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Might, Power and My Spirit

By PAUL H. BOX, Assistant Editor

THERE IS a very timely scripture for our day found in the fourth chapter of Zechariah which we will use as the basis for this message to you. A portion of the sixth verse reads thusly "Not by might, nor by power, but by MY Spirit saith the Lord."

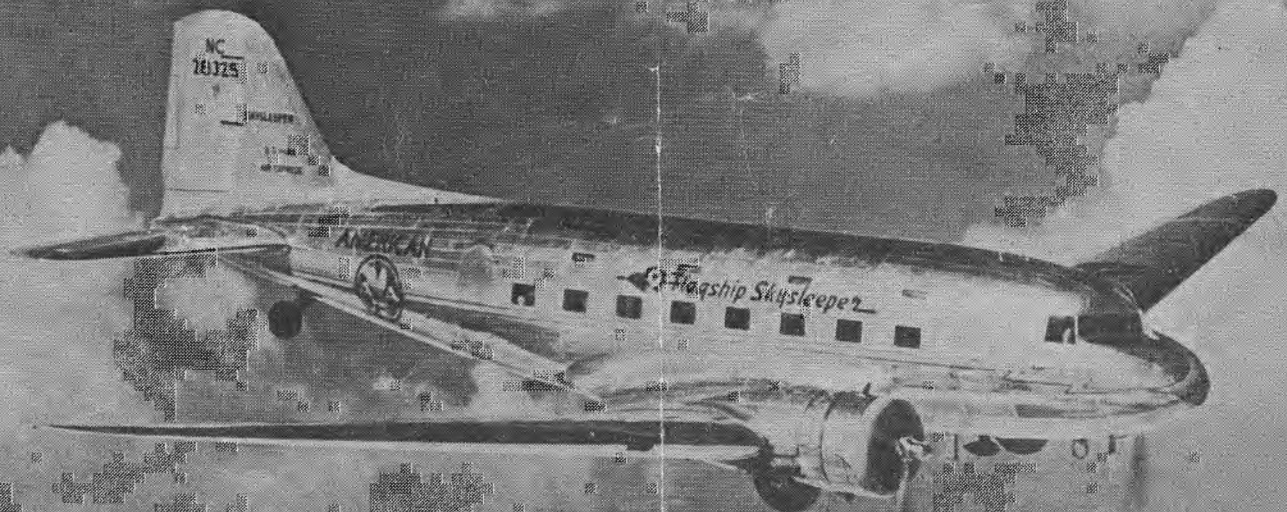
The implications and importance of these words are tremendous for they bring immediately into the foreground the overall superiority of the Spirit of God over the two greatest forces known to man—"might and power." These latter two were clearly demonstrated in the war just brought to a successful conclusion when by an overwhelming display of the might and power which this nation and her allies were able to amass and bring together, "finis" was written

to the aspirations of world domination in Berlin, Rome and Tokyo. However, the instruments that provided the "punch" first had to be proven and tested, some to be discarded and some to attain, possibly after years of experimenting with, their rightful place in the hands of those that used the power they contained to bring victory over the tyranny and inhumanness of those that would have enslaved the peoples of the world.

The full attainment of God's purpose in our lives individually is impossible without those lives first being made subject to the cross—proven to be real and true by the oft "hard" process of being tried and tested. We look upon the cross as a place of suffering and woe and

rightly so, for it was there almost 2,000 years ago that the grossest misappropriation of right and justice was carried out and while horror and cries of "shame" have been uttered from the lips of uncountable people since that time, yet it was *there* that the greatest victory was won. The injustice of the cross turned out to be the greatest blessing for mankind. It was the final proving ground of God's plan for the redemption of the human race—it was the opening of the flood gate that released the streams of God's blessings upon poor mankind. Jesus was the greatest personality that ever lived—no one could dare dispute that fact—yet there was no one that had to be proven in so rigid a manner (continued on page 10)

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Religion and the Public Schools

The right to conduct classes in religion in public schools was recently upheld in a Champaign, Ill., court, in a case that attracted nationwide attention. The decision is regarded as a victory for the advocates of religious instruction. This can be regarded as a good sign and certainly an important need. We have been taught by our Catholic and Lutheran friends that it is profitable to mix school and religious education. When we think that the constitution of the United States upholds the freedom of religion to every individual and the candidates for high offices are asked to place their hand upon the Bible as they affirm to do their best to uphold the constitution, it is strange to think that our children should not be given the privilege to hear something about God and the Bible in our public schools.

The Bible in Public Schools

Bible reading in public schools is required in 11 states of the United States, according to the American Bible Society. In the states of Illinois, Louisiana and Wisconsin it is prohibited. In the remaining 34 states it is permitted but not required. Many conscientious people believe it would bring about desired good to have each school teacher open class every morning with prayer and reading a chapter of the Bible. This certainly would not transgress anyone's rights and yet it would serve to focus the eyes and attention of all children in school to at least a passing interest in God and the Bible which might well become permanent.

Character Training

The need of something in our public education that is at the present time lacking is recognized by the following statements: "Faced with many serious problems, perhaps the most alarming is the increase in juvenile delinquency." "Americans cannot afford to regard that problem passively, or to postpone the action necessary to its solution."—President Truman.

"Juvenile delinquency is misnamed, it should be termed adult crime."—J. Edgar Hoover.

"A cure for juvenile delinquency is to

make the parents responsible."—Judge James C. McDowell.

"Keep the good boy good," a slogan suggested by Frank J. Wilson, chief of secret service.

It can be plainly seen from these statements and other facts that the problem of juvenile delinquency and parental responsibility are tied close together. In other words, juvenile delinquency is the result of parental delinquency. Of course there are many causes given for the present conditions and without doubt they do have a bearing on the case. Fathers in military service, mothers in war work, children left by themselves are free to get into mischief, other older children at odd jobs made easy extra money, giving too much liberty in extra spending resulting in no good, etc.

The Bible and Our Children

Bringing the Bible back to our children and our schools may well be the answer to that something which thinking people see lacking in our public schools. Certainly it's worth a try. Religious teaching and training of children is a responsibility of Christian parents according to Deut. 6:6, 7, "These words which I command thee this day, shall be upon thy heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children."

Of course, it is granted that there are different races and religions represented in our public schools. The question then is to provide a way in which religious instruction can be given in public schools without friction by regarding the rights of each group.

In a number of high schools each student is granted the privilege of attending one class period of his choice that is conducted either by the minister of the church which he attends or some qualified representative of that church. The good that comes from the family worship circle is the best argument for Bible reading and prayer every day in our public schools. Pastor F. J. Ewart has said, "repetition is the essence of impression."

The imprint left by recognition of the Bible and prayer in our schools upon our children will be a step in the right direction in seeking a cure for juvenile delinquency. *The Bible should have a place in our public schools because:*

- (1) Our national character demands it. It will supply that which is lacking.
- (2) Education is imperfect without it. Full development requires moral instruction.
- (3) It is the best book of morals. Proven by divine authority and test of experience.
- (4) It is our God-given right. It is our American heritage.—M.J.W.

OUR OFFICIAL PAPER

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Do as thou hast said

1 Chr. 17:23-24

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THERE IS more to the text. Let us read it; "Do as thou hast said . . . that thy name may be magnified forever, saying, THE LORD of hosts is the God of Israel, even a God to Israel."

There is far more in this scripture than my brief space will permit me to bring forth. David is praying here and he is wisely talking to God. He is claiming certain things from God which have been promised to him. In verse 25 he says, "For thou, O my God, hast told thy servant that thou wilt build him an house: therefore thy servant hath found in his heart to pray before thee."

This is a simple prayer. Anyone could talk to God like this if they would put themselves in this Spiritual state of mind by coming to God and definitely claiming certain promises from Him out of His word. David was definite and specific. F. B. Meyer says, "It would give much interest to prayer, if we were more definite. It is far better to claim a few things specifically than a score vaguely."

There is a man in Idaho who advertises some of his articles in secular papers and magazines. One of them is, "I talked with God." In this article he tells how the great God of the universe heard him and answered him. It has caused quite a sensation among those who have never heard of such a thing. How wonderful it must have been to hear for the first time, even in this civilized United States of America, that a human being who walks this earth, and eats like you and I, who dresses like you and I, actually talked with God. God heard him. How wonderful! Well, David did this very thing for we find in Psalms 66:19, "But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer."

The book of Psalms is full of David's prayers and David's praises for the definite answers to those prayers. But for your great encouragement, I want to tell you that David did not always get his prayers through. He was called

a man after God's own heart but he did not always live up to such a reputation, for in this same 66th Psalm that I have quoted from, he further says in verse 18, "If I REGARD iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." This word *regard* means, "To look closely at; to keep in view; to gaze upon." (see Dictionary) David passed through just such an experience in his life and you have but to read Psalms 51 to find out what trouble he got himself into and how much it meant for him to get back into full communion with God. No wonder there are comparatively so few who really pray and get things from God.

In my later years, I have come to the conclusion that real prayer has to do with Divine laws more than anything else. Not how loud you pray or how long you pray or how much you pound the bench where you are kneeling or how much you stamp on the floor, but how much you obey the laws that govern prayer. We read in John 11:41, 42, "Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou HEAREST ME ALWAYS." In John 8:29, Jesus tells how He knew it; "For I do ALWAYS those things that please him." In John 9:31, "But if any man be a worshipper of God, and DOETH HIS WILL, him he HEARETH." Jesus was pure and Satan could find nothing in him. John 14:30.

There is a statement made in Isa. 45:11 which is almost astonishing and it is written to God's people; "concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands COMMAND YE ME." It would look like God tells us to command Him to do certain things. In Mal. 3:10 He tells His people to PROVE HIM. By carefully studying the scriptures I have come to believe there is a place where we can get before God and we can have the command of faith like Jesus did. It works two ways:

FIRST, We can go to God in reverence and say "Do as thou hast said," and **SECOND**, we can say as Jesus did;

"Say to this mountain, Be thou removed, . . . and it shall be done." Matt. 21:21. Notice in this text Jesus said unto them, "If ye have faith, and doubt not," etc. Praise God! I believe there is a wonderful truth contained herein for us that will enable us in these last days to go forth in His Name and do the things Jesus said we should be able to do.

Now let us frankly look at three very needful and practical things that we can go to God with and say to God, "Do as thou hast said." Put your finger on the promise and say it in faith, nothing doubting.

"For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground." Isa. 44:3. (referring to the Spirit). There is a great spiritual dearth over all the earth and an outpouring of the Spirit is needed anew, but God had said it with many other such scriptures supporting the truth that He has promised us the Latter Rain for such a period, so prevalent is the need all around us now. (James 5:7-8)

Psalms 119:126, "It is time for thee, Lord, to work: for they have made VOID THY LAW." (God's word). Also Isa. 43:13, "I will work and who shall let it." The Revised reads, "I will work and who can hinder it." Only our unbelief and slowness to obey God can hinder it. Read Eph. 1:3.

SECOND: Another great need that is covered by definite promises is for the HEALING of our bodies. "I am the Lord that HEALETH thee." Ex. 15:26. "The Lord who FORGIVETH all thine INIQUITIES; WHO HEALETH all thy DISEASES." Psalms 103:3.

One of the great hinderances to the work of the Lord these days is sickness and weak bodies. Now, even though you have been prayed for and anointed with oil in the name of the Lord, and did not get your healing, do not let that hinder you for God hath said what he would do for you. Continue to come believing. Tell the Devil over and over, if needs

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A Picture and A Prophecy

OUR PICTURE COVER: "AEROPLANE"

Courtesy of American Airlines

OF ALL the modern miracles of scientific inventions it is an established fact that close to the top of the list in importance and interest is the airplane. Since the first plane was invented man has flown a long ways. It is fast becoming evident that what was once a rare novelty is now commonplace; "what was once an Air-Plane ride is now a Plain-Air ride."

Making History

On May 20, 1927, a young unknown American, Charles A. Lindbergh, climbed into a tiny monoplane at New York and 33 hours and 30 minutes later landed at Paris, France. Immediately he became a world-wide hero. (Only 19 years ago, this took place in our lifetime).

Speed and still more speed is the order of the day. Giant bombers and cargo planes, weighing 30 tons and more, hurtle through the air at more than 300 miles an hour. Dive-bombers, in a power dive, have reached 725 miles per hour. Just six months ago on August 1, 1945, the A. T. C.'s C-69 Lockheed "Constellation" made a casual 3,600 mile New York-Paris flight in 14 hours and 12 minutes, breaking all trans-Atlantic transport records to that time. Helping this C-69 to this newest record were four great Wright engines developing 2,200 H. P. each.

The progress of aviation is so swift that new records are made almost daily as new designs and greater power engines step up speed and efficiency.

Cross-Country Record

It was only a month ago on January 26, 1946, the transcontinental flight record was broken by three Army jet-propelled planes, which flew from Long Beach, Calif., to LaGuardia Field, New York. The fastest plane of the three covered the 2,470 miles in 4 HOURS and 13 MINUTES, an average speed of 584 miles an hour. Col. W. H. Councill, the pilot, figured his top speed during the flight at 660 miles an hour, which he calculated to be about 30 miles less than the *SPEED OF SOUND* at the high levels he flew.

Plain (Plane) Signs

—The President of the United States in his private plane, "The Sacred Cow" flies just about anytime and anywhere he desires. Safety is a major factor in protecting the life of the president. He would not be permitted to travel by air

if flying was not considered a safe method of travel.

—Planes over the counter. The people are so air-minded that large department stores are actually showing planes on the floor in their stores and selling to all desirous buyers.

World-wide airline passenger travel is now regarded as a standard risk by approximately 50 per cent of the life insurance companies in the United States.

When you think of air travel and air traffic keep in mind the air freight business. Huge sky trains are predicted. Towed by a plane, a string of gliders loaded with cargo is the aerial version of the freight train.

Now actually under construction is the remarkable Consolidated-Vultee luxury passenger liner, a six-engined plane that will carry 204 passengers from New York to London between breakfast and dinner time—9 hours. It has a wingspread of 230 feet and is 183 feet long.

Time and space forbid going further along these lines but we must not forget, "inventors and manufacturers are just beginning to reach into the experimental realms of jet-propulsion planes and have yet to utilize the power of atomic energy with relation to air travel, etc.

The Aeroplane in the Bible: 698 B. C.

The prophet Isaiah moved upon by the Holy Spirit evidently saw the aeroplane of today but apparently not understanding what he saw he asks, "Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?"—Isaiah 60:8. The answer of the commentators of the Bible does not satisfy fully. It may be true that the presence and protection of the Lord is symbolized; but it seems the prophet Isaiah in question form asks about this *WONDER* and at the same time foretells the startling truth of the coming aeroplane nearly 2,650 years ago. It does not take much imagination in this modern age to visualize the Helicopter plane with its power to ascend and descend vertically, its spot landing and hovering over a point at stationary altitudes, together with its ability to make landings on the tops of hotels and penthouses in the center of cities. Certainly such maneuvering could be described as the "flying as doves," or "flying as clouds."

For many years prophetic students have seen scriptural significance in Isaiah 31:5, "As birds flying, so will the Lord of Hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver it; and passing over He will defend it." It was during World War I, when the Turks had control of the city of Jerusalem that the British army under General Allenby marched toward the city to take it. British planes flying over the city terrified the Turks within and helped in the capture of the city. Thus the city was saved and spared.

The Aeroplane in World War II

Airpower was a major factor in the winning of the war from the start to the finish. Air attacks, air borne troops, air raids, air transport of men and material, even to the air delivery of the atomic bomb. Armed with this knowledge we should read Habakkuk 1: 8 to 10. In these verses this prophet tells of "horses (horse power) swifter than leopards and fiercer than wolves *swift destruction*." (it would take more than any natural horse to fulfill the words of the prophet.)

"They would spread themselves and come from far" (great distance).

"They would fly as the eagle and would come for violence" (war).

In Conclusion

Do not pass over lightly such descriptive language as is found in the book of Revelation 9:6 to 10 and 17 to 19. Here we are told of "horses prepared to battle;" "crowns of gold;" "faces of men;" "hair of women;" "teeth as teeth of lions;" "breastplates of iron;" "sounds of horses running to battle;" "tails like scorpions;" "stings in their tails;" "out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone;" etc.

It is true this language is descriptive of scenes to take place during the great tribulation upon the earth, but let us remember the war just ended has left both eye and word pictures of fighter planes and bombers (flying fortresses) with their fancy names and paintings which come very close to meeting the requirements of these scriptures. What about the bombing, strafing, machine gun, anti-aircraft shells, flak, cannon fire, smoke, and other ammunition explosives such as the block busters and the atomic bombs?

All of this to be considered in the light that the Bible foretells the coming of a time of trouble such as the world has never known or ever shall be, Matthew 24:21. Modern air warfare must be the forerunner of these things to come.

May the Lord help us to watch and to pray that we may be ready and prepared for any eventuality which may take place either on the earth or in the air.—1st Thess. 4:16, 17.—M.J.W.

A Visit to a Pastor's Home

By OLIVER F. FAUSS, Houston, Tex.

MANY people seem to possess the idea that the life of a pastor and his family is different from the ordinary home. Some even act as though their view of the situation is that of the supernatural. Of all the homes and families in the whole community, the pastor's is the most censured and criticised. What some people seem to expect of that household would be a burden, extremely grievous to be borne. The pastor, his good wife, or his son and daughter, are continually the subject of many discussions. At high school a minister's child, most generally seems to be a target for the jeers of those in the class room. Many are they who have attempted to "outline" just what a pastor and his family should measure up to, yet if that same measurement was turned on those who offer it so freely, immediately we would have to "call the Elders," and anoint them with oil.

It has been said, "Why, the pastor has nothing to worry about. He shouldn't be discouraged or feel blue as do other folks. All he has to do is go to church and enjoy life," while still another stands at a distance and looks on, making this remark, "If I were only a pastor," or "If my husband were only a minister, I could sing all day long." Still another replies, "Well, he doesn't have to work, all he has to do is just let others bring him his living, he should always have a good sermon. He doesn't have discouragements like other people, therefore he should meet everybody with a smile." These are a few of the many remarks that make up the pastor's lot, week by week, month by month and year by year.

The Pastor—A Help in Trouble

Most everybody goes to the pastor when he or she gets into trouble. He must have a good word of comfort and cheer to offer under all circumstances. People will unfold to the pastor their troubles as they will to no other. His mind must be broad enough and his heart big enough to weigh the matters well and give the right advice. He meets with all kinds of problems, many that would tax a dozen minds beyond the limit. People with their domestic affairs come to the pastor and his wife for a word of consolation. There is a husband, who feels he is right in his



rigid stand, and there, too, is the wife equally claiming her right in the affair. They have come to the pastor for him to help unravel the tangle. Many people will confess to the pastor that which they would not discuss with an attorney.

Here comes a mother whose children are trampling her heart to the earth, and she seeks some ray of hope from the pastor. There is a wife whose husband forbids her to attend "that church." Still the pastor must always smile and be of good courage. Many seek his advice in their financial worries, young people seek his council in love affairs. He is indeed the bureau of information, comfort and consolation.

Many times I have thought of all this, as a pastor of more than a quarter of a century, and have been made to wonder, "Who on earth feels it is his duty to encourage the pastor in his difficulties?" Some will say, "Oh, does the pastor ever meet with discouragements?" Is it possible that he and his wife must be left to bear their burdens alone? They, too, enjoy some one's word of cheer occasionally, no doubt.

Unpleasant and Undue Criticism

The pastor is severely criticised when he fails to visit a sick member of his congregation, and generally it is among those who are irregular in their attendance. They seem to think that by inward

instinct or by some super-divine knowledge, the pastor ought to know that they are sick. They never seem to think of the Scripture which says, "Call for the elders of the church." The telephone is too far away for them to phone him, or too many miles to send him word. He does not know about this sick person, yet he ought to be there. Then generally the very first time they meet the pastor, the remark they hand to that poor preacher has, indeed, a sting.

Why should a pastor and his family be deprived of that feeling of liberty when they spend a dollar? Is it just and right for the pastor's wife to feel those censoring eyes as they look her up and down? Should the dress of the pastor's wife or daughters last any longer than any other woman's apparel? My opinion is, that of all people who should look well in dress, it is the pastor and his family (if such is ever possible).

The Pastor's Wife

I have said that if there ever was a place reserved in heaven for a single soul on earth for filling any certain place in this world, it should be the wife of a minister. If a pastor's wife is active in the services, she is criticised as trying to run the church. If she is not so active, her heart is not in the work and she is a hindrance to the pastor. If she accompanies her husband as he visits the sick and makes his calls, she is censured as being jealous of her husband. If she stays at home she is backslid and ought to repent. If she seeks to look neat and appear well in her clothes and has some pride in her personal appearance, she then is spoken of as being too proud, yet if she takes no thought of her appearance she is too slouchy to be a minister's wife. She is expected to attend every prayer meeting and special service throughout the whole week, and always be a little early in coming to service, be sure and take an active part in the singing, praying, testifying and altar service. Nine times out of ten she should be able to entertain all the passing ministers and evangelists in her home, cook and keep up her housework herself, for if she had a maid to help her, some good saint would surely lose the victory. If she fails to get around and greet all the folks at every service,

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Pentecostal Young People



CONQUERORS THROUGH CHRIST

By **ELDREDGE E. LEWIS**
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... We are more than Conquerors through Him that loved us.

A Christian's concept of life must be a victorious one. A conquering Christian produces both natural and spiritual results. He is a Victor! He is a Conqueror! He is a Victor over the forces of evil. He conquers his adversary through the sublime strength which is given him by "Him that loved us."

A Conqueror knows no defeat! Having done all to stand; he stands. The word "retreat" is no part of his vocabulary. He is aggressive. He is not pursued, he pursues. He remains on the offensive that he might conquer and not be conquered. He is always resisting, yet never submitting.

There are no "forty-hour weeks" for the conqueror. Time means nothing to him. And if he wavers, he must retreat; therefore he does not waver. He must watch and pray. Never does he faint, lest his adversary overtake him unaware.

God has called YOUTH to be *Conquerors through Him* that loved us and gave Himself for us. Even as David met Goliath on the enemy's territory, so must we be willing to walk out by faith upon the foe's territory, that we may be a Conqueror for Christ.

What must be conquered? First, we must conquer our carnal desires. Then our worldly ambitions. Next we must completely overcome self. And when this is done, we are prepared to go forth to conquer the forces of sin and wickedness in a world which is seeking ways to overthrow the Kingdom of God. The time is ripe for sin to be conquered, that the lost of the world may be won by us who are more than conquerors. "Let's remain on the offensive."

Press on! Surmount the rocky steeps, Climb boldly o'er the torrent's arch; He fails alone who feebly creeps, He wins who dares the hero's march. Be thou a hero! Let thy might

Tramp on eternal snows its way
And through the ebon walls of night
Hew down a passage unto day."

The Conqueror Battles

"The battle is not to the strong . . ."

Youth's battles are little different from the battles which have been fought throughout all generations. These modern days have ushered us into a new age, but our spiritual battles are still similar to those which were fought and won by God's people of long ago. They fought against sin, against worldliness, and

against all contemporary evils. So must we.

They fought with a determination. Think of the youth of the Bible. Do you not remember their determination and their zeal?

Think of Joseph—Even though forsaken by family and cast upon the mercies of his bondsmen; he remained more than a conqueror. Because he had a strong determination, his name was stamped upon the pages of immortal history.

Think of Moses—Brought up under the influence of the royal palace of Egypt, with all its wealth and worldly glory; yet he refused to be called an Egyptian, even a member of the royal family, choosing rather to be a conqueror for the God of Israel.

Think of the Three Hebrews in Babylon—Even though carried into captivity to strange Babylon with all its sin and corruption, they determined, "we will not be defiled by the King's meat." Furthermore they refused to worship or bow down to the king's image, and conquered the furnace of fire.

God grant that we may possess the same determination.

The Conqueror's Weapons

"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal . . ."

It is true that methods of warfare have progressed by leaps and bounds until methods of ancient warfare have long been altogether worthless and obsolete. But the Christian's method of conquering has not changed. We merely continue to fight the same battles which God-fearing youth of all ages have fought. The same weapons are still in use, and they are our only means of conquering.

First, we have a mighty weapon known as "The Sword of the Spirit." In reality it is more than a sword because it is "Sharper than any two-edged sword." It has conquered more evil, redeemed more souls, and produced more results than all the carnal weapons of the world. A Christian conqueror must possess this sword at all times. He not only needs it for his personal protection, but as an offensive weapon as well.

Young people, shall we not unsheath our swords, and use them in the great struggle which lies before us. The greatest spiritual struggle of all ages is in the near future. Should we not prepare ourselves by learning to use the Sword of

GOD'S ANSWER

By DAVID F. GRAY, San Diego, Calif.

The answer to darkness is light . . .
The answer to gloom is gladness . . .
The answer to fear is faith . . .
Just so, the answer to sin-breeding materialism is a soul-saving Holy Ghost revival of religion. Not a religion of numbing negatives, but of powerful positives—the religion of Christ and the Apostles, of Calvary and Pentecost, of miracles and transformed lives, of fiery, holy preaching and fiery, holy living. This is God's answer to sin and death, and the solution to the problems that plague humanity.

Theory can never defeat reality, nor the ornamental replace the fundamental. Demonstration of the Spirit and of power brings life whereas mere proclamation of the letter, lacking the Spirit, kills.

This Holy Ghost religion, a heart-throbbing, soul-stirring, sin-destroying dynamic, hot from heaven, was demonstrated and revealed on the birthday of the Church, the Day of Pentecost. The key to this religion, which opens heaven's doors to all who will simply believe and obey, was given by Peter on that day: "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." (Acts 2:38).

the Spirit, which is the Word of God, accurately and effectively.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth."

Secondly, we find that prayer is a powerful weapon. Many of our youth fail to realize that the "prayer weapon" is an important one. Not so. It is prayer that causes the foundations of the earth to tremble and for the windows of heaven to open. Let's use this mighty weapon as a means of conquering the world for Christ.

Did not prayer open the windows of heaven and bring rain to a thirsty and parched earth when Elijah prayed?

Did not prayer add fifteen years to Hezekiah's life?

Did not prayer shut the mouths of the lions so that no harm could come upon Daniel when he was cast into the den of lions?

Now, if we would be conquerors, let us determine to forsake the valley experiences, and climb to the lofty mountain top.

Jesus lead me up the mountain,
Where the whitest robes are seen,
Where the saints can see the fountain,
Where the pure are keeping clean.

Higher up, where light increases,
Rich above all earthly good,
Where the life of sinning ceases,
Where the spirit comes in floods.

Lead me higher, nothing dreading,
In the race to never stop;
In thy footsteps keep me treading,
Give me grace to reach the top.

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THE WOMEN WRITE...



Come...I will send thee

By NAOMI R. MOORE
St. Louis, Missouri

"I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send thee into Egypt."—Acts 7:34.

Egypt is generally accepted as a type of the world and sin. Today we look upon the world as spiritual Egypt. We see multitudes who are bound by the thongs of sin. They are in sore bondage and are groaning for a deliverer. I am sure the Lord sees the affliction of the people in bondage today and hears their groanings as He did in days of old. We know He does for He has already "come down to deliver them." His suffering upon the tree of shame made a way of salvation for all, for He was not willing that any should perish.

"And now come, I will send thee into Egypt." God has made a way of salvation for all men, yet He must have messengers to send into Egypt to carry this gospel unto all nations. Just as the Lord needed Moses to go into Egypt to bring His people out of bondage and lead them to the land of promise, so our Lord is looking for deliverers today. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?" Romans 10:13-14.

Certainly it is only reasonable that the heathen cannot believe in Him of whom they have not heard. How shall they hear unless we who know the gospel go forth and tell them of Him on whom they should call.

Now that the war has come to a close the missionary fields are reopening for workers. We are told that when "peace, peace" shall be heard in the earth, then cometh sudden destruction. Surely we are living in those days now. If we are to go into all the world and preach the gospel we must take advantage of this short period of peace. Let us work now for the night cometh when no man can work. There are countries in Africa and in South America that have never been evangelized. At whose hands shall the blood of those people be required? In our headquarters office now we have hung a large map of the world. We are praying for laborers to be thrust into the reopened harvest fields. There is North Rhodesia in southern Africa that has no denomination of religion. There are about two million people in that small country. There are Ecuador, Paraguay and Uruguay in South America that are in need of laborers. Let us go gather the golden grain. Like Moses of old, too many people make excuses. They are slow of speech or have no talent, etc. But didn't the Lord promise Moses to be with his mouth? Moses went and was blessed of God and the bond servants were delivered.

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Miss Naomi Moore, who has been a faithful and valued part of the Headquarters Staff, both in Houston and St. Louis since August 4, 1944, is leaving St. Louis to return to Canada where she will be actively engaged in the work of the Lord in Toronto with her father, Rev. A. O. Moore, former Secretary of Foreign Missions in the Pentecostal Church, Inc. We shall miss her smile and godly example around the office and we pray that the Lord may richly bless and reward her for her labor on behalf of our United Pentecostal Church.



Separated to God

By MISS NORA BAKER
Sullivan, Ill.

We read in Psalms 45 and verses 10 and 11—"Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house. So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty: for he is thy Lord; worship thou him." First we notice he says, hearken or listen, attend to what is uttered.

Paul, the great apostle to the Gentiles said in Romans 10 and 17: "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God." Romans 1 and 16 says that the gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth. Incline thine ear. Be disposed to accept the word of God. Be convinced that salvation is for all mankind, both male and female. Realize we are responsible to God for ourselves. Also that God wills not the death of any but that all should come to repentance and be saved. That means us as individuals. Then we come to the time of decision. We must accept the word of God or be lost. We read again of Ruth, the Moabitess woman that had married an Israelite man. He did not live long and after his death when his mother, Naomi, heard that God had visited the land of her people, she decided to return. When she was ready to leave she bade her daughter-in-law return to her father's house and wished her a future of happiness with possibly another husband in her own land. However, Ruth had heard about the people of God and His dealings with them. Also Ruth loved Naomi and so she refused to return to the land of her birth. She did not want to go back to the idolatrous home of her father so she said "Where thou goest I will go; where thou dwellest I will dwell; and where thou diest will I die and there will I be buried." This meant a complete separation from the life she had known before but taking God as our personal saviour always means a separation. This, however, is well pleasing to the Lord. He said in 2nd Corinthians the 6th chapter and verses 17 and 18, "wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you, and will be a father unto you, and you shall be my sons and daughters saith the Lord Almighty." (What a blessed privilege is offered to us today.) Just the decision to go with Naomi meant more than just accompanying her to her homeland and a life of ease there. Ruth was going to a country she knew nothing about although she perhaps heard about it from her husband, Chilion. He had been reared and taught by a God fearing mother and admonished to keep in the way of right. Possibly Ruth had decided before the death of her husband that if she was ever permitted to become a mother she would teach her children as her husband had been taught. As God called her husband away, leaving her alone and desolate, with no one to help unless she returned to her own people, who were idol worshippers, she decided to go with Naomi.

She knew that she was going to another nation from whence she would never return. Going there also meant many days of traveling, possibly on foot or at best by camel—at best a very rough ride. Then would follow days of hard labor and many privations of various kinds for her mother-in-law was a poor woman. However, nothing mattered to Ruth. Without hesitation she said, "Where thou goest I will go." There was in her heart a deep desire to know Naomi's God and her people. When they arrived in Israel the people wondered why this stranger had come to their

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MISSIONARY

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

HELD AT ST. LOUIS, MO., JAN. 15 TO 18, INCLUSIVE

The first Missionary Conference of the United Pentecostal Church was held in St. Louis, Missouri, at the First Pentecostal Church, Rev. B. H. Hite, Pastor, January 15th to 18th, inclusive. The conference was under the direction of Brother Wynn T. Stairs, Missionary Secretary. The purpose of the conference was to become better acquainted, discuss the missionary problems and interview missionaries and prospective missionaries who were desirous of going out on the field.

The first meeting was held on Tuesday morning, January 15th, with Brother Hite introducing all the missionaries and other officials who were present. Brothers A. O. Moore, Oscar Vouga and B. H. Hite, members of the Missionary Board, were called upon for a word of greeting. Brother C. P. Williams, also a member of the Missionary Board, was unable to be present at this conference.

A goodly number of missionaries had gathered for this conference; you will find their names listed below. Brother Stairs struck the keynote of the gathering when he spoke from Ephesians 5:14-16, using the phrases "Awake Thou That Sleepest" and "Walking Circumspectly" as his main thoughts. He emphasized the fact that we need to "Redeem the Time" or "Buy up the Opportunity" given at this time for the furthering of missionary work throughout the world. Some of the missionaries also gave short talks about their respective places of labor.

The second day of the conference opened with prayer at 10 a.m. After the opening remarks by Brother Stairs, open forum was had; the missionaries telling of the problems and needs of their respective fields. The theme of the conference seemed to be the need of capable leadership in the various fields of the world. Brother Moore gave a very interesting talk concerning the need of more experienced workers who would be able to "train" workers on the field, who would be able to lead their own people to the Lord. Many other exhortations were given.

Brother Moore stirred the hearts and souls of the congregation as he spoke in the evening service on the subject "Where there is no vision, the people perish." Sister Wine also spoke on India.

The Thursday session opened at 10 a.m. with prayer after which Brother Vouga brought a stirring message on "The Harvest Is Ripe, the Laborers Are Few." The officials from the Headquarters office were present and each gave a short talk. The day was given over to discussion by various missionaries of their various fields. The evening service was a real blessed one. Short testimonies were given by many including Brother and Sister Witherspoon of Columbus, Ohio. Brother Vouga gave the evening message using as his text Mt. 12:18-42, "A greater than Solomon is here;" the hearts of all present were made to think deeply.

The last day of the conference, Friday, was a real blessed one with many of the missionaries giving stirring messages and indicating the needs of the foreign fields for the "REAL" gospel of Christ.

The speakers of the evening were Sister Redmond, Sister Hendricks and Sister Sheets.

The meeting was climaxed by a wonderful consecration service when God put His approval on the end of this first Missionary Conference. One soul was saved, many reconsecrated their lives to God and some dedicated their lives to the foreign fields. There seemed to be a reluctance to leave for the glory of the Lord filled the church and blessed the hearts of those present.

Many ministers were present from St. Louis and the surrounding cities. We were glad to have Brother W. R. Pair from Canada also. Brother Hite and his people opened up their homes and hearts to the missionaries and the entire conference may be summed up in the words of many "it was the best and most spiritual conference we have ever attended."

Reported by Mrs. Edna Schneider.

Missionaries Present

Ralph V. Reynolds China
Mrs. Kenneth Wine India
Sis. Neva Russel Africa
E. L. Freeman Africa
Sallie Lemons South America
Samuel B. Baker South America
Dan K. and Alice Sheets South China
Gladys Robinson Africa
Carmen Campbell Africa
Clara Eason India

Eva Davis China
Herschel E. and Ruth Redmond China
Elmer and Hettie Buckmiller Java
Gertrude Steinert Palestine
Peter M. Jensen Liberia, West Africa
James E. and Grace Ball
..... Colombia, So. America
Elizabeth Stieglitz China
Kathryn Hendricks China
Chas. Yadon Alaska
Paul Bayne Syria and Palestine

Pentecost in Czechoslovakia



John Huba

We are glad to say we received a letter from our Missionary in Czechoslovakia, Europe, John Huba, under date of December 10, 1945. He writes in part as follows:

As the servant of the Lord, you will perhaps be interested to receive this letter and hear something about our work in this part of the world.

Czechoslovakia is our renewed state in Europe after this war, it consists of two Slavic nations, Czechs and Slovaks. This letter is perhaps the first one you received from this part of the Lord's vineyard. I came here from the U. S. A. in 1931, and ever since that time I have been busy doing the work of the Lord as a Pentecostal Missionary. I am sorry to say, that I am the only Pentecostal Missionary amongst Slovaks and Bohemians preaching the full gospel as it is recorded in Acts 2:38.

During this last war I suffered a lot, especially from the government that did not recognize our spiritual work, and we had no religious freedom. Of course, German soldiers and Russian partisans caused us a lot of material damage too. The war knows no mercy. The worst day that we went through was on February 9th, 1945, when the fighting became heavy between the Germans and Russians whom Slovak partisans were helping out. The Germans were very cruel, and shot to death many innocent people without any reason. I also was one time

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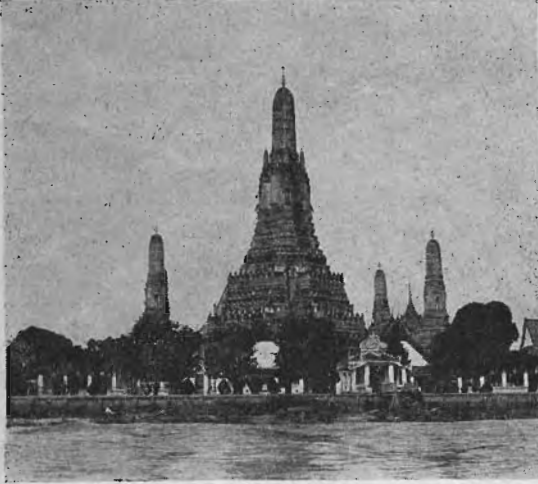
Greetings to our Missionary family. Notice I called you all "Our Missionary Family." I trust you are all behind our Missionary cause. I felt like giving a little word of admonition about wasting and scattering missionary money. It is not wise to give money to any passing Missionary, regardless of the visions and calls they may have had, or the miles they have travelled "by faith," unless they have a letter from the Missionary department stating they are recommended and endorsed. When money is given to endorsed Missionaries, they in turn will give you a receipt, you then forward that receipt to the headquarters office, and you will receive credit for the same on our books, and in the Herald.

I felt I should give you this word of admonition, because our program is big, and we will need the support and backing of everyone of you to make it go. We now have a good number of Missionaries, under appointment and recommended; we hope to publish a complete list of them in the Herald soon.

Wynn T. Stairs
Missionary Secretary.

News of Java

By GEORGE WHITE, Missionary.



in their hands with other men, but only for investigation. Retreating German armies were destroying practically everything that they could, especially important buildings, houses, bridges, railroad stations, etc. They were cruelly punishing Slovaks for their national uprising against them last year. In our little house in Ruzomberok, they stole practically everything we had there in one room. Especially clothing that we had there. My new suit of clothes and overcoat, I miss now in winter very much. But our dear Lord knows what we need, and in Matthew 6:28-30 we read that we should not worry about that too. It is needless to say that we are in need of your faithful help and prayers. There is nothing that you could buy in stores here, German and other soldiers took everything they could find. We now get a little flour and sugar from the government, and we have our own milk and potatoes.

My mother, 72 years old, is sending you her love and greetings with other believers, and desires to be remembered in your prayers.

NOTE: Let us remember our Brother and his family and Mother in our prayers; any support that can be sent for Brother Huba will be appreciated at this time. You will note that he cannot buy anything in the stores there. You may send money here to headquarters and it will be used to buy clothing, etc., and sent to them as soon as possible.—
Missionary Secretary.

NOTICE

Our Brother C. D. Stiles has been a Missionary in the Hawaiian Islands for over twenty years without a furlough; he desires to come home for awhile. The Missionary Board has endorsed his coming. We would appreciate any offerings sent in for this purpose; do obey the Lord. Our brother is worthy. If more than enough comes in for this need, we promise you we will use it for other missionary work in foreign fields.

Missionary Secretary.

By the time this report is read, it will have been four long years since the Lord very definitely dealt with us to return to the states from our beloved field of labor, Java. During these years, we have longed for news of the work there and the welfare of the saints, but as all communication was suspended, therefore no news available. Today our souls were blessed when we received a letter from one of our Dutch saints who was a prisoner of war and at his writing was in a hospital in Singapore recovering. Praise the Lord for His faithfulness to this dear child of God! He had no news from his family interned in Java, nor about our Mission stations. He mentioned numerous things that God had done for him and requested that I tell you brothers and sisters about them, that you, too, "might join with him in deepest thanks to Jesus."

Excerpts from his letter: "Twice I was brought at the border of the grave. We were methodically murdered, put in isolation in some devil-chosen spot in the jungle in central Sumatra. Just stowed in atap sheds right in the middle of swamps, malaria, dysentery, tropic typhus, ugly ulcers, lames and blinded by hunger oedema, elephant feet, beriberi, etc., plus ample bugs, lice and itching. I had dysentery, and looked like a walking skeleton, really totally exhausted and worn out. So one day I was put aside in the dead room. The doctor expected me to die; it was a hopeless case. But that night, Brother and Sister, this is my testimony; although people thought that I had fallen into apathy, my spirit remained clear, and I laid down silently. Then I heard His voice, saying, "Don't worry. The Father shall not try you above your capacity of strength and trial also has its perfect work." I prayed and prayed. I was sat-

isfied with my fate and was not afraid at all. I surrendered everything to His grace. My spirit was attracted to the scene at Golgotha. "I have carried your illness," said Jesus. "It is fulfilled." I believed the Lord was my answer. My strength failed and I cried, "Help me or I perish." And then I fell asleep. The next morning I was sitting up, asking for food. The doctor gazing at me with great astonishment. "Well," he said, "a wonder happened to you. I expected you not to be living this morning." I told him the Lord visited me and talked to me and this was the result. Our Saviour is wonderful indeed.

Through the miseries, it was just the place where the Lord evidently wanted me. The opportunity was offered to work in His vineyard and I tried to do so. I was very happy to introduce many a soul to the throne of grace and to note that they were glad and happy as they became new creatures in Christ. To them the real consolation had come, and so in those dark days it was the blessings of God which shortened the days. I sincerely hope you will come over again and we may live together again."

Dear Herald Readers: We know that many of you have been faithful in your ministry of prayer for the "regions beyond." The need is increasingly great and we are soliciting prayer warriors who will bear the burdens before the throne of grace. The situation in Java is still unsettled, but we know our God is able. The prolonged delay in the return of the missionaries is a matter for earnest prayer. "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do." Perishing millions are looking this way. Shall their pleas go unheeded? Nay, let us take advantage of the inestimable privilege of having a part in spreading the Gospel unto the isles of the sea, yea, unto the ends of the earth.

NOTE: As you read this article, Brother and Sister White and Sister Edith Bertheaux are on the high seas on their way to Australia, where they will minister in that country until it is possible for them to enter Java, the land of their calling. Remember them in prayer.

MISSIONARY OFFERINGS

January 10 to February 10, 1946

Alabama—	
Green Pond, Pentecostal Church	
Sunday School	\$ 6.37
Arizona—	
Phoenix, Pentecostal Church	33.10
Arkansas—	
Arkadelphia, Full Gospel Church	7.00
Blytheville, L. G. Borah	1.60
Donaldsville, Pentecostal Church	10.00
Eldorado, Mrs. S. W. Ball	1.00
Little Rock, First Pentecostal Church	8.00
South Fort Smith, Pentecostal Church	2.00
California—	
Exeter, S. Phillips	100.00
Exeter, Mrs. J. H. Kasdorf	15.00
Exeter, Barbara Lane	10.00
Exeter, Phyllis Bayer	100.00
Hemet, R. C. Joseph	13.00
Long Beach, Apostolic Tabernacle	15.38
Los Angeles, House of Light	4.00
Los Angeles, Mary Davis	5.00
Los Angeles, Apostolic Temple	45.71
Lodi, Pentecostal Church	35.00
Modesto, Pentecostal Church	32.51
Riverbank, Reginald E. Glasgow	1.74
San Diego, Paul McFarrin	15.63
Tujunga, Daniel C. Orr	28.96
Turlock, Full Gospel Church	35.00
Vellejo, Pentecostal Church	27.17
Visalia, First Pentecostal Church	35.00

Wilmington, Ola Burks	25.00
Canada—	
Toronto, Ontario, Joseph O. Moore	10.40
Florida—	
Melbourne, Pentecostal Church	17.00
Pensacola, D. L. Welch	25.00
Tampa, First Apostolic Church	25.00
Idaho—	
Caldwell, First Full Gospel Church	20.00
Cascade, Gospel Tabernacle	12.50
Idaho Falls, Pentecostal Church	8.70
McCall, Arthur Egbert	3.00
McCall, Full Gospel Mission	5.37
Meadows, Pentecostal Church	7.01
Parma, Gospel Tabernacle	44.05
Rupert, First Pentecostal Church	32.00
Twin Falls, First Pentecostal Church	46.39
Twin Falls, Bethel Temple	52.00
Illinois—	
Anna, Oneness Pentecostal Church	34.82
Belleville, Apostolic Church	26.75
Belleville, Bethel Temple	20.00
Bush, Pentecostal Church Sunday School	9.72
Casey, The Bible Church	15.00
Central Illinois Fellowship	28.76
Central Illinois Young People	24.37
East St. Louis, Glad Tidings Tabernacle	8.68
Galesburg, Full Gospel Church	11.75
Johnston City, Pentecostal Church	13.67
Louisville, Pentecostal Church	5.00
Madison, North Venice Sunday School	10.00

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Might, Power and My Spirit

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ner as Jesus was before He became "useful."

The life of the Lord Jesus is shrouded in mystery from the time He was 12 years old until He appeared on the banks of the Jordan River where John was preaching and baptizing. After He was baptized by John and the heavenly sign of the Dove proving who He really was, we find in the 4th chapter of Luke and the 1st verse these words, "and Jesus being *FULL of the Holy Ghost was led by the Spirit into the wilderness.*" He was to be tested and tried—yes the forces of Hell were to be given an opportunity to do their worst; to prove, if possible, a flaw in God's plan Jesus wasn't led into this wilderness experience because of something that He had done but to prove His life could be more than a match for the onslaughts of Satan. Many of God's dear children miss some of the choicest of God's blessings because of failure to recognize in tests and trials the hand of God trying to prove Himself to them. Jesus was a perfect example for us and if He *AFTER* being full of the Holy Ghost had to go through a period of testing for 40 days, I believe that every true child of God will have to go through the "wilderness" in order for God to prove to us that it is not by our own might or power but by His Spirit that we come forth as useful instruments in the hands of God for His service. How many wrecks are strewn along the pathway of time for failure to willingly go through the "proving ground." The great Apostle Paul was three and one-half years in God's school in the desert of Arabia; the liberator Moses was hidden from view for many years before he came forth to be the saviour of the Jews in Egypt; Joseph languished in jail for years before being exalted; it was those that were "tried and found true" that God used for His own glory. Mark this well that unless there is a willingness to go through the wilderness we cannot hope to become strong in Him. The Bible declares that "Jesus was tempted in *all* points such as we are—yet without sin." I believe that it was during the 40 days in the wilderness when Jesus literally "slugged" it out with the Devil and the hosts of evil—that He was tempted in all things but He came forth victorious. The cross is one thing that the flesh draws back from but until we become pliable in the Master's hands; yielding ourselves to be molded and fashioned, we cannot become a vessel unto honor. It is the experiences in the wilderness, seemingly with no one to help and apparently at the mercy of the adversary, that God proves Himself, as we learn

to say "Lord not my will, but Thine be done."

At one time Jeremiah was requested by God to go to a potter's house and there behold a piece of clay in the potter's hand to be moulded into a vessel. The preparation for the making of the vessel was accomplished with exceeding care. The clay itself was washed in clear water, at which time all foreign substance was removed, with enough water left in the clay to render it pliable in the hands of the potter. With great dexterity of fingers it was placed on the potter's wheel and with intense precision and firmness of hand, plus a keen watchful eye, a vessel was formed at his bidding. When the vessel had been shaped it was placed in the sun and wind until thoroughly dry. Any flaw in any of these operations rendered the clay useless. After thoroughly drying it must be placed in a furnace whose temperature is very high and remain there until all the pores have been sealed. If the clay successfully passed all of these tests it was polished and garnished—ready for use.

Before Jesus could perform one miracle He had to go through "*the process.*" Satanic powers buffeted him about on every side but thank God He came through triumphant—a vessel fit for the Master's use. Then the scripture says in the 14th verse; "And Jesus returned *in the power of the Spirit* into Galilee; and there went out a fame of him through all the regions round about." It is not enough to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit—that just gives us the commission and the entrance into the things of God. First we have to become full—then proven—then go forth "*in the power of.*" Don't shrink from God's proving. Perhaps He is leading you through strange paths to make of you one of His choice people. In these apostate days God wants those that will go forth "In the power of the Spirit" to not only speak the word by letter but also *in* power; that which will accomplish results for His glory. After this wilderness experience when He was really proven, the words that He spoke were spirit and they were life. Oh, may we become more pliable in the hands of the Master that we can become more useful for Him. We are told in Hebrews 6 and 1 "to go on unto perfection." Jesus learned obedience through the things that He suffered. His might and power was not in dead works but "*IN*" the power of the Spirit. Let us not think of ourselves more highly than we ought, but that Christ might be all and in all through His power and glory. Only by giving *ALL* can we accomplish in these dark days those things that shall be pleasing to Him. "Not by might nor

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Marion, First Apostolic Church	15.00
Oakland, Christ Temple Sunday School	15.00
Pana, Full Gospel Mission	24.32
Rock Island, Full Gospel Church	5.30
Sessor, Apostolic Church	6.31
Sullivan, Pentecostal Church	35.00
White Hall, Pentecostal Church	14.00
Indiana—	
Anderson, Christian Temple	20.00
Bloomington, East 16th St. Pentecostal Church	5.00
Bloomington, Betty Lawrence	30.00
Churubusco, J. A. Dice	1.00
Columbus, Apostolic Tabernacle	50.00
Claypool, Full Gospel Sunday School	15.00
Crawfordsville, Lester Wright	5.00
Evansville, Radio Tabernacle	5.00
Gary, Apostolic Church	22.82
Greensburg, Children Church Department	30.00
Hartford City, Calvary Pentecostal Church	10.00
Kokomo, Zion Tabernacle	22.32
Indianapolis, Christian Tabernacle	551.36
Lebanon, Apostolic Faith Assembly	60.00
Lynn, Apostolic Church	18.50
Muncie, Pentecostal Church	13.25
South Bend, Morning Side Gospel Church	8.00
South Bend, V. N. Fairchild	50.00
South Bend, Greater Midway Tabernacle	50.00
Iowa—	
Des Moines, Apostolic Faith Assembly	11.00
Dubuque, R. W. Norris	6.00
Ottumwa, E. Fuller	11.00
Kansas—	
Abilene, Pentecostal Church	40.00
Council Grove, First Pentecostal Church	9.80
Leavenworth, M. Hendrickson	6.08
Louisiana—	
Alexandria, First Pentecostal Church	56.50
Baton Rouge, Bethel Pentecostal Church	100.00
DeRidder, Zion Pentecostal Church	3.01
DeQuincy, Ladies Missionary Circle	45.53
DeQuincy, First Pentecostal Church	22.88
Franklinton, Mt. Zion Pentecostal Church	10.00
Hodge, Pentecostal Church	23.22
Lake Charles, Pentecostal Church	31.00
New Orleans, First Pentecostal Church	26.90
Provencall, Pentecostal Church	4.00
Shreveport, Life Tabernacle	85.80
West Monroe, First Pentecostal Church	29.12
Michigan—	
Detroit, Apostolic Church	18.00
Detroit, R. Gerbich	10.00
McClemens, Mrs. L. B. Sutherland	13.00
Minnesota—	
St. Paul, W. L. Hodge	15.00

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Organization of a Cradle Roll

By D. E. CUTBIRTH, Granite City, Ill.

Most churches organize a Cradle Roll with plenty of enthusiasm; then after a period of time that energy dies out.

About six years ago we organized a Cradle Roll Department. Since that time we have enrolled around 125 babies. About 25 out of the 125 have been attending our Sunday School and around 60 of those still enrolled are being visited once each quarter.

The ages of the department are: from birth until they reach their third birthday. Our city is divided into six zones. Each zone has a zone visitor. Each visitor visits the mother and child each quarter, making a report direct to the Cradle Roll Superintendent. Only about five children have not been visited since the organization of our Cradle Roll. We have a zone which covers children that have moved out of the city and this zone visitor or worker writes post cards, etc., to the child once each quarter. We mail birthday cards and at Christmas time the child receives some kind of gift.

A RECORD!

We made a drive to see which Cradle Roll visitor could enroll the youngest child. Sister Jennie Bloodworth enrolled the youngest child, having enrolled one that was 20 minutes old and one that was 9 minutes old.

Our present Cradle Roll Superintendent, Sister Velma Ellis, has been doing a fine job and has been devoting much of her spare time to the work. We have a complete record of the child from the time it was born until its promotion from the Cradle Roll Department. The record book has the first picture of the child. It tells the month, day, year and hour the child was born. It gives the mother and father's name, color of hair (if any), color of eyes, complexion, and any outstanding characteristics of the child (such as) makes friends easily, reserved, etc. The record-book shows the number of times the child was visited. If promoted from the Cradle Roll Department record is also kept if they still attend the Sunday School.

Space will not permit us to tell all the good things that have been accomplished by the Cradle Roll Department.

After six years' experience, we can surely say that a Cradle Roll Department, properly handled, will prove a blessing to any and all Sunday Schools.

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WOMEN'S COLUMN

Come...I will send thee

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"Come, I will send thee into Egypt."

We have a New Testament promise that says, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." (Matt. 28:20). You will notice, too, that this promise follows the commission for the church to go and teach all nations.

We must needs be a missionary people to have the blessings of God. We cannot remain in Jerusalem and keep all the blessings to ourselves. The early church was scattered by persecution. Perhaps we shall be also. But let us not be forced to go. Let us be willing and ready to go now. Thousands are dying today. We cannot save them tomorrow. Let us haste to get the message to the crying, dying millions.

Separated to God

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land but as they beheld her work and sacrificial life, devoted completely to the comfort of Naomi, they were favorably impressed with her gentleness and kindness of heart. She took the advice of Naomi in all things. She labored where Naomi advised, and was faithful in her work, bringing home the grain she had gleaned. One day as she gleaned in the field of Boaz, who was near kin of Naomi, he instructed his laborers to in no wise molest her but rather leave some grain for her to glean. Her modesty and behavior impressed him greatly. I believe he saw in her the elements that are described in 1 Peter 3:2-4, "While they beheld your chaste conversation coupled with fear; whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair and of wearing of gold or putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God a great price."

She conducted herself so well that at length she became his wife. She was the great, great grandmother of David, the man that God said was a man after His own heart.

Dear Sisters in Christ; we may not have the opportunity that was offered Ruth, but we have an opportunity of filling the place in life that God has called us to fill. Let us be just as faithful in our calling as Ruth was to hers. In eternity we shall receive a crown of life that fadeeth not away and have our inheritance among the saints of light.

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NEWS OF THE HARVEST FIELD

ST. JAMES, MINNESOTA

Truly we can say, like the Psalmist of old "The Lord is good."

We have a fine group of consecrated saints and the Lord has been wonderfully working in our midst.

We have been in charge of the work since October as there has been no resident pastor here for some time.

Any evangelist going through our part of the state will find a hearty welcome.

Pastor and Mrs. Donald Day.

RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA

We are praising God for the good services conducted by Evang. Corlie Presley of El Paso, Texas. We truly enjoyed the three weeks of hearing the word of God expounded in the old fashioned way. One was baptized in Jesus' name, three prayed through to victory and the entire church was greatly revived, especially our young people and children. There were three complete healings. Praise God for consecrated men and women—the harvest is truly white and the laborers are few.—Margaret S. Luce, S. S. Supt.

HOUSTON, TEXAS

We are glad to report that the Lord is blessing in Houston, Texas. "ALL" the churches and pastors are cooperating wonderfully for the UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH. Our future looks brighter for the great work of God.

The wonderful spirit of love and fellowship that prevailed in our District Conference, is still blessing our own church, the Bethel Gospel Tabernacle.—O. F. Faus, Pastor.

BROWNWOOD, TEXAS

We are glad to report victory in Brownwood. Just closed a three weeks' revival with Sister Esther Erickson of Visalia, California. God blessed in a wonderful way giving us eight souls praying through to victory, speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Others of our young people consecrated their lives to God's service.

We are also thankful for the way God is sending in material for the new church building which will be ready soon for services.—Mrs. Bertha Gresset, Pastor.

WHITE HALL, ILLINOIS

We are happy to report victory in White Hall. On February 3rd, we closed a wonderful revival which began January 13th with Evang. Nelson Hildebaugh of Mattoon, Ill., preaching each night. God blessed in a great way from the very first night until the last service. Ten were baptized in Jesus' name and 12 prayed through and spoke in other tongues as the Spirit of God gave utterance. Our Sunday School and Young People's work are moving along fine. We desire your prayers that God will continue to bless and save souls in our midst.

Charles Rigdon, Pastor.

MURDOCK and VILLA GROVE, ILLINOIS

We are especially thankful for the good meeting we had with Evangelist J. L. Zink of Marion, Indiana as our speaker. The Lord blessed with soul stirring messages which were beneficial to the church. Brother Zink is also a real musician and we recommend him to any church or pastor.

E. T. Syfert, Pastor.

NEWBERN, TENNESSEE

We are glad to say, God is still blessing us at Newbern. There is real interest in our Sunday School although we do not have many members. We hope to finish building our church. New people are being brought to our services each Sunday.

J. A. Clement, Pastor
Miss Evelyn King, Reporter.

ROYALTON, ILLINOIS

Brother W. A. Wilson of Carbondale has recently taken over the pastorate of the New Apostolic Church of Royalton. We are grateful to the Lord for this fine man of God. The church is prospering and growing nicely and we are expecting great things in God. We recently closed a three weeks' revival with Brother and Sister Norman Paslay. The Lord wonderfully blessed. A goodly number repented and were baptized, five receiving the Holy Ghost. In the special children's services during the revival over 80 children attended

Greetings from the Northwestern District

By Ellis Scism,
District Supt.

We appreciate the opportunity of bringing a few words of greeting to the many members of the "Pentecostal Herald" family. By reasons of the "New Birth" we have many relatives, so-to-speak scattered here and there over the land, whom we have never met. All the members of this spiritual family are looking forward to a great and glorious event, the gathering together, which we feel will be in the not too far distant future.

I have been thinking of Moses and above all the indomitable faith which possessed him, to which extent, it has been written of him, "By faith he forsook Egypt not fearing the wrath of the King: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible." We too in these days of unrest, and disquieted spirits of men, find ourselves in need of the "enduring sight."

There are many beautiful sights in this world but the sight of Jesus alone endures. I am sure Peter, James and John never forgot the sight they saw on the Mount of Transfiguration. A saving look at Jesus is always a memorable and enduring sight. We know that God, in the person of Jesus, came down to deliver us, and by reason of the born again experience, we are members of the family, whose citizenship is in heaven. There is a blessing for those whose names are written in the "lamb's book of life."

We are happy to bring to your attention the work of the Lord here in the Northwestern District. The district is comprised of the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Wyo-

service. We are encouraged to press on and ask that you remember us when you pray.

Pansy Carter, Secretary.

WASHINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA

We have been enjoying blessed cottage meetings and feel the Lord's leading to build a House of Worship. The Lord willing we are planning to build a Tabernacle as soon as the weather permits.

The Lord has blessed us exceedingly in the past by ministering to people of seven different nationalities who gathered and worshipped during my pastorate in Homestead and North Braddock, the church which is now pastored by Brother Anton Huba. It is our plan and desire to serve and minister in both the American and Slovak languages in our new future church in Washington, Pa.

Brother Anton Janosek.

ming. We have some workers in the territory of Alaska, who have gone there from this district and who are doing a noble work for God, in the midst of much adversity. We personally had the privilege of visiting and fellowshiping with them for a few days, a number of months ago.

Out here there is a very fine and select group of workers, ministers and saints, faithfully laboring for the Lord; the same as in other districts. As you look at the map, you can see that the district also covers a very large area, thus making some churches far apart and then in other localities they are reasonably close together.

The number of churches mentioned include the churches who are affiliated with the National body and also those churches whose pastors are members of the United Pentecostal Church. The number at the present time totals approximately fifty-two. There are around one hundred and eight ministers in the district who hold either Local License, General License or Credentials with the United body. Of the number who hold papers there are possibly ten who are quite actively engaged in evangelistic work on the field. The rest are pastors, missionaries, assistants to pastors, or are conducting services either in Sunday school or regular service work in rural communities.

During the last of October and the first part of November, we held our first joint conference at Pendleton, Oregon; since the merger of the two former organizations. The election returns which expressed the desire of the district placed the following men in as District Presbyters: D. F. Austin, 260 Gladstone Street, Idaho Falls, Idaho; F. M. Maulden, R.F.D. 7, Yakima, Washington; C. H. Yadon, 1834 7th Avenue, Lewiston, Idaho; J. D. Urshan, Box 2, Vale, Oregon; R. I. Megrew, 1536 W. 52nd St., Seattle 7, Washington; the District Secretary, G. M. Eads of 549 Ford Street, Salem, Oregon; District Superintendent, Ellis L. Scism, 440 Hilda St., Oregon City, Oregon.

The work is progressing slowly and moving ahead. We feel very optimistic concerning the future, hoping and praying that this coming year will be one of the greatest for God that we have ever seen. Not only do we feel, pray and hope this for this district alone, but all over the field.

THE TESTIMONY OF A BLIND BROTHER

I want to praise the Lord Jesus Christ for free and full salvation through the precious blood of Jesus. He saved me from the drink and cigarette habit and has kept me from it for over 14 months now for which I give Jesus all praise and glory. I have been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ according to Acts 2-38 and have received the baptism with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking with other tongues, according to Acts 2-4. I love Jesus and I believe in His name. I was baptized on Sunday, October 7th, 1945 by Elder D. J. Lyons, 460 Carlton Street, Buffalo, New York. Elder Lyons is the pastor of the North Street Gospel Tabernacle, 223 North Street, Buffalo, New York.

John D. Morrison, Y.M.C.A.
Jamestown, New York.

Southern District Conference

The special conference for the organization of the states of Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee was held in the First Pentecostal Church, Memphis, Tennessee on January 29-31, inclusive.

The first day's session was presided over by the General Superintendent, Brother H. A. Goss, with the General Secretary, Brother Stanley W. Chambers also present. It was unanimously agreed that the District would be called the Southern District. The following officers were elected:

District Superintendent, Brother A. D. Gurley; District Presbyters, Brothers J. E. Anderson, Lee Broadhead, W. R. Crocker, E. J. Douglas, W. M. Greer, E. E. McNatt and J. W. Wallace; District Secretary-Treasurer, Brother H. M. Hansford.

We were also privileged to have with us our General Missionary Secretary, Brother Wynn T. Stairs and our Assistant General Secretary, Brother T. R. Dungan. Several ministers from other districts attended and their ministry and presence was a blessing to the conference.

Our hosts, Pastor and Sister E. E. McNatt, with the members and friends of the church, did a splendid job of entertaining the conference and they are due much credit for the success of the meeting. The Spirit of God rested upon the conference in a marked way and all business was transacted in an atmosphere of real unity. We are looking forward with much confidence to a successful year for the work in this District.

H. M. Hansford, Secretary.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Nathan and Jean Urshan, gifted youth evangelists of the Full Gospel Message, have just ended a series of evangelistic services at the Calvary Tabernacle Church in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Thirty converts were baptized in the name of Jesus. Fifteen seekers received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and others, who had once followed Christ, returned to his fold. The Christians were greatly edified by the sound Bible messages of the evangelist. Their songs on the radio broadcast carried the blessings of their ministry to thousands of listeners each Sunday morning.

The Tabernacle pastor, Raymond G. Hoekstra, reports that this revival has reached an unusually large number of new hearers with the Apostolic Gospel message.

SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

We are happy to report that God is still blessing us in our efforts here. We have just closed a two weeks' revival with Brother and Sister Claude Johnson, formerly of Moark, Arkansas, as the evangelists. One repented and we feel the church has received a spiritual uplift and has been encouraged to press on. We found Brother Johnson a real man of God. Any minister passing this way is invited to visit with us. Our church is located on Pine and Grant Streets.

Farrell E. Forrest, Pastor.

GREEN RIVER, WYOMING

We wish to report that we have accepted the pastorate here. Sister Victoria Carrington and Sister Viola Roberts felt led to give it up and start a new work in Stansbury. The Lord is blessing and hungry souls are coming to service. An elderly man found peace for his soul one Sunday night. Two men at the jail were buried with their Lord in the watery grave on the last day of the old year. Sister Carrington is still carrying on with the jail work. The men are responsive to the preaching of the Gospel.

With the help of the Rock Springs saints we are launching out into new territory—having obtained the use of the Community Hall in Winton on Thursday nights. The

NOTICE

The following is an excerpt from the minutes of a meeting of the Executive Board of the United Pentecostal Church held in St. Louis, Missouri, on January 15, 1946:

"The Executive Board went on record as looking with disfavor upon the practice of our brethren writing to different brethren for help in building churches, etc. Many brethren have received letters from those with whom they have no acquaintance. The business-like way to handle these matters would be to obtain the endorsement of the District Board before soliciting funds and such letters should be over the signature of the District Superintendent.

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Lord helping us, we plan to open Sunday services there soon—both morning and evening.

We need and desire the prayers of the saints that "we be not weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

J. E. Moore, Pastor.
Mrs. J. E. Moore, Reporter.

DU QUOIN, ILLINOIS

We praise God for having added a few new believers to the church. One family turned to the Lord just prior to our recent revival held by Brother J. L. Zink. His ministry has been a blessing to our church. Several were saved during the revival, including some being reclaimed. One sinner received a gracious healing who was nigh unto death. Since the revival other new ones are also interested. Brother Zink has also visited us occasionally and the saints appreciate his ministry, music and songs. He searches deep into the hearts.

The Lord is enabling us to start a building program soon. Brother Zink also helped and encouraged us toward this work at an opportune time. God is answering prayer in many ways.

Peter and Mary Ellen Jensen.

WALDRON, ARKANSAS

Greetings in the precious name of Jesus! This leaves us still moving forward for God here in Waldron in a new work for God. We praise the Lord for giving us a United Pentecostal Church in Waldron. Recently we were privileged to have a sectional fellowship meeting in Waldron. Several ministers were present. We expect to have an all day meeting on March 31st. The Lord is helping us to pay off the indebtedness on our church building. We hope that by the last of March we will be able to have our dedication service and burn the mortgage at our fellowship meeting. Please remember us when you pray and ask God's blessing upon the church here.

Adrian Brown, Pastor.

DEDICATION OF NEW WORK AT STEVENS POINT, WISCONSIN

Our good brother Perry Sigourney and family, formerly of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Hibbing, Minnesota, went to Stevens Point, Wisconsin a short time ago. One of our District Presbyters, Brother F. J. Ellis, pastor at Clintonville, Wis., had been interested in Stevens Point, so he encouraged Brother Sigourney to open a work here. The prospects look fine. A goodly number of souls are interested already. Several have gone to the altar for prayer while two were baptized. The dedication of this new place of worship was held on January 26th with several of our good district brethren present. Brother F. J. Ellis and the undersigned brought the dedication messages in the afternoon and Brother Hardt of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, delivered a heart searching message at the evening service. Two returned service men have been baptized in this new place; a young man from Europe and our own son-in-law from Japan. Brother Sigourney, with the cooperation of others, has purchased a 26-room hotel building on one of the main streets, on Highway No. 51. Our district furnished transportation of the seats.

Please pray for this new field.
L. R. Mitchell, District Secretary.

PRAYER REQUEST

I am requesting prayer for my son in the Veteran's Hospital at Montgomery, Alabama. He has a very serious ailment so please pray for the healing of his body and the salvation of his soul.

Mrs. Willena Langdon, Meridian, Miss.

Do as thou hast said

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be, "It is written" and stand by what God hath said and tell God what He said about it.

To get healing though, it sometimes involves a confession on your part, perhaps to some one you have wronged. Matt. 5:23-24. Sometimes it is sin practiced and covered up or some law of health violated. Then obey James 5:14-16. Go to some faithful minister, man or woman, whom you have confidence in, confess and then forsake your wrong and you should receive faith for your healing. I have seen this done more than once.

THIRD: I now come to finance. The need of money or material things of life. Do you need that? Do you wish you could give more for the Lord's work? "But my God shall supply all your need." Phil. 4:19. "And God is able . . . that ye always having all sufficiency in ALL THINGS, may abound to every good work." 2 Cor. 9:8.

I have believed this for years and began to act upon it, and since that time both Mrs. Morse and I have been enjoying its fulfillment and have plenty to give to the Lord's work. But there are Divine laws attached to it. Here are two texts: "Bring ye ALL THE TITHES into the storehouse, (not to your friends and relatives) and I will open you the windows of heaven." Mal. 3:10. Again in Luke 6:38, "Give and it shall be given." Don't let any tightwad tell you not to give of your tithes and that to the work of the Lord. Many will not give and even try to ease their minds by trying to get the other saints not to give tithes. Do this when you get short in temporal blessings. Do like I do. Go to God and say, "Do as thou hast said."

The text which this article is built upon in 1 Chr. 17:23-24 says further, "That thy NAME may be magnified for ever." The word magnified means; to make great.

The failures in the past in not being able to use the Name of Jesus successfully, can be replaced with success and thus the reproach be lifted. Praise the Lord!

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CHILDREN'S PAGE

Boys and Girls—Would you like to write a letter to the Children's Page?
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Evangelists Norman
and
Mary Alice Paslay

CAN YOU FIND THE CORRECT ANSWERS?

(Here are five questions. Write the answers on a separate sheet of paper and save. Include in the answers the place in the Bible you found it. We will give the correct answers next month. Each question counts 20 points when answered correctly. Can you score 100 points?)

1. How many people were saved in Noah's Ark?
2. What was the first miracle that Jesus performed?
3. What man dreamed of a great ladder let down from Heaven, and what did he promise God?
4. With what did Christ feed 5,000 men, besides women and children?
5. What King in the Old Testament ate grass like oxen?

"THE WIND"

The windy days of March are here again. What a blustering time it is. Perhaps you could hardly make it to school today because of the wind blowing so forcibly against you. No doubt some of you lost your hat and had to run to catch it. Others may have had sand blown in their eyes. The wind is always busy in the month of March. However, most boys and girls enjoy the wind. Do you? Yes, it's usually fun isn't it. Likely you can hear it blowing outside just now.

Did you know that Jesus compared His Spirit to the wind? In St. John 3:8, Jesus said, "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit."

You see, a man, Nicodemus, by name, came to Jesus one night to ask Him questions. He just couldn't understand what Christ was telling him about being born again. As they were sitting there together, a breeze began to blow through the trees. Jesus then turned to Nicodemus and said "the wind that is blowing is just like my spirit moving in a life. You can't see it, BUT YOU CAN FEEL IT." Nobody can see the wind but we know it is blowing because we feel it. So it is with Jesus, though we can't see Him we can feel His presence when He is near us.

FLYING A KITE

A little boy was flying his kite one day and he let it go so high that he could no longer see it. A man came by and asked, "son what are you holding in your hand?" "Oh, I'm flying my kite," replied the boy. "Kite," said the man looking into the sky, "I don't see a kite." "I can't see it either, mister," answered Tom. "Then tell me, how do you know it is there." "Oh, I know it is up there because I feel it pulling on the string." Although we don't see Jesus when we look up into Heaven, we know He is there because we can feel Him in our heart.

HEAR THE WIND BLOW

Too, we know the wind is blowing because, WE CAN HEAR IT. Likewise can we hear Jesus when His spirit moves in our life. Sometimes we cry, laugh, shout and run. And, when He fills us with the Holy Ghost we hear Him as He speaks out through us in other languages. Just like the wind we can hear Jesus though we can't see Him.

Not only are we made to know that the wind is blowing by feeling it and hearing it, but we can SEE THE THINGS IT DOES. It tosses trash, bends the trees, and causes things to go sailing through the air. It is much the same when God's blessed spirit moves. We can see the change it makes in us. It blows away from our life the trash, such as, shows, tobacco, bad words and other evils that are displeasing to the Lord.



A Boy Who Was Not Afraid

By CATHERYN RUH, Columbus, Ohio

Last month our story was about three very brave boys. Remember? They were thrown into a fiery furnace because they loved God. But were they burned up? No, indeed. God was with them and saved their lives. God loves bravery. He likes for boys and girls to be brave, and do right just like the three boys that were thrown in the furnace. I think today also our story shall be about a very brave boy. Would you like that?

David was a little shepherd boy. He lived with his father Jesse, and his brothers; although at this time some of his brothers were not at home. They were away at war—just like many of your daddys and brothers were.

One day as David was watching over his sheep, a messenger boy came for him. "Go home at once," said the messenger, "your father wants you." So David was very obedient and went at once. When he arrived home his father said, "David, I want you to take this good corn and bread to your brothers. Also here is some cheese. Now don't play along the way, for I am worried about the boys."

There was great excitement in the army camp, for on the side of the enemy was a huge giant named Goliath. He was very tall and big. All the soldiers, even the King, were afraid of him. The giant wore a heavy metal coat that weighed two hundred pounds. He carried a spear that no ordinary sized man could lift. No wonder the men were afraid of him!

One day the giant yelled, "This is the way we will settle the war. You send out a man to fight against me. If I kill him, then our side wins, and you will be our slaves. But if the man you send out kills me, then our side loses and we will be your slaves." But not one man was willing to step out and fight Goliath. Every morning the giant would yell, "Send me a man that I might fight him." And when no man came the giant would laugh at the army of King Saul. For forty days the giant would yell and laugh at them. But on the fortieth day David had arrived at the camp.

When David heard the giant he said, "Well, why doesn't someone go?" A voice answered, "You see we aren't giants. We're only medium sized men. We wouldn't have a chance against him." "Why, I'm not afraid," said David. But his brothers only laughed at him.

You see, David was not afraid. He had put his trust in God. He remembered one time when he was watching his sheep that a great lion rushed out and stole one of his sheep. He ran after the lion and got him by the beard and said "in the Name of the Lord!" Soon that lion lay dead. Then a big bear tried the same thing and he killed him too "in the Name of the Lord." So David felt very brave. He knew that God would help him kill that wicked old giant. But everyone laughed at him until finally the king consented for him to try.

The king put his heavy war clothes on David, but they were much too big. "I'll go without dressing in any armor," said David. So the king let him go. David ran down to the brook and picked up five smooth stones. These he put in his pocket with his sling shot.

"Ho, ho!" laughed the giant, when he saw David coming out to meet him with only a sling shot. "Do you think I am a dog sending a boy out with a stick against me! Come on then, I'll feed you to the birds and beasts!" The giant was very mad. But David was not afraid. "You are big, it is true, and you have a spear to kill me, but I do not fear you," said the boy. "I come to you in the 'Name of the Lord.'"

He placed a stone in his sling shot and let go. It hit the old giant on the forehead. Down he fell! King Saul and all the soldiers were very happy. But David was quick to tell them that God helped him kill the giant.

A Visit to a Pastor's Home

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some feel she slighted them on purpose. Then above all these things she should be able to preach in case of emergency. Then, too, it happens to fall her lot to be the only one left in the whole world to have a word of encouragement for the pastor, especially when he has met with some things that make him lose sleep, and spend hours weeping and praying for his flock.

The Pastor's Service and Family Appreciated

The pastor's family generally is uninvited to many homes of his people, yet they feel he should not fail to visit them freely. An invitation many times would make a pastor and his whole family feel like they were appreciated. Any little act of kindness shown toward those who are over the work of God as leaders of the flock, many times drives away dark clouds that the devil has gathered around the pastor's home. How easy it would be for any church to occasionally show their pastor and his family that their efforts are indeed appreciated. The church will be more than repaid. Any preacher can preach with greater unction when he feels that his people love and appreciate his efforts.

The Apostle Paul asked the Corinthians, "If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we reap of your carnal things?" (1 Cor. 9:11). He then answers the question by explaining how they that ministered in the temple at the altar were partakers of the altar, referring to the order of worship of the old covenant which was ordained of God through Moses. Then he makes this statement: "Even so, hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." (1 Cor. 9:14). Bud Robinson said: "Ministers receive less for their services to mankind than any other men of profession in the world." Yet they serve in matters pertaining to the eternal welfare of souls. Why should a person think and ponder over a five dollar bill for days afterward, when he gave it to some minister or perhaps his own pastor?

Many are the slurs and jeers that befall the lot of a preacher, yet he should never feel blue. He is expected to be satisfied with whatever is given him, no matter how hard he has labored. If some one mentions raising his salary or a special offering, I can almost hear a good (for nothing) brother saying, "Well, he shouldn't be in need very bad, for I gave him five dollars one time (about three months ago, perhaps.)"

The Pastor, Worthy of Honor

It would be well for every church to remember what Paul has said in 1 Tim.

3:17, "Let the elders (pastors) that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine." It does not always give the pastor the "big head" for some member of his flock to give him a compliment occasionally, I think he is deserving of such.

People will pay dearly for the services of a lawyer and never think of it, even if he loses the case. How should they regard the services of their pastor? He is called of God to "watch for the souls of his flock, as they that must give an account." (Heb. 13:17). He stands as a watchman on the wall, and has the case of many souls' eternal salvation on his heart. He stands as he who speaks the greatest message to all the world, the message of the Gospel. He is the one who brings the good news to those in the paths of sin. "How shall they hear without a preacher?" (Rom. 10:14). Is his service worthy of due consideration? Should he be criticised, or his family, when they try to appear their best?

Some even glory in the slander of the minister. Some will never mention a good deed of a pastor, but seem delighted to speak of his mistakes and failures. An accusation once turned loose on a minister goes with such rapidity that it's impossible to stop. It appears that the evil mind feasts upon the tainted reports of another and more especially that of a preacher. The Apostle Paul must have known a few things when he wrote, 1 Tim. 5:19, "Against an elder (pastor) receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses."

It isn't yet possible for a pastor and family to live and serve in this world, and then board and room in heaven. Does the pastor's home receive due consideration? Have you considered him and his family as human beings the same as yourself? Have you failed to go a step or two out of the way to show an act of appreciation? Dear sister, have you ever thought that a little love token handed by you to the minister's wife would cause a world of cheer in that poor laboring soul? Have you been guilty of offering criticism when the pastor's wife appeared in a new dress?

Let me add, a discouraged pastor and family is indeed a subject of pity and sympathy. If anything in the world, to my mind, would make the angels bow their heads and weep, is to look down and see a poor preacher, a victim of some scandal-monger's vile lips, with all he possesses in this world—his reputation and influence—at stake, and him discouraged. Of all the great men and women in the world, it is those who have hazarded their lives for this Gos-

A GREAT "GENERAL" HAS DEPARTED



Rev. S. S. Grant, Pastor of the First Pentecostal Church at Pinckneyville, Illinois, was born on August 7th, 1880 at Bellrive, Illinois and departed this life on February 11, 1946, at the age of 65 years. His was a full life, dedicated to the service of His Lord and his fellowmen. In 1901 he was united in marriage to Rose Lee DeMent and to this union were added four children, two boys and two girls. Rev. Grant served in the Spanish American war. He was saved in the Baptist Church in 1908, receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit shortly after and was baptized in Jesus' name in 1917. He was later called to the work of the ministry which he began in Mt. Vernon, Illinois. For many years he was overseer of the Pentecostal churches in several states first as Chairman of the district and later as General Presbyter. He began his work as Pastor of the First Pentecostal Church of Pinckneyville, Illinois, on September 15th, 1932 and continued to his death. He revered himself to all that knew him by his godly life, counsel and willingness to help all. His passing is a great loss to his wife, his family, his church, the Illinois District of which he was a District Presbyter, and also the United Pentecostal Church.

Funeral services were conducted at the Methodist Church in Pinckneyville on February 14th by Rev. M. J. Wolff of Peoria, Illinois, and Rev. J. H. Reeter of Vandalia, Illinois. The church was filled to capacity with about 50 ministers and approximately 500 friends attending. Many beautiful floral pieces had been given in memory of our departed brother.

He was laid to rest in the I.O.O.F. cemetery in Pinckneyville, awaiting the coming of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. His last words were very appropriate for this man of God, "it will be a happy landing." May the comfort of God strengthen those that are left behind.

(A picture of the late Bro. Grant was taken as he lay in his casket. Anyone desiring a copy of this picture may write to Rev. W. T. White, 1906 Hortense Street, Murphysboro, Illinois.)

pel of the New Testament. It is the most unpopular profession that a man can choose, yet for the sake of souls for whom Jesus died, your pastor and his family have answered that call to the ministry by saying: "Here am I, send me!"

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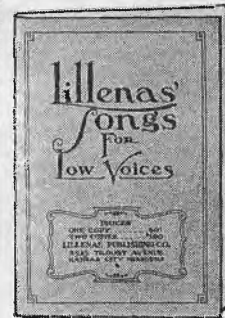
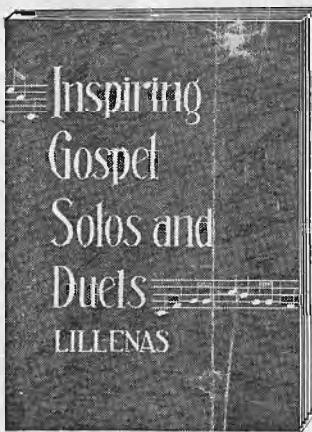
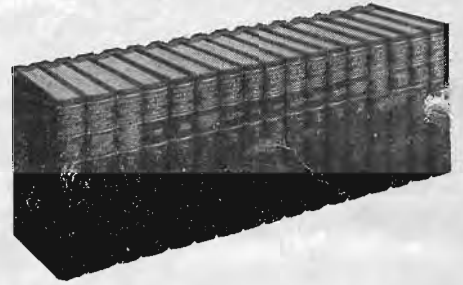
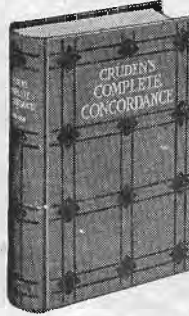
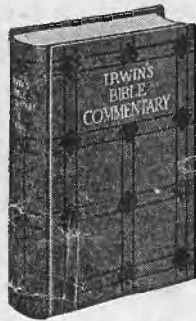
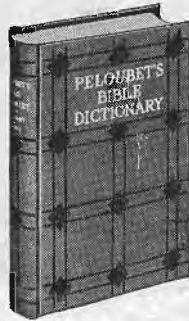
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