

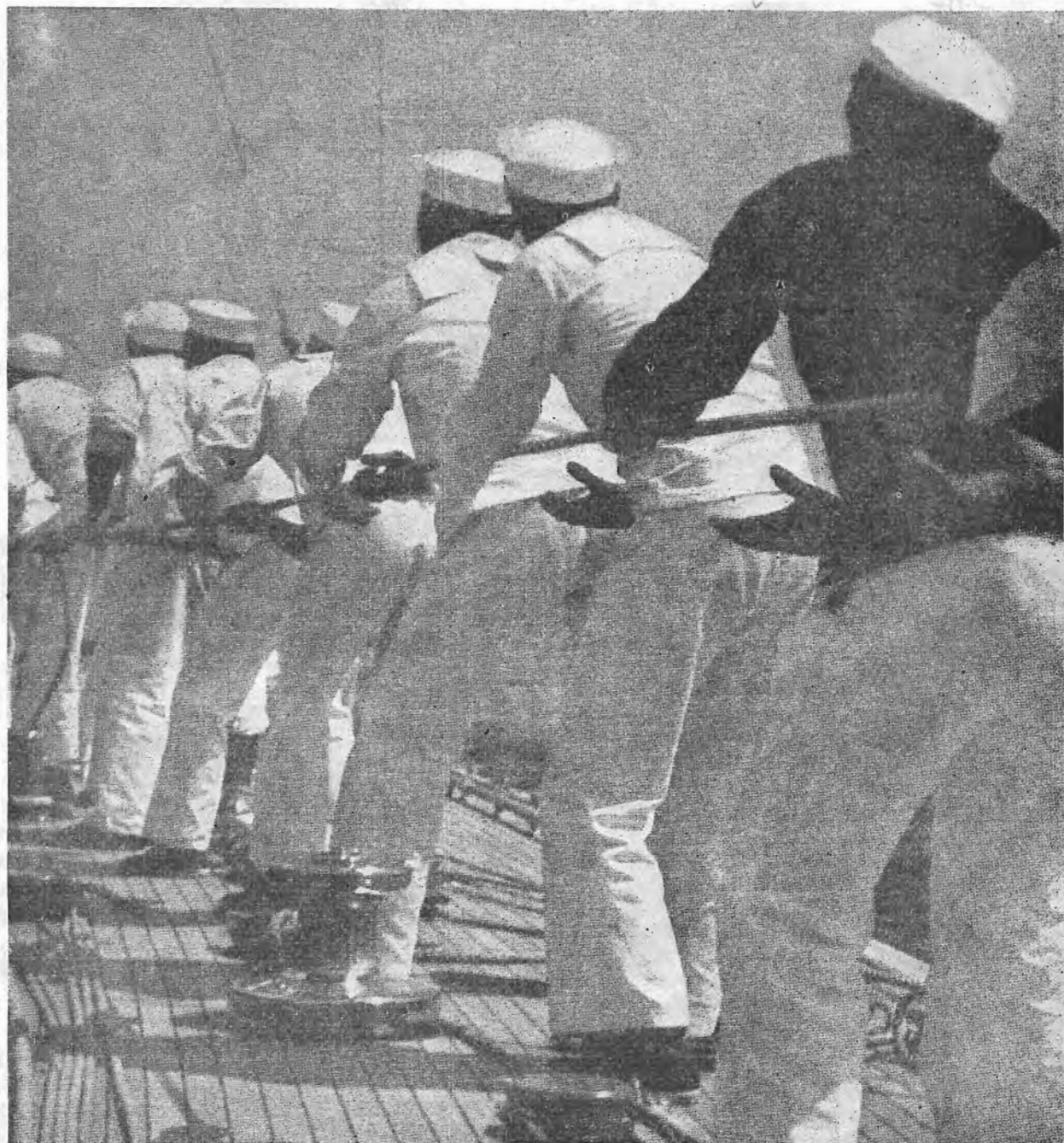
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Let's All Pull Together---

For Christ and the Church!

THE LIGHT OF GOD

By C. G. Bryan

In the Gospel of John, 12:44-50, we read these words: "Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. And he that seeth me, seeth him that sent me. I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. And if any man hear my words, and believeth not, I judge him not, for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: The word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. For I have not spoken of myself; But the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak."

Oh! those blessed words of Jesus, "I am come a light into the world." Out of the darkness of the present world conflict has come a truly beautiful and hope inspiring song, one that makes us want to bow our heads in prayer whenever we hear the words. It is, "When the Lights Go on Again all Over the World." We think of those nights in those horrible war-torn countries where the lights of the cities go out, and the people are made to spend the night in darkness, while the great bomber-planes unload their devastating cargo of bombs and the very ground quakes and trembles beneath them. But what a relief when the all-clear signal is given and the lights go on again.

I think of St. Luke 1:78,79. "Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." It is certainly true, that this world is sitting in darkness, and in the shadow of death,—not the natural darkness but gross spiritual darkness, and in the very shadow of the eternal death. For four hundred years Israel sat in darkness not having heard from God. However out of that darkness came the announcement of Him that was to be born, Jesus, the light of the world. They refused to accept Him as that light and are in darkness until this day. If people that sit in air raid shelters refuse to believe that the lights are on again it is all the same as darkness to them. Jesus said, "Whosoever believeth on me, should not abide in darkness." As we scan, with imaginative eye the horizons of the world with all of their gross darkness, we rejoice in the hope that makes us want to break forth singing, "When the Lights Go on A-

gain All Over the World." We are glad for faith that makes us believe that God can now say as of old, "Let there be light," and that out of the inky darkness of a seemingly starless midnight, there shall spring abundant light. We rejoice to know that Jesus has come as a light to the world to lead us forth from these dark times into a pathway which grows brighter and brighter unto the perfect day. Thank God for those wonderful words of the Apostle Paul in 2 Cor. 4:6, "For God Who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." If the lights are ever to go on again all over the world and a lasting peace to be established, the world will have to turn to God, for He alone is the author of peace.

Note again the words, "For I came not to judge the world, but to save the world." Nothing will save the world but the righteousness of God. Men are bleeding, sweating, and are in tears trying to make the world safe for democracy. Jesus, speaking to His own, said, "Ye are the salt of the earth." Not that we are preserving the world, but we are the hope of His kingdom being established in the earth. Oh! can God take a weary, warring world and bring it out of chaos and set up His kingdom? Yes, He shall build it stone upon stone and bring forth the headstone with shouting.

People are looking forward to the day when this cruel war will be over, and the work of rehabilitation is completed, but we that are His look even beyond all of that to the time when that golden morn shall break for the saints of God. We are looking for the time when that beautiful city descends from God out of heaven, where there will be no need of the sun by day or the moon by night, for the glory of God will lighten it, and the Lamb is the Light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it, and the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honor of the nations into it. And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie; but they which are written in the Lamb's book of Life." Rev. 21:23-27. When we think of that day we lift our heads and with glad hearts can sing, "When the Lights Go on Again All Over the World."

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A study of the Minor Prophets—*Hosea!*

By S. G. Norris

We saw in our last study of the Book of Hosea which covered the first three chapters of his writings, that the prophet's domestic life paralleled Israel's actions towards God. Now we will focus our attention on the last section of Hosea, chapters four to the end.

Jeroboam, the second king of Israel, is dead. The dynasty of Jehu has passed. The northern kingdom is crumbling rapidly and Israel is devouring its rulers. The throne is unstable and disorder is in the land. Conspiracies are rife. We might liken Amos' period to a lake, then the first three chapters of Hosea as swiftly moving waters flowing out of that lake, and now in the last section, the rapids and waterfall. It shows the panic-like condition of the people. Assyria was ready to strike from the north. Amos cried against those that were at ease in Zion, but now there is actual bloodshed in Israel. Ease and self comfort always leads to deep trouble. Amos was able to look out over a comparatively quiet Israel, and his views of the world beyond the borders of his own people were wide and clear, but not so now. Real trouble in the land limits Hosea's messages to local problems. He tries his best to call Israel back to her knees in repentance to God, but it seems too late. Israel's self-reliance which she possessed under Jeroboam is gone; she is like a fluttered and startled bird. In the twenty-one years that followed Jeroboam's death (743 B.C.) there were six successive kings on Israel's throne, and finally in 721 the complete overthrow of the Northern Kingdom or Israel by Assyria. Hosea ministered during these troublous times. Instead of calling upon God for help, she turned to Egypt but Hosea warns that it is too late. Kings can not save her. The ten bloody years that followed the death of Jeroboam were in all probability the years of Hosea's prophecy, namely 743-734 B.C.

This period is one of the most broken of all the history of Israel. The Book of Amos was simple in its argument because the times were consistent. Amos' book marches in order, right through his period with warnings of the coming storm which broke during the lifetime of Hosea. Remember when reading this section of Hosea that you are in the "rapids" of social and religious conditions in Israel. This turbulent situation makes it impossible for exact order in his writings such as Amos. You come upon a verse or two of extra tenderness but suddenly Hosea remembers how false the people are, and he bursts forth with condemnations and warnings. His words are like flashes of lightning against all classes of Israel, statemen, priests, and common people.

Hosea is Like a Fire-warden

Hosea is like a fire-warden running here and there in a city that has been bombed. You may become a little confused when trying to follow Hosea's thought but if you will please remember the turbulent time he lived in, you will gain an appreciation of his obstacles in preaching. You

will also admire this minor prophet for his faithfulness in declaring the full counsel of God in the midst of not only spiritual opposition, but a national upheaval.

To further illustrate, please note the first two verses of chapter six. "Come and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight." There is some prophetic truth to this, of course, but it really was a song that Israel sang during the earlier part of Hosea's ministry. It was a melody of carelessness, with the thought that God had smitten in years gone by, but had always at the last moment raised up in defense of Israel. Hosea tried to tell them that this time God would not rise again for their protection but that Assyria would overwhelm them by battle and lead them into captivity, which is exactly what happened in 721 B.C., but Israel would not hear. It is comparable to some of God's people today. They are indifferent and backslidden in heart, but always thinking that some day they will return to God and that the Lord in His mercy will not utterly turn His back upon them. It is high time for us as a church to stop humming false melodies, for a greater than the Assyrians is at our door, even the tribulation period with its Anti-Christ for those who, through neglect, will miss the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ when He returns for His bride.

Trouble Could Have Been Avoided

Hosea felt like his life was hanging by a thread, somewhat like a bad dream when you knew what to do, but were powerless to act. Israel would not heed his call, therefore Israel, or the Northern Kingdom, was destroyed. May God help us not to put off the day of repentance and making everything right with God and man. We, most assuredly, are living in the rapids and waterfalls of civilization and the times of the Gentiles is drawing to a quick conclusion. Will you be swept aside and down to destruction or will you heed the call of God and seek Him while He may be found and call upon Him while He is near?

In chapters thirteen and fourteen, Israel is given hope in the future period of the millennium when she again turns to the Lord. He promises, then, to heal their backsliding and love them freely, but this will not take place until after hundreds of years of suffering, including the time of Jacob's trouble. All of this could have been avoided, if they had given heed to Hosea's call. The yoke of the Lord has always been much lighter than the price the transgressor must pay. Let us, you and I, fear God and keep His commandments for that is the beginning of wisdom. It will save us from much of the trouble that lies ahead.

April issue—The Book of Micah! Don't miss it.

GRAINS

from the

Harvest Field

NEW CHURCH DEDICATED IN TERRE HAUTE, IND.

The dedication service of the GOSPEL TABERNACLE, at 29th and Washington Aves., in Terre Haute, Ind., was held Sunday, October 17, 1943. Many ministers and saints from other cities were present and a wonderful time was had by all who attended. The saints in Terre Haute were greatly encouraged by the completion and dedication of this new Tabernacle. The dedication sermon was delivered by Elder C. G. Weeks of Louisiana.

A revival followed the dedication with Evangelist Leora Pollard of Indianapolis, Ind. The saints of Terre Haute were stirred anew in press on with the Lord. Two were baptized in water, three received the Holy Ghost, and many were reclaimed.

Elder Alvy Deckard, in charge

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VICTORY AT ANACOCA, LA.

Greetings to the OUTLOOK family in the precious Name of our Lord. As we enter into a new year we truly hope it finds all of the Lord's people enjoying the fulness of God's blessings. The year that has just passed has been a very blessed one for the church at Anacoca and we feel that much good has been accomplished through the united efforts that has been put forth by the church and its visitors. In the month of May we were privileged to have Elder S. L. Wise of Hodge, La., with us for four nights. His Bible lessons and constructive teaching was enjoyed by all. In June Elder Felix Morrison of Leesville, La., was with us for two weeks. His inspiring messages paved the way for several conversions. In November the Coughron sisters, Agnes Ruth and Billy Joyce of Morgan, Texas, labored with us for three weeks. The Lord met with us in a wonderful way and 21 were baptized in Jesus' Name and filled with the Holy Ghost. During this series of meetings a special Sunday School drive was made wherein \$187 was raised with which to improve the church. The interior of both the church and parsonage have been painted. There was also much spiritual good done as our Sunday School has been greatly increased. Recently Loda Ford, Young People's leader for La., was with us for two nights. Her messages were very uplifting. We thank the Lord for all of these good things that He has done for us, and we hope that even greater things will be done for the Lord in the coming year. Pray for us.

Pastor S. D. Stogner

EASTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS

The first monthly fellowship meeting of the Eastern District Council and Fellowship was held on January 7 and 8 in the assembly pastored by Elder George W. Stanley of Bristol, Connecticut. The two-day meeting was certainly a time of real fellowship and the ministerial brethren felt that this meeting was most successful.

The meeting got under way on Friday night, the 7, when Elder Chambers of Hazelton, Pa. brought a message on the Queen of Sheba's visit to King Solomon for enlightenment, wisdom and communion, and her testimony that "the half was not told me", all as a figure that a greater than Solomon has come, Jesus Christ, and that we should come to him for enlightenment, wisdom, and communion.

Saturday morning the ministerial brethren held a conference at the home of Bro. Roy L. Churchill regarding various business matters and this culminated in a very inspirational season of prayer by all present. On Saturday afternoon a number of brethren and saints arrived from New York City and Elder Anton Huba gave a very inspiring Bible study on the subject "Alone, yet not alone", taking his text from Isaiah 51:1,2. Elder Ralph G. Cook of Boston, Mass., followed with a word of confirmation and all were conscious of the presence of the Spirit in a very hallowed way.

On Saturday night the church was well crowded and after the song service there was an ordination service, at which Elder George McLeod, pastor of the work in Torrington, Conn., was ordained to the ministry by our two Presbyters, Eders A. D. Urshan and R. G. Cook. Testimonies were given by all of the visiting ministers and a very fine duet was rendered by two sisters from Elder Rubin's church in Brooklyn, their song being "What will You Do With Jesus?" Elder A. D. Urshan of New York City delivered the message of the evening concerning each person's responsibility to their own soul. His message was really soul-stirring and certainly a fitting climax to this wonderful convention.

Our next Fellowship meeting is to be held, D.V., at Elder Anton Huba's church, located at 242 S. 8th St., near 13th Ave., in Newark, New Jersey. This meeting is scheduled for February 25 and 26 and Elder Huba will be assisted in entertaining and lodging the visitors from out of town by Elder John Rubin and his assembly of Newark, New Jersey.

Elder S. W. Chambers, Sec'y.

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CHURCH PURCHASED IN CHICAGO

We have purchased a church building in Chicago located at 1547 N. Leavitt St., near 2200 W. on North Ave. We expect to start services in the near future. We desire the prayers of all the OUTLOOK readers. If you know of anyone living in Chicago who would be interested, please notify them. Also we would like to have their names and addresses so that we can get in touch with them.

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The Pentecostal Outlook

THE DOCTRINE OF BALAAM

By Wynn T. Stairs

Text: Rev. 2:12-15. "And to the angel (pastor or messenger) of the church in Pergamos—I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel—which thing I hate."

This doctrine of Balaam is worth investigating. You will notice it was in this dispensation, and a Holy Ghost church that had this doctrine, that God said He hated. You will notice that the "doctrine of Balaam" is different from the "Way of Balaam" (2 Peter 2:15) and the "Error of Balaam" (Jude 11).

I am more afraid of the "doctrine of Balaam" than any other doctrine or thing I can think of at the present time. I am not afraid of organization; I am not afraid of running meetings in accordance with 1 Cor. chapter 14, for that is in a way that will "edify" both the saint and the public that may come in. These things are all spoken of in the Bible, and are essential. Of course they can all be "overdone."

But this "doctrine of Balaam" that had crept in did not come on a streamlined train, or on wings. No, a thousand times no! It **crept in**, like any other destroying element comes into our midst; that is, easy, slyly, gradually and was held by some in the early Christian church; I am desperately frightened of it—or anything that **LEADS TO IT**. I wish you would notice that it was the pastor or messenger (angel of the church), that God Almighty held accountable for such a thing being in their midst. Every one of these seven letters in Revelation, chapters two and three, is written to the pastor of the church, and not to the church.

If that is so, there is a heavy responsibility on the shoulders of the preacher. There is more to it than "getting a living" or preaching a sermon, or being classed among the preachers. The faithful preacher will spend many hours alone with God, and sometimes (yes, many times) far into the night, crying to God all alone for help and wisdom and love, that he might discharge his duties faithfully.

Here is the story: In Numbers, chapters 22 to 25, and again in chapter 31, verses 8, 15-17, you will find the story of Balaam and his doctrine. His life ended in chapter 31, but his devilish doctrine and influence never died. Yes, it is troubling us today.

Israel had come out of Egypt by the blood of the passover lamb. They were on their journey toward Canaan. In chapter 22, verse 1, we read, "And the children of Israel set forward and pitched in the plains of Moab." Balak, king of Moab, became frightened, and did not want them there. He sent for Balaam to come and curse them. I do not know who this Balaam was. I only know he was a prophet of the Lord; but with not much consecration. God did speak to

and through him, which may sound strange, although it is true. It is possible to this day for God to speak to, through and use people who do not have much consecration, or real depth but are only anxious to "sell" their gifts and talents for money, a big salary, favor with the people, popularity, or a large congregation. (I am writing this to Pentecostal people. It is time to "clean up" our own door yard. We have pounded the churches long enough).

This might answer your honest question, "How can So-and-so do so-and-so, and still have the Spirit of God come on them?" Many have thought as long as the Spirit of God came on them, or they were used of God, that they were all right, and their conduct pleasing to God. No, my friend, that is not so. If you will be perfectly honest you will admit you have seen what I am talking about. In 2 Pet. 2:15 we learn that the "way of Balaam" was to love the "wages of unrighteousness," and that many had followed it in that day.

However, Numbers 22:6 says that Balak, king of Moab, sent for Balaam, saying, "Come now therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people." You will see how hard Balaam tried to curse them, even after he had discovered they were God's people, and in the will of God. God spoke out through Balaam (23:21), and told how He saw them through the atonement in these words: "He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath he seen perverseness in Israel, the Lord his God is with him, and the shout of a king is among them." Oh, hallelujah for the blood of the cross! That is typical of the way God sees those that are in Christ. Balaam knew all this, and even had a desire to be like them, and to die like they would die, saying in 23:10: "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his." The only way to die a righteous death is to live a righteous life. It takes more than a desire, it takes action.

Before Balaam left for home, after trying to please Balak the best he could, he said something like this: "I can't curse these folk, God won't let me. I would really like to help you out. But I can tell you what to do, and a way that will stop them right in their tracks (Balaam had quite a knowledge of God and His ways after all) it will get them for sure. And that is be friendly with them, mix with them, invite them to your sacrifices, and to your worship and feasts. Give your daughters to their sons for wives, and your sons to their daughters. Don't fight them, they would win, **because God is with them as long as they are separate, and worship no God but theirs.** But get them to mix with your people at all cost, and lose their separation, and you will get them for sure. Now be sure to take my advice, Balak, goodbye," and Balaam was away for home. But the work was done, and the battle was won for Balak, and Israel was beaten in the fight. Balak

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Responsibility Under The Holy Ghost

By Frank A Cummings

When Paul wrote the Roman's letter, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service," I assure you he did not mean anything else. That is a responsibility men and women have in the Holy Ghost.

Men and women without the Holy Ghost have responsibilities, but those with the Holy Ghost have responsibilities they can never get away from. So we can understand Paul, when he said, "I am afraid, lest, somehow, I shall miss the goal the Lord had for me, when I come to stand before Him." And we do need fear, for our responsibility is great.

Acts 1:4: Jesus, "...being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power, but ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

The again, in the sixteenth chapter of the Gospel according to Mark, beginning with verse fourteen: "Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen." And he said unto them, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

Let me assure you, my friends, we are prone to pass over this and forget its significance, but there is a real responsibility. There rests in our hands the responsibility for the salvation or eternal damnation of men and women. It is yours and mine. Let me assure you that not all the responsibility rests with the preacher. It is true the preacher is set aside to the work of preaching the Gospel, but every layman has the same responsibility for the souls of every man and woman they come in contact with every day of their life.

Many, no doubt, have ever seen a soul saved from one year's end to the next. We see them saved at the altar of the church, but what part did we have in winning that soul to Christ? Let me assure you, in your hands is the responsibility of the salvation or the damnation of the souls you come in contact with.

The Keys of the Kingdom

No wonder Christ said, "I will give unto thee

the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and to whomsoever thou openest, it will be open, and to whomsoever thou closest it, it will be closed." The keys of the kingdom are given to every man and woman who knows the Lord. You can let men and women into the kingdom of God, if you will, or you can lock the door and say, "I haven't time, I am not interested in that man. I don't feel it will do any good to talk to those people about their soul"—and that man and woman will be lost forever. We have a responsibility for each man and woman we come in contact with—a tremendous responsibility!

Our Responsibility as a Nation

I was reading a certain book recently, in which the author stated that all over the world there is stirred up for America a "great reservoir of good will," and he went on to say that "two factors were responsible for creating this good will." First and foremost, "the missionary has been responsible for creating this good will among the nations, and the educator. They have gone hand in hand."

The second factor for creating this good will in other nations, is the technician men who have built our great dams and factories all over the world, men, who, by their good fellowship and fair dealings, have treated their fellow man right. It is the inherent desire of men to live in a Christian nation, after they knew God, they have gone out to treat their fellow man right, because they loved the Lord. And this writer was able to say of this nation, "We have a reservoir of good will all over the world."

Let me assure you that good will has come because of the fact that we, in America, are a Christian nation. Why, there is no faith and confidence in nations that do not love the Lord. Why is it the nations have placed confidence and faith in America? It is because, in America, there are a people who love the Lord.

And this impounds within us a greater responsibility than ever before, for if these nations believe we are people who know God, though they may not know God, then it is our responsibility to continue that good will for the benefit of humanity through the years to come. Men believe in that which is right, and disbelieve in that which is wrong. Heathen or Christian, they still believe in that which is right. If you treat the heathen mean, he will hate you. If you enslave him, he will hate you, no matter who you are. We enjoy good will among the nations by virtue of the fact that God is the God of America.

Leaders of the Multitudes

O brothers and sisters, you may not realize it, but our responsibility is tremendous!

First, our responsibility is great because we are leaders of the multitudes.

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Proclaiming this Glorious Message . . .

Pray for these missionaries in South America



Bro. and Sis. J. Elmer Ball and children

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A letter from Bro. Holmes on his way back to Zordee Mission, Monrovia, West Africa.

Bissau, Portuguese Guinea

Dear Saints in the homeland;

Greetings in Jesus' Name. I feel fine in body and soul, had a real good time with the Lord last night. Arrived here on the fifth Sunday, at 4 P. M. I will have to travel over land from here to Bathos Gambia, a British Colony. That will cost me over \$100.00. I don't know what the fare will be from there to Monrovia, Liberia. If I can get a boat there it will not cost me so much. If I go over land, and charter a wagon, it's quite expensive.

I went ashore on the Cape Verdi Islands. The condition of the people there is pitiful; you are blessed in America above all other people I believe, in the world. I left scores of missionaries in Lisbon, on their way to various parts of Africa. I was the only colored missionary in the crowd of missionaries from every denomination, but holiness. They were very sweet in their Christianity and very friendly. I ate alone at a table part of the way. A gentleman from a party of four, asked the waiter if I could eat at the table with them which I did the remainder of the way. This particular missionary asked me of my conversion. I told him how Jesus saved me and filled me with His own Holy Spirit. He could not say a word.

We had prayer together every day at 3 P.M. Some would read the Bible, others a prayer book. I read Acts 2, and talked a little on it. We attended church here in Lisbon. The pastors of those churches took dinner with us when they were leaving for their homes. These people have no message of salvation to carry to the natives, but have money to live without suffering.

Remember me in your prayers and my family that I left in America. If I suffer I shall reign with Him in glory, bringing sheaves with me from African jungles.

for March, 1944

SPECIAL MISSIONARY BULLETIN

Through the courtesy of Hilda Reeder, Secretary of Foreign Missions of the P.A. of W., we have received the following letter relative to Sis. Iry which was sent Sis. Reeder from the office of Department of State:

"The M. S. Gripsholm has recently arrived at New York from Mormugoa, Portuguese India, where the second exchange of American and Japanese nationals took place. The Department's representatives aboard the Gripsholm made a special effort during the return voyage to obtain from the persons repatriated information concerning American nationals remaining in the Far East. The information received with respect to the person named below in whose welfare you have expressed an interest is furnished in the belief that you will wish to have it even though it has been received from unofficial sources:

Mrs. May Iry is at Weihsien. She is in good health, is getting along all right financially, and has enough clothes to get along for quite a long time. Mrs. Iry helps with the food preparation in the camp. She remained at her station at Taiyo, Shansi, until March, when almost all British and Americans were taken to Weihsien.

(The camp at Weihsien is called an "assembly center" by the Japanese Government. It is situated at Weihsien, a city at the base of the Shantung Peninsula.)"

The many friends of our beloved Sister Iry will rejoice over the news of her safety although apparently she is interned. We are expecting fresh news from her shortly through the Red Cross. We are glad for the offerings we have been able to impound for her and which will enable us to render her some real assistance when we can contact her direct.

W. T. Witherspoon, Chairman, F. M. B.



OPEN FOR CALLS

Evangelist John W. Flaskamp
2252 Langley Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana

Mrs. Flaskamp assists by singing Gospel songs.

The Children's Page

By Cathryn Ruh

"WHY?"

I knew a little girl who was always asking, "Why?" She wanted to know why it rained, why it snowed, why her little dog wagged his tail, and why her kitten drank only milk. Marie was always wanting to know "why." Why does Daddy go to work every day? Why do birds sing? Why do we have to sleep at night? Why, why, why? Sometimes Marie's mother would get so tired of hearing "Why?" But Mother always tried to answer all of Marie's "why's" the best she could.

One winter day it snowed and snowed. Marie watched and watched as the snowflakes fell. She pressed her nose against the window glass and watched the boys and girls as they came from school. They were having such fun. They rolled in the snow, threw snowballs and built snow forts. Marie could hardly stand seeing those boys having such a good time, and she not being able to enjoy it with them. You see, Marie had a bad cold, so her mother knew it was best for her to remain inside.

"Aw, Mother," she begged, "why can't I go outside?" Mother explained to Marie why it was best not to go out. "You would get wet, dear, and your cold would probably get a lot worse. Now it is best for you to be obedient today, and perhaps tomorrow you can go out." But Marie didn't pay any attention to what her mother had told her. Even though Mother explained why, she still wasn't satisfied. So the minute Mother got busy in the kitchen, Marie decided to go out and play.

She tiptoed over and put her cap and coat on. Then she quietly closed the door. Usually, she slammed the door, but this time she didn't want to make any noise. Can you guess why? Marie ran out, and she felt so good to be in the snow. She made snow balls, and fell in the snow many times. But soon she began to feel strange. Her nose became cold, and her head became very hot and achey. Marie decided to go in the house. She tried to slip back into the house, but Mother heard her come in this time. Marie's mother must have felt very sad when she saw how her little girl had disobeyed her.

"I told you not to go outside, because I knew your cold would get worse. It is so bad to disobey," said Marie's mother. "Why Mother?" said Marie. Again Marie was asking "Why?" This time Mother said, "Because God wants us to obey Him. Jesus always obeyed His mother and Joseph, and you do want to be like Jesus, don't you, dear?"

Marie wanted to very much, so, after that, she tried very, very hard not to always ask why she had to do certain things, but to do them. For she remembered that Jesus obeyed, and so it became easier for her, too.

JESUS OBEYS HIS PARENTS

Memory verse: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor thy father and thy mother which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth." Eph. 6:1-3.

Boys and girls, I have just written three Bible verses that are especially for children. The Word says to be obedient, for this is right. Also, if you do honor and obey your parents, you will have a long life. Now, if we keep these verses, God will keep His part. So let's try them, shall we?

In the Word of God we find that Jesus was very obedient to His parents. He probably ran errands for Mary and helped Joseph in the carpenter shop. I don't think He said, "Wait a minute", when He was asked to hand Joseph some nails or his saw,—do you? I believe He helped His mother carry the water from the well, and helped her with the dusting and cleaning. Nor do I think He said, "Why must I do this," or, "Why can't I go out to play," like the little girl Marie in our story did. I really believe Jesus obeyed His parents and tried to please them.

Now when Jesus was about 12 years old, a wonderful thing happened in His life. He was permitted to travel with His parents to a great feast at Jerusalem. This was a great occasion, and probably all Jewish boys and girls longed for the time when they could go. Of course, the place they went to was the temple, and there they heard the Bible read by very learned men. They probably met a lot of friends and had a very good time.

When it was time to go home, Mary and Joseph stared back with their friends and relatives. They couldn't make the trip all in one day, so at night they camped along the way. Now it came time to go to bed and Mary couldn't find Jesus. She called and called to Him. She began asking her friends and relatives if they had seen her boy. But no one had seen Him. He was lost! Mary and Joseph now knew He wasn't with their company, so they had to start back again for Jerusalem. I believe they must have stopped everyone they met, asking them if they had seen their Son, don't you?

They traveled on and on. Finally they arrived in Jerusalem. Where would they look? At the art gallery? At the museum? No, at none of these places. They went directly to the temple. And there in the temple sat Jesus talking to the old white-haired ministers and teachers. He was talking to them about God's Word.

Mary must have quickly called to Him. "Jesus, why did you not come with us? We had journeyed far. We were so worried about you." Jesus left the temple and went with His parents. Although He probably would liked to have stayed and listened to more what the great men had to say, He was obedient and gave up His own way.

New P. Y. P. A. DEPARTMENT

OUTLOOK CONTEST

WIN A VALUABLE PRIZE! You still have time to enter our P. Y. P. A. Outlook Contest.

Several valuable prizes are offered to the leading classes in this contest. Have your class start taking Outlook subscriptions now.

For details, see your January Outlook, or write P. Y. P. A., Outlook Department, Box 1187, Gladewater, Texas.

The Leaders are:

St. Louis P. Y. P. A. Class 380 points
Harrisville, W. Va., P. Y. P. A. Class . . 200 points
Gladewater, Tex., P. Y. P. A. Class . . . 100 points

Don't fail us! Enter the contest today! You still have time!

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A SUGGESTION

There is no use for our young people to be idle between P. Y. P. A. nights. Our holidays are on Sunday afternoons; a very good idea is to select a group of young people and visit the old folks' home, jail or some other public places, and present a short service. It would be good to distribute some Outlooks and other Gospel literature. This will help to make you a soul winner, and you will have a fine report to encourage others for your next P.Y.P.A. meeting.

Ruth Bailey

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THE SACRED TREASURE TO BE KEPT

"O, Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust." 1 Timothy 6:20.

The dim shadows fall at length, and dusky darkness steal upon us as we look into a Macedonian home, and there see the apostle Paul, seated at an old rough writing desk, penning a letter with a sharpened feather to a young Greek, a pastor of the church at Ephesus, in Asia Minor. No doubt his heart beats wildly and large tears fill his eyes while he pens these words: "O, Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust."

Timothy, who had a beautifully godly mother and grandmother, was well-trained in the holy Scriptures, and was a convert of Paul, having been converted in his early youth. Oftentimes, Paul called him, "My son in the Lord," and, oh, he did love him very dearly. Young Timothy was such a noble character, so wise and consecrated; we find him pastoring a church at a very early age. It is certainly wonderful when a young man can be trusted with the watch and care of a flock of God's sheep, and the elder shepherds can rest at ease, knowing that they will "keep that which is committed to their trust."

Young minister, and young minister's wife, and especially you who are pastoring, have you realized the great trust and confidence that you have in your care? Oh, may God help us young ministers to keep the Gospel fires burning which our forefathers suffered to build years ago. Many

precious elderly ministers of God have already stepped from the stage of action, and it is up to us to carry on where they leave off.

Never shall I forget the day in April, a few years ago, when my precious young wife laid her hand in mine, and softly said, "I do." We stood before an old-fashioned altar lined with palms and flowers in a Pentecostal church in a small East Texas town, and from that day on began a service to which we devoted our whole lives and time, and to which we are still carrying on. After several years of evangelistic work, we are now pastoring a very successful church here in the Southland. Just think that trust is now in our care!

Young people, allow yourselves to think with me on the subject. Let us strive to be like Timothy. He did keep that which was trusted in his care. He kept faithful to his calling, obeyed the Word of God, was faithful to church and elder ministers, and kept the faith. We can truly thank God today that we still have young Christian men and women, who will keep the trust of God in carrying on His work. Remember, a minister is a servant of all.

Another thing Paul said that we should remember, is "Neglect not the gift that is in thee." There may be some important things hidden away in your young life, things of which you may not be aware. It may also be that the determination to create and cultivate some special interest may lead to the discovery of some hidden talent or gift—something that would greatly add happiness and pleasure to the lives of others as well as your own. It is not at all impossible.

In closing, allow me to encourage you, at your earliest convenience, to take your Bible and read both first and second Timothy; and by all means, whether it be great or small, keep the sacred trust that is put in you.

Forrest H. Ford, Pres., Texas State P.Y.P.A.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

We would like to urge all of our P. Y. P. A. classes to enter our Outlook contest. We are disappointed that more have not already entered. Every P. Y. P. A. class should enter. Not only do you have an opportunity to win a valuable prize for your P. Y. P. A. class, but you also can help this department, and the Outlook by entering this contest.

If you enjoy this department, and want to see it continued; get busy, right away. We think it is an outstanding privilege to have these four pages for our P. Y. P. A. Let us show our appreciation by really working for the Outlook.

Eldredge Lewis

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NOTICE

David T. Biddle, West Monroe, Louisiana, is no longer connected with the P. A. of J. C.

W. T. Witherspoon

P. Y. P. A. Department

S. V. B. C. REPORT

Another year has begun. We in school look forward to this year; look forward because we are young and youth always looks ahead. We have plans, great plans, for the year that lies ahead of us. Yes, we look back on the old year, but not as the old do. Although, to us, too, it holds many precious memories, moments we will never forget. We see the old year as another 365 days, gone; 365 days spent in preparation of the work which lies ahead of us. We are not entirely pleased with the year laid behind us for we know that it is full of mistakes; we know it could have been better. Of course, we realize that the years which lie ahead of us will not be empty of mistakes, but we hope to make fewer mistakes and no mistake twice.

We are still asking that all of our friends remember us and pray for us during the remaining five months of school.

Sylvia Kelly, Reporter

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ON THE LOOKOUT

"Be sober, be vigilant: because your adversary the devil as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour." I Peter 5:8.

The Apostle Peter was warning the saints to be sober and vigilant. Now "vigilant" means to be attentive to discover and avoid danger; be alert and cautious.

Today Satan is still walking about seeking whom he may devour. He will deceive you if he can. So be on the lookout for this fellow because you may not recognize him, for he doesn't come with a pitchfork and have an ugly, deformed face of which you will be afraid, but as an angel of light that you might entertain; yet it may be in some lighthearted form of flattery or even self-pity.

Ofttimes he comes in a form of thought, while you are praying. You get your mind off of the Lord and begin to think of the work that must be done today and you end up by saying some words.

The devil is trying everything in his power to defeat your prayer life, blight your influence, and sear your conscience with little "no-harm" sins, such as unkind words, hateful acts, or vain and evil imagination, all because you failed to get in the spirit this morning in prayer. Satan wants to make a failure of God if he possibly can. He would like to have you that he might sift you as wheat. It pays to be alert and cautious of this fellow... the devil. But if you stay right under the blood the devil can't do you any harm.

Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil. I Thess. 5: 21, 22. **BE ON THE LOOKOUT.**

Maxine Wood, Arkansas P.Y.P.A. President

NORTHWEST P.Y.P.A. RALLY

The P.Y.P.A. rally for Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, was held January 22, 1944, at Eau Claire, Wisconsin. There was a good representation of various churches and best of all, God blessed our services.

The afternoon service was held in the King's Daughters' Hall, where we had access to the dining facilities. We enjoyed a good service here with Eld. Colby Churchill leading the song service. Eld. Orville Crabtree, Minnesota State Leader, sang a special and brought forth a very timely message.

The evening service was held in the church with Eld. Milton Buller leading an inspiring song service. We were favored with special songs by the following: Bro. James Shriver, Sis. Robert Norris, Bro. and Sis. Crabtree, Sisters Lorraine Churchill and Irene Barnett, and Bro. and Sister James Lucas.

Vernon Johnson, our vice-president, conducted an interesting Sword drill and a nice prize was given the winner, Ray Vaughn. Eld. James Lucas, one of our National P.Y.P.A. evangelists brought forth a very inspiring message which helped us all. After the message, one was baptized in Jesus' Name, and we ended our rally with three of the biggest AMENS I have heard in a long time. May God grant us even bigger and better rallies and let the P.Y.P.A. go over the top for Jesus.

The semi-annual conference of the Northwest Oneness Council will be held the first week after Easter, at River Falls, Wisconsin. The young people will be given time on Saturday of this week, so let us plan now to be there for our next gathering.

W. V. Barnett, President
Young People's Ass'n of N.W.O.C.

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BEAUMONT P.Y.P.A. REPORT

We wish to report that God has met with us in a wonderful way during the year 1943. We have had real good attendance, and interest in spite of the fact that about 12 of the boys of our P.Y.P.A. class have left to be in service for our country.

We have a precious band of young people and they are very cooperative.

Some Sunday evenings we have an educational type of program; and other evenings we have a consecration service, and God's blessings come down, and the class gets a refilling of God's blessings.

We are thankful for the P.Y.P.A. Department in the OUTLOOK, and feel it will be a spiritual benefit, and encouragement in the growth of our P.Y.P.A. work.

Wilma Gaston, Secretary

The Pentecostal Outlook

P. Y. P. A. Department

GOODWAY P. Y. P. A. REPORT

The young people at the Goodway church are continuing to do a great work for the Lord.

Our Christmas play, "The Way of the Cross," given by the inspiration of God, was very successful. All were encouraged to "press forward for the prize."

May we say that we are sincerely thankful to the adults in this and other communities for their response in contributing to the yearly offering of the P. Y. P. A., which will be forwarded to the national P. Y. P. A.

Beginning about the first of April, a Bible School will be conducted here at the Goodway Pentecostal Church. Our beloved Elder S. L. Wise is to be in charge of this Bible study. We are awaiting his coming with much pleasure.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Frances Parker, Reporter,
Marks, Mississippi

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Carry the cross patiently, and with perfect submission, and in the end it will carry you.

Noble examples stir up noble actions.

He who has no mind to trade with the devil should be so wise as to keep away from his shop.

If religion does nothing for your temper, it has done nothing for your soul.

Godliness is love in action.

Every step toward Christ kills a doubt.

Atheism is the death of hope, the suicide of the soul.

A foe to God was never a true friend to man.

Loda Ford

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A WOE TO THE CHURCH

(The destroyer at work)

With that heavenly blessing, when one is born into the kingdom of God, is born a desire to help someone find the altar of blessing where he can cast his weary load, and find refreshing.

Many are those upon whom God has graciously bestowed His favor, but how few there are who really count the cost. When called upon to pay for their keeping of this goodly gift, the price is too dear. The sons of God soon realize that there is an adversary opposing every effort to please God, and he works night and day piercing the heart of prayer and faith with his fiery, poisonous darts; stealing, wrecking, ensnaring, accusing, and discouraging those who would serve Jesus. Daily the battle is in array against God's church, and the devil will not fail to go to the limit in order to defeat from the least to the greatest. We may not be overthrown as we have seen others, but, by our careless living we can store up God's wrath, and have His dreadful woe pronounced upon our lives. God gives us numerous warnings, showing us the snares that others

have fallen into, but He did not leave us without a way of escape. "Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." We can always rest assured that the "eternal God is our refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and He shall thrust out the enemy from before us." He promised to give grace to the humble. The devil causes untold thousands to forfeit their rights of eternal Paradise. His devices are cunning. If he cannot succeed in causing one to sin openly, he will spoil his or her usefulness for God if possible. "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" God help us both young and old to be on guard against the destroyer of our souls. Nahum 2:1 gives us a picture of even our spiritual warfare. We cannot be lazy, careless and neglectful if we expect to stay well fortified. The devil will not stop at a thwarted purpose. He wants to dash in pieces our very souls. If we want to be well fortified we must keep the munition (reserve reinforcements), watch the door to our hearts lest there be thorns and briars sown by the hand of the enemy, which will entwine our very lives in an entanglement of impossibility and regret. The prophet Haggai reproved the people of his day urging them to "consider their ways" and not neglect the work of God.

A Woeful Disease

If we could open the door of our hearts and examine the contents, I wonder if many of us would not find the symptoms of a woeful disease threatening the very vitals of our spiritual life. "Woe to them that are at ease in Zion." At ease! This disease is contagious and association with prayerless people, time taken up with many useless things, will lower one's spiritual resistance. At the very time of crisis, Satan may confront one with the necessity of making some important decision. One may not always realize the seriousness of the decisions. Therefore it pays not only to pray but to watch, having a vision beyond today.

The Spirit of God, if allowed, will send messages of warning to His children, and thus help them to be prepared for the attack of the enemy.

The Remedy

Why was the "woe" pronounced upon Israel? Because, of being grieved for the affliction of Joseph, they were living for selfish pleasure. One writer said: "Sorrow is better than laughter"; another said, "He that goeth forth with weeping, shall doubtless come again rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." The Lord spoke to Solomon and said that He would hear, forgive and heal the land of those who would humble themselves and pray, and seek His face, and turn from their wicked ways. It is said that a determination to fight for life means much in the recovery of illness. So it is in the spiritual life. We must be prayerful, courageous, determined, active in service, having the Word hidden in our hearts in order to fight the good fight of faith. If our hearts are dis-

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P. Y. P. A. Department

MAKE THE THEME OF YOUR YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES SPIRITUALITY!

We all like a good organized program in our young people's services. Programs of many different kinds are very interesting. We all enjoy Bible discussions, Sword drills, contest questions, and many different things, but I believe the very theme of every service, whether for young or for old should be spirituality. No service is complete unless the worshippers can really feel that God's approval is with them. It is true that God blesses Bible questions, etc., but a portion of every service should be dedicated to one purpose, and that is to get in contact with God! You may say, "What about the young people who are there, who do not know God?" If there are young people who do not know God that attend our services, then that is all the more reason why we should be more spiritually inclined in order that they may see that God is real, and that we are anxious to worship Him.

Too much programizing will kill any service. Do not misunderstand me. We should have a program to go by. But be sure your P.Y.P.A. program includes something that is spiritual and will bring everyone nearer to God. The purpose of these services is that we might grow in God. A consecration service once in awhile will do your class good. How long has it been since your young people were really humbled before God and let Him bless them? Many young people go to a P.Y.P.A. service and think that everything should be fun and entertaining. Not so. Many young people's groups have been forced to disband, just because they lost the vision of spirituality. Let's keep the vision of Christ before our young people, and pray for a greater P.Y.P.A., not only in number, but in Godliness and spirituality.

Eldredge Lewis, President P. Y. P. A.

PLAN YOUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NOW!

It is time now to begin planning your Vacation Bible School for the summer. If you need some capable teachers and officers for your Vacation Bible School, get in touch with one of our fine Bible Schools. They will be glad to supply your needs.

By all means, every church should have a P. Y. P. A. revival this year. Do you need a young evangelist? Get in touch with this department. Write: P.Y.P.A. Box 1187, Gladewater, Texas.

P.Y.P.A. EVANGELIST IN TEXAS REVIVAL

Marion Turner, official P. Y. P. A. evangelist of Tulsa, Okla., recently conducted a two weeks' revival here in Gladewater, Texas. Elder H. P. Hudspeth of Minden, La., assisted in this revival. The music furnished by these two young men was wonderful. Much good was accomplished. One was baptized in Jesus' Name! We are glad that Bro. Turner is giving his full time to the evangelistic work, and we can recommend him to anyone.

E. E. Lewis, Pastor

GENERAL CHAIRMAN TO CONDUCT TEXAS BIBLE CONFERENCE

We are glad to report that Eld. W.T. Witherspoon will conduct a week's Bible conference at the Pentecostal Church, Gladewater, Tex., March 12-19. We will have two services daily and a thirty minute radio program each day. The radio service will be broadcast over KFRO, Longview, Texas, each afternoon at 4:30, except Sundays, when Bro. Witherspoon will speak on Sunday afternoons at 2 o'clock on the "Pentecostal Hour." This is a good station, and we urge those who cannot attend this conference to be sure and listen in.

We are expecting a great time in the Lord, and are praying for a mighty outpouring of God's Spirit.

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ST. LOUIS P. Y. P. A. REPORT

The P.Y.P.A. class of Whiteway Tabernacle, St. Louis, Mo., is glad to report that God is blessing in our young people's services. At a recent service God met with us in a wonderful way. Our service was opened with the singing of a few songs; then we had prayer and our hearts were stirred by the presence of God. Our leader felt led to have a healing service, and by obeying God's voice, the sick were miraculously touched, and a great blessing was received by all. We praise God for His blessings.

June Boilinger Reporter

A WOE TO THE CHURCH—CONTD.

eased, or if we become wounded in battle, Jesus is the Great Physician Who applies the healing balm. "A just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again." He is never willing to surrender though losing ground. He knows that when he can lay hold on the reinforcements that his enemy is a defeated foe. The battle may last more than a night, yes, but we can triumph if there is a "go through" in our spirits. If God's children want to avoid having God's frown and His awful woe pronounced upon us let us press forward in the strength and armour of the Lord. Neh. 8:10; Eph. 6, ready to slay the enemy who would devour our weaker brother or drown some soul in perdition. Let us not be found as Israel was—dry-eyed, and indifferent to the sorrows of the world. What is the purpose of the church? We are to stand in Christ's stead, ambassadors, with the Word of reconciliation, as living epistles, as peculiar people, as the light of the world, endeavoring to bring the lost to Christ. "The Spirit and the bride say come. And let him that heareth say come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him come and take of the water of life freely."

This life is only a vapor, but there is a great day ahead—the home-coming in Heaven. That will mean more than all else; so let us, the body of Christ, strive, plead, weep, pray, serve, worship, and press on to hear the "well done" from our Master's lips.

Lucille Stewart

Notice To Pastors

Start the New Year with systematic Bible classes with your saints

"THE CHRISTIAN TRAINING COURSE" is the very thing busy Pastors and Sunday School teachers, as well as young people's leaders have been wanting for years. This is what Elder W. T. Witherspoon said about it: "For some years I have been strongly advocating an Apostolic Christian Training course by mail. I believe your book is the answer to this problem. I do not know when I have read anything which gives such a concise and condensed outline of the fundamentals of Scriptural knowledge. Your book starts out the strong, positive assurance of faith that **THE BOOK IS THE WORD OF GOD**. This opening declaration is breathed into every lesson in the book, and gives it life. I trust large numbers of Bible lovers will take advantage of this timely publication."

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using it. Get in line and introduce it to your saints at once.

The Christian Training Course, Apostolic Bible Training School, Mrs. C. P. Williams, Box 555, West Tulsa, Okla.

ANOTHER GREAT FORWARD MOVE

God has given us another challenge. We need more room in the Apostolic Bible Training School. A friend offered to sell us his large 10 room house at the very moderate price of \$3,650.00.

This will give us room for more boys and married couples. God has given us the signal to move so we are moving. If you want to help The Apostolic Bible Training School to grow, here is a chance. Your offering, large or small will be highly appreciated.

Presbyter C. P. Williams

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EMMANUEL BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL

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THE DOCTRINE OF BALAAM (Contd. from page 5)

practiced it, and it worked. (See Josephus on this subject.) Num. 31:16,17: "These caused the children of Israel THROUGH THE COUNCIL OF BALAAM, to commit trespass against the Lord—now therefore kill them." Numbers 25: 1-3, "And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab. And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods: and the people did eat and bowed down to their gods. And Israel joined himself unto Baal-peor: and the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel."

Rev. 2:12-15, "And unto the angel (pastor) of the church in Pergamos—I have a few things against thee (Mr. Pastor), because thou hast there them that hold to the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to cast a stumbling-block before the children of Israel—which thing I hate." The doctrine of Balaam, of mixing with the world, has slain thousands of churches and killed millions of its members, and is still doing it today. I am afraid it will slay the Pentecostal movement in the near future, unless men of backbone, men of vision, stand up and call a halt. The devil cries, "Mix, don't be narrow, don't be old-fashioned, don't be fanatical! People will think you are crazy!" God says, "Come ye out from among them, be ye separate, touch not the unclean thing and I will receive you, and I will be a Father unto you, and you shall be my sons and daughters." (2 Corinthians 6:17,18)

"Oh," someone says, "I thought you only had to believe and you would be all right even if you did not come out from among them." No! No! God says, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, and I will receive you." 1 John 2:15-17, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. The world passeth away, and the lust thereof, but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever."

Today we are drifting from the separation line, men and women alike, until when Jesus comes He will find a lukewarm church. Some places there is no distinction made between the saint and the sinner when it comes to the marriage question, Sunday pleasuring, satisfying self, what you listen to on the radio, or our ordinary conversation. When it comes to dress, the theatre crowd and those who sing in our choirs look much alike. It is time to call a halt, and stand against the "doctrine of Balaam," that doctrine of "mixing" and being like the world, if we want God's smile and approval, and want to make a success in God's sight. It is time the preacher that will let the bars down was put on the "carpet" that will let the "doctrine of Balaam" in and not preach the Word of "separation." I know of some that will say, "I don't believe in preaching against those things, dress, etc., when they get the Holy Spirit they will know and do it without being told." Yet these same people will take plenty of pains in teaching about tithes and where they belong. Why not let the Holy Spirit teach them that, too? The Bible declares in 2 Tim. 4:1,2,

Special Notice to all Pastors concern- ing army 1A-Os.

We have a request from the National Service Board for Religious Objectors for the number and if possible, the names of all our men in service that are classified as 1-AO. We have no way of ascertaining this number except to appeal to all of our boys who are so classified to at once send to headquarters a card with their name, number, and what branch of the service they are in. We presume that not all of our boys are getting the OUTLOOK, therefore we request that all of our pastors send us the above information.

The Service Board in Washington has rendered such assistance to our boys that we are anxious to co-operate with them. May all who read this notice assist us in every way to get the desired information. The Service Board has in mind contacting the boys to their benefit.

W. T. Witherspoon,
General Chairman

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ARKANSAS AND S.E. MISSOURI DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETS

The ministers and saints of the Arkansas and Southeast Missouri district of the P. A. of J. C., met in Green Forest, Arkansas, for a ten-day Bible Conference. Surely the Lord blessed in a wonderful way every day and night of the meeting. Some of the visiting ministers were: Elder Pierce, Eldorado, Ark.; Elder O. C. Hoover, Webb City, Mo.; Eld. McGlassion, Elder Daniel Lynn, Denver, Ark.; Eld. Ray, Zack, Ark.; Telie Dover, Sand Springs, Okla.; Mary Williams, West Tulsa, Okla.; Eld. and Mrs. Fleetwood, Margie M. Wood, Louann, Ark.; Eld. Casey, Dexter, Mo.; Eld. W. H. Eaton, Reed Springs, Mo., Chairman; and T. E. Gale, Green Forest, Ark., Sec'y-Treas., and pastor.

On Saturday, the eleventh, the ministers met on the public square for a street meeting. There were a number of sermonettes and special songs given, which proved very beneficial and many came out to services that had not done so. Please pray for the work at Green Forest, Arkansas.

Pastor T. E. Gale

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PRAYER REQUEST FROM IRONTON, OHIO

We had a very disastrous fire at our church recently. We have rented a building and are continuing on in the Name of the Lord. We desire your prayers.

Pastor Roosevelt York

"Preach the WORD; be instant in season, out of season; REPROVE, REBUKE, EXHORT with all longsuffering and doctrine." Let us be faithful and preach it. Let us do it. —God bless you.

TO WHAT PURPOSE IS THIS WASTE?

"But when His disciples saw it, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose is this waste?"

It was the disciples who asked the question—those who had walked and worked with Jesus, those who loved Him—surely they thought their love was genuine, and we know they did love their dear Master, but oh, how love needs to be tested!

Not only did they ask the question, but they were indignant! One would think that such constant contact with so magnanimous a Teacher, Friend and Companion, would have broadened their vision and caused them to see things in the larger light. But the narrowness and frugality of their minds came to the front and they were actually indignant as they saw love lavished upon the One for whom they claimed real affection.

"To what purpose is this waste?" What is "waste?" Let us turn our thoughts to a little company of the Lord's own in a far-off land.

In the early part of the day, in a certain out-of-the-way district, the little group set out for the special purpose of getting the Gospel portions into the hands of needy souls. These children of the Lord knew just a little of what the day would bring; there would be the scornful remarks, the supercilious smile, the rude refusals, and also the glad, wondering acceptance of the Word of Life. As on their way, they trudged, through sun and dust and heat, the thoughts travelled swiftly back over the miles that lay between them and home, and they seemed in fancy, to hear some of the disciples of the Lord saying, "To what purpose is this waste?" Could it all be worth while? Was there not an unnecessary expenditure of time and money and strength just to get a few copies of the Word of God into the hands of these ignorant people? Let us watch the efforts of these servants of the Lord, and perhaps He, Himself, will give us an answer to the question.

Entering the hot, dusty market-place which was crowded already with those who had come to "buy and get gain," they found, beside a wee grass-covered hut, a vacant, native bed. Being warm and weary, they sat down for a few minutes' rest. Almost immediately the curious crowd gathered. Here was an opportunity to preach the Word, and so, with the help of the Lord, the Bread of Life was dispensed. What joy to talk of Him! The crowd thickened, and then came the opportunity of selling the books which contained more of the precious truth. A few—for oh, so many cannot read—bought the portions, not fully understanding what this new thing might be, but the servants of the Lord rose to go on farther in the dust and heat and noise. Was this "waste?" Something in their hearts whispered, "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, whether they both shall be alike good."

The ever-increasing crowd of curious onlookers gathered close at each halt; here and there opportunity presented itself of "preaching the Word of this Life," and again and again the precious books

found ready buyers. Then came a sad moment—a moment when the blood rushed to the cheek, a pain tugged away at the heart, for a young man, seemingly bright and interested, purchased a copy (the very neatest, cleanest one had been selected from the bundle) and then, holding it up so there should be no mistake about its being seen, he tore it to shreds! **What could it mean?** There was ONE who knew, and the little company of disciples turned away, with a prayer in the heart, and, may we say it, a new courage within, to go on with the precious work.

Up one narrow, crowded, dusty street and down another they wended their way. Many were the wondering glances they received, many were the offensive remarks, many were the curt refusals, but all the time there were the opportunities embraced, and book after book was sold. Encouragement rose, and then again came the bitter with the sweet. Once more a copy was purchased, and for the first time in the experience of this little company, the portion was not only torn to shreds, but the bits of paper were thrown, with malice, upon the head of the one who had sold it! Surely at that moment, some disciple of the Lord in the homeland, not **VITALLY** interested in foreign missions, would indignantly exclaim, "**To what purpose is this waste?**"

On and on they labored, these servants who had been commissioned by the Master. The above act was repeated and once more the leaves of the sacred little volumes were torn and thrown with force upon the head of the disciple. Right in front of the messengers walked one of the enemies of the Cross, hooting, jeering and calling out to the crowd not to buy, and yet all the while people were purchasing and the Lord continued to be with His own.

At length the day was getting late, and it was time to turn the steps homeward. Two hundred and thirty-five Gospel portions had been sold. The miles that stretched ahead looked a bit long, for hours in that motley crowd, with the din sounding in the ears, was enough to bring a sense of weariness, and the feet were heavy ere the end of the journey was reached. Over and over the question seemed to be whispering itself, "Was it worth while?" The sun was sinking low, the night chill was coming on, the tents in the distance looked far away, but all the time there was a song of joy that sang louder than the question, and the little company communed together as they walked and "Jesus Himself, drew near." And just as they saw the last glory of the sunset, and the place called "home" was reached, just once again the question was borne in upon the consciousness, "To what purpose was this waste?" and almost like an angel whisper, the glorious answer came winging its way down from the courts of heaven:

"So shall My Word be that goeth forth out of My mouth; it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

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Responsibility under the Holy Ghost--continued

In this great war-production-plan of America, and in this great world strategy, it has been our great job to pick out men who were head and shoulders above the rest, to be leaders in this time of crisis. But God has given the man who has the Holy Ghost in His fullness more responsibility for souls than he has, for God has given the Holy Ghost-baptized Christian a responsibility as leader of the multitudes of Christians. God has given those who are baptized with the Holy Ghost a greater responsibility than anyone else.

Every time I receive a blessing from God I begin to get burdened for the world. I become blue, for I see so many things not being done. I want to see men and women baptized in the Holy Ghost rise up in their minds and carry this Gospel to the ends of the earth. Jesus did not say to the people "Ye shall be my witnesses," but He said, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." That must come before witnessing to the multitudes. The Holy Ghost Christian is the leader of multitudes. Can you see it, you Holy Ghost-filled Christians? Can you see that you are really the leaders?

Whether invited into councils or not, praise God, we are leaders anyhow. You folks who have the baptism of the Holy Ghost, start going for God and you will find the multitudes will follow.

Some of us are not fulfilling the purpose for which God has baptized us. Men and women in some of our churches do not realize that God has baptized them for leaders in their city and community, leading every man and woman in that city to God. You are a leader of the multitude. You have a responsibility before God, as a Holy Ghost-baptized Christian.

The Greatest Power Ever Known

Second, our responsibility is tremendous because we are dealing with the greatest power the world has ever known.

If you have ever visited Boulder Dam, you will marvel at the great dam, as you look at the great turbines that are working, and the water controlled and put down into the tunnels. I saw some turbines that were functioning marvelously, but I also saw some that were still in their crates. As I looked I thought, Lord, it is like some Christians. Some have been running for You a long time. They have been giving strength and blessing to everybody, but some are still "in the crate." They just lay down their oars when they are baptized, and stay there all the time.

I am telling you, my friends, the greatest power in all the world is in our hands. Jesus said, "Greater things shall you do." Paraphrasing it. He said, "The power I have you will have." Jesus walked on the water, He spoke to the sea and it became calm. He spoke to the blind and they saw. He spoke to the deaf and they heard. The only reason we do not is because we do not realize our responsibility and privilege in Christ Jesus our Lord, as men and women baptized in the Holy Ghost.

We have a great responsibility, because we are handling a terrible power. The power of God is a terrible thing. It will cause the mountains to shake. It will cause the islands to disappear, and the sea to be no more. He will cause the heavens to roll up as a scroll and the stars to disappear. Powerful is the power of the Holy Ghost, and that power you can have.

Our Responsibility in This Crisis

Thirdly, we have a great responsibility under the Holy Ghost, because we are facing a great crisis. May God help us to face it squarely. We talk about what we are going to do after the war. We had better be doing it during the war. The men who are doing the greatest amount of thinking regarding the post-war world, are the men who are saying, "If we don't agree before the war is over we will not agree afterwards." The pattern for the church will be what we agree upon now, during the pressure of the war. We will know exactly what kind of peace we will get, for it will be determined by the principles agreed upon before this war is over. Let me assure you God knew all about the wars that would follow when He gave Pentecost. He knew all about revolutions in certain places. And these things are going to happen.

Show me one place in the Bible where God did not raise up a man who was worthy to fill a certain place in time of national crisis. We have been called to fill a particular place at this particular time. We must be doing the things God called us to do. God called us to witness for Him, and if I come in contact with some soul and do not talk to that one about his soul's salvation, I have damned his soul; if I speak to him about God, I have saved his soul. That is our responsibility; yet hardly one Christian in a million will speak to each man and woman they come in contact with, about Jesus. And yet that is their job.

God's Provision in time of Crisis

When the Israelitish nation was about to be obliterated by the Philistines who were persecuting the Israelites, God raised up a "Samson." What could David do? He was just a lad. He was not able to be in the army of Israel. The army rejected him and said, "Get out of here, you kid. We need men in this army."

This boy, David, was too little to be in the army, but he was not too little to be used of the Lord.

We have heard people say, "I can't preach the full Gospel message, or, I cannot preach the Holy Ghost in my town. People are not ready for it yet." The trouble is, you are not a David, and you are not able to stand up against Goliath. You are just waiting for a David to come along, and if you are not preaching the baptism of the Holy Ghost, there will come a David, and he will take your church, and you are going back to the farm!

All down through the Word of God, we find, in great crisis, God called out men to meet that

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crisis, when there was danger to the nation and to the world. Sometimes, I think, the church does not realize the great stake they have in winning this war. I don't think you realize that you may never sit in a church again, if the Nazis won. I suppose they would make a theater out of the churches. You could not worship God like you worship Him now.

The Church Affected by the Outcome of this War

The church has a bigger place in the outcome of this world struggle than any other institution in America. The business men would do business, after a fashion, if the Nazis should win, perhaps, and the politician would do business after a fashion, it may be, and the world would do business, after a fashion, but the church would come to an untimely end. So the church has a greater part in this outcome than any other institution. We have the power to withstand the enemy by the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

The Church Plays a Dominant part in Victory

Fourth, our responsibility in the Holy Ghost is great because the church is the only force able to meet this crisis. Friends, there is power in the Holy Ghost. We are given that power. We are here to meet a crisis. We are here for a purpose. Our boys have been called out of homes to meet the enemy. We have been called out from the great mass of Christianity that we might fulfill God's purpose in this time of crisis.

Jesus said, "Out of your innermost being shall flow rivers of living water." They cannot bomb that "water supply!" The baptized church of Jesus Christ has that "living water." If the well is dry; if the church is dry, it is because the living water is turned off within the fount of your innermost being. We heard of an island being taken in this war because the water was cut off; and the church of Jesus Christ, where the well of the Holy Ghost has been allowed to dry up, will fail, and will no longer be a potent power, because of the fact we are not in the fight any longer because we have no water supply.

Give to the hungry world the "bread of life." We are fruit trees, planted by His hand, upon which is the fruit of the Spirit. When people sample you and taste of you will they say you are good? Or will they say you are "as sour as a pickle," and they will not want to eat of your fruit? Where will they get something to eat, Christian, if you have no food? You know what it means to be born again— can they come to you to be fed? Do they come where the Holy Ghost is being preached? Oh, there can be good fruit, juicy fruit, plenty of fruit, and you will find them coming back again and again.

Fruit must come from the inside. We also have the oil of the Holy Ghost. Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world." Therefore, our responsibility is great at this time especially. It is dark today because there is no light, and if there is no light it is because those who are baptized

NOTICE TO ROLL SUBSCRIBERS

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Assessment copies, for ministers who have paid their assessment fees, will no longer be included in the roll, but will be mailed to the ministers individually. — Editor.

in the Holy Ghost are not giving forth that light. The light is in you, and there will be no light unless you shine forth for Jesus.

When oil first comes up out of the ground you do not regard its value. It is sticky and has an odor to it that is repulsive in a way, but wrapped in that oil is a potential power. You take out the gasoline and the lubricating oil; and without it you can have no airplanes. Within itself it has no power, but when it is placed in the hands of men who have intelligence they can bring out that power. God took us when we had no power, and fixed us up and made us ready to go.

We have the responsibility to propel this great engine that God has given us, the church of Jesus Christ. We have the oil and we have the power. So many today do not have the power. God can lubricate us and put us into motion for the great purpose for which He placed the church in existence.

It is a wonderful thing to see an oil well pumping, especially if you have an investment in it. The story is told about the first well that ever came in, down in a town in Texas, on the old Carey farm. When that well was drilled there was not a drop of oil in it, and it came in dry, just a time filled formation. The oil did not originate there, but was pocketed in great fissures, and under tremendous pressure was made to produce by putting nitroglycerine cans down there. Soon the stones began to fly and the mud went up, and then, coming from that well was that beautiful oil.

Brother, a lot of us Christians who sit around and enjoy ourselves after we have been baptized in the Holy Ghost need a little "dynamite" to make us move for God, for we have a responsibility.

You want victory, don't you, in this war? You can have it. You want a revival in churches all around? You can have it. You do not need to call on someone else for there are potential possibilities wrapped up within you that God has given you.

How can I meet this responsibility? I will tell you. Who are you going to see tomorrow? Oh, the butcher, the baker, the candle-stick maker, and the shoe man and the fellow who drives me to work! Are you going to be ashamed to speak for Jesus? You sing, "I'm not ashamed to speak for Jesus!" but are you? Are you going to speak to men and women about their souls? The responsibility is yours. Let us discharge that responsibility by doing a definite work for Jesus.

Copied by Eld. R. C. Hall

OBITUARY

The grim reaper death has entered our midst once again and taken our dearly beloved pastor, Elder Walter C. Chapman.

He was born July 22, 1890, in Mason County, W. Va., and departed this life in Huntington, W. Va., on December 19, 1943, at the age of 53 years, 4 months and 27 days.

Funeral services were held at the 25th Street Pentecostal Church, with Eld. W. T. Witherspoon and Eld. F. E. Curts officiating, assisted by Eld. E. M. Cook and Eld. Ernest Sowards, of Huntington, W. Virginia.

Elder Chapman spent the early part of his life in Mason County, but when yet a very young man, he came to Huntington where he was employed by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company. After coming to Huntington he met and married Miss Ethel Hall, and to this union were born six children, two of whom have preceded him in death.

Surviving are the wife, Ethel Chapman, one daughter, Lois Chapman, and three sons, Samuel David, Joseph Aaron, Akron, Ohio, and James D., U. S. Navy, his mother, Mrs. Arminta Chapman, W. Va., and 4 brothers and 4 sisters.

Very early in life Eld. Chapman gave his heart to God when he united with the Methodist church. His search for a deeper experience with God led him into the Pilgrim Holiness Church. Shortly after that he received the light on baptism in Jesus' Name and the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and he walked in the light.

About twenty five years ago he received a definite call into the ministry. He has been active in evangelistic work and has held the pastorate of several churches throughout the Ohio Valley. For the past 16 years he has been pastor of the 25th Street Pentecostal Church, Huntington, W. Va., where he has labored faithfully and through his labor, many, many souls have been brought to God. Besides the church at 25th Street he also had under his supervision two branch churches, one at Plymouth, W. Va., and one at Hurricane, W. Va.

Truly he has been a builder and will be greatly missed by those who have labored with him, but our loss is his gain. He has fought a good fight, he has finished his course, he has kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for him a crown of righteousness.

The Saints of 25th St. Pentecostal Church 10th Ave., and 25th Street, Huntington, W. Va.

Mildred Chapman Triplett
Church Reporter

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A SPIRITUAL SHOWER

God met with the Apostolic Bible Training School, W. Tulsa, Okla., recently. The first week of Bible school following the holidays was called "Consecration Week." There was much praying and seeking God. He graciously began to lead the students into His presence, and the second week proved to be "house-cleaning" week. The church responded to the call of the Spirit and then God blessed us all together.

At one midweek service, four were filled with

CONVENTION REPORT

The Illinois State Convention of the P. A. of J. C. met at Neoga, Ill., with Eld. D. E. Owens as entertaining pastor, Oct. 26—29, 1943. The blessing of the Lord was on the meeting from the beginning. The Sunday School program was very good and had a good representation from the various churches throughout the State. The Young People rendered a very fine program and the blessing of the Lord was upon it. The business session was very fine for we never have any discord even during business.

A motion was presented and passed that we endeavor to secure someone who is acquainted with the foreign missionary work to be with us in our next meeting to represent the foreign missionary work. We feel that it would be good to stir up the interest in missionary work more than in the past.

Elders B. W. Robinson, Ace Summers and Kirby Tiller were the Bible teachers. They gave us some fine teaching from the Word of God. The evening services were inspiring and the Lord blessed in a wonderful way.

The place for the next convention was to be selected by the officers of the State work. Anyone desiring the convention the last week of April (if you are prepared to take care of it) please write the secretary at Sullivan, Ill., or the Chairman, Eld. J. O. Underwood, Scheel St., Belleville, Ill., or Eld. Ace Summers, 705 Perkins Ave., Mount Vernon, Ill.

May the Lord continue to give us such times of refreshing until He comes for His people.

Nora Baker, Sec-y Treas.

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I MUST GO THROUGH

I have made my choice forever,
I will walk with Christ my Lord;
I will stand upon His promises,
And ever trust His Word.
I the narrow way have taken,
Rough and toilsome though it be,
And though oft' alone, forsaken,
Lord, I must go through with Thee.

Though the world is wrapped in chaos,
And the darkness hide Thy face;
Though the cross may seem too heavy,
I must ever trust Thy grace.
I must trust through every conflict,
And through trials which come to me;
I want to be victorious,
Lord, I must go through with Thee.

Kathryn E. Hendricks

the Spirit. In all, in a week's time, three students were filled, and so were two women, a young man and a child. Four were baptized.

We have begun a branch church across town, and hope to see many people find God. Evangelist Samuel Baker is with us in that effort, and we can recommend Him to all as a mighty worker for God.

Eld. C. P. Williams

VERY COSTLY

"And David said, 'Neither will I offer burnt offerings unto Jehovah my God which cost me nothing'" (II Sam. 24:24).

"Then took Mary a pound of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment".

There are some things in this world that are very costly. Usually they are not large, but very small and rare. Often they represent great masses of material and ages of time concentrated into a small space. The diamond is the product of centuries of time and the pressing weight of tons of forest trees. The pearl is formed by the slow gathering of the life-fluid of the oyster as it builds layer upon layer of precious substance about a tiny protruding grain of sand. That small bottle of perfume holds the concentrated sweetness of many thousands of roses. That grain of radium chains a heat force deadly in its all-penetrating power.

Life itself is very costly and every man pays his price, his full price in the market of his choice. The world's market offers many alluring wares to

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on Life's roadway; fame, riches, pleasure, all "marked down to cost": the price of the soul. The purchaser pays on the installment plan, with high compound interest, and soon finds that he is paying an infinitely large and long drawn out payment for baubles of shoddy and shadowy nature.

How precious is a man's soul! The wealth of the world cannot compare with it in value, there is nothing on earth to exchange for it. It is imperishable, eternal, the gift of God, given for a short probation in Time that man may buy up the years for everlasting returns in Glory. The soul is held in the small compass of the body, yet it embraces countless moments of time running into years; it is the embodiment of countless thoughts, words, actions; of unnumbered desires, aspirations, hopes, fears, loves and hates, all making up one personality, not for the years ticked off on the clock of Time, but for Eternity.

The Father gave to the world the most costly Gift of Heaven—His only Son, that He might buy the precious pearl which He saw lying in

The Darkness of the World;

the Church, the Bride of Christ. The Son gave all He had to redeem her. He gave His life for the souls of men. And yet men will barter their souls for the trifles of the world, and go on paying the full price until all is lost.

There is another market where no baubles are sold, but where commodities of eternal value and weight are exchanged for things of human barter. Here the distressed, the debtors, the discontented (like David's men of old), the diseased and the dying leave their burdens, their sorrows and their sins to receive in return, eternal life. Here are bread, water, wine, milk, meat and honey for the soul; shelter from the storm, raiment, comfort and peace. "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come,

ye, buy, and eat: yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."

Is there nothing to pay? Yes, for there are other very precious things, hidden from the view of the casual soul, of the self-satisfied; mysteries of the life in Christ which are sold for costly prices, and one who buys must empty his purse of all that he hath if he wishes to understand them. Here is a price list: "He that would come after Me, let him take up his cross daily and follow Me." "Can ye drink of the baptism that I am baptised with?" "These are they—who loved not their lives unto death." "If we suffer with Him we shall also reign with Him." Yes, it costs to follow Him through the Garden, to go with Him to the Cross, to be made like unto Him. It costs everything to be made like unto Him. It costs everything we are, our inmost desires and hopes, yielded to His will, our self-life crucified, our soul in His control.

Mary could break her box of very precious ointment on His feet because she had a right sense of values. She understood the method of Divine barter. She knew that the costliest things in life were nothing compared to that which He gave in return. His own Presence and love. And the very giving and breaking filled her own soul with joy, and the whole house with fragrance.

Paul, too, gave all that he had and was or ever hoped to be,

Counting them all but Dross.

that he might win Christ, and be found in Him, stripped of his own righteousness, and clothed in His holiness and power.

God is never in man's debt. He pays a hundred-fold on the day of reckoning. Hannah gave her precious son to the Lord and parted with him while he was still a tiny, toddling child; but what great prize did she gain? A seven-fold blessing came to this lonely woman, and her first-born became the anointer of kings, and Heaven's ambassador to Israel. Abraham yielded up his only son on the altar and received him again as from the dead, with the commendation of God and the lovely title: "The Friend of God." These gave their best, their most costly possession. Did they lose by the transaction?

"Shall I offer unto the Lord that which costs me nothing?" Shall we offer to Him, as did the Israelites of old, in their backslidden state, the maimed and sick of the flock? Shall we build our own houses, and let the Lord's house go to waste? Shall we worship in great costly churches while His Church in other lands is still unbuilt?

Shall we give Him that which costs

so little, which entails no sacrifice? If so, there will be no perfume of praise, no fragrance filling our lives, no record in the Book of God: "She hath done what she could." But if, like Mary, we sit at His feet and look into the mysteries of the Divine plan, we will gladly barter all, that we may win Christ and fill life with Heavenly fragrance, very beautiful, and costly.

—Publisher Unknown

THE WOMEN'S PAGE

By Mrs. G. B. Rowe

"Hold fast that no man take thy crown." Rev.3:11

Yes, I know kings and queens wear crowns but I believe that every person that lives was born for a crown. The kings' and queens' crowns are very valuable and are studded with precious jewels. But, listen to me, far more precious than diamonds and rubies are the rich and rare crowns that God has in keeping for all of us that will just gladly do His will.

Money can not buy these crowns; men can not make them; only God alone is rich enough and great enough to furnish them. You know if we will get into His will, and then stay there, we all become kings and queens. We are in Christ, and He is the head of the Royal Nation. What a wonderful thing if you can just comprehend it. All things are ours that belong to Him—He that is over all and owns all; they are ours to enjoy. Some people may get a few things together and put up a sign, "Hands off—these are mine," but what do we have? You and I who are saved can, will, must, and do get along without earthly things so void of godliness.

What does a child of the King care for these things anyhow when he is possessed and surfeited with the riches of God? The women that want the Lord Jesus (God) more than anything else in this life have no room for anything but God. I often think of this poor, old world and how she tries to hang on some folk her tinsel and trash. But it never satisfies the soul. In all their wanderings in the desert their souls cry out for God, but there is no crown without a cross—without effort, toil, and sacrifice.

Now, since you know you were born for a crown, keep that crown in view. Various women in the land will tell you as you go along life's road that the main thing in life is to have a good time while you are here—today—for you will die tomorrow. "Just eat, drink, make money, have pleasure, and gain earthly knowledge," they say. But dear One, this is false. The important thing in life for any young girl or woman is to be saved and live like a Prince of God. The greatest ambition you can have is to do your Father's will or work. The sweetest words you could ever hear are, "This is my beloved son...hold fast that no man take your crown." "But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve in his craftiness, your minds should be corrupted." 2 Cor. 11:3.

Yes, every one is born for a crown, but everybody doesn't get that crown right away for it is he that continueth to the end, the same shall be saved or be crowned. When you are saved God sets you in a wonderful place. There are plenty of good things (God's things) to eat, wear, take upon yourself, and enjoy that we don't have to bother to be a partaker of the things of the world. When you do things that are against God's Word you do wrong and are disobedient. To disobey God means you know good and evil, and your disobedience puts you out of the garden of God.

Listen to me—all that is required of you and me to stay in the garden of God is to do His will. Isn't this wonderful? Oh, I must do His will for I have to stay in the garden; I can't be lost. When Satan once gets you out of the garden he does everything he can to keep you out. He says it will be no harm to do this or that. He doesn't even consider God's Word. You know I have thought so many times there isn't a thing in this world to ever be afraid of but sin. We are not afraid of man or beast, but him that can destroy my soul or make me lose my crown. A brave woman fears only one thing—to disobey God. So there is only one thing you need to do—always obey God, and you will win a CROWN!

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LOST: SELF-RESPECT

One night as I was waiting for a bus, after working until twelve o'clock, I overheard a conversation between a young girl and three young men of high school age. She was trying to be the center of attraction, trying to be witty, but her poor mind! how Satan had warped it, giving her nothing but unclean thoughts. She was telling how she made people blush by her unclean jokes—how she liked to hear those kind of stories, especially when she went out. She got on the bus and sat back of me, telling shocking stories to a young man. The girl sitting with me was as shocked and embarrassed as I.

Girls! To be a lady means so much. Be quiet, sweet, having clean thoughts. Be shy before men, lifting up a high standard, having the respect of others, as well as self-respect. You have to live with "self."

Boys! Shun loud, vulgar girls, or they may cause sin and shame to fall upon you. Don't be their victim.

Mothers! What about your girls? Are you setting a good example before them?

Proverbs 22:1, "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold."

Proverbs 31:10, "Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies."

Proverbs 31:30, "Favor is deceitful and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised."

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HOLD FAST TILL I COME

In trials and in tests, if we stand true
We know the cloud will pass—again the blue.
If we our lives keep free from sin
And souls from sorrow and destruction win;
Telling the sweet story o' Jesus,
How He from death and hell has freed us;
He promised He would never forsake
And He our burdens would take.
If in Him our faith and trust we place,
We shall have victory and win this race.

Poem by Edith Thompson