

A study of the Minor Prophets- *Amos!*

By Elder S. G. Norris

Probably no part of the Bible is so vaguely understood as the twelve Minor Prophets. The very word "minor" attached to their writings discounts their importance, although this viewpoint is very unfair. The term "minor" has been arrived at because of the quantity contained in their books as compared with the Major Prophets, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel, but certainly not their excellent quality. Very few messages are developed by ministers in these books. Texts are taken from them or passages in them used as references for themes originating in other parts of the Bible, but for the most part they are skipped over as insignificant. Because they are not clearly understood their meaning is sometimes misapplied. The wrong application of any Scripture is of course dangerous, dangerous in two ways. First, it might create a false hope; secondly, it might blight a true hope of promise. We hope these studies will be both enlightening and a blessing to our readers. We are studying these wonderful Minor Prophets at the Apostolic Bible Institute and we believe a careful "follow through" of these articles will be worth much to every saint and especially every minister in our ranks.

Amos Came From Tekoa

We will start with Amos. You all understand that after the death of Solomon, the Kingdom of Israel was divided into two parts. The northern ten tribes were called Israel. The Southern two tribes of Judah and Simeon were called the Kingdom of Judah. Simeon was located in the extreme south of Palestine and their identity is soon lost sight of as they for the most part intermarried with the Edomites, so the tribe of Judah is held in prominence and therefore the Kingdom is called by its name. Amos was born in Judah in a little town named Tekoa located about twelve miles south of Jerusalem and six miles from Bethlehem. Please look this up on your map. He was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore trees when God called him to go up to the Northern Kingdom of Israel to prophesy. His ministry took place during the early part of the eighth century while Jeroboam the Second was King of Israel and Uzziah was over the Southern Kingdom of Judah. It is necessary that we understand something about this eighth century as it affected God's people. The long and profitable life of Elisha fell to its rest on the margin of the eighth century. He had seen much evil upon Israel by the Syrians and Moabites. He spent his life in duties for God and his fellowmen in keeping alive the spirit of Israel as a nation. On his death bed, he left behind him a promise of a new day. It is necessary at this point for the reader to study again Second Kings chapter thirteen. Here you will find this old prophet calling to his bedside King Josiah, the first King of Israel of the eighth century. He was promised by Elisha victory over the Syrians. This came to pass and in the next sixteen years this northern foe was driven completely out of the land. This

freedom from invasion laid the foundation for one of the greatest waves of prosperity that the land of Palestine ever enjoyed. Its height was reached during the reign of Josiah's successor, King Jeroboam the Second. It so happened that a strong and prosperous king was also ruling in the Southern Kingdom by the name of Uzziah. It was during this exceeding wealthy and also wicked time (for wickedness as a rule accompanies wealth) that we bring into view our first minor prophet we will consider... Amos.

Three Eras In Israel

We lay this foundation by mentioning Elisha, because he represented the last prophecy to Israel as an agricultural nation. There were three outstanding eras in Israel's history from the time of Moses to Amos. First the period of wandering tribes or herdsmen, as they really were, for forty years during their wanderings in the wilderness. After the death of Moses, Joshua took the reins, and Israel fast developed into an agricultural nation, i.e., their chief occupation was farming. We know that this had to change, for the Jews of today are not farmers, but merchants, commercial men. There is a good reason for this. They changed after the Syrians had been conquered by the leadership of Josiah. The peace thus attained gave opportunity for foreign trade. This caused an influx of those on the farms to come to the cities. City life grew by leaps and bounds. The Israelites, like their forefather, Jacob, soon mastered the art of skillful trading, so artfully, indeed, that as a nation, they have never returned to agricultural life.

When a nation depends, for the most part, upon agriculture, wealth is rather evenly distributed. This is not true of city life. Here we find the very rich and also the slums of the poor. This type of civilization still exists today, so therefore we can call Amos' ministry the first of permanent prophecy. A great gap is bridged from Elisha to Amos, although the time element is not long.

Into this hubbub of commercial life, Amos was sent of the Lord to rebuke a light-hearted, prosperous people of Israel for being at ease in Zion. Jeroboam was wise, as the world counts wisdom. He knew the people would worship something, so he erected elaborate places for false religion at

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Special Feast for OUTLOOK Readers!

A wonderful study of the Twelve Minor Prophets starts with this January issue. Never before, to our knowledge has such a study been offered to our Pentecostal people. Eld. S. G. Norris, the Editor, is endeavoring to enrich all of us with these enlightening messages. We invite you to follow each issue carefully. Our desire is that these neglected nevertheless wonderful men of God shall live again and become enthroned in your hearts!

A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM OUR NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

Greetings! In greeting our organization for the New Year, I am wondering what God would say to us to stir our hearts for greater and better things for the coming year. This Scripture comes to me as applicable: "Be patient, therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and has long patience for it, until he receive the early and the latter rain."

"Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh."

"Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door."

These verses are so comprehensive in their admonition, warning, comfort, and hope. The statement, "The coming of the Lord draweth nigh" is especially timely, for surely we are nearing the end. Is there anything we need now more than patience to endure the steady grind, the fearful opposition, and our long waiting for the heavens to open?

We are told what this waiting is for. It is for the "precious fruit of the earth... until he receive the early and the latter rain." This is a definite promise that just preceding the coming of our Lord there will be a great outpouring of His Spirit. This will be for the ripening of the harvest. We have come to see also that the Word of God which has been sown in the hearts of millions since the days of Luther will be quick-

ened into life and bring about the great ingathering into the Kingdom of God. The millions of tracts, the thousands of publications, the many millions of Bibles and New Testaments have not been printed in vain. The brave soldier lying in a foxhole, standing by his machine gun, or high in the air, is not reading the Word of God without profit.

A man of God who is in the army writes us, "Tell the church that when the boys come back they are going to demand reality." Now, what in the Word of God is so real as the baptism of the Holy Ghost? I do not believe that the world is going to be saved. The awful relaxation from the frenzied activity of war to possibly enforced idleness will be the dark background of a revival when large numbers will turn to God.

In the above verses we also have a timely admonition to "stablish your hearts." What a day of wavering! drawing back, and falling away! Only the established hearts can stand the pressure. Then the last verse, "Grudge not one against another" surely fits in the picture in these last days.

The warning concerning this prevalent sin of grudge and jealousy is "lest ye be condemned."

Shall we not look back over the last year and take a careful inventory of ourselves as individuals and as an organization, and pray God to keep us pure and to be ready for His coming?

W. T. Witherspoon

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St. Paul, Minnesota

Things are stirring at A. B. I.! They always are. An ever-rolling current of events keeps our calendar chalked up full.

Last November 12, the entire student body, the young people of Midway Tabernacle and the teachers of the A. B. I. were evening guests at the home of Brother and Sister Norris. The occasion was "open house" at the new parsonage. In spite of the ninety-nine guests present, we were comfortably entertained and enjoyed the grand get-together. Having previously purchased a recording machine, we made many records of sermons, songs and testimonies. We then eagerly listened to our own voices on the records which sometimes fairly shouted direct evidence of the speaker's unfamiliarity at such an attempt. For the most part they were excellent and inspirational. One of the boys from Midway Tabernacle, who is in an army hospital, was sent a record of these songs and testimonies. Of course, refreshments added to the already delightful evening. We were dismissed by group prayer and parted feeling that the evening had not only been enjoyable, but also profitable.

Many of the students spent Thanksgiving at home. We who stayed at school were treated

to the traditional Thanksgiving dinner—turkey and all the trimmings. The evening service was devoted to a special Thanksgiving program. Both the Boys' Glee Club and Girls' Glee Club contributed special selections. Evangelist George Carlisle of Indianapolis, Indiana, who had been conducting a revival at the branch church in Minneapolis, Minn., preached. The following week we engaged in revival services in St. Paul with Evang. Carlisle.

A. B. I. has three students from Hawaii attending school this year. Lydia Stiles, daughter of Elder Stiles, missionary in Hawaii, has recently arrived for her first year of school. She received the Holy Ghost one day after arriving. Sakie Oka, a Japanese girl from Hawaii, is also attending school this year. Sakie was converted from Buddhism by Elder Stiles' ministry. While attending a university there she came to the light of this new and wonderful experience. Leaving school and family, they have come 4000 miles to learn more of the Christ, with Whom they have just become acquainted. Grace Stiles, Lydia's sister, arrived on a later boat to enter in the second year class.

The art of speaking "on the air" has become a problem to many of our ministers living in this

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The Secret of Blessings

By Elder I. I. Bradley

One of the greatest problems confronting the churches today is the financial support. Various methods are used such as festivals, shows, banquets and suppers, but none of them is Scriptural. When Christ first came to His temple nineteen centuries ago, almost His first act was to cleanse it of the money-changers. "My house shall be called a house of prayer, but ye have made it a den of thieves." Matt. 21:13. The same spirit of money-changing, commercialism, buying and selling in the interest of religion is seen today. What would Jesus do again if He were here? In some churches the seats are sold at such high rates as to be out of reach of the poor. In the richly upholstered pews the rich man sits in his splendor, and worships the Man of sorrows That had no place to lay His head, the Babe for Whom no place was found.

Covetousness—a Last Day Sin

Covetousness, a dissatisfied, grasping desire for the things of this world, is the sin of this age. "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come; for men shall be lovers of their own selves, (or things) covetous. . . ." 2 Timothy 3:1,2. This spirit of covetousness enters into many a church with the results that the minister is not adequately supported. When this is the case, in many churches it is the custom to get up a donation party and visit the home of the minister, who is thus made to feel that his services are so poor, and his work of such little account that he cannot be properly supported, but must depend on the charity of his members for his living. No person can really love a religion that descends to such methods for its existence. If these above methods must be used, the sooner such a religion perishes, the better.

Not only are these methods an abomination to the Lord, but they are utterly unnecessary for the support of the Gospel of Christ. God has ordained a great plan for the church's finance in the Bible. This plan, if adopted by His people, will adequately support the work of the church and make entirely unnecessary the practices now in use.

The Tithing Plan

This plan is called the tithing system. It was first revealed to Abraham (Genesis 14:18-20) and was used by the Israelites, and it received the endorsement of Christ and His apostles in the New Testament. This plan is explained in the following passage: "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord. And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord." Leviticus 27:30,32. Notice the expression "the tenth is the Lord's." It shall be holy unto the Lord. One tenth of what the Lord gives us belongs to Him. So completely is it His that it partakes of His own character. It is holy: it never was ours, it is

His, it is holy unto the Lord. For us to take what belongs to God, to use a holy thing to profane what is sacred should not be done, and it cannot be done without serious consequences. One-tenth of our possessions belongs to God. We may have never known this, but that does not change the fact. There is nothing for which we receive benefit to which this does not apply, "Whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, or of the tithe of the herd or of the flock." One-tenth of all our possessions is the Lord's, and should immediately be given to Him. This matter of the payment of tithes brings the same test to each individual as that on which Adam failed. God gave Adam everything in the world, withholding one thing, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. "This tree," He said, "is Mine. You are not to touch it, or take of its fruit. Everything else, I have given unto you. Enjoy these many other things, but let this tree alone. It is not yours: it is Mine." The tree was to serve as an everlasting reminder that all Adam had came from God. It was to let him know that he was merely the steward of God. He was to recognize the great truth of ownership of God by refraining from touching the tree. So God today blesses His children by giving them power to make a living, to get wealth. All that we have comes from God. James 1:17. We should acknowledge this truth, and recognize God's ownership of all, by rendering to Him that which He has reserved for Himself. The tithe stands in the same relation to us as the tree of knowledge of good and evil did to Adam. We ought not to touch it. If we do, we commit the same sin Adam did, and can expect the same curse to rest upon us. Let us not, then, repeat the sin of Adam, but gladly acknowledge the goodness of God in giving us life and all things to sustain life, by the faithful payment of one-tenth of our income, of all God has given us, to Him.

For the Support of the Ministry

The tithes were used for the support of those who ministered about holy things. Numbers 18:20, 24. The New Testament plainly states that this ancient practice of tithe paying has been ordained by the Lord for the support of the Gospel ministry in its work of preaching and spreading the Gospel. Paul directs attention to the tithing plan in 1 Corinthians 9:13,14. This is a direct reference to the tithing plan. Paul was writing about the support of the ministry. "Do ye not know the things of the temple? And they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel." Here he calls attention to the method by which the priesthood received its support. "Do you know," he asks, "how the priests are supported, how they get their living, of the things of the temple, of the things that are brought in of the tithes of the people?" Having pointed directly to the method

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The Need of the Hour

By A. J. Tuttle

We were privileged to attend the Twentieth Annual Midway Bible Conference at Mishawaka, Indiana, in October. Since then we have felt deeply impressed, even burdened, to write an account of the great theme brought so forcibly to our attention by Elder G. B. Rowe during the sessions each day; namely, the prevalent lack of effective Bible teaching in Pentecostal assemblies all over the land.

Thoughtful preachers and saints are becoming alarmed at the apparent shallow spirituality among Pentecostal people these days, and it is our hope that a report of the discussions during this conference will help to awaken us all to the great need of the hour, that of the individual saint, whether pastor or layman, realizing his need of more of the Word of God abiding within.

First of all, we must take into account that these are busy days in every field of endeavor. It is not always easy for a pastor to take time from his duties to attend Bible conferences. However, we wonder if the average pastor does not regard these conferences as a "vacation" rather than something necessary to his regular routine. As a rule, he may manage to squeeze in a day or two on an "off" night from his own services, but he feels that to "lay off" for the whole thing would be impossible.

We would like to suggest that each pastor who is within travelling distance of a regular Bible conference under an able teacher plan ahead to take in the full number of Bible classes. Certainly there must be capable laymen who could be groomed ahead of time to take over services in the pastor's absence. We are positive that the whole assembly would profit by the pastor's attendance at the conference, and the benefits would be eternal.

Brother Rowe pointed out facts which are startling and which we must remedy. He estimated that ninety per cent of the Pentecostal people are without real knowledge, and without the desire for that knowledge. Good listeners in the average assembly are scarce.

Many pastors are not stressing the importance of Bible study. Some churches are without a Bible class at all, and for a very good reason. The pastors are not equipped to teach. This is an outstanding fact, and a sad one, and we are inclined to believe that the pastor who is incapable of enriching his saints in God's Word has chosen the wrong field. When Paul listed the gifts of the ministry for the Ephesians, he made no difference between pastors and teachers. It is the same calling! Study this passage in Ephesians 4:11. The call for the overseer is to feed the flock.

Most pastors instruct their people on the value of assembling together, but some of them fail to realize that the church service is only a means to an end. To go to an empty dinner table profits the hungry man nothing. So also the church

service profits the spiritually hungry man nothing unless substantial food is offered.

It will take leaders and teachers of high caliber to get the church into the place she needs to occupy. The call, "Prepare Thyself!" is going forth to the church. God is choosing these men of strong faith and character. Others are thinning out. We might echo Brother Rowe's statement, "God help those who are thinning out!" As we look on the fields, we can see that every field is overworked and overcrowded but that of teaching God's Word.

The Bible Class should be as well attended by the saints as the Sunday night service. The songs, prayers and testimonies are blessed and we enjoy them, but it is the study of God's Word which strengthens, nourishes and stimulates the soul of the saint. Bible Class should never be obsolete as long as there are spiritual heights to attain. It is the pastor's duty to teach, and it is the duty of the saints to present themselves to learn. Well-fed saints have no desire for the world. A real vision of God's purpose in man will keep that man from backsliding. God manifests Himself through man, and when he realizes this fact, the saint is careful. Herein lies the value of Bible Class. Continuous study keeps this vision open to the saints.

The saints need knowledge so that they will know how to spend their strength for God. Eld. Rowe brought out a blessed example of this in the story of the widow and her small supply of oil and flour. She, with her limited vision, would have eaten it and died, but the man of God instructed her "more perfectly" and the oil and flour failed not as long as the need remained. What an inspiration for the people of God! We need to know, especially in these days, the most profitable ways to spend our resources for God. God grant our leaders more wisdom and our saints more obedience. The result will be a more widespread and effective ministry.

"Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Free from what? Free from error, through knowledge. Lack of knowledge indicates a shallow saint. Many Pentecostal people have not advanced from one spiritual plane to another in ten or fifteen years. The plane of perfection can only be reached through the assimilation of God's Word through teaching.

Pastors, examine yourselves and your assemblies. Does a shallow group of saints reflect your lack of proper teaching? God's minister must be able to feed his flock. He must be thoroughly furnished unto all good works, so that he may impart the necessary spiritual equipment to his people. The Word of God must dwell in the saint RICHLY—in great abundance.

These things were all brought out in the Bible conference. Someone asked, "What will happen
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GRAINS from the *Harvest Field*

HAZLETON, PA.

We have just recently closed a five weeks' revival meeting here in Hazleton with Evangelist L. A. Romine of Indianapolis, Indiana, doing the preaching, assisted by Brother J. Caldwell, also of Indianapolis, with special singing.

During these five weeks of revival services we were privileged to baptize fifteen souls in the Name of Jesus Christ and five came through to the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Thirteen of those baptized were young people, for which we are especially thankful as we had very few consecrated young people in our church prior to this time.

Truly the blessing of the Lord was upon this special series of meetings from beginning to end, and God placed His approval upon the timely and inspiring ministry of Evangelist Romine.

The spirit of revival seems to be continuing among the young people, as since the close of the special meetings we have baptized 2 more young girls in the Name of the Lord. We earnestly request the prayers of God's people in behalf of our young people that they might continue on and be faithful to God.

We are still broadcasting every Sunday morning at 9:30 over the local station WAZL, and God is blessing this part of our work with increased interest and we covet your prayers in this endeavor also.

Elder S. W. Chambers, Pastor

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HEALINGS AT FARMINGTON, N. M.

We are thanking and praising the Lord for His mighty works in Farmington. On October 24, we baptized a little Spanish woman in the Name of Jesus. On the next Sunday night a revival began among the children. The power of God was upon them in the song service, and not only did they sing in the Spirit, but they also prayed in the Spirit. I had been in bed for three days with a sore back. The Lord touched my body, and I was instantly healed. Others were healed also, among them my little boy who was troubled with an eye affliction. He was prayed for and three days later was healed. A neighbor lady was ill with the flu. After being prayed for, she was surprised to find herself completely healed the next day. We thank the Lord for His healing power. Pray for us.

Reporter Mrs. J. B. Varnell

Reporter Mrs Sledge

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ANSTED, W. VA.

We are still praising the Lord in the hills of West Virginia for His tender mercy toward us. We want to go on to the end of the race. Please pray for us and our good faithful pastor, Ezra Eastman.

Reporter, Stella Skaggs

CHURCH BEING ENLARGED AT CAMDEN, ARK.

Since our last report the Lord has been continuing to bless. Five more have received the Holy Ghost since then and we have baptized a number in Jesus' Name. My brother, Evangelist Albert E. Adams, came with his tent and held a three weeks' revival this summer, and we praise God for the souls added during this time. Since then, the good old Pentecostal fire has swept through the church several times with more coming through to God. We thank God for the rich spiritual blessings He has given. Please pray that the Lord will continue to save souls in Camden.

Several families of the older saints have moved away and only four of the pre-1943 saints remain, so we especially thank God for the new ones. They seem to really love the Lord and desire to grow stronger and more useful for Him.

There is no parsonage here, and we are endeavoring to build six rooms on the back of the church for Sunday School rooms and also living quarters for the pastor's family. It is a large undertaking for so small a group, but God is able. We have several thousand feet of lumber toward this project besides plumbing and other material. We earnestly covet your prayers that God will undertake for us in this matter for His own glory and service. Thanks for all of your prayers.

Pastor Charles D. Adams

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REVIVAL AT FAIRMONT, W. VA.

We were happy to have with us Evangelist James Lucas of Indianapolis, Indiana, for a four weeks' meeting. This evangelist manifested the fine training that he received at the Apostolic Bible Institute, of which he is a graduate. During the meeting 9 were baptized in Jesus' Name and several were left seeking God as the revival closed. One has been baptized and one has received the Holy Ghost since that time. Brother Lucas was loved by all the brethren in this district and we are looking forward to the time when we shall have him in this field again.

Pastor C. B. Gillespie

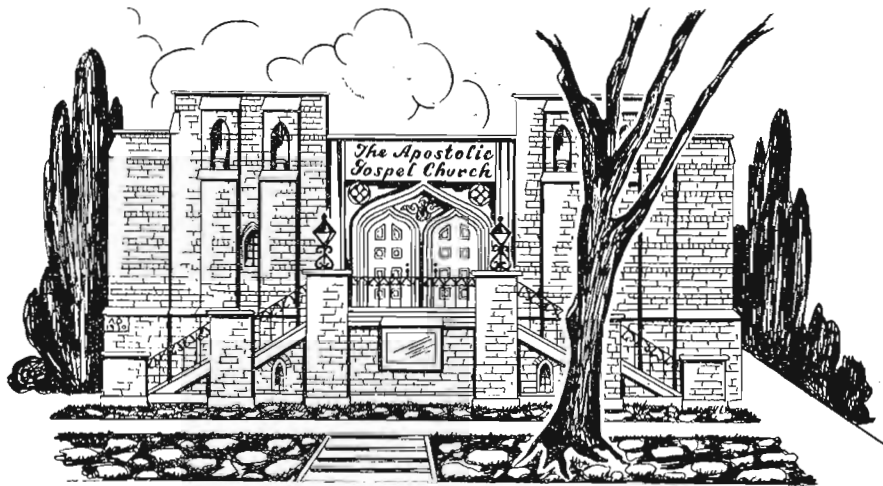
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BIBLE CONFERENCE HELD DENVER, COLO.

We have just closed a week's Bible conference and evangelistic campaign with our General Chairman, Elder W. T. Witherspoon of Columbus, Ohio, in charge. To the saints here in the Rocky Mountain region, it was a week of real feasting on the Word of God which is so needful at this time. The Word, being rightly divided, brought peace and comfort to all who heard it given by Elder Witherspoon. We need the prayers of God's people for the work in Denver.

Pastor W. T. Brafford

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Elder Arthur W. Witherspoon is the son of General Chairman W. T. Witherspoon. He has twice held office as national president of the Pentecostal Young People's Association. With his wife, Veda Witherspoon, and their two children, Jerry and David, they have moved to Madison, Wisconsin, to open this new work.

Soldier's Prayer List

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- Pfc. Alfred C. Brown
- Seaman Jesse Powell
- Seaman Robert Powell
- Pvt. Ralph Sutherland
- Seaman L. L. Campbell
- Seaman Harold Ray Campbell
- Seaman Charles Rath
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- Pvt. Fred Davis
- Seaman 2/C Ralph W. Cook
- Seaman 2/C Paul H. Cook
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SPECIAL NOTICE

Please have all material to be printed in the Outlook reach St. Paul by the fifteenth of the month. Only in extraordinary cases will this rule be broken. The Outlook readers are entitled to have each copy near the first of the month. We have added to our printing staff and can accomplish this if all will cooperate.

Elder S. G. Norris, Editor

New P. Y. P. A. DEPARTMENT!

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT!

A new year is just ahead of us. Many look upon this new year as a year of heartaches and hardships, but we of the P.Y.P.A. are looking upon it as a new adventure for God. It is certain that 1944 holds many a tear, many heartaches, and many a woe, but in spite of all our unforeseen difficulties, the fact still remains, that our opportunities to accomplish something for God are unlimited.

The P.Y.P.A. officers present at our convention in St. Louis expressed as one the heartfelt desire to explore the golden opportunities of the future with a new determination. Our youth organization is growing and we want to see it expand to the four corners of the globe. But to grow and prosper for Christ we need the entire cooperation of everyone.

Pastors, if you haven't affiliated your young people's group with the P.Y.P.A., get in touch with this department immediately. You need us and we need you. Complete information can be obtained by writing this department, or Oleta Show, Box 404, W. Tulsa, Okla.

We appreciate the fine letters we have received concerning this new P.Y.P.A. department. Send your reports and articles in regularly. Send all correspondence relating to this department to: P.Y.P.A. OUTLOOK Dept., Box 1187, Gladewater, Texas.

Eldredge Lewis, President

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2. Have a specific program prepared. Make all program arrangements before class time.
3. Co-operate very closely with your leader. The responsibility rests upon him.
4. Always obtain advice from your pastor concerning matters that you are not sure about.
5. Be enthused about your P.Y.P.A. class. An enthused class is a successful class.
6. Help your leader in the financial program. Finance is always needed in your class work.
7. Pray and work for P.Y.P.A. class instead of grumbling.
8. Advertise. Tell your young friends about your class. Leading them to your class may result in the salvation of their souls.
9. Manifest a meek and humble spirit in everything that you do.
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We are thankful for the new P.Y.P.A. Outlook Department. It is splendid and should encourage many young people to a nobler cause.

Mrs. Edna Watson, Sec'y.

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FIVE NEW P.Y.P.A. EVANGELISTS APPOINTED AT ST. LOUIS

Inasmuch as our P.Y.P.A. is growing, and demands are greater now for evangelists for young people's revivals than ever before, we appointed five official P.Y.P.A. evangelists at our recent convention in St. Louis.

They are:

James S. Lucas, 1123 Finley ave. Indianapolis, 3 Indiana.

Marion Turner, Box 555, W. Tulsa, Okla.

Nelson Hidlebaugh, R.F.D. 2 Sullivan, Ill.

Kirby Tiller, c/o G. P. Dainty, 453 Delphi Ave., Frankfort, Indiana.

W. W. Sistrunk, 423 N. 18th St., Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

If you are in need of an evangelist who has his heart in the service of God, get in touch with one of our P.Y.P.A. evangelists immediately.

Eldredge Lewis, President

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FOOD THOUGHTS

Better mend one fault in yourself than a hundred in your neighbor.

Folks who never do any more than they get paid for, never get paid for any more than they do.

I would rather be able to appreciate things I can not have than to have things I am not able to appreciate.

Never throw mud. You may miss your mark, and you will always have dirty hands.

God will not look you over for medals, degrees, or diplomas, but for scars.

Even if you are on the right track you will soon be run over if you sit there.

Orzell Pruitt

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There is as much difference between us and the world as there is between a pauper and a millionaire. The pauper talks about money, but the millionaire has it.

ON TO PERFECTION

Heb. 6:1. "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ," (What is the doctrine? It is repentance of dead works, or the things we do in sin. We should not have to continue repenting for the things that we did before we came to Christ. After we have repented of these things and received the Holy Ghost, they are to be remembered against us no more.) "of the doctrine of baptisms and the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment, And this we will do if God permit." "Let us go on to perfection." After we have repented and have been baptized, and have become a new man in Christ, we should look back no more. Being born into Christ once is enough.

Let us grow up from a state of childhood to the fulness of the stature of the new man in Christ. Paul puts himself with us. He said, "Let us go on unto perfection." So, in order to have our growth we must leave the principles of the doctrine of Christ. (It doesn't mean to lose them.) Jude exhorted, "Earnestly contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints." We must not be forever laying the foundation. If we are always doing this, we will not get the building complete. The foundation is always laid to support the building. After we are born again, we must grow in grace.

We are not a full grown man in the Lord the first day. We first must study to show ourselves approved unto God, until we are able to give a reason for the hope that lies within us. In the process of growth we must also receive the gift of the Spirit, which are these: love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance.

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him." So, when He appears, we shall be made perfect, for we shall be like him. If we go on unto perfection, one day we shall be made perfect. Let us press forward to the mark of the high calling in Christ; let us make up our minds that nothing can separate us from the love of God. Every weight of sin, pleasure, and affection of the body, let us put it aside, and go on unto perfection.

Henry Turner

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Have you entered the OUTLOOK Contest yet? The leading classes will be announced next month. Remember, we are counting on you. Will you do your part?

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If there are shadows in your sunshine, they are the shadows of yourself.



P. Y. P. A. Department

P.Y.P.A. PROGRAM SUGGESTION

An interesting side line from the usual routine of your P.Y.P.A. class would be to have special guests at your meeting, dedicating the program rendered to the guests present. The regular programs you have in your regular classes are no doubt sufficient for special guests to have presented to them.

Some of the suggested guests are as follows. Only one group should be invited at a time.

1. The deacons of the church.
2. Parents of sons in the service.
3. The aged people in the church.
4. The pastor and his wife.

It is not always necessary for the guests to be on the program. However this can be arranged according to the circumstances. A change from your usual routine will instill new enthusiasm into your class.

Tellie Dover

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ILLINOIS P.Y.P.A. RALLY A GREAT SUCCESS

Monday night, Dec. 6, a special P.Y.P.A. rally was held at Calvary Tabernacle in Toledo, Illinois. The rally was in charge of Eldredge Lewis, President of the National P.Y.P.A., of Gladewater, Texas. God met with us in a wonderful way. The evening speakers were as follows; Robert McFarland, Lynn, Ind.; Willard Barnett, Cochrane, Wisc.; Kirby Tiller, Frankfort Ind.; George Bennett, St. Louis, Ill.; Florence Swinford, Oakland, Ill.; Maxine Wood, Louann, Ark.; Loda Ford, Shreveport, La. All of these are active workers among our young people. We wish that all of our young people everywhere could have been there.

Florence Swinford, Reporter

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REPORT OF P.Y.P.A. OFFICER CONVENTION

We are glad to report that God met with the young people in a glorious way during the convention which convened at White-Way Tabernacle, St. Louis, Mo. December 3,4,5, with Elder W. S. Guinn and assembly. All of the National P.Y.P.A. officers were present, and also a number of State and local P.Y.P.A. officers were present. The convention was attended by people from Texas, La., Ark., Okla., Mo., Ill., Ind., Mich., Minn., Iowa, and Ohio.

Each day the devotionals were inspirational, and a sweet spirit prevailed. We were privileged to have with us our General Chairman, Elder W. T. Witherspoon, who brought to us two wonderful Bible lessons. The young people were greatly encouraged.

The last day of the convention was one of consecration and rededication. Elder J. O. Underwood, and Elder Guinn brought forceful messages to the young people to encourage them to rededicate their lives to God. The evangelistic preaching was done by young ministers from various places.

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THESE THINGS LOVEST THOU ME MORE THAN THESE?

St. John 21:15

Jesus read the scales of Peter's heart and saw that "these things" outweighed the love he had for the work of the Lord. He was grieved. He wants first place in our hearts.

Peter, although an humble fisherman was not unlike countless men and women today who are so busy about "these things" that they miss the mark. One who feels that his own occupation in making money, in either large or small amounts, is all of life, does not have the love of God in his heart.

The rich farmer who drew up the blueprint for a fine barn, and rejoiced inwardly over his prosperity was so much more concerned over "these things" than he was over the Love of God that he neglected a more important step and failed to prepare for the time when he would be through farming and making money in this world and must go elsewhere. After the Lord had called him a fool, He asked him this question.

"Then, whose shall these things be which thou hast provided?" Today Jesus is asking men and women "What is going to become of your automobiles, your lands, buildings, stocks and property, when you are through down here in the world." Purchase your ticket to the next one.

"Do you love Me more than these?" —Soul searching words! I can think of no other question that the Lord might ask humanity that would trip as many as this simple one. The world rushes madly onward, seeking and spending money in riotous living.

Pressing the point that a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. I draw your attention to the following words:

When we count our earthly riches,
Thinking of our selfish ease
There's a tender, sweet voice saying,
"Do you love Me more than These?"

When We yearn for pomp and glory
And earth's prizes strive to seize
We can hear the voice of Jesus
"Do you love Me more than these?"

In our quest for earthly treasures
Wandering over land and seas,
Still the voice of Jesus soundeth—
"Do you love Me more than these?"

Mrs. Edna Watson



We are believing God for greater things in the future. Truly, our P.Y.P.A. is marching on. Our goal is "OVER THE TOP".

Oleta Show, Secretary

P. Y. P. A. Department

FISHERS OF MEN

Matt. 4:19

"And He saith unto them, Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

"Follow Me." No other condition in the Bible holds so much latent meaning as this one. Very few of us have ever stopped to consider what "Follow Me" really means to us. Many precious, but unlearned carriers of God's Word to mankind, are still under the false impression that because they have received the Holy Ghost, and been baptized in His name, they are following Christ, and wonder why their ministry seems to bear no fruit. Not so. That is only a part of the qualifications for our call. We have only turned our faces that way. To be fishers of men we must follow.

Follow Him. Follow Him to the wilderness to fast and pray, and then repulse the devil in the time of your greatest weakness with the puissant sword of God's Word.

Follow Him among the multitudes where He stops to minister to every need to body or soul, and let your own heart bleed with that peerless compassion always uppermost in the life of the Son of Man.

Follow Him to the lonely, uncommunicative hills above Jerusalem, where He mourned for a people who had reviled and stoned Him, and were soon to be His slayers. Even yet, He knew no bitterness, no hatred; only that burning, self-denying love. As you stand beside Him let His great love cover all those wounds caused by sharp remarks and petty strifes, until you can "Bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you." An unforgiving, self-righteous spirit can never win souls for Christ.

Follow Him to Gethsemane and pour out your soul even unto death with a burden for the lost, until you are willing to give up your all to bring God's shining light to them that sit in darkness; and you can say with Him, "Not my will, but Thine be done".

Follow Him to Calvary and die out to self until you live in Him alone. Crucify our every desire, your every lust until your only desire is to serve Him better and to love Him more. "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it bringeth forth much fruit." John 12:24.

Young people, if we desire to work in the Master's vineyard, let us count the cost before we begin, and ask God to help us pay the price of a ministry that will count for God. Let us be labourers instead of only lookers on!

Then, and only then, can we claim the promise, "I will make you fishers of men," and we will enter heaven not empty handed, but carrying precious sheaves with us.

P.Y.P.A. PROGRESSING AT MARKS, MISS.

Have you ever wondered if the days of miracles were over? If you could only be with the young people at the Goodway Pentecostal Church, in Marks, Miss., every Wednesday Night, all doubt would be banished from your mind.

At the beginning of 1942 our P.Y.P.A. numbered over 50 members. Today even though the number has decreased due to war conditions, we are carrying on as before with the blessings and presence of God.

Young people everywhere, will you help us to pray that the young people who are in sin throughout the world will give heed to God while yet there is time? Truly if there was ever a time when the harvest is ready, today is the time.

Francis Parker, Reporter

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Evening Evangelistic Service	7:45 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study	7:45 P.M.
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SATURDAY

Young People's Meeting	7:45 P.M.
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To follow you, Jesus, through sunshine and shade,
To walk in the footprints your feet have made,
O'er the mountains you cross, and the rivers
you wade,

That is the choice of my soul.

To follow you, Jesus, through thorns and briers,
Through the cleansing drought of purging fires,
Spotless and blameless, without sin, or mire,
That is the choice of my soul.

To follow you, Jesus, where want or woe
Stretch out their needy hands to Thee, I know,
Though it seem bitter and hard, yet, willing to go:
That is the choice of my soul.

To follow you, Jesus, through suffering and pain,
To harvest in the fields of quick ripening grain;
Tearfully, prayerfully, lovingly, expecting no
gain:

That is the choice of my soul.

To follow you, Jesus, 'till the dark shades of night,
Come to carry my soul in its last winging flight,
To be with my Lord in that city of light:

That is the choice of my soul.

Nola Douglas

EASTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL CONVENTION REPORT

Following is a report of the first convention of the Eastern District Council and Fellowship of the P. A. of J. C., which was held at Elder A. D. Urshan's church, 296 West 92nd St., New York City, November 25-28 inclusive.

The convention opened Thursday night, November 25. Elder R. G. Cook of Foxboro, Mass., brought the opening message of the convention, and his message proved a great help and inspiration in getting the conference properly under way.

On Friday morning, prayer was held from nine to ten, followed by breakfast, and this in turn was followed by a most inspiring Bible study from 12 noon until 4 P. M. We were privileged to have for our speakers at this meeting Elder I. J. Reuter of Worcester, Mass., and Elder R. G. Cook of Foxboro, Mass. Following their messages to us the meeting was opened for Bible questions and answers and much help was received from this part of the service also. It was agreed by those in attendance that this was one of the most blessed services of the whole convention. Also, on Thursday we were delighted at the arrival of the National Sec'y-Treas., of the P. A. of J. C., Elder Stanley R. Hanby of Lancaster, Ohio, who gave us a very encouraging message from God's Word on Friday night, having been preceded by Elder George Cook of Foxboro, Mass. Elder A. Huba of New York City was in charge of the Friday meetings.

Prayer meeting was again held on Saturday from 9 to 10 A. M., followed by breakfast for the delegates. Then at 11 A. M. a business meeting was called for all of the ministers present, and the minutes of this meeting will be found below. The business meeting was followed by another Bible study beginning at 1:30. At this time we were privileged to hear Elder George McCloud of Torrington, Conn., Elder McCanaghy of Canada and Elder G. W. Stanley of Bristol, Conn.

This was followed by an ordination service at which Elder John Maglovsky of Akron, Ohio, was ordained to the ministry. The Saturday night meeting was coupled with the monthly New York Young People's Rally, at which several of the visiting ministers gave short messages.

The final meeting of the convention was held on Sunday and all of the delegates present went home with a new zeal to press the battle harder in the coming months and years. It was a pleasure to meet so many brethren whom we had not met previously. Also, we want to express our gratitude and appreciation to the splendid hospitality of Elder A. D. Urshan and his assembly, together with the other New York churches who cooperated with him.

MINUTES OF THE MINISTERIAL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 27, 1943.

The various ministers gathered together on Saturday morning for the purpose of better organizing their efforts for the spreading of the Gospel in the East. After a blessed season of prayer, Elder A. D. Urshan was named temporary chair-

man of the meeting, who in turn asked Elder S. R. Hanby to act as temporary secretary.

Elder Urshan then asked Elder R. G. Cook to express himself relative to the work and efforts in his section of the East. This was followed by a talk by Elder Anton Huba, who expressed his burden for the work in the East, and Elder G. W. Stanley, who explained in detail the work in Maine and New Brunswick, Canada.

A motion was then carried to officially organize and name the conference the Eastern District Council and Fellowship of P. A. of J. C.

A motion was also carried to have the general district council meet every six months and local fellowship rallies once each month in different assemblies of the council each time.

It was decided that the second general council will meet at Elder S. W. Chamber's church in Hazleton, Pa., during the last week of June, 1944, and the first monthly fellowship rally will be held at Elder G. W. Stanley's church in Bristol, Conn., on January 7 and 8, 1944.

The following election of officers then took place: Elder R. G. Cook, Chairman; Elder Anton Huba, Vice-Chairman; Elder S. W. Chambers, Secretary-Treasurer.

Motion carried that each minister belonging to the Eastern District Council and Fellowship of P. A. of J. C., be required to pay \$2.00 per year into the Treasury.

Signed:

R. G. Cook, Chairman
Anton Huba, Vice-Chairman
S. W. Chambers, Sec'y-Treas.

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THERE IS A REASON

by Sister Rowe

There is a reason why I stand for this way of salvation. First, it is the only thing for me because there isn't anything else worthwhile. Why, then, should I spend my time, wasting it on something that couldn't do for me what I needed and wanted, and what I feel I must have and just have to have, to satisfy my longings? It took so much to do for me what my soul requires, and it demands reality.

I wanted to live above sin. This way was the only way that provided power sufficiently to take away my sin, and keep me free from sin. This was the only way that lifted me above the earth, and I didn't want to live too near the earth, so, while looking at the catalog of helps and benefits, I found nothing like this way—it stood out all by itself; it was sure and steadfast. All else was uncertain. I had to have something I could depend upon, and that I knew would take me through and land me safely.

I saw the only thing that took that flesh through that was born of Mary was God. His power took Him through the clouds and on into Glory.

Do you think I have a reason for choosing this way? This is the way He took to leave this old world; this was His way out—God in the flesh. God is a Spirit, and there is but one Spirit. That is the Holy Spirit (Holy Ghost). You better get Christ in you if you want to make it through from earth to Glory.

Jonah---The Impossible

By Floride Clark

"Why, that's impossible!" How many times have you heard this phrase used in the last week? Do you know that many are living below their privileges just because it is so easy to shake one's head and say "It's impossible?" People thought that electric lights were an impossibility until Thomas Edison produced the first light. We thought that it was impossible for us to secure the greatest air force in the world in so short a time until war came and we were forced by necessity to do it. We can be happy today that the God we're serving delights in the impossible. Why? Do you know that if this were not true, we would not be saved today? When God granted the covenant of His promise to the Jews, they accepted it for themselves alone; they did not believe it was possible for the Gentiles who oppressed them, the ones they bitterly hated, to be saved. "It's impossible"—they thought.

Jonah was one of the Old Testament characters who carried this idea. Jonah was born in the northern kingdom of Israel, and tradition tells us that he was probably the son of the widow at Zarapeth, whom Elijah raised from the dead. He had been reared in Hebrew environment, and the thought had never come to him that there was hope for the Gentiles. So it is not surprising that when God called him to carry a message to a Gentile city, Nineveh, that he so doggedly refused the divine mission and chose the most God-forsaken country he knew of to get away from God. There was no better place he knew of than the Mediterranean Sea, for the Hebrews had a terror of this place, having never been sailors and having pictured huge monsters as the only occupants. So—it was to the Mediterranean Sea that Jonah chose to flee—away from God. But, as we know, his scheme did not work. The sailors could not help him. There was only one solution and that was to repent and turn to God. This meant facing the seemingly impossible. Friends, are we running away from the impossible? Does it seem to you that God is calling on you to do something that looks hopeless? Do you regard the next door neighbor as a hopeless case? Do you think, "Oh, it would not be any use to talk to the boss, he's hopeless?" Do you consider the little boy down the street as "just another kid," and not a good prospect for the Sunday School just because he's "bad?" If such is the case we are playing the part of Jonah, and need to repent. No one can help us, but it is up to us and God. There is a character in the New Testament who is comparable to Jonah. That is Peter. He, by rights, would have been the Apostle to the Gentiles, had he not been afraid. But, he was afraid to face the Jews. One time, after feasting with the Gentiles, he withdrew himself because of the arrival of Jews from Jerusalem. Gal. 2:12. Thus Paul was appointed the Apostle to the Gentiles. Galatians 2:7. Romans 11:13.

It is a good thing for us that Jonah chose to repent while in the belly of that large fish; it's a good thing for us that he went into that fish's

ANNOUNCEMENT

Elder Floyd Newsom of Darling, Miss., announces that he will be open for calls in the evangelistic field this coming year. Elder Newsom began his ministerial work in his youth, during the pioneering days of the Mississippi Delta. He received his early training in a Baptist college near New Orleans, at the same time doing evangelistic work in the neighboring towns. Even though very successful in his work, Elder Newsom frequently mentioned that there were better days ahead. One day he came in contact with the Pentecostal message and after careful deliberation accepted it. Dreading to leave the teachings of his early instructors and yet realizing that the Word of God is spiritually discerned, not being perceived by the natural man, he began to preach this message in the vicinity of his home. During the two weeks of resulting revival, twenty-two received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The South Lake Pentecostal Church was organized and is today a prosperous church, with a large Sunday School. Now Elder Newsom again feels his call to the evangelistic field and will appreciate your prayers and cooperation as he enters this work.

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belly where he was hidden for three days and nights. Jonah's disappearance into the fish is a type of Israel being blinded. If it were not for Israel being cut off or blinded, we Gentiles would not be grafted in. Israel was called in the beginning to be a kingdom of priests unto God for the world. Exodus 19:6. She refused her mission as Jonah did, and is swallowed up by other nations as a result. The ejection of Jonah onto land is a type of Israel being restored to God and Palestine at the end of the tribulation period when she will fulfill that mission of Exodus 19:6 during the 1000 year period.

Jonah carried the message to Nineveh, but still he was not pleased at their conversion. However, he was concerned about a little gourd. God portrays in this instance His wonderful grace and mercy. He is not concerned about just one clan of people, but He is concerned about both Jew and Gentile. Let us determine that we shall not be "Jonahs," but let us take on the mind of our God Who loves the impossible, and if we obey His calling, the impossible will be accomplished.

OBITUARIES

Sister Mildred Janosek departed this life to be with her Lord Sept. 11, 1943. She leaves behind her husband, Eld. Anton Janosek, and her two year old daughter, Gloria Mildred.

In the last service she attended she testified that she was ready to meet her Savior. We who knew her are sure of the truthfulness of her testimony. Her life was so consecrated to God that we can now say, "She being dead yet speaketh."

As we gather at the table
And watch each smiling face
Our hearts are filled with sadness
To see the vacant place.
And when the day is over
And all have gone to rest;
We'll know our heavenly Father
Did all things for the best.
So we cheer our drooping spirits,
With the rising of the sun;
But we cannot help but think
Of the loving, absent one.

Bro. Michael Sitko

Mrs. L. A. Shelton passed away August 20, at her home, 1709 W. 13th Ave., Corsicana, Texas. She was one who believed in God to the extent that she trusted Him until the very end. Surviving are three sons, Norman, Tucker, Freddie B. (who is overseas), and one daughter, Rena Fuller, who wrote this poem.

I cannot say, I must not say
That Mother is dead. Mother is just away.
With a cheery smile
And a wave of the hand,
Mother has wandered into an unknown land,
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since she lingers there;
So think of her faring on, as dear,
In the love of there as the love of here
Think of Mother still as the same and say
Mother is not dead, Mother is just away.

Her daughter, Rena Fuller

James Israel Watson, Taylor, Ark., was born Dec. 19, 1859, and passed from this life on July 24, 1943.

Many were the times a burden you lifted,
Some fellow-traveler's load to lighten.
You were loyal, faithful, and true
No one can ever fill your place.
Now you've fallen asleep and left us
Now we must struggle on without your smile.
Finish the work that must be done,
Go all the way, even the last mile.
Many times your smiles encouragement gave,
To those who had souls to save.
The blessing you were to those you knew,
was sweet.
Your works will follow you to the judgment.
It was sad to part with you,
But your weary soul needed rest.
Yes, Grandpa, we loved you,
But Jesus loved you best.
A home is waiting your spirit to receive,
So sleep on, weary one, sleep on.

Flourine Watson

Charles A. Danielson was born in Oslo, Norway, on March 10, 1865, and died on December 20, 1942. Mr. Danielson came to the United States at the age of twenty-two, living for a short time at Eau Claire, Wis., and later settling on a homestead near Barron, in Barron County, Wisconsin. The family moved to Saint Paul, Minn., in 1919, where he resided at the time of his death. Charles Danielson was married on October 22, 1898, to Agnes T. Olson and to this union was born six children, two of whom preceded him in death. He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, Agnes; one daughter, Mrs. Arthur Dahlby; and three sons, Philip J., William T., and Casper H. Danielson all of Saint Paul; one sister Mrs. Olga Engebretson of Saint Paul; and four brothers, Oscar and Christian of Saint Paul, John of Rice Lake, Wis., and Louis of McCall, Idaho; and also five grandchildren and a host of friends.

Floyd Childers was born on September 11, 1906, and died on July 4, 1943. Floyd Childers was converted to the Pentecostal faith in 1924, and lived a devoted Christian life until God called him. Before passing away he expressed his willingness to go if God called him. He was loved by all who knew him. He leaves to mourn his departure, a mother, his wife, four children, six brothers, three sisters, many distant relatives and a host of friends. Funeral services were conducted by Eld. J. H. Dickey.

Dear Brother Floyd, you have left us,
Life will seem so empty here.
But you are safe with Jesus,
Where there never comes a care.
Dearest Floyd, how we loved you
But Jesus loved you best,
From this world of sin and sorrow
He has bid you come to rest.

Our dear Sister Owens passed from this life on October 7, 1943, to be with Jesus. She left to mourn her death, her husband, a boy of eight years, her mother, three brothers, and three sisters. Sister Owens received the Holy Ghost in the year of 1937, and God has done many things for her. She was a teacher of the Junior Sunday School Class and also a leader of the Young People. Oh, we are going to miss her so much! We will miss her sweet singing, testimonies, and help in the services. Sister Owens was always willing to help lift others and so share their burdens. She never shirked from the work but was a real jewel for our great King Jesus. Although we all will miss her, God needed her more, and so He stooped and plucked the sweet blossom to put among the jewels He had. She is gone but not forgotten and we are looking forward to meeting her in the glory world where will be joy and gladness.

A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we love is still.
A place is vacant in our church
Which never can be filled.
God in His wisdom has recalled,
A friend His love had given
And though the body slumbers here,
The soul is safe in heaven.

Sister Courtney Owens was a member of the Pine Grove Church of Minola, Texas.

of tithing, Paul says, "Even so (or, in the same manner) hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel (now) shall live of the Gospel." Here, then, is an inspired statement that the tithing system was brought over into the New Testament, and ordained of God, as a financial system for the support of His church.

Notice in the passage what the tithes are to be used for. Not for building churches, benevolent purposes or charity work, but for the support of them that preach the Gospel. The work of extending the Gospel was to be supported by the tithes.

God Desires to Bless His People

Tithing came to Abraham under promise. When God gave him victory over his enemies, Abraham gave Him tithes of all. Genesis 14:18. Paul says "We are the children of Abraham through faith in Jesus Christ." Galatians 3:29. When God gives us the victory over our enemy, which was sin, we, in turn, should give to His representative as Abraham did to Melchizedek, tithes of all we possess.

God promised Israel in the book of Malachi 3: 10,11, if they (Israel) "would bring all the tithes into the storehouse (church) and prove Him," He would open up the windows of heaven and pour out upon them a blessing that there would not be room to (store their goods) receive it. Many business men in America have found that it pays to tithe, and God has blessed their business because they have honored His work with a portion of their increase. If unsaved businessmen honor God with the firstfruits of their increase, how much more ought the people of God honor Him likewise? Jesus said "If our righteousness does not exceed (go beyond) that of the Scribes and Pharisees, we could in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven, (Matt. 5:20) and they tithed even to their small garden truck, Matthew 23:23. If we love God, we will keep His commandments. God is the Author of tithing.

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AN OVERSEAS BOOSTER

"Across the Pond,"
November 16, 1943

Dear Publisher of the "OUTLOOK:"

Attached you will find money order for a year's subscription for the Outlook magazine published monthly. Prior to my induction into the armed forces of the United States, I had been a constant reader of the magazine that has brought me many HAPPY hours of reading and inspiration to battle forward in this campaign for CHRIST.

I have received a few Outlooks while overseas, but in order to assure prompt receipt here, I have decided to subscribe for the Outlook. Down here in the Southwest Pacific where churches of our denominations are non-existing, and long nights of solitude are encountered I find literature of religious nature a solace. We have in our possession our Guide Book for tomorrow (Bible), but nothing invariably aids as to read the progress and subjects of interest in the Outlook regarding

if this condition of spiritual malnutrition is not remedied?" Brother Rowe answered thoughtfully that this present endeavor would fail and something else would be brought out, because God will not be without a representative people. When one group fails, another always takes the torch on to greater heights.

In the discussion about things to be done to improve the situation, the Bible conference angle was emphasized. If preachers within districts would assemble themselves periodically under an able teacher, the value of study could be forcibly impressed, and every assembly in that district would be blessed.

For instance, every pastor from one state or district should meet at a conference under outstanding teachers for a period of at least ten days out of every year. Continual study should be emphasized. Round table discussions of local problems, different experiences, viewpoints and plans would be beneficial. Every man should plan to spend the full time, not just a day or two on the run. The unity achieved would be marvelous, aside from the enrichment through Bible study.

The pastor would return to his assembly so benefitted that every saint and every department of the church would receive blessings. The emphasis on the conference should be that of NECESSITY, not vacation. Everyday attendance at the Bible Study Sessions should be a requirement.

In closing this report, we repeat that these have been thoughts and truths gleaned from the recent October Bible Conference. It is our sincere desire that pastors everywhere will consider thoughtfully and prayerfully the suggestions made. As Brother Rowe stated, "These things are of Eternal Importance."

We would like to add that Brother Rowe backs up his opinions with action. His Wednesday night Bible Class is as well attended by the saints as the Sunday evening service. Besides this, two hour general session, there are two large Bible classes on Sunday morning, one taught by Sister Rowe. Recently a Thursday afternoon Bible class has been started for the especial benefit of night workers who are unable to attend Wednesday night. There is no famine for the Word of God at Midway! And so it should be all over the land wherever the Name of Christ is named.



the great warfare for CHRIST. As Paul wrote to Timothy, first chapter, twelfth verse, "I also thank Christ JESUS our LORD, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me worthy." My life for Him has been a GOLDEN DREAM since I have accepted Christ as my personal Savior, and my hopes for tomorrow are to abide in HIM.

In Christian love,
Sgt. Joseph G. Granus,
Former Young People's Leader,
Riverside, W. Va., Apostolic Church

News from Baton Rouge, La.

"I beseech ye therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

The Apostle Paul calls on us here to make a sacrifice to God, that sacrifice is to be our bodies and that alive and holy. It can't be God's sacrifice unless it is holy. I notice, too, He says to present your bodies, that is to give it, display or furnish. This all amounts to just a reasonable service.

Several years ago wife and I were called upon to make a sacrifice. That sacrifice was a call from God to leave our home, our people our church and our friends, to go labor in His vineyard. At first it seemed we could not pay the price, but we were made to remember God's sacrifice for us and made to see multitudes in the grip of sin's stronghold. Their wretched souls depended on our decision, and then I want to say we willingly consented to go.

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, send me." Isaiah 6:8. From that day we have sought to stay in His will and keep our lives before Him for a sacrifice. Various times we have said yes, when Satan and the world would say no. We haven't shunned any field regardless of the hardships to be encountered, when we knew it was God's will to go.

Since our last report to the Outlook God has called us to sacrifice again. This time it seemed harder than ever. To obey it meant to resign from one of the best churches in the state of Indiana, (The Pentecostal Assembly, 417 E. 16th St., Bloomington, Ind.), to labor in a place where there was no church. At the time we resigned the church at Bloomington we were not certain where the place would be, but were willing to be led.

After a few meetings in various churches, both South and North, we were still uncertain where God wanted us even though we had several calls to consider pastoral duties. We then had an urgent plea from a few saints here in Baton Rouge, La., through Eld. W. C. Haymon, State Chairman, to come to Baton Rouge and open a work. The appeal was not at all enticing but I consented to come at a certain date and look matters over. From that day as I prayed, God seemed to press my heart with Baton Rouge.

It has been just a little more than two months since I first drove into the city and began to search for the little band of saints in this thriving city of 100,000. It was then as I talked with them, saw their need and the need of thousand of others here and no church of our faith within the city to honour the Name of Jesus and His Gospel, that I knew that here was His will for me.

We immediately rented a building and held our opening services, Nov. 5, 1943. Since that time our little band has grown and God has sent many rich blessings.

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radio age. This is another barrier we are trying to tear down. Sister Norris has converted her music classes into radio classes. The second and third year students have composed and given several programs over our sound system. It is surprising the effect that can be produced on the audience—not just another way to entertain, but another means by which Christ can be portrayed vividly to the world. So far we have used themes such as Divine Healing, Sunday School and The Coming of the Lord.

It is by much prayer and fasting that we are able to move ahead for God. God has been wonderful in our services, and has blessed us in many ways. One young lady from another Bible school in the city has been attending our services. Against the will of her teachers and school, she has been baptized, and has admitted that she sees more in the Word of God than that which her school teaches. This is the second of such incidents. A young girl from another university came to the services, was baptized, received the Holy Ghost and left her nursing course to attend the A. B. I.

The A. B. I. faculty is always giving the very best to the students. This year, an outstanding course is offered in the study of Minor Prophets. From the enthusiasm exhibited in these classes, this course will soon be on a par with old standbys, Tabernacle Plan and Epistles. Watch A.B.I. for leadership!

Reporter Esther Gill



At this time we thank God for a lot we have just been able to purchase on which to build a Church. We realize to build a church in these times will call for many more sacrifices and much prayer. With prices of materials so high, government priorities and with only about a dozen people to bear the load, but we are highly encouraged because we know our God is all powerful, and that He is with us. Too, we feel that many of our dear friends that we have met in different places will aid this worthy cause and above all will be praying for us.

We will be very grateful for any donation from any churches or individuals, who feels led to donate money to help build a church here. To those who are having to pay income tax we wish to say that all money that you donate to this cause can be deducted from your income tax. If not able to give us money to help us build please remember to pray for us that God will bless and make us a blessing here and give us a harvest of souls.

We also wish to invite anyone passing through or either coming here to work on defense jobs, to visit our church which is located on the corner of Europe and St. Joseph Sts. Service nights are Wednesday, Friday and Sunday at 7:30 P.M.

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A STUDY OF THE MINOR PROPHETS— AMOS!—CONTD.

Bethel and other northern cities. Against this false worship, and its great number of false prophets, Amos takes a stand. One of the ring leaders of opposition against him was Amaziah, the priest of Bethel. He tried to use both his influence and that of King Jeroboam to so frighten Amos with threatenings that he would flee back to Judah, but this staunch Minor Prophet was just as fearless as Daniel would prove to be, or any other man of God. He would not budge from his post. He "stuck by the guns."

Riches had caused many hard hearts in Israel. It was common for Jew to oppress Jew. The rich were taking advantage of the poor. The slum sections of the cities were growing in the face of extraordinary wealth. For almost any kind of a bribe, the rich would afflict the poor, the ungodly the just, and the prudent were forced to keep silent. Sin was on the throne. The people were not concerned about their souls. God was rapidly being eliminated from the nation. Amos moved back and forth in such an atmosphere, warning and preaching, pleading and threatening. God's mighty hand was upon him. No prophet, major or minor, held any truer to his message and task than Amos. His period could be likened to this Laodicean age we are living in right now. People are neither hot nor cold, but at ease in Zion. Every minister should take courage from a study of this fearless minor prophet who labored so faithfully in such a trying period.

Amos saw!—Israel was Blinded!

Amos saw something that Israel was blinded to. He warns them again and again, but they were too prosperous to listen. It should remind us of these "war days" we are in now, when money is flowing freely, but very few are seeking God. Israel took great comfort in the knowledge that Syria had been driven out, but a greater enemy than Syria was ready to invade her. . . . Assyria! This great enemy, which finally struck in 721 B.C., during the latter part of this same eighth century, should have caused Israel to seek her God, but the people were so blinded with their new-found commercial era that nothing else mattered. As we write this, our greatest enemy is the Axis nations. As a nation we should all be concerned about this great problem, but even as we see the dawn of the day of victory, there should be a cry of alarm going forth from our pulpits, that a greater foe than any we face today is rising in the earth. . . the Anti-Christ and his forces which will hold the world in his ungodly grip for three and one-half years during the tribulation period. Also the judgments of God that shall fall upon the nations during that time. These, like Assyria in the days of Amos, are poised, ready to strike at those who continue to remain at ease in Zion. Because of this Laodicean lukewarmness, many will miss the coming of the Lord for His church.

Golden Opportunity!

Israel missed a golden opportunity to make her peace with God during the ministry of Amos. Church-going became a burden. "When will the

IF THE LORD WILL, WE SHALL LIVE

"For that ye ought to say, if the Lord will, we shall live, and do this or that." James 4:15.

Are you guilty of taking your life into your own hands? Of making your own plans, and living for your own gain? Of saying today or tomorrow you will do this or that? Without remembering to say "if the Lord wills, and we shall live?"

You say, "Is that important?" Indeed it is, for Jesus said, "What is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away." And ye know not what shall be on the morrow.

Then it is for us to say what we are going to do, and rejoice in our boastings? No, for all such rejoicing is evil. James 4:16.

This question of making plans without considering the will of the Lord is most serious. Many of us are prone to make our own decisions when we really have no choice in the matter. Doesn't our life belong to God? And have we any assurance of life beyond the present moment?

Not many of us live as though our life might vanish away today. Yet that's all we have promise of. Life is so fragile, so uncertain, and so surely a vapour that passeth by—it is here but for the fleeting moment, and gone forever.

Oh, can't we live every moment of our life as though Jesus was coming for us in the next few minutes, or as though our life might vanish in a few hours?

And if you love life, and mean always to put Jesus first, remember to include Him in all your doings. Add these few words to all you say: "If the Lord will, and we shall live." Only Jesus holds this vapour in His hands, and if our lives are not pleasing Him, He may choose to let it vanish away.

—Enid Rowe Martz



new moon be gone, that we may sell corn? and the Sabbath, that we may set forth wheat." In other words, how soon will the service be over? . . . do we have to go to church tonight? . . . We want to get back on our jobs, and make more money!— Are not church members saying that today? Isn't Amos' prophecy timely? Should we not give deep consideration to his message, lest we be destroyed as Israel was in 721 B.C.? Amos warned that God had passed by them with judgments several times, hoping that they would repent, but repent, they would not. The prophet warned: ". . . I will not again pass by them any more." A few years later He struck, through the Assyrian hordes coming down from the northeast—a foe Israel was not looking for. Shall we not give thanks to God for Amos? In the midst of this careless, commercial age we live in, let us remember that "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." "Be not overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good."

(Be sure to read next month's article on the next Minor Prophet—Hosea!)