougou, a newly converted man attended church for the first time. His family had been attending the meetings for some time, but he staunchly maintained that he would die in the faith in which he was born. After a long illness, he came to the Lord. That Sunday afternoon, a group of the Christians went to his village

and made a bonfire of all his charms, including ten expensive Mohammedan amulets, while they stood around singing the praises of our great Deliverer.

"A young man who had been ill and unable to walk for many months was also in the service for the first time. Several Christians had been witnessing to him and praying for him. Now he is much improved and wants to follow God.

"A touching incident occurred one afternoon. Patedi, one of the workers among the Gourensi tribe, came secretly and placed 50 francs in our hands to be given to the new missionaries, the Greenaways. He had heard that they arrived by plane and that their baggage had not yet left the United States, so he gave the money to help them buy household articles. This sum would be equal to 50 dollars in the United States, and represents a real sacrifice.

"We truly praise God for these victories. It was not easy for us to leave Koudougou. The Christians are spiritually hungry; the field is large and ripe for a harvest of souls. Our hearts are greatly burdened for these workers and Christians in the unoccupied mission stations, who have carried on so courageously and faithfully in spite of persecutions and hindrances. We hope soon to have the old '29 Chevy fixed, so that we can visit them."

As we have read this letter from the Vivan Smiths, we feel stirred afresh to pray that more and more laborers will be raised up of the Lord for dark Africa. Will you join us in this petition? And will you send in your offerings liberally and sacrificially, in order to help speed the gospel to those who are so eagerly waiting? If a native Christian in Africa will sacrifice 50 francs, how much will you give toward our world-wide task and objective?



African. We have seen crocodiles, hippos, baboons, and buffalo. We have visited several villages along the way. Thus we've glimpsed village life and customs, strange people with tribal marks on their faces, rings or sticks in their ears, and wearing nothing more than ornaments for the most part. In one town, children with large sores and sick looking eyes followed us, begging. At the last village where we stopped, a group of natives gathered near the boat and danced to the music of hand clapping.

"Our hearts go out to these many tribes along the way, still in darkness with no one to care whether they are saved or lost. But our heavenly Father cares and is even now yearning for those 'other sheep which are not of this fold.' Continue to pray for us as we near the end of this long voyage and take up our work in the Congo. There are many adjustments to make and many things to learn in this strange and different land. 'But with God, all things are possible.'"

### SAIL FOR INDIA

Mr. and Mrs. James Modder are the latest Assemblies of God missionaries to return to India. The Modders first sailed for India in October, 1935 and returned home on furlough in May, 1941. They will be continuing their labors in Bihar Province. Pray for a safe journey for them and God's blessing upon their lives and ministry.

## First Impressions of Africa

AS we write this letter," writes Lillian Hogan and Gladys Stock, new missionaries to Africa, "we are viewing the north shore of Africa. We left New York on November 26th. After a fine ocean voyage, we arrived in Lisbon on December 8th. Though we had hoped to be on our way in a week's time, it was not until January 13th that definite arrangements were finally made for us to leave.

"From Lisbon we traveled by ferry, then by train to a small town where we stayed for a day. From there we were taken on a small ship to Gibraltar and transferred to a troopship. To view the immensity of the 'Rock' has given us a greater conception of the depth of meaning implied in our 'Rock of Ages.' The evening of January 25th we saw our last glimpse of Gibraltar as the friendly troopship carried us toward our next port.

"From Alexandria we went immediately by train to Cairo where we spent an enjoyable eight days, during which half of our party were able to visit Assiout on the way to Shellal. The work of Miss Trasher thrilled our souls and increased our determination to

fight the good fight of faith where God has called us. It was truly amazing to see what God has done through one consecrated child of His.

"The next stage of our journey was a two day trip on a river steamer—the beginning of our journey up the Nile. We then made our first desert crossing on a modern train. We saw many mirages along the way and a few villages in the desert. At Khartoum we changed trains and proceeded on to Kosti where we embarked for our final 12 day trip on the Nile. The main boat, the Naser, has two barges in front and one on either side. The two side barges make up the necessary accommodation for first class passengers. We have our quarters on the left barge, including an open air sitting room and a room which is screened in. Our meals are served on the main boat. The two front barges carry the 2nd and 3rd class passengers—all native people. They have to supply their own food, and we see many a native scene as they pound their grain and cook their meals over fires made in tins.

"This part of the journey is typically

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## Among the Assemblies

**HUTCHINSON, KANSAS**—We have had a successful meeting with Evangelist R. L. Buckley of Rockford, Ill. Souls were saved and believers were filled with the Holy Spirit.—Oria R. Bray, Pastor.

**SOCORRO, N. MEX.**—My wife and I have been working for the Lord here since March, 1944, and the Lord has blessed us abundantly. We have the lots for our church paid for, and have received over \$200.00 in donations for our building fund. We preach nothing except Christ and old-time salvation.—L. D. Walker, Pastor, Box 185, Socorro, N. Mex.

**ROSWELL, N. MEX.**—A successful 2-week revival was conducted here recently with Evangelist and Mrs. J. L. Boulware of Los Angeles, Calif. Every night the blessing of the Lord was felt and the entire church was benefited. Fourteen were saved, and 7 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. We deeply appreciate this consecrated young couple and thank God for making them such a blessing to us. Their ministry in music and singing was very inspiring.—Edgar Newby, Pastor.

**DENTON, MO.**—We resigned the pastorate of the Bay Village Assembly, on January 20, and accepted the pastorate in Denton, Mo. Since our coming here, the Lord has been blessing in a wonderful way. Souls are receiving salvation, and some have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Our Sunday School attendance has climbed from 53 to 101. Council ministers passing this way are invited to stop with us.—Melvin Robinson, Pastor, Route 1, Steele, Mo.

**TURLOCK, CALIF.**—Evangelist and Mrs. Elwin Argue of Canada have been here in special revival services. About 17 or 20 were saved, and 30 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Night after night the power of God fell in our midst. The Sunday School attendance has been good, but we had a special rally, March 4, and 227 came out. From January 1, 1944 to January 1, 1945, our church gave \$10,440.00 to Missions.—Allen J. Brown, Pastor.

**CRESTVIEW, FLA.**—The Lord gave us a good meeting under the ministry of Evangelist John W. Hurston. Good crowds were in attendance at each service, and the Lord blessed. Around 25 were gloriously saved, and 11 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. The Sunday School record was broken, there being 316 present on the closing day of the revival. We feel that each activity of the church has received benefit from the revival.—Nolan D. Lee, Pastor.

Beware of legalism in your relation with God. All works done to commend ourselves to God by our own merits are *dead* works, and like all dead things are offensive to Him.—J. Hudson Taylor

**TOLLESON, ARIZ.**—We have just closed a 3-week revival with Evangelist M. H. McDaniel. Several were saved or reclaimed, and 4 were baptized with the Holy Spirit. Our church was stirred to a closer walk with God. We praise God for the good revival.—O. W. Killingsworth, Pastor.

**DIXON, MO.**—We recently closed the most successful revival our new church has ever seen. Twenty were saved, and many were persuaded of the reality of Pentecost. The church was built up in every respect. C. C. Helvey, who is now devoting full time to evangelistic work, was our evangelist. He preaches a powerful Pentecostal message.—Arvel J. Barrett, Pastor.

**TIMPSON, TEXAS**—A new brick and tile building 30 x 50 has been constructed by the church, and the opening service was held March 9. The structure is five blocks west of the public square and one block south of the Timpson-Garrison highway.

We held the first services here in February, 1944, in the Whitton building on the public square.—Pastor and Mrs. T. F. Shires.

**CINCINNATI, OHIO**—We thank the Lord for January 21, the day Evangelist R. S. Peterson of Oshkosh, Wis., came to us for a 2-week meeting. There was good interest from the very first, hearts were stirred, and consecrations renewed. In fact, everything happened that could take place, the evangelist staying an extra week and a lovely spirit of revival being felt in the church. It was a very profitable meeting indeed.—O. E. Nash, Pastor.

**TORONTO, CANADA**—We have just closed one of the finest revivals in the history of our Tabernacle, with Evangelist R. L. Bartlett of Florida. He is a fiery Pentecostal preacher with a fearless ministry. In three weeks, 11 were saved and 9 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit with the initial evidence of Acts 2:4. The church was left in a very healthy condition.—H. R. Pannabecker, Pastor.

**PERCY, ILL.**—We recently closed a very fine meeting with Evangelists Helen Early and Marjorie McCulloch of Alton. We found their ministry very sound and inspiring to our church. Night after night the altars were lined with hungry-hearted seekers and several times the church was almost packed. People from other denominations joined in and many expressed their real appreciation of the ministry of the Lord's handmaidens. These musical gospel workers would be a blessing to any assembly.—Robert D. Shaw, Pastor.

**DEFIANCE, OHIO**—February 27, we began a revival with Evangelist B. E. Hillman of Tipp City as our speaker. Five were saved, one received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and two were refilled. Special attention was given to the Sunday School, and the attendance went to 96, an all-time record for this church. Interest is still manifest among the saints, and there is a real desire for God's best in the church. Since our coming here in May of last year, we have appreciated seeing a gain in every department.—J. G. Gott, Pastor.

**MISSOURI CITY, MO.**—March 4 we closed an 18-day revival with H. V. Foley of Sumner as evangelist. One soul was reclaimed, and several new people were seen in the services. March 8-9, Morris Williams, S. S. superintendent and C. A. leader of West Central District, was with us in two good services. A nice offering was pledged for the Speed-the-Light fund, and two children, recent additions to our cradle roll, were dedicated to the Lord. We feel that the spirit of revival will continue with us.—Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Woods, Pastors.

**GALVESTON, TEXAS**—We have just closed what we believe to be one of the greatest revivals in the past thirteen years, at the First Assembly of God, with Lee Krupnick, Christian Jewish evangelist, and Mrs. Krupnick. Thirty-five were saved, and 14 were baptized with the Holy Ghost. We had our auditorium filled every night, many times having to add extra chairs to seat the crowd.

We have been pastors here for the past six months, formerly being assistant pastors at the Peak and Garland Church in Dallas.—Wilson G. Estes, Pastor.

**SKELLYTOWN, TEXAS**—Our church is praising God for the glorious revival we have been enjoying. From February 9 to 25, Evangelist and Mrs. E. L. Spilman of Groom, Texas, were mightily used of the Lord in the salvation of souls here. The meeting was an old-time Holy Ghost revival, and in spite of ice, snow, and rain, it was well attended. Seventeen were saved, 5 received the Acts 2:4 experience, and a number were healed. Sister Spilman did the preaching, and although this was her first revival, God so anointed her that some of the older members of the church declared it was one of the best in the history of the church.—H. C. Lonis, Pastor.

**ROSWELL, N. MEX.**—O. P. Little of Tulsa, Okla., was with us in January and was a blessing to us. Evangelist James Hart preached in two revivals, and the Lord blessed by saving and baptizing with the Spirit. The church was encouraged. Paul W. Harrington then came, and his inspiring messages were enjoyed by all. He will be with us again in September.

Our little church, which is about 6 years old, is going on for God. Our services are inspired by the Holy Ghost, the power of God falls, and we are unable to preach, but we "let go," and let God have His way. Last Sunday night 7 were saved and 3 were baptized with the Holy Spirit in our regular service. Our Sunday School is progressing, and we intend soon to take up the "Lighthouse Plan" and do our best for God. We have been pastoring about 8 months, and the church voted us in from 1944 to 1946.—Mrs. Birdie Smith, Pastor.

**HIGHLAND, CALIF.**—We have just closed a very successful revival with Billy Lewis, President of the Southern California C. A.'s, and Mrs. Lewis, conducting the services. Fourteen were saved, and one received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The revival was crowned with joy and glory from the beginning. There were times of shouting, dancing in the Spirit,

speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance, and services at which we could not stop praising the Lord.

Brother and Sister Lewis are good evangelists and musicians. They were a great blessing to the whole church, especially to the C. A. and Hi-C. A. groups, in which they were deeply interested.

This is the first revival our church has had. Our pastors, Brother and Sister George D. Scott, started the church about five years ago, with about 20 in the services. We now have 168 present. There was an increase of 20 during the revival. We have begun the construction of a new church and parsonage.—Dora Nell Hinds, C. A. Vice President.

COVELO, CALIF.—A soul-stirring 3-week revival was held here jointly by the local Assembly and the Reservation Mission. Thomas B. Don Carlos of Petaluma, and his coworker, Carl Olson were the evangelists. Over 30 were saved or reclaimed, and 20 were baptized with the Holy Ghost. The Lord confirmed His Word in the healing of the sick, one outstanding case being that of a young girl who had had tuberculosis of the spine for two years. She had been confined to her bed most of the time, and had been sent home by the physicians to die. After the Lord laid His healing hand on her and baptized her with the Holy Ghost, she was able to walk to the meeting and attended every service with great rejoicing. The two churches were greatly revived, many people attending for the first time, and the community at large was stirred as God manifested His glorious presence in every service.

This is the first real out-pouring of the Spirit here in nearly 15 years, at which time the Pentecostal message was first preached.—V. Graham, Pastor Assembly of God; Mildred G. Charles Missionary Pentecostal Indian Mission.

MERCEDES, TEXAS—On September 22, 1944, we opened a new work here in an old dance hall and beer joint, beginning with a 2-week revival. We organized a Sunday School and the fourth Sunday we had 42 in attendance. The Lord gave us some faithful workers and prayer warriors. I was called into the service of our country, in December, 1944, and M. C. Wilson of Pharr carried on the work. I was discharged from the Navy on January 19, 1945. While I was in the service I witnessed to the boys who were really hungry for God, and while in the hospital at San Diego, Calif., I helped pray 44 of the sailors through to a wonderful experience with God. I was not allowed to preach, but got permission from my commanding officer to have prayer in one of the offices fifteen minutes a day.

When I returned home, a revival was in progress at the church, with Irene Hodges and Ruth Cochran of Kaufman. Our church was built up spiritually. One prayed through, and several were seeking the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

In March we had a 15-day revival with Pvt. George W. Speir of Foster Field, while on his furlough. Three were saved, and one received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

When we set our church in order, we had 12 ready to join. We are having wonderful services and our Sunday School is growing.—W. R. Turner.

# 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.

LONGMONT, COLO.—8th and Bross, April 15—; Wm. F. A. Gierke, Los Angeles, Calif., Evangelist.—Glenn A. Reed, 737 Bross St., Pastor.

BILLINGS, MONT.—Meetings in progress until April 22; Douglas Carroll, Evangelist. L. B. Spradley, 737 Wyoming Ave., is pastor.—By Evangelist.

ROCKFORD, ILL.—804 Second Ave., April 22—May 13; R. S. and Vera Peterson, Oshkosh, Wis., Evangelist.—H. A. Stemmie, Pastor.

NEWCASTLE, IND.—E Ave. and 18th St.; May 6,

for 3 weeks or longer; R. L. Wilkerson, Knoxville, Tenn., Evangelist.—John E. Rogers, Pastor.

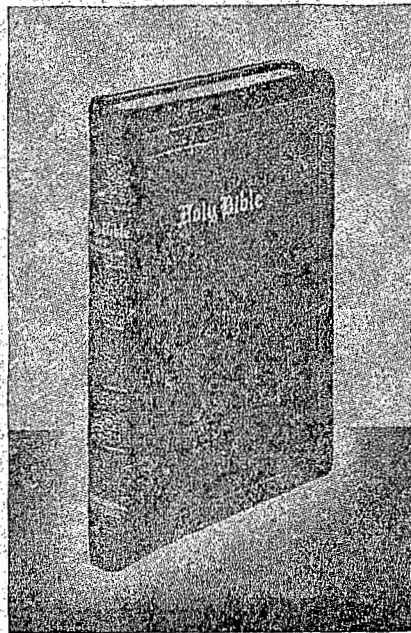
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PHILADELPHIA, PA.—19th and Green Sts.; April 22, for 2 weeks; Evangelist Arthur Arnold and Party, Oklahoma City, Okla.—W. S. Bragg, Pastor.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—2200 W. Center St.; April 29, for 2 weeks or longer; Otto J. Klink, Miami, Fla., Evangelist.—Samuel P. Bell, Pastor.

EAST TAWAS, MICH.—318 E. Lincoln St., April 29—May 20; Irving M. Mitchell of Detroit, Evangelist.—Daniel Morocco, Pastor.

BATAVIA, N. Y.—Gospel Tabernacle, Center St.; April 22, for 2 weeks or longer; C. S. Tubby, Stevensville, Ontario, Evangelist.—Harold J. Snelgrove, Pastor, 11 Olin Ave.



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God, command that these stones be made bread. ship and their father, and followed him.

4 But he answered and said, 'It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." 23 ¶ And Jē'sus went about all Gallilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple. Neh. 11. 1

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MEXIA, TEXAS—Revival in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. H. G. Griffin.—J. C. King, Pastor.  
 RUSSELLVILLE, ARK.—Revival in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Billy Keen, Denison, Texas.—W. J. Higgins, Pastor.  
 NESS CITY, KANSAS—April 24—; Evangelist and Mrs. Russel Rexroat, Chappel, Nebr.—Charles Boshell, Pastor.  
 COLUMBUS, GA.—Bealwood Assembly; April 15, for 2 weeks or longer; O. L. Jagers, Evangelist.—Carl E. Perry, Pastor.  
 HAMLIN, PA.—Gospel Mission Hall, April 29—May 13; George W. Clement, West Milford, N. J., Evangelist.—Thomas Twiss, Pastor, First Pentecostal Church, Gravity, Pa.  
 CHANUTE, KANSAS—"Deeper Life" Meeting, Lafayette and Chestnut Sts., April 25—29; Paul Samuelson, District Secretary-Treasurer, guest speaker.—Everette Ewing, Pastor.  
 BRENTWOOD, MO.—9101 Manchester; April 8, for 2 weeks or longer; Olive Burns, Ft. Worth, Texas, Evangelist.—Willard Dorsett Sr., Pastor, 869 Atalanta Ave., Webster Groves 19, Mo.  
 COLLINSVILLE, OKLA.—Home-coming and church Dedication, April 30. Services and speakers: 10:00 a. m., Marvin Hartz; 2:30 p. m., District Superintendent F. C. Cornell; 8:00 p. m., Robert Work. All former pastors invited. Dinner on grounds.—C. H. Miller, Pastor.  
 ERIE, PA.—Eastern District Prayer Conference, Glad Tidings Church, 1612 Sassafras St., April 24-27. Services 9:30, 2:30, and 7:45. Carl P. Steffens, former Lutheran pastor, and other speakers will minister. For accommodations write Norman T. Spong, 1156 W. 6th St., Erie, Pa.—Ray S. Armstrong, Prayer League Leader.

**PRAYER CONFERENCE**

New York-New Jersey District Prayer Conference, Faith Tabernacle, Conklin Ave. and High St., Binghamton, N. Y., April 18-20. Services 9:30, 2:30 and 7:45 daily. Our Superintendent, Wesley R. Steelberg, together with other able speakers will minister. We especially invite our Eastern District brethren to attend. Please write early for accommodations to John Kellner, host pastor, 2 High St., Binghamton, N. Y.—Charles R. Shuss, Prayer Conference Leader.

ALABAMA DISTRICT SPRING CONVENTIONS  
 Southeast Section, Enterprise, April 23-24; J. C. Thames, Presbyter. North Central Section, First Assembly, Clanton, April 30-May 1; A. T. Hickman, Presbyter. South Central Section, Assembly of God, Phenix City, May 7-8; W. P. Hughes, Presbyter. Northwest Section, Beaverton, May 14-15; O. C. Hickman, Presbyter.

The ministers of a section with the delegates (one from each assembly duly elected) may elect their District Presbyter by vote. Applicants for issuance or renewal of credentials—ordinations, exhorter or licentiate, are required to meet their Sectional Committee in person.—Marvin L. Smith, District Superintendent.

**TEXAS DISTRICT CONVENTIONS**

By permission of the ODT, we announce conventions for April. The following convention begins at 10:30 a. m., first day, 3 services daily: Houston Section, Denver Assembly, Houston, April 19—20. The following, first service 7:30 first day, 3 services daily: Yoakum Section, Victoria Assembly, April 26—27. All ministers urged to be present for renewal of their fellowship with the Texas District. Those desiring to apply for ordination, license, or exhorter's license must meet the Committee of their home Section.

For information write District Superintendent F. D. Davis or District Secretary C. P. Robison, 1200 Sycamore St., Waxahachie, Texas.

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East Panhandle Section, Mooreland, April 23—25; Olen F. Cossey, host pastor. Northeast Section, Vinita, May 7—9; F. W. Simpson, host pastor. Northwest Section, Clinton, May 14-16; E. L. Saxelid, host pastor.

It will be necessary for all who carry license or exhorters papers to be present and secure a renewal blank, so their papers can be renewed for the following fiscal year. Those desiring license or exhorters permits, meet the board at any of the above Sectional Councils. First service, Monday, 7:30 p. m., in charge of Clifford Burkett, District C. A. President. Day services, 10:00 and 2:00. Licensing service, Wednesday afternoon.

For further information, write V. H. Ray, District Secretary-Treasurer, or F. C. Cornell, District Superintendent, P. O. Box 1341, Oklahoma City, 1, Okla.

**ALABAMA C. A. RALLIES**

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# The Passing and the Permanent

## "WORLD'S LAST CHANCE"

Anthony Eden, Britain's Foreign Secretary, says that the world security conference at San Francisco will be a new experiment in international practice which "may well prove to be the world's last chance."

## THE CHURCH AND THE PEACE

Some are anxious for representatives of the Church to sit at the peace table, but the new Archbishop of Canterbury rightly declares that making the peace is the statesman's job. The task of the Church, he says, is to keep before the statesmen the inflexible principles of right and wrong. The Church should be the world's spiritual adviser but should never dabble in politics. Our commission is to preach, not to legislate.

## PRAISED BY THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones tells of a recent interview with President Roosevelt in which he said:

"Since becoming President I have come to know that the finest type of Americans we have abroad are the missionaries of the Cross. I am humiliated that I am just finding out at this late day the worth of foreign missions and the nobility of the missionaries. Their testimony in China, for instance, during the war there, is beyond praise, their courage thrilling, their fortitude heroic."

## A DANGEROUS TREND

Says *The Presbyterian*: "We are in hearty accord with the effort now being made to curtail to the limit large gatherings of people insofar as it involves railroad transportation over long lines or hotel accommodations on an extensive plan. But we view with alarm the idea under all this right and proper zeal for certain immediate objectives. The Office of Defense Transportation is an agent of the national government. When it issues permits it asserts the authority to stop, and for the government to stop religious assemblies is a very dangerous thing."

## IS THE ARMY BREEDING CRIMINALS?

J. Edgar Hoover, F.B.I. Director, says: "We face the possibility, even the probability, of a postwar crime wave. In fact, we already have the makings of an ugly crime wave. But it is not primarily a soldier crime wave; it is a crime wave of the soldiers' younger brothers and sisters. The majority of the well-known criminals of the 20's were not veterans, but men who got started in crime during the war as *juvenile delinquents* here on the home front." Mr. Hoover says: "Killing is the business of the Army, and several millions of our young men have become experts at it. F.B.I. men are experts at it, too, but no F.B.I. man has ever been arrested for a crime of violence." He adds: "Let's not lie awake nights worrying about the postwar menace of our fighting men. There is, entirely too much *we* need to do *here and now*. We are making criminals here at home, by neglect and thoughtlessness."

## IT CAN SOLVE ALL PROBLEMS

Said Woodrow Wilson: "I expect to find the solution of the problems before me as President of the United States in the proportion to which I am faithful in the study of the Word of God."

## HUMAN "GUINEA PIGS"

On various occasions during this war conscientious objectors have volunteered to serve as "guinea pigs" for medical experiments. At present thirty-six C. O.'s are being scientifically "starved" at the University of Minnesota in order to discover how the people of occupied countries can best be fed at a minimum of cost.

## LAWLESSNESS IN IRELAND

The number of indictable crimes in the city of Dublin increased from 3,602 in 1938 to 9,026 in 1942. Reform schools are overcrowded. An Irish paper says: "Crime still increases week by week in Eire, stricter Civic Guard vigilance failing to stem the rising tide of theft, burglary, housebreaking, crimes of violence, and sex offenses." The rising tide of lawlessness seems to be world-wide.

## PROPAGANDA IN INDIA

"In Madras," says W. H. Warren of the Christian Literature Society, "we have had a striking example of the effectiveness of the printed page in the rapid growth of Communism among industrial workers during the last two years. Around any mill or factory, during the midday rest hour, one can see groups of workmen numbering anywhere from ten to two hundred, seated around one of their number who is reading aloud from some Communist book or magazine. A steady stream of books, magazines, and handbills has produced a complete change in the outlook and mentality of the Indian industrial worker. . . . Until we can get to grips with the masses as the Communist workers have done, we shall make no impression."

## Flash!

This is the very first announcement of REVEILLE No. 14, the forthcoming new edition of the paper that, as one soldier wrote, "hits the mark" with servicemen. We are expecting this issue to have a greater circulation than any yet produced, and we urgently need your prayers and support for the great task that lies ahead of it. Watch for notice of the date it will be ready.

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## JEWRY'S SACRIFICE

According to the Palestine Jewish Agency, Jews have sacrificed twenty-five times more lives in this war than the British Empire has lost in all the battles and bombings. Of six million Jews in Europe only a quarter remain.

## JEW'S MASSACRED IN HUNGARY

Figures obtained from Allied sources, checked by the International Red Cross, and admitted by the official press of the Hungarian Quisling Government, show that one million Jews have been massacred from that country.

## DROPPING THE "CHRISTIAN"

An old ruling that only members of "Protestant Evangelical Churches" could be active members of the Y. W. C. A. or hold office in it was abolished in 1934, and now only 49 out of 420 local associations throughout the country still enforce the old rule. Thus, for the most part, the Y. W. C. A. has dropped the "C," and is Christian in name only.

## NEWCOMERS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Two refugees from German concentration camps are preaching the gospel among the many thousands of fellow refugees who have come to the United States from Europe. They are Pastor and Mrs. F. J. Forell of New York City, who came to this country four years ago. They teach Bible classes, hold parlor meetings, conduct a "Kiddie Kanteen," and in other ways do the work of Christ among these strangers. Already over 100 Hebrews have accepted Christ as Savior and have joined Christian churches.

## FALSE MESSIAHS

Suffering Israel is always ready to hail a deliverer as her Messiah. *Christian Life* points out:

"Napoleon was acclaimed by the French Jews in 1806 as their deliverer. Had he been successful in Palestine in 1799 the Jews would have flocked to his banner. When he appealed to the Jews of Asia and Africa, he promised to give them the Holy Land and to restore Jerusalem to its ancient splendor.

"When the Jews met in the first Zionist Congress in Basle in 1897, one of their leaders declared that if the Sultan of Turkey should prove friendly to them, they would receive him as their Messiah.

"A Jew wrote in the Hebrew paper *Liberty*, published in Palestine, an address to Mussolini (Nov. 24, 1933): 'Your Excellency, from the moment when you first granted me an interview in Rome ten years ago for the first time, I felt that, in your person, a Savior had arisen for all persecuted people. I, the smallest of the Jewish millions, dare to declare that if you will solve the problems of the Jew and Arab, there will never be any greater than you, even in the coming generations.'

And when the False Prince, the False Messiah, offers them a covenant in the time of greatest trouble, the Jews will accept him, according to Daniel 9:27. Because they received not the love of the truth, and the true Messiah, God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie and accept the man of sin, the wicked one. 2 Thess. 2:10, 11. That day may not be far distant.