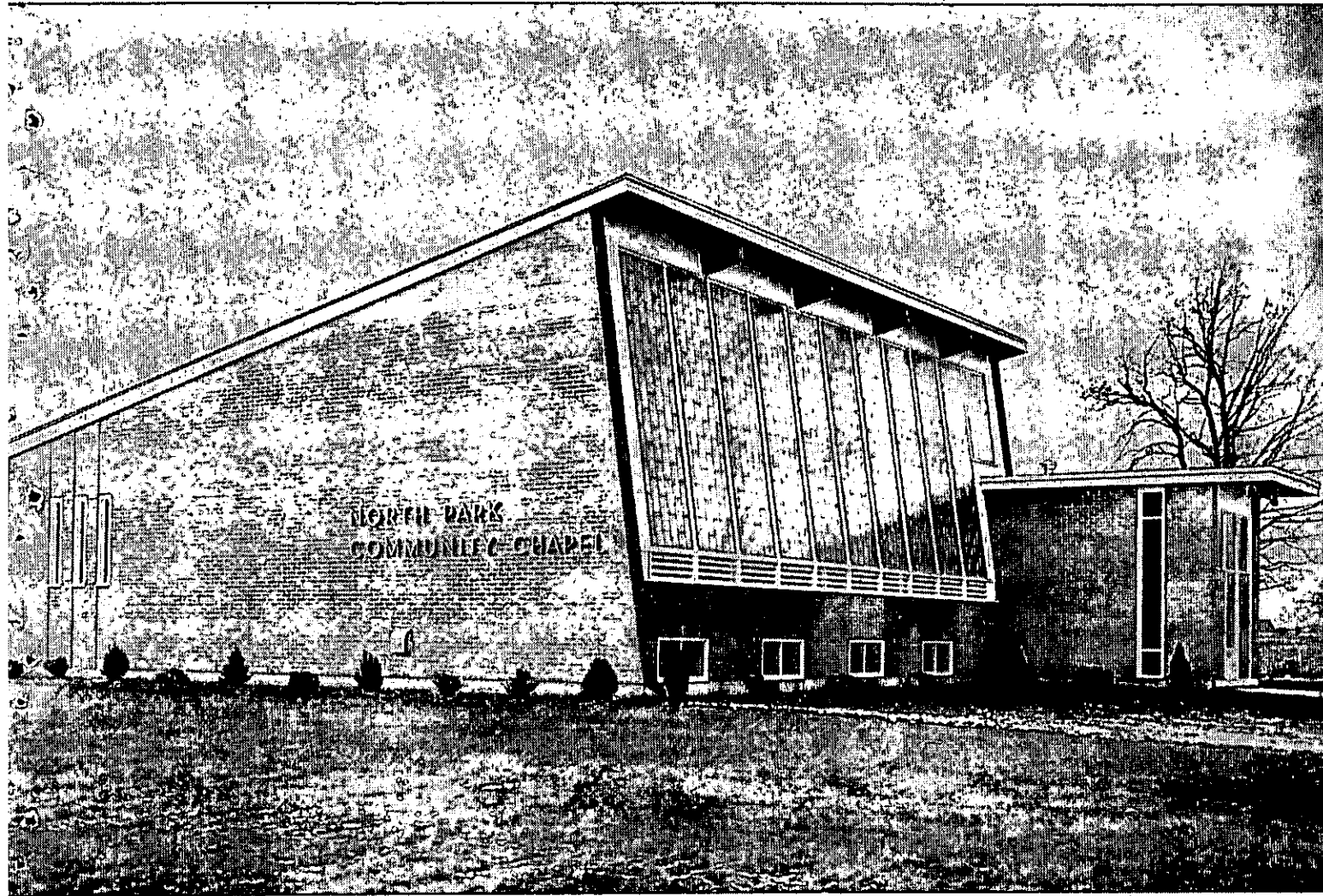




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Donald M. Taylor

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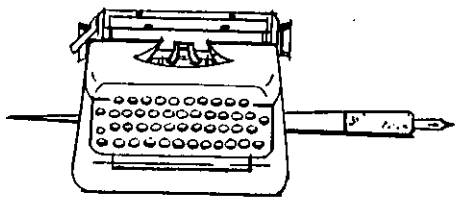
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Editors' Page

"HITHERTO"

Between the watch pillar which Jacob called "Mizpah," and Shens, the prophet Samuel placed a new stone which he called Ebenezer, meaning "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." As we reflect on the way the Lord has led us in the past, we perceive His wise and gracious provision for us, and say with Samuel, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

Should not experience of God's care for us in the past give us assurance in heart and rest of mind in this time of international uncertainty and threat? Can we not trust Him wholeheartedly in the consciousness that He who marks the sparrow's flight will surely care for us? Why then are we so often like the students at school who phoned home to inquire whether they should return to be with their parents because of the Cuban crisis, while others frantically inquired as to how soon an air-raid or bomb shelter could be secured?

Of course we feel the power of Satan. He is a mighty foe and we do not discount his strength, nor his ability to employ all the elements and facilities of the natural creation against us. But we have One on our side who is omnipotent, who has defeated Satan and who sets a limit on his power. Did He not intimate this when He said to the sea, "Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further, and here shall thy proud waves be stayed" (Job 38:11).

So we can face the year ahead confidently, remembering God's counsel, "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest" (Joshua 1:9).

"How good is the God we adore,
Our faithful unchangeable Friend,
Whose love is as great as His power,
And knows neither measure nor end.

"Tis Jesus, the first and the last,
Whose Spirit shall guide us safe home;
We'll praise Him for all that is past
And trust Him for all that's to come."

E. T. Sandeen

PRAYER RESPONSE

There may be many concerns of prayer about which we may be uncertain as to whether or not they are in accordance with the will of God. But we may have perfect assurance that when we pray for the conversion of some loved one or friends we are praying for that which our Heavenly Father supremely wills. The Lord Jesus reminds us in John 16:23 "Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My Name, he will give it you."

When we pray sincerely, when we pray with confidence in Christ's redemptive work, when we pray with real love in our heart for some soul, then we are truly praying in Jesus' Name. The Lord assures us that he will answer such intercession. But how slow of heart we often are to believe this.

How little we understand the great mystery of prayer. In ways that we cannot follow, God links our intercession with His grace. It is as though he would take our prayer

for the salvation of some loved one, purge it by His grace, and then, amplifying it by His power, bring it from His own heart to the heart of the one for whom we are praying, causing that person to yield to the Savior.

How long is it since anything like this has happened to us?

—J. W. Kennedy

YOUNG MAN, BE STRONG!

This is the first of a series of editorials addressed to young men specifically.

Our title is paraphrased from the Apostle Paul's letter to the Ephesians, chapter 6, verse 10: "My brethren, BE STRONG in the Lord, and in the power of His might." Few will deny the importance of developing physical strength, of cultivating intellectual strength, or of preserving moral strength. In this era when many interests compete for the attention of the young man, Paul's resolute and still timely advice is, "BE STRONG IN THE LORD."

Spiritual strength is that which makes a sound Christian. A spiritually strong Christian is one then that the Holy Spirit can use to the best advantage in assembly life: the worship meeting, the preaching and teaching services, the Sunday school class and the various young peoples' activities.

The grace of God in our hearts, a dependence and undeviating faith in God, and a knowledge and correct application of His Word combine to produce the enriching dividend of spiritual strength. Seize then "the power of His might" through intercessory prayer, systematic Bible study, and effective personal witness. John the Apostle states: "I have written unto you young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you" (1 John 2:14). YOUNG MAN, BE STRONG!

James D. Kennedy

WHAT IS TRUE UNITY?

What is true unity in an assembly? Is it that when the leading brother makes up his mind on a matter, all the others concur in his decision? Obviously not. Is it where action is delayed on even the most urgent and vital matters until everyone is fully convinced of the course to take, and one obstinate or slow-minded brother can obstruct progress? Obviously not.

What then is true unity? It is where the responsible brethren thoroughly and openly discuss the matter under consideration from their various viewpoints, and then, after carefully and prayerfully weighing the several courses of action proposed arrive at a conclusion which the majority believe is the mind of the Lord. Then any others whose own views differ defer to the judgment of the majority, and all go along with the decision and pull together for the good of the assembly.

It is my joyful experience to be a part of an assembly where such unity prevails, and for this I thank God. "How good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" (Psalm 133:1).

Don Thomson

The Local CHURCH

by Charles S. Howard

Questions and Answers about problems regarding operation of local assembly testimony conducted by a well-known editor of this publication. Unless otherwise indicated the answers are Mr. Howard's personal views.

Question 34. Please tell if the bread left from the remembrance feast should be used or eaten after the meeting. The assembly need an answer to this.

Answer—We see no reason why the loaf may not be used if there is a need for it. Perhaps the question implies, is it necessary that it *should* be eaten entirely, and if this is what is being asked we would answer that we have no reason to believe it should be. The line in the hymn often sung, "Only bread and only wine" is a perfect answer as to whether there is anything sacred about the loaf itself.

Question 35. Is it permissible for a few of the brethren of a local assembly to break bread with a sick brother who is unable to attend the breaking of bread service?

Answer—In our understanding of the New Testament teaching there is no "place" set apart where the breaking of bread must be done. In John 4:21-23 the Lord Jesus made this plain. We can see no reason why it is not right or proper to do what is indicated in the question. Indeed we think it is a manifestation of Christian love to give a sick brother this opportunity to remember the Lord in His appointed way.

Lest any take this answer to mean we believe in setting up a table anywhere and everywhere carelessly, this is not our intention. We believe that the assembly is the proper place and normally the only place to have the Lord's supper. Only in unusual and extenuating circumstances such as the one mentioned above or other reasons that may arise should the Lord's table be set up elsewhere than in the assembly.

Question 36. Why do not assemblies have a resident pastor? Would it not be a great help in reaching the homes of those people who come to the Family Bible Hour but are not in fellowship in the assembly?

Answer—If the question means by a

resident pastor a salaried person who takes care of all the preaching and other work done by a minister in the average church, the answer is very easy to supply. The New Testament has no instructions regarding such a position in a local church. One of the cleverest devices of Satan is the dividing of the saints into clergy and laity so called. The whole concept of the New Testament church is a body which is one in mind and heart with no such elevation of a class known as clergymen. All alike are priests and may minister before the Lord in the sanctuary in praise and worship. In the matter of public service we find some instructions. First women are forbidden to teach or to speak audibly in the Church. Then the Lord has given gifts to some men and not to others. Those to whom gifts are given are to exercise them for the building up of the body of Christ. This of course presupposes a plurality of gifts in each assembly and when these are used under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, harmony and blessing are the result. However, the possession of any gift does not raise the possessor above his brethren, but on the contrary Peter exhorts all to be subject one to another (I Peter 5:5).

Now to put another interpretation to our brother's question and presume it to ask whether or not it would be good to have a brother gifted in the art of visitation spend time doing such work, we would say a hearty "Amen." In no wise should this relieve the elders and pastors of the assembly, but should rather spur them on to do their work the more faithfully.

COMMENDATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Fernand St. Louis

CHAPELLE EVANGELIQUE, 225, rue St.-Pierre, Cap de la Madeleine, P. Q., June 17, 1962: The brethren of this assembly met with Mr. and Mrs. Fernand St. Louis after the Lord's supper on June 10, 1962. Fernand spoke to us about their desire to give themselves in the full-time work for the Lord in this province. He mentioned the need for workers at Chicoutimi, as well as around East Montreal where missionaries do not come to visit all the interested prospects. He spoke also of his tour in the district of Montmagny where the distribution of "Message de Verite" last winter found a good response. Not having an apartment yet at Montmagny, he asked the brethren their advice concerning the next step.

We suggested that he continue to look for an apartment at Montmagny and also perhaps at St. Jean Port Joli (a place near Montmagny). We will all ask the Lord to reveal His will by opening or shutting the doors.

Acknowledging the great need of all

these regions for the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and believing that the Lord has gifted and called Fernand and Yolande to this work, it is for us a great joy to give them this letter of commendation to the evangelical work for a period of a year (until December, 1963).

We encourage all the Christians of this assembly and everywhere to pray for Fernand and Yolande in order that the Lord will reveal clearly His will in that which concerns their field of service and also may give them the courage, strength and wisdom they will need for the ministry which they undertake.

Signed in the name of the Cap de la Madeleine Assembly by ten elders.

Fernand St. Louis Heard the Call Early

Fernand St. Louis and his wife grew up in the assembly at Cap de la Madeleine. He was saved at about the age of eleven, and underwent much persecution in the Roman Catholic school before he finally went over to the English High School.

He has always been very active in young people's work and was one of the most spiritual young men in the assembly at the Cap. The assembly were prepared to commend him to the Lord's work about four years ago when he felt a great deal of exercise in this direction.

Fernand, however, felt a need for more Bible study, and so he went to Bethel Bible School where he spent three years. During these years he was very active in the French Youth for Christ, and in the various French assemblies in this area.

On graduation from Bethel he again met the elders of his assembly, and they unanimously commended him to the Lord's work in this province. The area that he had in mind, that is Montmagny, was also the one that was on the hearts of the elders at Cap de la Madeleine.

On July 13 the St. Louis' were able to rent an apartment in Montmagny. The building is an old "home" that Catholic nuns used to own, and in which they lived for many years. On Sunday morning the only Christian from Montmagny, the St. Louis couple, and a couple from Quebec City meet in their living room for the Lord's supper. They also have a Sunday School class for the eight children of the three couples.

Montmagny county counts 30,455 people, among whom only one person is known to have made a profession of faith in Christ. Among the 80,427 people in the surroundings of Montmagny there



are only one or two who are born again. Hundreds of contacts need to be visited. These contacts were made through the distribution of "Message de Verite."

Since arriving at Montmagny, the couple has persisted visits in the homes of French Roman Catholics. Many people have asked for correspondence Bible courses. Pray that the door of their hearts will be opened to Jesus Christ.

Arthur C. Hill and Fernand St. Louis

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Trimmer

We have commended Mr. and Mrs. Paul Trimmer for the spread of the Gospel in connection with the Latin America Literature Crusade, to be held in South America beginning January 1963.

Mr. and Mrs. Trimmer have been identified with the assembly testimony in Kenilworth for the past eight years. They spent one year at Emmaus Bible School at Oak Park, Illinois, in 1958. They then returned to Kenilworth and have been active in the assembly since that time, while Mr. Trimmer has been engaged in secular employment.

We as an assembly believe that God has called them to this work for which they have been quietly preparing themselves during the past year. We now wish to commend them with their two children to the loving care and fellowship of the Lord's people.

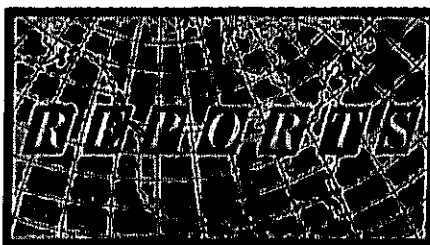
Kenilworth Gospel Chapel
Kenilworth, New Jersey
Signed by five elders

Help Needed With Visitation and Tract Distribution in Kaukauna, Wisconsin

In past years the Community Gospel Chapel in Kaukauna have made calls house-to-house, and have covered the city with flyers and tracts several times. We feel the need of additional help, as our time is limited for this work. This is an excellent area for employment with splendid earning opportunities, and it would be a fine place for a young couple, interested in helping a small assembly, to reside.

We would be grateful for the assistance of a man for several weeks on house-to-house visitation. We believe this needs to be done more extensively than we can do it. Recently Donald Fraser of Detroit spent a week doing this for us and found his contacts worthwhile. Others have also helped us from time to time, and this encourages us to pursue this program further now.

James E. Watson, Correspondent
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Gracemount Assembly Celebrates 10th Anniversary, May Expand Building

During the Week of October 13-21, the Gracemount Assembly of Christians in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, observed the tenth anniversary of the opening of their chapel on Noble Road. A week's messages were given by Harold G. Mackay of Greensboro, North Carolina, very similar to the ones he gave in 1952, reiterating "What We Believe."

A Saturday night "Homecoming" program was arranged when a number who had formerly fellowshiped with us returned for the occasion from surrounding areas. Light refreshments were served after the service. On Sunday we had an emphasis on "Neighbor Day," and on Friday, "Family Night," many bringing their whole families.

We are grateful to the Lord for His great goodness to us, not only at this location, but also for what He is doing at the Willo Assembly and at Fairlawn Bible Chapel in Akron.

Our Sunday School attendance has substantially increased so we are exercised about building another wing with six or seven additional classrooms. We have also acquired the property north of us so as to have additional parking at a later date.

Robert S. Pile

500 Attend Bendale Bible Chapel Sunday School

SIDNEY HOFFMAN, 15 Burnview Crescent, Scarborough, Ontario: The work at Bendale Bible Chapel, Scarborough is gaining new interest. A good number are being added week by week to the assembly fellowship, and the adult services are well attended. The total attendance at our four sessions of Sunday School now reaches 500. Boys and girls are being saved and built up in the faith.

The portable building which we recently purchased and adapted for Sunday school classes is freely in use. Eighty boys from the junior department of the hobby class worked there Friday night. The junior department of the Sunday School also meets there with an attendance of over eighty. We are also remodeling the back shed to make room for another large class.

The population all around us is steadily moving in and it is hard to predict what God will do here in our midst.

Assembly Meets in Longboat Key, Florida, Home

The small assembly has again started having meetings in our home, but at the following hours:

Remembrance Meeting, 9:30 a.m. each Lord's Day, Bible Class and Sunday School (when we have the children), 10:45 a.m.

Christians living nearby or those passing through this area are invited to visit us, at the Key Bible Center, 6541 Gulf Side Road, Longboat Key, Florida.

Joseph E. Hofmann

Three Added to Fellowship at Grace & Glory, Chicago

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, Grace and Glory Gospel Chapel: Since our last report in July, three believers have been baptized and added to the fellowship. Encouragement is being experienced in all phases of the work. On November 25 we celebrated our second anniversary at "Grace and Glory." South Side Assembly and Westlawn Chapel shared in this celebration, and there was much rejoicing.

Publicity Produces Record-Breaking Attendance

GARNETT, KANSAS: The Garnett assembly, Garnett, Kansas, was encouraged by a record-breaking attendance when Mun Hope preached November 15. The meeting had been announced over the radio, and a front page news item in the local newspaper had helped to publicize it further. Some were seriously concerned about their spiritual needs.

Women's Coffee Hour Meets in Grand Rapids, Michigan

We read the recent suggestion for a women's "coffee hour," and would like to share our experience in the hope that it might prove helpful to others desiring to start such a Bible study group. There is a lack of older women to teach in our gatherings, but we find that the Emmaus correspondence courses provide the needed guidance.

We meet once a week for an hour and a half to pray, sing, and study the Bible. Any interested woman is welcome, and some from other denominations are attending with us. We are all being built up in our faith, and greatly enjoy our fellowship together.

Mrs. B. K. Leavenworth
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Assembly People in Houghton, N. Y., Invited to Join in Remembrance Meetings

Each Lord's Day morning a group of seven to fifteen meet in Houghton, New York to remember the Lord. There may be several in Houghton from assemblies who do not know about this meeting because it is thought wise not to advertise in Houghton publications. The meeting in no way conflicts with other Sunday meetings arranged by the College, and is not forbidden.

Any interested Houghton students may address notes of inquiry to Box 709 in the *internal college mail*. Such inquiries will be promptly answered. Since the nearest assemblies are 60 miles distant, students and their parents from assemblies are encouraged to attend.

Ledley Perrin

El Paso, Texas, Assemblies Helped Through Assisting in Crusade

Dr. Graham and members of his team conducted an evangelistic crusade in the Texas Western College football stadium in El Paso from November 4 to 11. Both assemblies in El Paso participated wholeheartedly in all phases of the crusade activities.

The counselor training classes were especially helpful. About twenty from the two assemblies served as counsellors and advisors, and it was our privilege to have Mr. Clarence Low with us from Sanford, North Carolina. He had been invited by a team member to help in the crusade as an advisor, and his help in the assembly meetings was also appreciated by us all.

Three of the crusade meetings were video taped and were telecast locally this past week end. Many who counselled during the crusade had opportunity to serve as telephone counselors after the television programs.

Though the attendance numbers might seem small in comparison to those of larger cities, never in the history of El Paso was a larger crowd assembled in the city, in one place, for any purpose, than the ones we saw at the crusade meetings. Total attendance for the seven meetings was 88,000 and the total number of inquirers was over 3,000. The stadium was filled to capacity on both Sunday afternoons, with about 18,000 present at the closing service.

We are now busily engaged in the very important follow-up work. Though the crusade itself has come to a close, the effects of it are still being felt in our lives as individuals and in the assemblies.

James C. Hunt

(See letter by Clarence Low, P. 12)

Dr. Harlow to Give Series at Bethany Chapel, Yonkers, N. Y.

Dr. Robert E. Harlow will be the speaker on Sundays during January, and three Tuesdays each in January and February, at Bethany Chapel, Yonkers, New York.

At the eight Sunday services he will bring studies on the twelve Apostles as follows: 1. Peter 2. Andrew 3. James 4. John 5. Philip and Bartholomew 6. Thomas and Matthew 7. Judas and Simon the Canaanite 8. James, son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus.

On the Tuesdays his theme will be "The Twentieth Century Assembly in Action." 1. The Church in God's Plan for the Ages. 2. Activities of the Local Assembly. 3. Structure of the Local Assembly. 4. Discipline (Receiving and Rejecting). 5. Inter-assembly Fellowship. 6. Extension of the Testimony.

Eleven Voluntarily Profess Faith

DES MOINES, IOWA: The assembly at the Central Gospel Chapel conducted an "Adventure Time" for boys and girls on ten consecutive Monday evenings concluded with one week of special meetings in which William Morgan, of Atlantic, Iowa, gave illustrated lessons. One hundred or more boys and girls attended throughout the period, with interest running high. There were eleven professions of faith, all of which were voluntary and began in the first meeting.

There is great encouragement among the many who contributed so faithfully to the work, and this has spread to others in the assembly.

We have had several interesting cases of conversion during the year. Notable among these were two families—father, mother, and teen-age son and daughter in each—who were all received into fellowship the same day. In each case the children, saved in Sunday School, were in large part responsible for the interest of the parents.

James S. Green

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RADIO

Third Annual Radio Conference Proves Informative and Inspiring

Many Christians gathered on Saturday afternoon, October 27, 1962 at West Toronto Gospel Hall to learn of the progress of gospel radio work over the past year.

Mr. Ken Beesley reported that \$10,806 was received during the year ending June 30, 1962. This fellowship was used mainly for radio time, tapes and recordings, gospel literature and equipment. Comparisons were drawn for previous years, noticing the continued increase. Mr. Arnot McIntee, announcer on the broadcast, reviewed expansion opportunities indicated by a recent radio survey made by the Family Bible Hour.

An excellent taped report from J. E. Matthews of Ottumwa, Iowa, recounted his experiences with the Family Bible Hour program and the blessing it has been to the local assembly. Since the small assembly began sponsoring the broadcast their collections have increased by the necessary amount.

Mr. Charles Pinches listed the areas from which listeners wrote in, and read interesting excerpts.

The ever widening scope of gospel broadcasting by brethren in the assemblies was effectively illustrated by Aubrey Dellandrea's message. His "Heavenly Sunshine" broadcast, in its third year, is heard regularly on three northern Ontario stations, and on a fourth during the summer.

Mr. T. Ernest Wilson made a plea for the support of assembly sponsored programs (rather than denominational efforts) by Christians gathered to the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. He recalled that during the first 1500 years the gospel message could be spread only by word of mouth. Then God used the printing press, and now He is blessing the use of the radio.

At the evening meeting, Mr. Ernest Dellandrea who had recently returned from Newfoundland, gave an interesting report on the impact the Family Bible Hour is making on that island. It has opened many doors for the Gospel and has proved to be an excellent means of contacting the people.

Donald Moffatt followed with an account of the growth of the Family Bible Hour, from the one station in Newfoundland in 1951 to the present twenty-five outlets. It was also pointed out that the total yearly expenditure of the Family Bible Hour was about \$25,000; this amount includes the accounts paid by assemblies sponsoring the program to

their local radio stations in addition to the gifts referred to above plus some \$4,000 expended by the West Coast Fund of the Family Bible Hour. Mr. Moffatt also spoke of individual Christians sponsoring, through the Family Bible Hour, the new Spanish language program in Peru and additional stations in Japan.

We heard a tape prepared by Ian Rathie in the Dominican Republic. He told of the extensive assembly radio work being done there. This is over twenty years old, and has been greatly blessed of God in the salvation of souls and in the building up of God's people. We also saw a selection of slides which showed us in a vivid way the great work the Lord has done through His workers in that island.

Ken Brooks of the Philippines brought this excellent day to a fine close with a challenging message on the believer's responsibility to carry the glad tidings to the lost. We heard of the good work being done by the Bible School of the Air, which is heard over the facilities of the Far East Broadcasting Company in Manila. During the past twelve years over 680,000 have taken the elementary gospel course, "What the Bible Teaches." The present enrollment is approximately 70,000.

We are thankful to God for the response of His people to this conference, and are looking forward to the Fourth Annual Radio Conference to be held on the last Saturday of October, 1963.

—John Funk

Area of Reception for Good News Hour, Yonkers, New York, Increased

For several years many in the Yonkers Assembly have been praying that the area of reception of the Good News Hour would be enlarged. Station WFAS served Westchester and Rockland Counties primarily, although some parts of northeast New Jersey and the North Shore of Long Island were able to hear the program. However, because of interference from larger stations, New York City with its eight million people was not being reached.

After many years of negotiation with the Federal Communications Commission, station WFAS recently was granted permission to increase its power to one kilowatt. This increase in power, which more than doubles the area served by the station, will increase the station's potential listeners by millions.

The Good News Hour is now in its thirteenth year of proclaiming the Gospel. The results will not be known this side of Eternity, but we praise God for the opportunity of an open door and rely on His promise that His Word shall not return to Him void.

A. H. Stewart Celebrates 80th Birthday & Jubilee

Alex H. Stewart has reached his 80th birthday this month. This also marks his 50th year of full-time service for the best of Masters whom he has served faithfully and fruitfully.



Born in Scotland, he experienced the second and spiritual birth while working in a coal mine in Nova Scotia. Later he wrote a compelling account of his salvation, which was aptly entitled "Saved In the Pit and From the Pit." This, together with a large number of his tracts and booklets, has had a wide circulation.

From the date of his conversion, Mr. Stewart has had a fervent zeal for the Lord and a marked gift for preaching the Gospel with clarity and power. A serious coal mine accident which almost took his life and required months of convalescence, was finally one of the means of thrusting him into full-time service for the Lord. In those early days he preached often in the open air and in tents and rented halls in Nova Scotia, Quebec and Ontario. Wherever he went people were saved and some assemblies established.

For the past 30 years he and his family have resided in Racine, Wisconsin. For some years he served on the extension staff of Moody Bible Institute, where he had wide opportunities to proclaim God's good news. He was a close associate of Dr. H. A. Ironside from the first time they met at a Bible conference in St. Louis. Together they conducted many fruitful gospel campaigns in the eastern and western parts of the country. It was Dr. Ironside's request that his friend be the one to bring the message at the memorial service held in the Moody Church in Chicago. Several years ago Mr. Stewart received an honorary doctorate degree at Bob Jones University where from time to time he has been a welcome Bible teacher to the 3,000 students.

Although he is now slowing down physically, Mr. Stewart can still preach the Word of life ably and vigorously. At his last series of meetings, held for a week in Toledo, Ohio he preached fifteen times. As you read this, he will be one of a number of speakers at the eight-day annual mid-winter Bible conference at South Bend, Indiana, being there for the 28th consecutive time. An elder in one of our assemblies was heard to say recently that Mr. Stewart never had a series of meetings without souls being saved; and in his 80th year he continues the good work. A good number of those saved through his ministry are now in full-time

service in the homeland and in foreign countries.

Mr. Stewart is not thinking of retirement in his 80th year and jubilee in the Lord's work. He with his son, Sam, plans a preaching trip south to Florida with meetings along the way to climax with a month's meetings in the Bahama Islands. There they plan to preach through the month of February in the morning and evening daily.

Sam Stewart

Tent Needed for Gospel Crusade in Bahamas

Leaders of the Inter-Insular Evangelistic Crusades plan to conduct a gospel crusade in the Bahamas beginning March, 1963. The message will be presented through speakers, literature and films. It is hoped that eventually a fellowship and testimony group may be established and that a chapel may be built in the crusade area.

A tent with about 100 seats capacity is needed for this crusade. If you can provide a suitable tent or can give information about securing one economically, please write to:

**Mr. Rex Major
Inter-Evangelistic Crusades
Box 1056
Nassau, Bahamas, C. E.**

Letters of Interest to LETTERS OF INTEREST

From current replies to the Annual Survey we have selected a few excerpts. Some of the comments are a bit searing. And that is good for us. If you haven't sent your comment do.

I subscribe just to keep up with the general let down in the assembly, the compromise and expediency so clearly revealed each month. The religious systems of men certainly spread like communism.

There is a smugness among many brethren. . . . about "assembly principles" . . . to me it is either New Testament principles or none at all.

We would rather pay for ourselves, as we cannot pay the publication expense for others. (Ed. comment: How many readers would prefer that LOI have a subscription price of, say, \$2 a year?)

Continue the good work—especially the editorials. . . . I especially like your editorials; also enjoy letters from workers. . . . Appreciate editorials, Questions on the Local Church and news of workers. . . . Enjoy the editorials. . . . Enjoy especially the Questions and Answers. Also the items on the first page. . . . Please attempt to include brief missionary coverage. . . . Enjoy more Questions and Answers. . . . Editorials profitable. . . . Especially editorials. . . . Com-

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Open House for N. Pk. Community Chapel, Brantford, Ontario, Is Crowded Out

We opened our new chapel on the 14th of October. Over 200 attended and we had to set up chairs in the aisles. Then all the members from Bethel Chapel came up after the closing of their own service, adding another 100 for the Open House and Tea.

We had a two-weeks' gospel campaign with John Williams of Toronto. A middle-aged man and his wife professed faith in Christ. Others are interested. So we pray that God will use this building and use His people for the blessing of many.

S. R. Bernardo

Over 500 Attend New England Young People's Conference

The 1962 New England Young People's Conference was held on November 2-4, 1962, on Babson Institute Campus in Wellesley, Massachusetts. Over 500 attended, representing fourteen states and two provinces. Speaking on the theme, "In View of His Coming" August Van Ryn and John Phillips challenged young people to live day by day in awareness of their responsibility to the Lord and to those around them. One young man from New York professed to be saved and is reportedly going on well.

The New England Young People's Conference Committee has now undertaken to conduct four events annually. From the original fall conferences, its activities have increased to include the Young Adult Conference at Camp Bera in New Hampshire (August 24-31 in 1963), a Winter Retreat in the ski country of New Hampshire (a three-day week end February 22-24 in 1963), and a spring banquet, to be held at the Wayside Inn on May 3 in 1963. It is our purpose through these projects to bring the young people from assemblies in this area together for fellowship, ministry and gospel challenge as frequently as possible. The committee would appreciate the prayers of Christians for revival among young people, and for these activities in particular.

If you would like to have more information, or to have your name added to our mailing list, please contact the committee Chairman:

William H. Armerding
7 Savin Street
Burlington, Massachusetts

CORRECT CHAPEL ADDRESS

Grace Chapel
4501 College Avenue
Lubbock, Texas

CONFERENCES

Tillsonburg, Ont., Conference Gave Encouragement to Hope and Work

TOM WILKIE, Box 183, Forest, Ontario: I had the joy of attending the Tillsonburg Conference. The Resurrection of Christ and the Coming of Christ were prominent in the messages. We left the conference feeling it was a good thing to "look up" to the Living Redeemer, to "look on" waiting for His coming, and while we wait to "look around" for the souls of the perishing.

Baptism Takes Place During Annual Conference

Spring Hill Gospel Hall, Westbrook, Maine: Our fourth annual Bible Conference, held over the second week end in November, proved to be a happy and profitable occasion. In spite of rainy weather which hindered some from coming, the Hall was well filled and many New England assemblies were represented as well as some from Canada. David Kirk and Robert Crawford shared the ministry. On Saturday evening a baptism took place and on the Lord's Day morning two young people were received into fellowship.

Mr. Kirk remained for a week of meetings, speaking on "The New Testament Church." These were well attended and appreciated by all. Help from ministering brethren is always appreciated in our little assembly.

Charles R. Grob

Young People Helped at Conference in Hinton, W. Va.

HARRY PILKINGTON, Box 498, Hinton, West Virginia: Our Thanksgiving conference was a time of refreshing for all the saints of this area. Speakers were Woodrow Murphy of Siler City, North Carolina and David Ednie of Marion, Virginia.

A large number of young people attended from the surrounding area. Some of them declared that it was the best conference they had attended.

New Year's Conference to be Conducted in Pottstown, Pa.

You are cordially invited to attend the annual New Year's Day conference in Pottstown on Tuesday, January 1, 1963, in the Pottstown Youth Center Building. This building is in the extreme east end of town, just off High Street, south on Firestone Drive.

Expected speakers are: Mr. Robert Little of Chicago, Illinois; Mr. John Bramhall of Charlotte, North Carolina; and Mr. Boyd Nicholson of St. Catharines, Ontario.

Meetings will begin at 10:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. The gospel will be presented in the evening session. Lunch will be served at noon, and supper after the afternoon session.

Conference at Laurel Bible Chapel, San Diego, to be Held in February

Laurel Bible Chapel, 4445 Laurel, San Diego 5, California: The dates for our 1963 conference will be Saturday and Sunday, February 9 and 10, with a meeting for prayer preceding the conference on Friday at 7:30. Messrs. Abe Hartsema and Herman Luhm will teach the Word of God to us.

To assure adequate accommodations, all coming from a distance should notify William Martin at 1535 Larwood Road, Lemon Grove, California.

A. L. Brunner

Southeastern Workers' Conference to be Conducted February 20-21

The twelfth annual Southeastern Workers' Conference will be held at Bethany Chapel, 401 Milledge Road, Augusta, Georgia, on Wednesday and Thursday, February 20 and 21, 1963. Registration will begin at 1:00 p.m. on the 20th, and the first session will start at 2:00 p.m.

The general theme of the conference will be, "What Is Scriptural Assembly Fellowship?" All exercised brethren will be welcomed.

Clarence Low, Secretary

NEW CHAPEL

North Park Community Chapel Brantford, Ontario

Sunday School, 9:45; Gospel, 11:00; Breaking of Bread, 7:00 p.m.; Prayer and Ministry, Tuesday, 8:00 p.m. Correspondent: S. R. Bernardo, 145 George Street, Brantford, Ontario.

Zephyrhills, Fla. Chapel Will Hold Conference February 23

In the will of the Lord there will be an all-day conference at the Zephyrhills, Florida, Gospel Chapel, 4th Avenue and 8th Street, on February 23, 1963. Meetings will be at 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Dinner and supper will be served. Expected speakers are Ernest Tatham and others.

The Zephyrhills Christians also wish to extend a cordial invitation to all Christians visiting in Florida this winter season. Our meetings are: Breaking of Bread, 9:30 a.m.; Family Bible Hour, 11:00 a.m., Gospel, 7:30 p.m.

Baltimore Conference to be Conducted Over Washington Birthday Week End

Loch Hill Chapel, 6601 Loch Raven Boulevard, Baltimore 12, Maryland, will conduct its annual conference for Christians during the Washington Birthday holiday, Saturday and Sunday, February 23 and 24. The conference will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. Expected speakers are Messrs. T. Ernest Wilson and William MacDonald. It is recommended that those coming read I Peter 2 in preparation for the Bible study.

John F. Suess
8825 Grove Road
Baltimore 36, Maryland

Attendance Is High at Young People's Conference

DAVID WARD, 8 Watrous Avenue, Mystic 6, Connecticut, November 28: The past two week ends I have been busy at young people's conferences. The first of these was at Westmount, Toronto. This was the first such venture there, and interest and attendance were excellent.

This past week end we shared in ministry with William MacDonald at the Cleveland area conference. Almost 200 gathered for the two days, and we felt the Lord was good in giving much of His presence. Young folk were present from the local area as well as from Detroit, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Erie and Buffalo.

I enjoy every letter, and after I read it, I stop and hold it up before the Lord in prayer. Many names are of people I have never met while others bring back memories pleasant to recall. May the Lord encourage each worker.

E. D. Eames

YOU DID INTEND TO, BUT DID YOU FORGET?

Each month, October, November and December, as you noticed the Annual Survey envelope in the middle of the magazine, you intended to take it out, fill it in with comment, criticism or commendation and, probably, with contribution, together with your name and address.

But somehow month after month after month you neglected to do it right then, and you forgot.

Now it is real late; but not too late. You can still do it. You can still answer that essential Annual Survey. Do it right now. Fill in the lines below, tear this page out of the magazine, stuff it into an envelope, and mail it today to **LETTERS OF INTEREST**, 127 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago 6, Illinois; or, if you are in Canada, to Mr. James B. Buchan, Box 432, Thornhill, Ontario;

Name _____

Address _____

Comment _____

Contribution enclosed _____ Receipt requested _____

P.S. Of course, if you don't want to mutilate the magazine, pick up one of those previous issues, pull out the envelope and use it instead. And while you are at it answer this one question: Would you prefer paying a subscription price of \$2 a year to making an annual gift to help defray the expenses of publication?

Your Answer _____

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San Francisco 16, California**

David Kirk Spends Early Winter in Eastern States

DAVID KIRK, 171 Laurier Avenue, Hamilton, Ontario, November 20, 1962: After a happy week in Malvern, Pennsylvania, I went to the Westbrook Conference where I shared the ministry with Bob Crawford. I remained for a week's teaching on the Local New Testament Assembly.

A happy week end was spent in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Currently I am in Audubon, New Jersey, before going to Reading, Pennsylvania for the Thanksgiving conference there and a week on "Jehovah's Feasts." Paterson, Kearny, and Pottstown are on this itinerary before I get home December 17 for the Christmas holiday.

You Can SAVE Us Money, Too HOW?

Well, a Letters of Interest magazine sent to the wrong address cannot be forwarded. So every such magazine is returned to us, at a charge of eight cents apiece.

With the freedom we all enjoy here, so many of our friends move from one residence to another, and some so often, that we sometimes get the impression that our mailing list is full of restless grasshoppers. But it gets a bit more serious when magazines come flocking back to us from abandoned addresses and the LOI Department pays the multiplied fee.

SOLUTION? Not to stop moving. But to let us know as soon as you can when you do move—or better yet when you are going to move—and give us your new address too, clearly.

Thank you.

QUOTES FROM *Letters*

Walter Ainslie Passes Into Rest

EDGAR AINSLIE, 817 West Chauncey Avenue, West Lafayette, Indiana: My eldest son, Walter, passed into the presence of the Lord yesterday, Lord's Day, November 25, 1962, at 1:45 p.m., after an illness caused by cancer which had spread all through his system. As the end drew near he enjoyed the reading of the Scriptures and the singing of the hymns we sing in our morning meetings.



Walter was saved when he was eleven, in the Assembly Hall Sunday School (now known as the Elmwood Gospel Chapel) in Buffalo, New York. We prayed that after all the suffering he had endured God would grant him a peaceful crossing of "Old Jordan." He entered into a peaceful sleep, then sank into a coma in which without a struggle he ended all his pain and passed through the gates of the celestial city to meet the Saviour he loved and served. So we parted until that bright "morn of morns" when we shall be satisfied, when we all shall awake in His likeness, meeting to part no more. Revelation 14:13.

Former R. C. Girl Becomes Bright Christian

AUBREY C. DELLANDREA, 247 Greenhill Avenue, R. R. 1, North Bay, Ontario, November 24, 1962: I am teaching the Word in Fairview Gospel Chapel, Halifax, Nova Scotia. Happy Hour meetings were held the first week, with attendance averaging over 150 a night. The Lord brought salvation to several boys and girls. A Roman Catholic girl, about twelve years of age, professed and is a bright case. Since



her confession of faith in Christ she has had a tonsilectomy operation. I visited her in the hospital yesterday, and was cheered that she had with her there (in a Roman Catholic hospital) the booklets which she had received at the meetings. Her mother was very friendly, and spoke

appreciatively of the meetings which her daughter attended. We trust that this child will lead her parents to faith in Christ.

This week we are proclaiming the Gospel to adults, mainly, and the attendance shows a fair interest.

Address for Mr. and Mrs. W. G. McCartney

Some Christians who travel to and from the South have expressed a desire to see the William McCartney's on their way. For such friends and others who wish to write to them, we give their present address here:

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. McCartney
1225 Highland Avenue
Hendersonville, North Carolina

Roof Put on Chapel; Shonto Station Faces Opposition

GEORGE BAXTER, Box 141, Flagstaff, Arizona, November: The roof is on the chapel at Shonto. It is attracting much attention from the Indians as the aluminum shines in the moonlight and sunlight to tell the people that there is a greater light than this when the Gospel is received by them. We thank Him for giving us enough dry beautiful days to finish it outside.

It is not finished inside: the floor covering is not on, the painting is not done, the heater is not purchased, the wiring and plumbing are not in, the furnishings are not bought. These are awaiting needed funds and time to do them.

The enemy is coming in and Shonto Station needs much prayer at this time. A native pentecostal woman came to the Sunday school last Sunday, stayed a little while, then took two women from our group out to teach them her doctrines. Please pray that this will stop. Remember the need for interpreters here.

The opposition of the Mormons is strong. They have half the children who are released from school for religious instruction once a week. (We have the other half.) They get their names by giving their parents a sack of flour, other groceries, or some clothing. We hear that the Navajo Council there has rented them their Chapter House (council meeting house) for religious services. Pray that these efforts will fail to turn the people from His truth and way of gathering.

Another woman at the Red Lake station has professed faith in Christ. She had been a secret believer for some time, but one Sunday had the courage to confess the Lord openly.

We are in Flagstaff now and busy with Christmas packing, preparing for the Christmas Gospel services. We do thank you for helping us with your love, prayers and the many, many gifts so that we can go forward for Him.

We would ask again that you pray

much for strength, suitable weather conditions, willing hearts with power as they give out His Word to their tribesmen, and that willing hands will come to our rescue in the task of packing.

The Lord Proved Precious Through Sickness

PAUL R. BITLER, 1040 Evergreen Avenue, Bronx 72, New York: On November 1 I was taken to the hospital. After much testing the doctors confirmed their original diagnosis, a mild case of Hepatitis. In the goodness of God it was checked before becoming more serious. When I was discharged from the hospital the doctor told me to rest three weeks at home.

During this experience the presence of the Lord was most real and precious, and His promises were made even more assuring. Both my wife and I are grateful to the Lord's people for their many prayers and kindnesses. We definitely felt the power of prayer on our behalf.

I had become ill just before our Spanish assembly anniversary. However, I was told that the men did a fine job. The number that came was far above their expectation. God gave much blessing.

J. W. Bramhall Cancels November Engagements Because of Illness

J. W. BRAMHALL, 2309 Commonwealth Avenue, Charlotte 5, North Carolina, November 17, 1962: The month of October was happily spent in St. Louis, Missouri, Raleigh, North Carolina, and Cleveland, Ohio with the Lord's blessing and presence evident.



After an early week end in November at Friendship Gospel Hall in Pittsburgh, I was afflicted with a virus bronchial infection and found it necessary to cancel the remaining engagements for this month. I am improved and hope to journey home at the end of the month.

E. B. Godfrey Ministers to Assemblies in Alberta

E. B. GODFREY, 428 Edna Avenue, Penticton, British Columbia: We were away from home for three months, while my wife was recovering from her last fall. Our daughter, Mrs. Hough, had undertaken to nurse her.

I took advantage of the opportunity to visit a number of places in Alberta for which the Lord had given me concern; namely, Red Deer, Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Granum, Paradise Valley. I also attended the Thanksgiving conference

at Berry Creek and Youngstown, gave a Sunday at Belmont Chapel in Edmonton, and a couple of meetings in Calgary.

I am at present engaged in caring for my dear wife. We have again been made to prove that our Lord is indeed "Jehovah Ropheka" (Jehovah that healeth thee —Exodus 15:26), and we can sing with full hearts the 103rd Psalm.

Prisoner Converted in Baltimore

EDWIN FESCHE, 721 East 34th Street, Baltimore 18, Maryland: While I was in St. Louis attending the Workers' Conference I ministered in North St. Louis and East Carondelet, Illinois. At all of the meetings there was good attendance and interest. On the return trip I ministered at Louisville, Kentucky, and St. Clairsville, Ohio. I now expect to serve close to home base well into January. Through the jail meetings conducted by the assembly in Baltimore has come a conversion that at the moment appears promising.



Jehovah's Witnesses Deceive Mexicans in California

IRENE GALLAGHER, 353 Clela Avenue, Los Angeles 22, California: So many of our Mexican people are being deceived by the Jehovah's Witnesses who are working overtime in our area. Please pray that the Lord will enable me by His Word and through the Holy Spirit to convince these people of the truth as I visit in their homes. I find the same thing as I go from house to house in the El Monte area.

A Chilean young man who was in our Sunday School for years but turned aside for the world, has just turned his life over to the Lord as the result of a very strange and painful illness. He will be receiving an Emmaus course.

Three Young People, One From Germany, Profess Faith

JOSEPH GIORDANO, 65 Side Hill Road, Hamden 17, Connecticut: Recently three young people made a profession of faith in Christ. One of them was an older teen-age boy who comes from West Berlin. He is living with one of our families from the Chapel and is attending high school locally for a year. At a testimony time the next Friday he testified publicly of his salvation. New folk are continually in the meetings, and many of them come through the efforts of young believers or friends of the Chapel.

Progress is being made in the building program here and we are praying for an open winter in order to get a good bit

of work done. Target date from the contractors is May 1.

I continually covet the prayers of the Lord's people that wisdom might be given and that guidance will be continually known in connection with our concentrated work here.

Consideration to the Hoffman's During Illness Is Greatly Appreciated

OWEN HOFFMAN, Box 250, Washington, Georgia: As I write this letter my heart is filled with sincere appreciation to the Lord's Dear People for all the kindness shown us during my recent five months of sickness. There were many days of discouragement, but hardly a day without a message of comfort and cheer from some of you. To say that we are thankful is putting it mildly, for there is no way for us to express the deep thanksgivings of our hearts. We are sure He knows and will reward accordingly. Meanwhile, we want to express our gratitude to all of you.

At this writing I am feeling somewhat better, though I am still quite weak. Surgery a month ago was more drastic than the doctors had anticipated. I am still quite sore but have been more active the past week than in the past five months. I still have a long way to go though since two more operations will be necessary before I will be out of the woods. I am still fighting terrible depressions, but the doctors have assured me these will go as I get stronger.

This Sunday I will be at the Chapel and will take all the meetings, Lord willing. I also hope to start back with the radio station the first of December. The management was kind enough to hold my place for me, only filling it with a temporary program. I feel that I will be able to carry on by only being on the air Monday through Fridays and not taking on the task of visiting, etc. It will be hard not to follow through, but I know I will not be able to do this kind of work for a long while. I am sure I can work out an arrangement with the folk at the Chapel, so they can take care of the visiting, writing, etc.

The men at the Chapel have done a wonderful job of carrying on all through my illness, and gift has developed remarkably. I have thanked God for this as I have watched the work grow all during the time I was laid aside.

Many of you have been praying for our daughter Sonia and have inquired about her from time to time. I am happy to say she seems very well and completely restored from her recent illness. She has been working in the hospital here assisting the Lab. Technician. She likes the work so much she has decided to re-enter school in January and train for that position. Thank you for your prayerful interest in her.

I have started back my work of visitation in the hospitals also, but it has proved to be too much for me at present.

Please continue in prayer for us. We pray daily for all of you. We have you in our hearts always and are grateful to you.

Cuban Refugees Born Again

R. T. HALLIDAY, P. O. Box 582, Holly Hill, Florida: I spent a week end in Miami and met some of the refugees, now saved, who had escaped from Cuba. One man had made the whole trip of ninety miles by row boat.

Two Young Men Demonstrate Gifts of Preaching and Teaching

DAVID LAWRENCE 205 South 12 Street, Centerville, Iowa, December 3: We were encouraged recently as one of our young men preached the Gospel for the first time. He spoke for about twenty minutes, and presented the message very intelligently. Several remarked how well he did. We have lacked gift such as he demonstrated, and we hope that by exercising it he will develop into a good gospel preacher.

I am giving some addresses on the Feasts of the Lord, using John Ritchie's chart, and the attendance is good. Several Christians from other places are attending and seem to enjoy the Word. I had one of our young men open with a word last night. He did very well, demonstrating considerable gift.

Mrs. Patrizio Recovers From Fall Injuries

CESARE PATRIZIO, 224 West Louden Street, Philadelphia 20, Pennsylvania, November 26, 1962: We came home four weeks ago, after spending over four months in Canada, visiting a few Italian families in Toronto and holding meetings in English and Italian in Toronto and Sault Ste Marie, Ontario.

In Toronto my wife fell down some steps and broke a vertebra and two ribs. She was in the hospital for five days, then had to wear a spinal brace for over four weeks; but she recovered well. We also saw blessing among the Christians, and some non-Christians were saved.

Willing Drivers Ennable John Rankin to Continue Ministry

JOHN RANKIN, 1283 N. E. 39 Street, Oakland Park, Fort Lauderdale, Florida: I find open doors to minister the Word of the Lord in Fort Lauderdale and other meetings. This coming Sunday I hope to be speaking in Lantana. There are some good friends who are pleased to give us transportation here and there now that my driving days are over.

David Hogg Enjoys Measure of Recovery from Back Injury

Due to a misunderstanding in a report circulated that David Hogg has been seriously ill with a stroke, he has asked us to publish the following news:

DAVID HOGG, c/o 66 Ashbourne Drive, Islington, Ontario, November 21, 1962: A few months ago I had a serious back injury, and I would like to thank the Lord's people for their prayers on my behalf. I am happy to say that I am feeling much better.

During the summer months I had a fruitful time among the boys and girls at Faith Bible Camp, Winnipeg, Manitoba. During the first two weeks of November I had children's meetings in one of the Sunday schools connected with the West Toronto Gospel Hall, where attendance was good and some professed faith in Christ.

I expect to return to Glasgow, Scotland, on December 5, and would value your continued prayers both for my physical health and for my ministry as the Lord may lead.

John Horn Encouraged by Recent Conversions

JOHN HORN, 419 Smith Street, Atchison, Kansas, Nov. 9, 1962: We had a few meetings in the Chicago area the past three weeks and were really encouraged. In the past two months we have seen some outstanding cases of conversion that have brought joy to ourselves and others. At the present time David and I are here in Atchison, Kansas.

Mr. & Mrs. William Rae Need Our Prayers

WILLIAM M. RAE, 3067 N. E. Oregon St., Portland 12, Oregon: Writing is a great task to me now because of cataracts, which will be taken off when ready for surgery. Meantime I am greatly handicapped. Mrs. Rae is very poorly and in much pain.

Recent Fruit From Past Efforts Gives Encouragement

RAY ZANDER, 269 N. W. 12th Street, Boca Raton, Florida: After seeing the Lord's blessing in Virginia, I went to Cherrydale, Washington where the Lord again brought salvation. The past year has been mainly plowing and sowing and strengthening; and the recent blessing is a real source of encouragement.

4,000 Show Response in El Paso, Texas, Crusade

CLARENCE A. LOW, P. O. Box 511, Sanford, North Carolina: I accepted an invitation from the Billy Graham team to serve as a counsellor-advisor during the recent El Paso, Texas, crusade. It was a great privilege and a wonderful experience.

Arriving five days prior to the meetings, we were able to assist in the door-to-door visitation program with Christians from the Grace Chapel assembly. Christians from both assemblies in El Paso worked faithfully and tirelessly in visitation work, as counsellors, advisors, choir members, office workers, etc. I spent one Sunday with the assembly at Grace Chapel and one with the assembly at Sunrise Bible Chapel. Their kind hospitality and hearty Christian fellowship were a real inspiration.

About 4,000 enquirers came forward for spiritual help during this eight-day crusade. It was estimated that close to 60 per cent responded for salvation.

The Christians who shared in the crusade were greatly blessed themselves, and there can be little doubt that, as the Mayor of El Paso put it, "El Paso will never be quite the same again."

(See report by James Hunt, P. 6)

Assemblies Visited by A. R. McConkey

A. ROSS MCCONKEY, 11730 Hubbell Avenue, Detroit 27, Michigan: June this year was spent with the Braidwood assembly in Peterborough, Ontario; July and August with the assembly in Belleville, Ontario; September at Deacon, Ontario; and most of October at Tillsonburg, Ontario. It was a joy to see the Lord use His Word to bring blessing to His people in each place. November was spent with various assemblies in the New Jersey-New York area, and December with Curtis Chapel assembly in Detroit. We expect to return to Tillsonburg in January for a series on the book of the Revelation.

Two Girls in Winston Salem Profess Faith

WOODROW MURPHY, Box 9, Siler City, North Carolina, November 11: We just finished two weeks of meetings with Tommy Steele of Winston Salem teaching the Word. Two girls professed faith in Christ, and the Christians were refreshed by the Word. We were on the air each morning during one week and each Sunday during the month we broadcast the Family Bible Hour. It encouraged us to see a few visitors out almost every night during the meetings.

Mr. Mackie Is Well Again, Returns to Speaking Ministry

WILLIAM B. MACKIE, 2424 Barth Street, Flint 4, Michigan: I am very grateful to the Lord for the measure of recovery received from my recent illness, and wish to thank all who had me on their hearts and mentioned me in prayer.

After being laid aside for six weeks, I commenced a two-week series for Boys and Girls in our own assembly. The attendance was good, and the attention to the message excellent. The months of November and December were spent in Flint.

January will see us in Detroit, Michigan, and Forrest, Ontario. At Forrest I will give two weeks of gospel preaching. In February I will give help at the Countryside Chapel, Owosso, Michigan; and in April I will be engaged at the Bethany Chapel in Yonkers, New York.

Harold Mackay Encouraged by Doctors Several Saved Through Regular Services

HAROLD G. MACKAY, 3714 Freeman Mill Road, Greensboro, North Carolina: I am thankful to say that I can carry on in a limited way in ministering the Word. I spent a week in Gracemount Chapel in Cleveland in nightly meetings, the first in a year. Here in North Carolina I have been able to visit at Durham, besides speaking in Greensboro.

I have had several medical examinations recently, and, while the doctors advise me to adjust my activities in view of a continuance of the present condition for the rest of my life, there is evidence that all pressure on the brain has disappeared. This is undoubtedly in answer to the prayers of many of the Lord's people all over the country. The God who has done this can eliminate the remaining difficulties if He sees fit. If not we shall seek grace to carry on as He enables. It is good to know that all is in His hands.

I have been humbled by the many letters from friends who say they pray daily. Their prayers are sincerely appreciated.

In Greensboro we had a week of gospel meetings with Worth Ellis of Durham preaching. Mr. Ellis has a real gift in the Gospel, and we had the best-attended special services in many years. It was evident that the Spirit of God was working. Several have also been saved in the regular services lately, and attendance has been very fine.

News for the Morris Proves Encouraging

RAYMOND MORRIS, P. O. Box 246, Winslow, Arizona: In 1958, while we were in New Zealand, Dorothy had surgery for cancer and for the past four years we have lived under the threat of its recurrence. Several months ago there were signs that perhaps it was still there and after several careful examinations, Dorothy was urged to go to Phoenix for X-ray therapy. We had not been there before but the Lord had prepared for this eventuality. Mr. and Mrs. McGookin of Phoenix had recently visited us and invited us to call on them in any emergency. This we did and they opened up their home to us at once.

On arrival at Phoenix the case was reviewed and we were informed that X-ray would be ineffective. We were referred to one of the leading specialists in the city who called in all evidence from New Zealand and elsewhere and took further tests. As a result he felt the only thing to do was to operate. This he did November 7. The tissue removed was examined and the result was "above what we asked or thought." It was non malignant. And so the cloud that had hovered over us for so long moved away and we came out into the sunshine again, grateful to God for His overruling.

Dorothy is now back at Winslow and we look forward to seeing her back in harness in a month or so. The existing condition has still to be checked on every two months, but it is something that should respond to further treatment.

We know that hundreds of the Lord's people have been praying and we have seen the Lord answering in every detail. We now join with you in thanksgiving to Him. We have appreciated your letters and cards and your fellowship in every way. Dorothy joins me in saying "The Lord bless you all."

Neighborhoods Visited by F. W. Schwartz

F. W. SCHWARTZ, 14283 Terry Street, Detroit 27, Michigan, November 21, 1962: I had a happy week end at Mishawaka, Indiana, and then came West for the Kansas City conference, where we enjoyed refreshing fellowship and helpful ministry. I then had several evenings with the meeting at Atchison, Kansas, where, as usual, the Christians seem appreciative of help given them. I am now in Omaha, Nebraska. Attendance here is encouraging, and the Lord gives help in both Gospel preaching and teaching.

STUDENTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES

Finding their position discussed in the July-August, October, as well as December, issues of "Letters of Interest," four young assembly men now attending a western seminary say a word for the student in advanced training in the following letter:

Recent articles in "Letters of Interest" by Dr. Arthur Hill, Mr. Neil Fraser and Mr. William MacDonald have prompted us to write about attending seminary. We are four young men in active fellowship with the assemblies and currently attending Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California. Fuller Seminary is an evangelical, non-denominational school which admits qualified college graduates. We believe God has led us here to study the Bible and related subjects such as Greek, Hebrew, Theology, Christian History, Missions, Preaching and Counselling. We chose seminary rather than Bible school because here our classes are on a post-college level, a Bible school being designed primarily for high school graduates.

Although we are aware that most of our classmates are preparing for ordination and employment with some denomination or agency, we are not preparing for the same ends. We believe our studies will be of value even if we do not become "full-time workers."

Assemblies in Southern California give us many opportunities to minister the Word. If God has appropriately gifted us and intends to lead us into some kind of "full-time" ministry, we believe He will make this clear to the assemblies in this area and wherever else we may be associated. We do not expect to be "launched into the Lord's work" because of graduation from seminary; any commendation would come quite apart from our formal training.

There probably are some who have gone to a seminary and left the assemblies. Others have left without going to seminary. As for ourselves, our beliefs in the assembly understanding of the New Testament church have been strengthened upon exposure to other interpretations and through discussions with those who hold them. Moreover, we have never heard a professor ridiculing the assemblies.

Anyone desiring further information is encouraged to write to us at 135 North Oakland Avenue, Pasadena, California.

Ward Gasque, Florence, S. C.—graduate of Wheaton College; Quentin Hyder, Ipswich, England—graduate of Cambridge University; Donald Tinder, Miami, Florida—graduate of Yale University; Richard Vesperman, Yonkers, New York—graduate of Wheaton College.

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With The Lord

Andrew Moyer of Buffalo, New York Called Home

Mr. Andrew Moyer of Buffalo, New York, passed into the presence of the Lord on October 31, 1962, after about seven months of illness. He had been in fellowship at Elmwood Gospel Chapel for sixteen years, and had been faithful in attending the meetings there. An artist by profession, he had been very helpful in children's work and craft classes in his earlier days. He had also painted beautiful baptismal murals for the various assemblies in the Buffalo area.

Mr. Moyer will be greatly missed at the Elmwood Gospel Chapel, for he led a quiet, godly life.

Charles A. Parsons

Mrs. Robert Deans

Christina McIver was born of Christian parents in Scotland on December 12, 1880, and was saved at the age of 19. It was in Scotland that she met a godly young man named Robert Deans. Mr. Deans took a position in construction work on the Panama Canal and came to North America in 1906. Christina joined him in Panama a year later and they were married. Their first child, William Alexander, was born there.

The young family moved to Little Rock, Arkansas, where Mr. Deans preached the gospel and continued in secular employment. Ella and Robert were born here. After a brief residence in Canada, the family moved to Alameda, California, where the children grew up and attended school.

In September 1929, after years of heart exercise before God, Mr. and Mrs. Deans responded to the call of the Lord and with their family went to serve Him in the Belgian Congo. All three children served as missionaries to the Congo. Two are still thus engaged. Robert Jr. died in 1944 of a malady contracted in Africa.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Deans retired from the mission field in May, 1959, and lived in the Claremont Retirement Home for Christians in Southern California. Mr. Deans went to be with the Lord in February, 1960. Mrs. Deans then moved up to Oakland to be with her daughter, Ella Spees, during her furlough from the Congo.

When she heard that her granddaughter, Marilyn Spees, was to be left in America for further schooling and that the chosen place was Hampden DuBose Academy, Florida, she felt led of God to

go with her. At the age of 80 she pulled up stakes in California and went to Orlando, Florida, where she kept house in a small apartment and provided a home for Marilyn during the vacation periods.

After several months of increasing sickness, she passed into the presence of the Lord on the morning of November 2, 1962. Her son, William, had been with her for several days, and her daughter had flown in from Congo to be with her. The funeral service was held in Tampa, and was led by Messrs. Frank Detweiler and Svend Christensen.

Mrs. Deans is survived by her son, William, her daughter Mrs. William Spees, eight grandchildren, one great grandchild, a sister and two brothers.

Noah Gratton

On October 16, 1962, Mr. Noah Gratton passed into the presence of the Saviour.



He first heard the gospel preached plainly by Messrs. Thomas Wilkie and Albert Joyce in a little hall on the "B" line near Grand Bend, Ontario, in 1921. At the close of the meeting he was asked if he was saved, and he vexedly declared that he would never return to the hall. But he was there again the following evening, and, under conviction of sin, continued to attend the meetings. After some weeks of deepening conviction and searching for peace, he dusted off his unused Bible and began to read. He found salvation and peace through Paul's answer to the Philippian jailer as recorded in Acts 16:31. A few days later his wife also put her trust in Christ.

Many were born again here at this time, so that a few months later about 50 were baptized in one service, the Noah Grattons among them. Soon an assembly was established at Grand Bend. It was not long before Noah Gratton's gift for preaching the Gospel was recognized.

John H. Spreeman was considering the needs of Quebec Province for the Gospel, and learned of Mr. Gratton's ability. He also learned that Mr. Gratton was of French-Canadian parents and conversed in French with his mother. After prayer and thought Mr. Spreeman wrote to Mr. Gratton suggesting that he too consider the possibility of serving the Lord in Quebec.

Mr. Gratton eventually received a growing concern for the people of Quebec, but hesitated to leave his farm and move his wife and four children into such a new environment. He felt that God was

warning him forcefully when He called his eight-year-old daughter home in the fall of 1931. By mid-fall he announced to the assembly that God seemed to be calling him to Quebec. He had lost contact with Mr. Spreeman and did not know where he was, but believed that God would confirm His call through word from him. Two weeks later Mr. Spreeman, unaware of these developments in Grand Bend, attended a conference nearby and then came to pay the Grattons a visit. It then became clear to all that God was definitely leading the Gratton family to Quebec Province.

Mr. Gratton was convinced through Ecclesiastes 11:4 that he should not be delayed by the winter now setting in. So he arranged to sell his farm stock and implements by auction on January 10, 1933. This turned out to be a beautiful spring-like day, and everything was sold at better prices than had been expected. The Gratton family shared a flat with John Spreeman in Montreal, Quebec for two months before they were led to work in Girardville.

Various efforts were made here to expel the preachers, but though sometimes in fear and suspense, they went on with the work, believers were baptized, and an assembly was formed which still continues. Mr. Gratton was also instrumental in establishing centers of fellowship and testimony in several other places, among them Dequen Nord, Rollet, Thetford Mines, Three Rivers, Farnham, Valleyfield, and Lachute, as well as in Montreal. In these and many other places many were won to Christ through his preaching. He himself was dearly loved and esteemed wherever he went.

But Mr. Gratton was often unwell, even while visiting and preaching, and in recent years serious ailments increased. When it eventually became clear that he could not recover, he accepted the fact as God's will and gladly anticipated going home from Quebec Province.

A bilingual service was led by Roland Labonte and John Spreeman in Montreal on October 18. About 300 persons attended from the city and province, among these many of Mr. Gratton's children in the faith. The service was closed with the hymn, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," a favorite of Mr. Gratton.

A memorial service was conducted at Grand Bend October 20, led by Albert Joyce and Thomas Wilkie.

Mr. Gratton leaves his wife, one son, three daughters, one son-in-law, one daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren.

"Knowing that He which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus and shall present us with you" (II Corinthians 4:14).



Hospital Chaplain's Work Described at Seminar

This year's Chaplains' Seminar was held at Riverton Heights Hospital in Seattle, Washington. Present were: Douglas Ibbotson, Henry Moffat, Frank Ward, Dick Barada, Charles Howard, and Charles Peterson.

It was suggested that the chaplains' responsibility is a full-time work of giving ourselves, making ourselves available as follows:

To the Patient: To make known the claims of Christ when opportunity comes. Opportunities are brought through prayer and visitation (there is no substitute for being at a bedside), and through close cooperation with the Superintendent of nurses and nurses in charge (the chaplain's availability when the patient can be seen is very important).

It is important that every patient be contacted consistently. It is also deemed important to contact each incoming patient soon after he arrives, especially if he is scheduled for surgery the next day. It is also advantageous to contact every discharged patient before he leaves.

To Hospital Personnel: Without in any way assuming any connection with or responsibility for administrative function, the chaplain should make himself available for personal counselling to hospital personnel.

To the Administrator: The chaplain should be a prayer partner with the administrator, and should pray for him in his work as well.

Counselling: As much as time permits, the chaplain should give time in personal counselling.

Solicitation of Funds for Chaplains' Work: It was suggested that we confine ourselves to making the chaplains' work known. However, a chaplains' fund has been set up in the Seattle area to serve the chaplains' need for tracts, books, wall texts, etc., and this fund has been replenished by gifts from Christian friends to whom the need has been made known.

In order to give the quality of chaplains' service just outlined, the four Seattle hospitals under Steward's Foundation maintain a team of five chaplains, thus providing continuous service in case of sickness, vacations, or other causes

of chaplains' absence. Additional chaplains may be needed to meet or keep pace with proposed hospital expansion and to replace chaplains because of age or sickness. Pray that God will prepare men now for the need as He sees it will present itself.

Charles H. Peterson, Chairman

Chaplain Appointed Second Lieutenant, Staff Specialist Branch, USAR

Second Lieutenant David L. Rush, 05 708 632, was appointed 2nd Lt., SS-USAR, October 2, 1962; 661 39th Street, Richmond 9, California.

—Charles E. Brown, Chaplain (Major General), USA, Chief of Chaplains

Three Become Believers Through Work of Chaplain

Each day as I prepare myself to go to the hospital it is with intense self examination, prayerful that I may not be conspicuous, but that only the Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified.

Several weeks ago there was an automobile accident in which a fifty-year-old lady in her sports car was hurled down an embankment. She was thrown from the car, but landed on dry ground rather than in the nearby river. She was soon discovered and brought by ambulance to the hospital. As soon as possible I went to see her for a few moments, to be told that she had heard of the chaplain and would be grateful for future visits. Since then we have had daily fellowship in the Scriptures. Seldom have I found a person so hungry for the Word of God, or one with so many pertinent questions. We feel quite certain that this lady has become a believer, and we thankfully pray for her.

A forty-year-old mother of three, a terminal cancer patient, has found the Lord Jesus as her very own. Her husband has yielded his heart too as he has seen how the Lord has transformed the life of this one who now yearns to be absent from the body and present with Him. We rejoice to minister the Word of Life to this couple and to pray with them thanking our lovely Master for His love.

At present several assembly families in Olympia have a Tuesday evening Bible class with Bob Arthur. We have thought that the Lord may desire to raise up a testimony in southwest Washington from this nucleus, but there seems as yet to be no clear leading. There is a man and his family in Tacoma who have expressed willingness to take active part also.

Dick Barada, Centralia General Hospital, Centralia, Washington.

Rest Haven Homes Break Ground for New Building

Six years ago the Rest Haven Homes, operating homes in Spring Lake and Grand Rapids, Michigan, were informed by state authorities that they would have to rebuild or do extensive remodeling. Recently the directors broke ground and let out bids for construction of a new home at 1424 Union Avenue, North East, in Grand Rapids, to eventually replace the two old homes.

The new location includes five acres of land in a pleasant residential district two miles from the heart of the city and close to shopping centers. At the time of writing it was hoped that cement work could be done before winter frosts set in.

Please note also that, due to the erection of a new post office in Grand Rapids, the new box number for the Rest Haven Homes, Inc., is 2051.

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bination of Stewards Foundation and LOI is one of the best things that ever happened to the assemblies.... Questions and Answers very interesting. Do prefer smaller size pages.... Very encouraging and informative. So much said for the soul in the editorials.... Appreciate such complete coverage of workers' activities.... Especially editorials and letters.... Always enjoy editorials, discussions.... Would like an article on "Why are they baptized for the dead?".... A balanced ministry, relatively impartial.... Very well organized and informative.... Particularly like the Editors' Page and the Local Church page.... Particularly enjoy Brother Howard's answers to questions.... Page on Local Church needed and good. Appreciate space given to readers' comments.

We found the old size magazine much handier. This size more difficult to carry and read in close quarters.... Enjoy Editorials, Conferences, Letters and Reports.... Editorials are excellent.... Editorials are very helpful.... Enjoy every article from cover to cover, especially the editorials.... Much space wasted on reports.... We appreciate your graphic accounts of work and workers.... Some captions to workers' comments seem confusing and often seem to be misleading.... Shiny paper is hard to read and hard on the eyes.... Less pictures and more news and letters from the Lord's servants. Omit controversial articles. Return to the OLD PATHS. Acts 2:41-42.... Please print more about some of our assemblies which are following tradition instead of God's truth concerning the whole church, which is Christ's body. No wonder we do

not have much fruit to His glory. . . . Maybe more and longer letters and less articles would be an improvement. . . . We have received LOI for many years without giving any money, so am sending some (\$5) now, hoping to give more.

I am very pleased with the article "Circles of Fellowship". . . . I don't know what improvement could be made, unless it is more articles on tithing. . . . The Local Church is very helpful and interesting. I do not think any more space should be given to Bible exposition or ministry. Other magazines can do this. LOI I believe has a unique ministry of its own. I wonder if there is any way that servants of the Lord could let assemblies know when they intend to visit different parts of the field so that plans could be made to take advantage of such visits—perhaps through LOI.

BOOK REVIEWS

JESUS THE CHRIST, A Survey of Matthew's Gospel, by E. W. Rogers. 148 pages. Pickering & Inglis Ltd. 12/6 net.

"The aim," says the author, "is to present to the reader a panoramic view of the contents of the gospel of Matthew. An endeavor has been made to show that it is a consistent argument throughout, and not a haphazard collection of incidents, miracles and speeches of the Lord Jesus. Everything in the gospel is in its right place. . . .

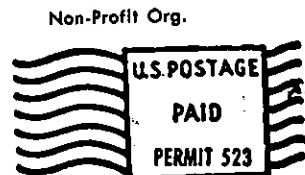
"The reader will not find here, it is believed, an extreme form of dispensationalism, nor will he find that dispensational teaching has been jettisoned altogether. An effort has been made to give it its proper place as a key with which to open up the meaning of the gospel."

Space limitations allow for only a brief excerpt, and that from the chapter on The Laws of The Kingdom, which discusses Matthew 5:7: "What is the relation of the Church, which is the body of Christ, to the Kingdom? It is IN the Kingdom, though it did not commence till Pentecost (Acts 2) and it will be taken away long before the Kingdom has come to earth. Therefore the Church and the Kingdom are not commensurate either as to duration, or as to personnel. But the Church is in the Kingdom. Seeing that this is so, it cannot fairly be said that the laws of the Kingdom do not apply to it. They apply as much to it as to any others who are in it, although not of this present dispensation. All who at any time acknowledge allegiance to the King are expected to obey His laws.

"It is freely granted that the Sermon on the Mount does not speak of the special mysteries of which Paul writes. But there is nothing in the sermon that



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is incongruous with such mysteries. . . . The fact is that the Sermon on the Mount is supra-dispensational and cannot be restricted to any one period."

THOUGHTS ON THE FIRST EPISTLE OF JOHN by E. W. Rogers. 77 pages. paper. Pickering & Inglis Ltd. 4 shillings.

What is "walking in the light" (1 John 1:7)? There are two schools of thought. It is, say some positively, where we walk. If we have trusted Christ Jesus as Saviour we are in the light. It is, as others dogmatically assert, how we walk. If we act as children of God should we are walking in the light.

Mr. Rogers asks: "Has it to do with manner or place? How we walk or where we walk?" "Surely," he answers his own questions, "it must be both, for no one who is truly aware of his proper position could be negligent of his spiritual condition. . . . Where he walks is in the light of His life. How he walks is 'following Christ.' We cannot separate the two ideas, because the word 'walk' denotes conduct, behavior. . . . John in the passage before us. . . is thinking of three things: (a) the person's profession; (b) position, and (c) conduct. 'If we say,' is their profession; 'in the light' is the position; and 'walk' is the conduct."

This is a very sketchy and skeletonized example of the workmanlike, thought-stirring expositions of this brief book.

DANIEL, by Philip R. Newell, Moody Press, 199 pages. \$3.00.

Referring to the image of Nebuchadnezzar's vision in Daniel 2, the author makes the interesting observation: "Relatively few expositors of this passage have apparently noticed that both

verses 35 and 45 distinctly state that the metals representing the first three stages of the image are all present, along with the iron and clay, when the descending stone strikes the image upon its feet. Thus it must be realized that the first three kingdoms, Babylon, Medo-Persia and Greece are all again to be existing at this yet future point. Indeed, two at least are recognizably present already in the form of Iran and Greece, and the third also, in large measure, in the geographical sense, at least, in modern Iraq."

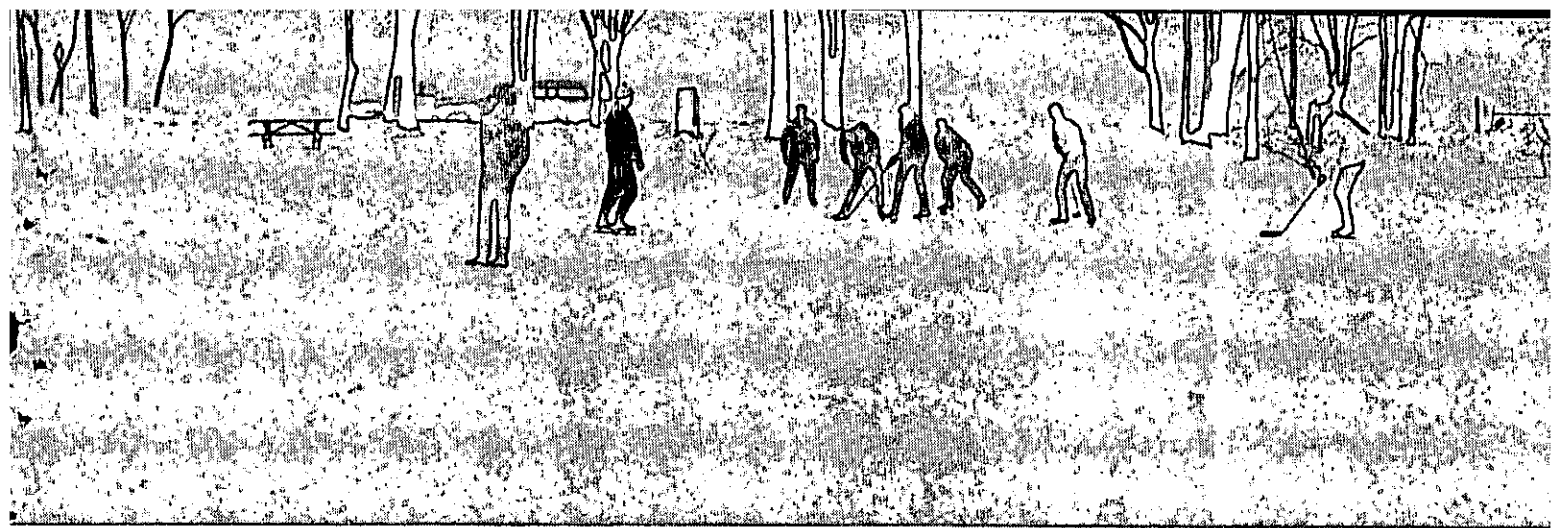
The preface by Dr. Maxwell Coder says that the treatment of chapters 8 and 9 provide "a thorough and revealing exposure of the unscriptural confusion of these passages which underlies the heresy of Seventh-Day Adventism."

George Rainey on Itinerary Visits George Pinches

GEORGE RAINEY, Box 675, Sorento, Florida, December 3: The Lord gave us some good meetings in York and all in the assembly there were greatly encouraged. At present I am busy in the Seventeenth Street Assembly in Harrisburg. I go on to Philadelphia and Rutherford, New Jersey next.

I had small but splendid meetings at Ottumwa, Iowa, for two weeks in November. Moreover, I was able to visit Mr. and Mrs. George T. Pinches in Pella, Iowa. Mr. Pinches does not have the physical strength to preach now, but keeps busy writing and looks well. Pray for the aged servants of Christ.

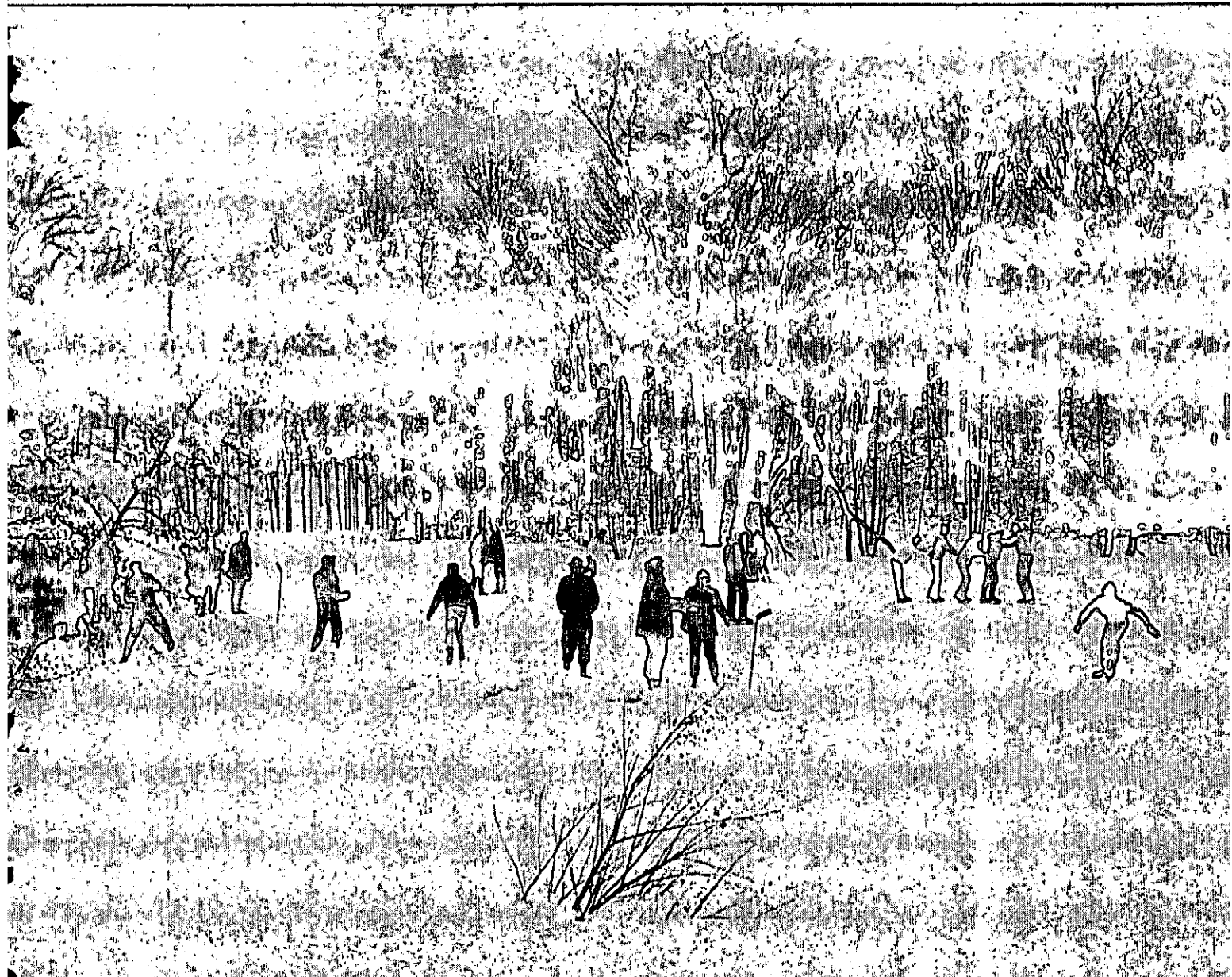
I plan to leave for home December 20. I will be home to help the saints in Orlando for a time, and then leave for Zebulon and Raleigh, North Carolina and Atalnta, Georgia, and other assemblies in March and April, 1963.



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THE CHILDREN'S HYMNBOOK. Compiled and Edited by Wilma Vander Baan and Albertha Bratt. Illustrated by Armand Merizon. 196 pages. Wm. B. Eerdmans Pub. Co. \$2.95.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

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Both of the compilers are music teachers in Christian schools. They evidently have made good use of their experience with such excellent children's song series as Silver Burdett Co.'s and others in their choice of format for the hymnbook, and the result has been a highly attractive book that deserves the attention of all who have an interest in the spiritual

and musical growth of children in a Christian environment. The book is well printed on good quality paper and both words and music are large, clear and easily readable. In addition, the book is attractively illustrated with a series of line drawings and four-color paintings that occasionally show a sensitivity of expression worthy of framing. The cloth cover's illustration in full color is a most appealing introduction to the book.

This hymnbook would be a worthwhile addition to any Sunday school, Christian school, or Christian home. A possible use for it in the home might be in family devotions with the children. One cautionary word, however, to those who will be using the book. We all tend to cherish (and very rightly so) the hymns which we have sung and loved for many years. This hymnbook contains, in addition to those familiar hymns, many others that have been, over the years, a source of much joy and comfort to others of God's people, though we may not yet know them. Given a chance, they can be a source of fresh insight and inspiration in our spiritual lives and, if sung and read often, will soon find a place alongside the now familiar ones in our minds and hearts.

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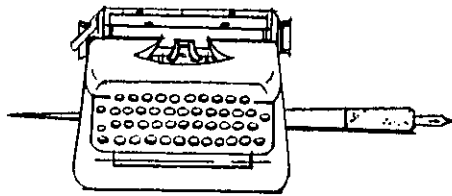
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Editors' Page

WAITING

The battle each of us wages today in our Christian life is not always against sin or difficulties or circumstances as such, but against being absorbed so thoroughly in the affairs of life that we are not ready to face the Lord at every turn of the way. Our deep need is to be constantly ready to face the Master any time and anywhere. We should be ready not only for His return to claim His own, so that we "may not be ashamed before Him at His coming," but in everyday events of life no matter what they may be or where they occur. But Christ comes rarely where we expect Him. He appears in those places and at those times when we are least looking for Him.

Looking for the Lord should be a natural, constant, and consistent experience in any mood, motion, event or accident. Did he not instruct his followers in Luke 12 that they were to be "like unto men that wait for their lord" (verse 36)? He further stated, "Blessed are those servants whom the Lord...shall find watching" (verse 37).

This kind of consistency in regard to watchfulness will be termed unconventional by our secular world standards; when we adjust ourselves to Christ's thinking, setting our hearts on His desires and being sensitive to His movement, we will be called impractical and dreamy. But when He appears in the burden and heat of the day, we will be the only ones who are really ready.

Remember, "the Lord is at hand" (Philippians 4:5). He is near beholding us and upholding us.

James W. Kennedy

YOUNG MAN—STAND!

Having acquired the spiritual strength mentioned in our last editorial, a young man becomes vulnerable to attack by Satan. His position in life is much like that of the soldier in prolonged combat—under intense pressure and facing possible retreat before the enemy. Suddenly, from God's Word Paul's command sounds forth: "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (Ephesians 6:11).

Let us recognize that man's unseen enemy is quick to apply to his advantage our disappointments, our frustrations and our difficulties. While we seek an education, while we embark on a career, while we continue in a chosen field or while we serve the Master, Satan also remains keenly alert to our weaknesses. "The devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8). To stand, we must be firmly grounded in our Lord Jesus Christ, the only sure foundation. "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 3:11). So important did he consider this advice that his succinct words were repeated to the Christians at Philippi when he wrote in Chapter 4, verse 1: "So stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved."

These words suggest the correct Christian posture so that we might avoid falling down, falling out, or falling back. **YOUNG MAN—STAND!**

James D. Kennedy

WHAT WE SAY IS IMPORTANT

How many times do you think Peter recalled with great regret his words of denial recorded in Luke 22:57, "I know Him not"? No doubt many times. In fact, he did almost immediately, for the Lord turned and looked at Peter (verse 61), and Peter went out and wept bitterly. We can almost hear him saying to himself, "Why did I ever utter those words?"

There is a certain finality about the things we say, especially when speaking of others, and this should cause us to be very careful of what we say and how we say it. Second-hand information can be more dangerous, and if repeated can hurt someone greatly.

In our assembly fellowship there is a close family atmosphere, and hasty, unthoughtful, uncomplimentary remarks can upset this relationship very quickly. Even if an apology is offered later, it never seems to completely erase the wound that was created. Peter never forgot those words spoken in a moment of weakness.

May we take the excellent advice of Paul in Colossians 4:6: "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man."

Don Thomson

ADD TO YOUR

RADIO LOG

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California

KIEV, Glendale—St. 8:15 a.m.—Bible Truths Program, Bill Brown.

Georgia

WSNT, Sandersville (1490 kc)—Sun. 1:30 p.m.

Pennsylvania

WVCH, Chester—Sun. 8:30 a.m.—Glad Tidings, Collingdale Gospel Chapel.

Wisconsin

WHBY, Kaukauna (1230 kc)—Sun. 8:05 a.m.

Ontario

CFDR, Dartmouth—Sun. 10:30 a.m.—The Heavenly Sunshine Broadcast.

Prince Edward Island

CFCY, Charlottetown—Sun. 4:15 p.m.—Bible Chapel Broadcast, James A. Stahr.

Quebec

CHNC, New Carlisle (610 kc)—Sun. 5:00 p.m.—The Gospel Hour.

CONFERENCES

Sorry—Our Mistake

On page 4 of the December Letters of Interest magazine we reported that a John T. Erickson was among those who ministered at the annual conference in Hamilton. This (as far as we know) fictitious character thus usurped the credit which rightly belonged to Mr. John T. Dickson, whose name should have appeared instead. We would express our sincere regret for this mistake.

Southeastern Workers' Conference Will Meet February 20-22

The twelfth annual Southeastern Worker's Conference will be held at Bethany Chapel, 401 Milledge Road, Augusta, Georgia, on February 20-22, 1963. Registration will begin on Wednesday, February 20, at 1:00 p.m., with the first session scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. The conference will adjourn Friday at 12:00 noon.

The theme of the conference will be, "What Is Scriptural Assembly Fellowship?" All exercised brethren will be welcomed.

Those who plan to attend should write to Mr. R. Emil Barinowski, 1327 Glenn Avenue, Augusta, Georgia.

Clarence A. Low, Secretary

New England Young People's Retreat To Be Held February 21-24

The sixth annual New England Young People's Winter Retreat, sponsored by the New England Young People's Conference Committee, will be held on the weekend of George Washington's birthday, February 21-24, at beautiful Seminole Point Lodge (Christian owned and operated) in Sunapee, New Hampshire.

The Retreat will begin Thursday evening, February 21, with a buffet supper, and continue through Sunday dinner, February 24. Due to the Friday holiday, a large number of high school, college, and career young people from throughout the Northeast are expected to attend. Mr. Ernest Woodhouse of New Jersey has been invited as speaker, and will give messages twice daily. He will present the Gospel and also discuss the practical spiritual needs of today's youth.

Situated in the midst of the beauty and majesty of New Hampshire's famous

White Mountains, Mount Sunapee State Park is one of the top winter sports centers in the East. Excellent facilities will provide ample opportunity for skiing, skating, tobogganing, and other outdoor winter sports, along with indoor swimming, and an old-fashioned, north country maple syrup "sugaring off." Cost for the retreat will be only \$23 plus \$2 registration fee.

Those desiring further information or wanting to register may contact the 1963 Retreat Chairman, Mr. Stuart Batstone, 1 Westbrook Road, Worcester, Massachusetts.

COMMENDATIONS

Carl and Joan Lehmann

The assembly of the Lord's people in Blasdell, New York, meeting in the Blasdell Gospel Chapel at 88 Arthur Avenue, are happy to commend Carl Lehmann and his wife Joan to the work of the Lord in Colombia, South America.

Mr. Lehmann, by a very consistent labor of love since a young man, has proved his love to God and his concern for the souls of others. He has previously labored in the Bahama Islands, as well as preaching the Gospel and ministering the Word throughout various parts of the United States and Canada.

We heartily commend Carl and his wife to the Lord's work and your fellowship.

Signed by five elders of the Berkshire Avenue Chapel in Buffalo, New York, and five elders of the Blasdell Gospel Chapel.



The Christians meeting at Warrenville Bible Chapel, Warrenville, Illinois, commend Carl and Joan Lehmann to the work of the Lord.

Mr. and Mrs. Lehmann have had previous experience in the Bahama Islands, and came back to this country to enable Carl to further his education. While they attended Wheaton College we came to know and love them as we had fellowship together in the work of the Lord at Warrenville. The Lord has used Carl in effective ministry from the platform as well as in personal work in homes and elsewhere.

Mr. and Mrs. Lehmann have had extensive training in language work, and Carl has done some teaching in linguistics. With this background they are interested in giving the Gospel to certain tribes of Indians in Colombia, South America, whose language they will first have to learn and reduce to writing.

Signed by four elders

Paul and Carol Leonard

The saints at the Oak Lawn Bible Chapel, Oak Lawn, Illinois, commend Paul Leonard and his wife Carol to the work of the Lord. They will be working in the vicinity of the Chapel for the next nine months for the edification of the saints and the building up of the local witness. After this period they intend to go abroad for continued studies if the Lord so leads. Mr. Leonard continues his association with the army as a chaplain on inactive status.

Signed by Seven Elders

B. S. Monnik

Mr. B. S. Monnik, while on furlough from missionary labors in Natal, South Africa, has resided in Greensboro, North Carolina, and fellowshiped with the assembly meeting at the Forest Avenue Tabernacle for the past year. He was commended by his home assembly in Cape Town, South Africa, in February 1958.

During this year we have learned to know and love our brother and to esteem him highly in the Lord. As he and his wife return to South Africa, the Greensboro assembly joins with the Cape Town assembly in commending him to the work of the Lord and to the fellowship and care of the Lord's people everywhere.

Mrs. Monnik is the former Edna Elmore, R.N., of Greensboro, who was commended to the Lord's work in Natal by the Forest Avenue Tabernacle assembly in 1953.

Signed by nine elders

David C. Stiefler

The assembly in Blasdell, New York, meeting in the Blasdell Gospel Chapel, are happy to commend David C. Stiefler to the work of the Lord in such places as the Lord may lead him.

Our brother, by a very consistent labor of love since a young man, has proved his love to God and his concern for others. He has worked a great deal with children and young people, as well as preaching the Gospel and ministering the Word to adult Christians. He has also proved the effectiveness of visitation. We heartily commend him to the Lord's work and your fellowship.

Signed by four elders

Elliot Van Ryn

The Christians gathered in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ at the Hialeah Gospel Chapel, 1255 West 30 Street, Hialeah, Florida, are happy to commend Elliot Van Ryn to the Lord's work for full-time service. He has been with this assembly for the past six years, since its beginning.

He has given part of his time to work

among the assemblies of the South Florida area, and now feels led of the Lord to devote himself entirely to this work.

He was with the Christians at the Bible Truth Chapel, Miami, Florida, from childhood until six years ago, and they join heartily with us in commending him to the work.

May the Lord's richest blessing attend our brother in his labor of love for Him.

Signed by five elders of the Hialeah Gospel Chapel, and six elders of the Bible Truth Chapel.

The Local CHURCH

by Charles S. Howard

Questions and Answers about problems regarding operation of local assembly testimony conducted by a well-known editor of this publication. Unless otherwise indicated the answers are Mr. Howard's personal views.

Question 37. The following question has been on our hearts for some time: What is being done in other assemblies to hold the young people when they reach the ages from 13 to 20? Are there any young people's meetings being held on Sunday before the gospel service in any of the assemblies? Is there any series of lessons written particularly for this type of meeting or any suggestions your readers may give?

The unsaved who are brought up in an assembly, and the saved too, enjoy associating with those their own age. They would be drawn to such a meeting. Since they would be there for a young people's meeting in the evening, we believe they would stay on for the gospel service. A special meeting held for young people once a month is not enough. What do they do and where do they go the rest of the month? Young people are active and need to be kept busy—busy for the Lord. Many attend Youth for Christ. It is a place to go on Saturday night. In time they are invited to other churches where young people's meetings are held. (Most of these churches have the truth.) Through this we often lose them.

With burdened hearts my wife and I are writing this, not to be critical, but because we have a love for our young people and desire that they may become saved and stay with us. It makes us sad to see them come regularly for

many years, many of them Christians, and then stop attending meetings when they become older. Why can't we hold them? Are we as an assembly at fault? My wife and I are not gifted to teach, but we do pray daily that someone may be led by the Holy Spirit to begin a work for our young people. Perhaps if they would read such an article as this it would open their eyes to the need.

Answer—We print the above letter just at it was received because the couple who sent it are evidently deeply concerned about this matter in their own assembly. We are sure this concern is present in many places these days. We wish we had a simple answer.

However, there are many assemblies that have interesting and profitable programs for their young people. One such known to us has the following meetings of special interest to junior and senior students. There is a class for high school young people held in connection with the Sunday school which is for high school students or older. There they are taught the Gospel, New Testament principles, Bible doctrine and Christian living. The class is always well attended and is the envious objective of lower classes in the Sunday school. There are also two meetings late on Sunday afternoon held usually in homes, one for juniors and one for seniors. Here again the emphasis is on Bible teaching. A very light refreshment is served, and then they leave in time to get to the evening meeting. Also, every so often the groups get together for a social time, usually on a Saturday evening. This program keeps the young people happy and contented with assembly life.

Of course, all this is not a perfect answer. There must of necessity be spiritual power evidenced or all effort is in vain. The assemblies being what they are in seeking to follow the Scriptural pattern, the only thing which will really keep young folk is real life in Christ and spiritual food suitable for both lambs and sheep.

As we have watched assemblies for many years, we see that the prime need for a successful young people's work is leadership. There must be those who first of all *sincerely love* young people, not only as persons, but with a love for their spiritual growth, and a jealousy to see them won for God. These leaders must also have a knowledge of the Word and some measure of ability to lead and teach others.

In answer to the question about a series of lessons suitable for our assembly young people, we know of none published in this country at present, but are happy to know that some are being written by able brethren in association with

the Emmaus Bible School. This is an expensive task and an arduous one, and all interested should be much in prayer about it as well as exercised to help financially.

Editor's Note: Look for further suggestions on work with Sunday schools and young people in a forthcoming issue of Letters of Interest.

Missionary Prayer Meeting

As was reported several months ago, the first Wednesday night of each month is set aside as Missionary Night at the Gospel Chapel of Magnolia, New Jersey. Not only have some missionaries contacted us and made arrangements to visit, but letters have been received from the field where our notice in Letters of Interest had been read, and prayer requests have been brought to our attention.

What a thrill it is to receive word from some distant mission field telling how the Lord has blessed in the particular way for which we had prayed one Wednesday night. On the first Wednesday of January we read and prayed for specific requests found in Letters numbered 53 to 59. Soon the numbers will run into the hundreds.

We would again invite all missionaries desiring to visit us on one of these special missionary nights to contact us, and let us know when you will be in the area so that arrangements can be made in time. Invitation is also extended to missionaries who may not be able to visit, or who are still on the field, to write and state your particular prayer requests. If need be, we could set aside several nights a month as missionary prayer nights, to remember all prayer requests that come to us.

Although the assembly is small, we do believe in prayer, and rejoice in the many answers that the Lord has been pleased to grant us. Some are able to go, and some are able to give. We are able to spend time in prayer. Thus as laborers together with Him, we rejoice together in the abundant harvest for His glory.

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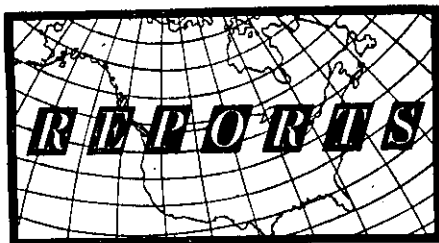
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Young People Accept Christ

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Christians at the Ebenezer Gospel Chapel in Rosemount, Quebec, concluded a week's meetings with Mr. James Paul of England, at which eight young people accepted Christ as their Saviour. It was reported that in Montreal ten trusted Christ as a result of an effort there.

Charleston Christians Count Year's Blessings

The year begun with prayer has passed with much to give thanks to our God for.

In the spring we saw the father of a brother and sister in the meeting saved. For twenty years he had showed no concern in spiritual things, though several of his children were saved and witnessed to him of our blessed Lord from their youth up. Two obeyed the Lord in baptism at the assembly.

At Grace Bible Camp twelve campers made confession of faith. There were only 97 at the camp, but Messrs A. N. Wilson of Washington, D. C. and T. M. Flowers of Savannah, Georgia, spoke the word faithfully. We hope to have a swimming pool and other improvements to make camp more attractive. A young brother had a fix-it shop among the larger boys, and it was truly impressive to see the number of electric irons, heaters, and other electric appliances brought in by campers' parents and friends to be fixed.

Two of our young men went to Bible school in the fall: Robert Burns went to Emmaus, and Ernest Choice went to Washington Bible School. These young men hope to see a New Testament church on Johns Island, their home.

The youth weekly meetings are continuing with interest in the Word. Also, visitation at the T. B. Sanitarium continues, and Sunday School is taught there on the Lord's Day.

The Seventh Southeastern Thanksgiving Day Conference was the best we have had thus far. About 120 persons were there to hear the discussion on Scriptural principles of gathering, conducted by Mr. Fred Gladstone, and followed by the challenging ministry of Mr. Flowers.

A group of Christians on St. Helena Island are planning to gather to our blessed Lord. Those coming this way who would like to give a helpful word to these Christians can contact me, or Joseph Cole at Atlantic Service Station, St. Helena Island, Highway 21, South Carolina.

Your prayers are coveted for these efforts in evangelism among our colored people in the southeast.

Julius S. Dennis, Correspondent
Route 3, Box 72-A
Johns Island, South Carolina

David Kirk & E. B. Sprunt to Minister at Roberts Memorial Gospel Hall, Chicago

For the prayerful interest of the Lord's people the assembly here wishes to mention that Mr. David Kirk will be with us for two weeks' ministry meetings commencing March 3. He will use the model of the tabernacle. Also, Mr. E. B. Sprunt will be conducting a special series of children's meetings the first two weeks of April.

Andrew J. Cotton, Correspondent

Spanish Assembly Celebrates First Anniversary

On November 18 our assembly on 219 Lee Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, celebrated its first anniversary. The year had been one of blessing. We had four new converts who are now in fellowship. We also have many children attending Sunday school.

The chapel is located in a residential neighborhood of hundreds of Spanish speaking people.

Our services are as follows:

Sunday: 10:00 a.m., the Lord's Supper;
12:00 p.m., Sunday School;
8:00 p.m., Gospel Meeting.
Tuesday: 8:00 p.m., Prayer Meeting.
Friday: 8:00 p.m., Bible Study Hour
Welcome to our assembly.

Lorne McBain
Oswald L. MacLeod

These brethren at present writing are having gospel meetings in Hickory, North Carolina.

Cottage Meetings Attract Good Numbers

Mr. James Paul, from Newcastle on Tyne, England, conducted meetings in Ayer's Cliff, Quebec, November 24-30. The Christians were greatly encouraged by the Christ-exalting ministry and by the support given the meetings both by the local townspeople and Christians from nearby assemblies. Some cottage meetings in the home of one of the brethren, with as many as 50 present, were climaxed with a final meeting in the hall with 110 present. This number was beyond all expectations, as the assembly consists of only three small families.

Although none professed to be saved that week, the young in Christ were definitely spoken to by the Lord and received strengthening and encouragement in their faith. During the daytime, Mr. Paul visited older people and shut-ins, who heartily received him and expressed their appreciation for a definite blessing.

We know the blessing was due in part to the many prayers which we have been assured are being made on behalf of this ripe and needy field. The brethren here and Mr. Paul are seeking the Lord's leading about his returning for a prolonged series of meetings.

—Ayer's Cliff Assembly

J. Philip Morgan Begins Ministry at New Smyrna Bible Chapel, Florida

J. Philip Morgan, for eight years pastor of the South Peninsula Baptist Church in Daytona Beach, Florida, after much prayer and exercise was led of the Lord to identify himself with the assemblies. He resigned his pastorate in September, 1962.

He began ministry at the New Smyrna Bible Chapel, New Smyrna Beach, on November 4, and several have been added to the assembly in the past few weeks.

La Crosse, Wisconsin

Mr. H. G. Dobson of Chicago commenced gospel meetings here on January 6.

William Warke

Gospel meetings were started by brother Warke in Toronto, Ohio, on December 31, 1962.

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Three Letters of Interest About Missionaries

By E. W. Rogers

Somewhat baffling to income tax officials and to such of the general public as encounter it is the title of this magazine. However, those Christians who read it realize the name refers to those letters from workers and assemblies which it publishes. Mr. E. W. Rogers of England has noted for our edification three letters of interest about missionaries judged by the Holy Spirit to be worthy of preservation in the canon of Scripture, all of them in the Acts of the Apostles.

Editor's Note

Christian missionary enterprise commenced immediately the Holy Spirit had been given on the day of Pentecost. At first it was restricted to the nation of Israel, but when they had confirmed their hostile attitude to Christ by killing Stephen, the missionary activities of the believers were extended beyond their borders; and Philip evangelized the Ethiopian eunuch, and Saul of Tarsus was converted and appointed by the Spirit to take the Gospel to the Gentiles wherever they were found.

Luke's inspired record of these early beginnings constitutes some of the most interesting reading that could be found anywhere. So much is said in so little a space, and one's imagination can fill in details which are only sketchily outlined by this historian. In that record we have some "letters of interest," three of which may claim our attention in this article.

The first letter is that recorded in Acts 15. It was occasioned by the fact that "certain which went out from" the apostles, and elders and brethren at Jerusalem had "troubled" the Gentile believers "with words, subverting" their "souls saying Ye must be circumcised and keep the law, to whom" they had given "no such commandment." This kind of thing not infrequently happens nowadays; the Lord's servants break up a new territory, preach the Gospel, gain converts, and establish churches; but others come along and upset or subvert what has been done, causing general distress and confusion. In those now far away days the apostles were alive and reference could be made to them. We are not in that privileged position today, though we are at no real disadvantage, for we have what they did not then possess: We have the inspired New Testament which contains their writings, thus giving to us in permanent and indisputable form the mind of God which is adequate for every contingency.

The defection sprang up from within the company itself. Paul envisaged this possibility when addressing the Ephesian elders, and warned them that from

among themselves there would arise perverse men, drawing away disciples after them. John spoke of those who "went out from us, because they were" really "not of us."

The letter was the result of discussion, under the Spirit's guidance, among the apostles who considered the point at issue in the light of the Spirit's world-wide workings through Peter, Paul and Barnabas. The sovereign work of God's grace on the principle of faith alone both at Caesarea and elsewhere was undeniable. God has been saving souls independent altogether of compliance with the law. 'See what God hath wrought' said James: 'any decision which we make must be harmonious with those workings, and we dare not impose any obligations which would deny the simplicity of the Gospel.'

The result of the discussion was that the letter was written and conveyed to the saints at Antioch by the hands of worthy brethren. The gist of it was that Divine institutions, which were pre-Mosaic, were binding on the Gentile believers, but that those things which were specially Jewish were not binding on them. The whole affair was managed with magnificent discretion. Had the letter been sent only by the hand of Paul and Barnabas it might have created the impression that they had brought an answer in support of their own views. Therefore, others accompanied them with it. Judas and Silas were both prophets and capable of exhorting the saints, and confirming the contents of the letter.

In it there is a lovely reference to Barnabas and Paul. They are referred to as "beloved": "our beloved." So that the saints at Jerusalem, who generally were all zealous of the law, genuinely loved these two ardent missionaries, notwithstanding the fact that they had been declaring the "righteousness of God apart from law." No wonder, for they were "men that have hazarded their lives for the name of the Lord Jesus Christ." The word translated "hazarded" is literally "given up": they did not count their lives dear unto them, but in the interests, not of a theory or a religion, but

of the Lord Jesus Himself had yielded themselves wholly to Him for the purpose of spreading His fame among the Gentiles.

In the next case (chapter 18, verse 27) we are not given the details of the letter, but what is stated is of great interest. A certain Jew named Apollos had been taken under the wing of Aquila and Priscilla, who instructed him more accurately in the way of God. In due course he was disposed to pass into Achaia, presumably with the desire of himself helping other believers as he had been helped by this godly couple. In this desire the brethren encouraged him and wrote exhorting the disciples to receive him. This 'letter of commendation' was not a private matter: Aquila and Priscilla did not write it alone; it was written by "the brethren." It was not a directive letter; the freedom of Apollos to act under God as he deemed to be right and wise was respected, as Paul respected the same principle later (I Corinthians 16:12). It was not a cold, formal letter. It had regard to the special circumstances, and possible difficulties, and therefore they exhorted the disciples to welcome him.

Our third "letter of interest" is one written by a far different person, namely Claudius Lysias unto the most excellent governor Felix (Acts 23:26-30). It was not, of course, written under the inspiration of God's Spirit, though its recital in Luke's record is inspired. It is extraordinary in that it gives Paul a complete clearance from all criminal charge. Listen to this excerpt: "Whom I perceived to be accused of questions of their law, but to have nothing laid to his charge worthy of death or of bonds." There was no doubt about this: it is restated in chapter 25, verse 25, and again in chapter 26, verse 31. Even the Pharisees said the same (23:9). In this paper we cannot discuss the reasons why God did not providentially intervene and deliver his servant so that all the imprisonments, and bonds, and the subsequent perilous sea voyage might have been avoided. Let those who blame Paul for having appealed to Caesar consider whether their devotion to Christ entitles them to criticise the action of such an one as he, whose devotion is surely unequalled.

It is certainly a "letter of interest." Written as it was by one of the "powers that be" it exonerates God's servant from having anything laid to his charge worthy either of death or of bonds. He should have been set free. His behavior had been unimpeachable. Nothing less than this should mark the Lord's servants today. (Vide I Timothy 3:7 & 9).



H. W. O. Atkins Undergoes Surgery

H. W. O. ATKINS, 43 Oxford, London, Ontario. Mr. Atkins has undergone two major operations for cancer, and on December 4 Cobalt treatments were started. He was remarkably bright and willing for the Lord's will for his life, but he values the prayers of the saints very much indeed. It will be some time before he is able to be about again.

Over 20 Trust Christ Through Flagstaff Christmas Meetings

GEORGE AND HELEN BAXTER, Box 141, Flagstaff, Arizona, December 24, 1962: The Christmas Gospel meetings were wonderful. The Lord gave fine weather with no trouble on the highways and not too much exposure to the body. The crowds were large and very orderly. He gave willing helpers in giving out the Word in the Navajo language; we are thrilled at the growth of the believers and their quickness to give the Word to their people. The ministry was all done by them at these services. We were thrilled at the power with which the men gave out the Gospel. We were thrilled again with the way the Gospel was presented by the children under Miss Hollman's direction, and for the large crowd of unsaved mothers and fathers who came to the Chapel. Most of all we are praising Him for the persons, over 20 in number, who came to find Christ as their Saviour. We thank Him too for three groups of lively Christians on the reservation who are standing for the Lord in spite of many strong temptations and trials. We give Him all the praise for He alone is worthy and He alone can perform such miracles as we have witnessed this year.

After the holidays Mr. Baxter must undergo surgery to have a hernia repaired. We pray that much lifting in the building has not damaged it too much.

Thank you again and again for all your help in prayer.

J. W. Bramhall Recovering From Illness

J. W. BRAMHALL, 2309 Commonwealth Avenue, Charlotte 5, North Carolina, January 5: I am recovering from recent illness and will be ministering in the local area through January and most of February. Thanks for your prayers.

Norman Crawford Is Sick

NORMAN CRAWFORD, 744 Gettysburg Avenue, Jackson, Michigan, is at the present writing in the hospital suffering from a kidney ailment.

Caldwell Family Considers Move to South America

PHIL CALDWELL, 80 Nacional Street, Salinas, California: For more than a year we have been considering a move. Much as we appreciate the opportunity here, we have been more and more impressed that our work would count more where we could continue our personal contact in follow-up with the Spanish speaking people. After much prayer and waiting upon the Lord we are considering South America.

During the past year I had to reduce the schedule to build up my strength, which had been overtaxed for some years.

We have seen many victories in the Mexican work. The men have continued to come to the States in spite of all the opposition. We have had continued entrance to the camps. There has been a greater interest in the Gospel than in previous years. Many of the prejudices seem to have gone, and instead of being engaged in many discussions about the saints, the virgin, the priest and the first pope, we have joyed in preaching the Gospel of salvation through the grace of our wonderful Lord. Some have taken a good stand for the Lord and have showed every evidence of going on with Him. A larger number have heard and, we believe, understood. We trust that many of these have been or shall be saved. We have mailed a good number of Bibles and New Testaments to Mexico, as well as literature for distribution by concerned men.

It has been a source of joy and encouragement to June to know that some have a warm prayer interest in the Jewish evangelism. We rejoice with you for what He has done and what He is going to do.

Rocco Cappiello Is Able to Travel Again

ROCCO CAPIELLO, 611 Orange St., New Haven 11, Connecticut, December 20, 1962: The operation two months ago was successful. I am able to travel for the Lord's work again and to give out gospel tracts. This month I was in Waterbury, Connecticut for a Sunday. Then I conducted a few meetings in Bristol. Last Sunday I was with the saints in New Rochelle, New York, and this week I am in Poughkeepsie.

George A. Campbell Working in Albuquerque, N. M.

GEORGE A. CAMPBELL, 801 Wilmore Drive, Southeast, Albuquerque, New Mexico: I am here helping in gospel work and ministry as the Lord guides. I hope to return to the work in New Carlisle, Quebec, in April or May.

Children Saved, Men Restored, New Radio Station Opened

AUBREY DELLANDREA, 247 Greenhill Avenue, Rural Route 1, North Bay, Ontario, December 26, 1962: I was privileged to conduct my last gospel campaign of 1962 at the Fairview Assembly in Halifax, Nova Scotia. For one week of the series Happy Hour meetings were held for boys and girls. On most nights a good number of attentive listeners waited behind to be dealt with.

In the meetings for adults a number of men were restored to the Lord. One man aged 65 confessed Christ and has taken a clear stand in attending meetings and recruiting others to attend the services.

Here in North Bay a man confessed Christ about a month ago, whose wife and daughter were saved and brought into the assembly almost two years ago.

The assembly in Halifax is sponsoring the Heavenly Sunshine Broadcast on a new radio station which went on the air December 5 in Dartmouth. Dartmouth is like a twin city to Halifax, as it is just across the water, about a mile away.

Work at Toms River, New Jersey, May be Revived

T. ERNEST WILSON, 704 Crescent Place, Sea Girt, New Jersey, January 4: Since getting back from the South Pacific



I have had meetings in Vancouver, Winnipeg, Toronto and in the New York area. Just now I am very thankful to be home for six weeks. During this time I hope to have two series of cottage meetings in connection with our local

assembly at Belmar, New Jersey. One of these will be an evangelistic program at Neptune, New Jersey, the other a ministry program at Toms River, New Jersey.

There was once an assembly at Toms River which for various reasons was discontinued. A number of believers have moved into the area, and we would like to see the work revived. Two Christian families have opened their homes for these meetings, and we are looking to God for blessing.

Eight Profess Faith in Durham, N. C.

WELCOME DETWEILER, 415 North Hyde Park Avenue, Durham, North Carolina: Though the distractions of the Christmas season often tend to hinder the progress of the Gospel, we are happy to report that eight professed faith in Christ during December. Our first mid-week service of the new year witnessed seven new Christians following the Lord in believers' baptism, among them one man of 75 years of age.

William Belch is to conduct two weeks of evangelistic services here in February. In preparation for this special effort ten cottage prayer meetings are in session each Tuesday night in various parts of the city. Names of unsaved ones are given for prayer, after which the ladies meet separately in an adjoining room for a time of fervent prayer.

Chester Donaldson Moves to South Porcupine

CHESTER DONALDSON, Box 1499, South Porcupine, Ontario: We have been



concerned about the town of South Porcupine, not far from the town of Timmins, where we have lived for seven years. We have held cottage meetings in the home of one of the Christians there for about four years,

and started a Sunday school which has been continued by this same lady. The response has not been spectacular, but some have been saved.

We believe it to be the mind of the Lord for us to move there to expand and consolidate the work. We found a home for sale in South Porcupine and occupancy is arranged for February 1. Our new mailing address will be as above.

A young married couple, both saved in our meetings, have opened their home this fall for children's meetings each Monday night. The attendance has been growing so that the large living room is nearly filled to capacity each week. We plan to continue the children's meetings and Sunday school in our basement.

We shall still be able to give help to the assembly in Timmins and also the other assemblies in the area.

Pray for this new venture that the Lord will abundantly bless and will guide definitely as to further developments.

Mrs. Godfrey Is Stronger

E. B. GODFREY, 428 Edna Avenue, Penticton, B.C., December 19, 1962: I am happy to say that my dear wife is now able to get about with a stick, and is improving in strength every day.

God's purpose for us at our great age gives us much exercise of heart.

Louis Germain Suffers Impaired Eyesight

LOUIS GERMAIN, 444 Bank Street, Ottawa 4, Ontario: One morning at the end of November, as I looked across the street, I realized that there was something wrong with my eyesight. According to the eye doctor I have had a small hemorrhage of the brain with paralysis of the muscle of the right eye, with the result that when I use both eyes my sight is all blurred and I see everything double. In order to see more clearly I have to cover one eye. The doctors say that nothing can be done; the condition may improve but it may take a long time.

I am sure God has a purpose in this: He is able to give me improvement; I am therefore trusting Him and am at peace. Though I am somewhat handicapped I can still serve the Lord in many ways, and am much encouraged in the work.

Greenville Chapel Crowded Out for Christmas Program

ERNEST GROSS, Box 1113, Greenville, South Carolina: Our Christmas Program attracted a large audience, so that aisles were filled with extra chairs.

We expect Leonard Lindsted to come here in February, to lead a gospel series. Early in February I expect to be in New Jersey, and in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in the spring.

We are praying about going back on the radio, but seek better rates. Getting time on the air seems to be very difficult, for some of the nationally known programs have been put off recently.

Mrs. C. Ernest Tatham Is Ill

C. ERNEST TATHAM, 737 Teal Way, North Palm Beach, Florida: Beulah, my wife, has been stricken with cancer, and apart from a miracle, will be in the Father's House before too many weeks or months.

The drugs give her much relief, but she continues to lose weight. She knows the full story, and has all of her bags packed for the Glory. She is a wonderful testimony!

All this has come as a very heavy blow to us. But the Lord is supplying His promised grace on a daily basis. He has again taught me that I can't borrow grace for tomorrow.

The work at our new Palm Bible Chapel here in North Palm Beach continues to grow. God has given His own increase during recent months.

Editor's note: In a phone call to Mr. Tatham at press time we learned that Mrs. Tatham had broken her leg in a fall and is in St. Mary's Hospital, West Palm Beach. Their daughter Grace, an R.N., was coming from Nassau to nurse her mother.

Group Continues Meeting in Home

JOHN A. W. HALLIDAY, 3907 East Paseo Grande, Tucson, Arizona, December 25, 1962: While I was in El Paso recently I attended a meeting in a home on the north side and was encouraged to see how the group there, though few in number, has gone on.

Prior to this trip I had the privilege of speaking at a conference near Flagstaff for young people, most of whom were from the Tucson assembly. I am also kept busy with visitation and in assisting at the meeting.

Cubans, Columbians and Spaniards Reached in New York City Area

LOUIS MONTALVO, 126-03-109 Avenue, South Ozone Park 20, New York: I have been doing a little preaching among the Cubans and Colombians in New Jersey. Mr. Correa has started a work in Hackensack and there seems to be a good interest. Pray that many of these Colombians will be saved and go back as missionaries to their country.



Many thousands of "Palabras Fieles" have been sent by Mr. Ostertag from St. Louis. We have been distributing this magazine for years and it has been a helpful contribution to the Spanish work in New York.

My wife has been feeling better, but still needs our prayers. I have a constant weakness in my back; however, the Lord gives strength as He has promised.

The Importance of Personal Evangelism Is Stressed

WILL T. MILLER, 1103 Mississippi Boulevard, Bettendorf, Iowa: We have been much encouraged in Davenport by the increasing attendance at the meetings. Recently we had a "Family Week." The purpose of this special effort was to contact as many families as possible in order to stimulate interest in regular attendance, and, of course, to reach them with the Gospel. Services were held nightly from 7:00 to 8:15. For the first part of each evening a message was given to the children; during the last part an evangelistic talk was presented relating to home and family life. Parents who brought their children night after night showed good interest.

My wife has started a club for girls aged eight to twelve. Already about 50 girls attend every Monday night, most of them from non-Christian homes.

Recently I paid short visits to Dallas, Texas and to Toronto, Ontario. In March I am to give a series of addresses

on all aspects of evangelism to the assembly at Kingston, Ontario; and I hope to conduct a practical course on the subjects covered. At each meeting I purpose to include ways and means of presenting the Gospel as much as possible, so that any unconverted person present may also hear the message of salvation.

The more I study the New Testament the more convinced I am that if God is going to bless our work and enlarge our assemblies we must prosecute the scriptural way of spreading the Gospel; in the early days of the church's history the believers assumed personal responsibility for making known the message. They literally "gossiped the Gospel," witnessing as they walked and talking as they travelled. Unless assemblies put this evangelistic outreach into practice there is little hope of doing more than merely containing the position. In all the campaigns that I have conducted in the past where God was pleased to bless in the salvation of souls and in additions to the assemblies, there has been a vital interest on the part of believers to pray earnestly and to work enthusiastically in bringing people under the sound of the Gospel.

900 Navajos Attend Christmas Meeting

DONALD C. PERRAULT, Immanuel Mission, Box 218, Teec Nos Pos, Arizona: The day dawned bright and clear, the 22nd of December. The Place: Immanuel Mission. The reason: Navajo Christmas! Excitement was in the air as over 875 Navajos gathered on the compound; some came on foot, some on horseback, some in wagons and more in pick-up trucks. Good attention was given as a three-fold testimony was given over our public address system by some of our Indian Christians. William Scott gave his testimony again; he was wonderfully restored to the Lord at our Christmas service four years ago, and continues to be a bright testimony. The school children sang three Christmas carols and then Mr. George Nez gave the message.

Our tables were set up outside, and after the service we served dinner and gave out gift bags, candy and apples to the nearly 900 who listened to God's Word. How we do thank each one who had a part in making it possible for us to have this opportunity to show forth the spirit of giving to our people, and we pray that as a result many will realize that God gave—gave His only Begotten Son for them as well as for us.

We raise our hearts in thanksgiving to God and to His people for the good Christmas our 42 Indian school children enjoyed. They were just thrilled and we wish that everyone could have seen their happy faces as they received their gifts. They were tucked into bed that

night amid sighs of contentment. May the Lord richly reward all who made such happiness for them possible.

READERS BLAST, PRAISE

Out of another big sheaf of Reader Survey replies, we have selected the following for our readers. Have you had your say yet about LOI?

This is not the way of God. HE has never been, and never will be a beggar (Ouch!)...Continue to publish LOI (That's better)...Editorials are great. Book reviews ought to be more on so-called "Brethren" writings from many years back, whether "Exclusive" or "Open" (Does that seem to have a slight denominational tinge?) We really enjoy the entire contents. Very fine. (There's a smart reader)...Many, many thanks for LOI & for forwarding gifts (That from a brother who uses LOI as a channel for ministry to workers)...After many years we would not be without same...Enjoy magazine, but unable to send anything this year... (We are delighted to get those letters from readers who enjoy the magazine and are not too proud to say so when they can't contribute to the publication expenses)...Of all the magazines which we receive, none is more thoroughly read and enjoyed than LOI...Refreshing and helpful (So is your comment)...Twenty-nine years ago someone from LOI began to send to me a copy of the above named, and since then I read it with pleasure and passed over to someone else in the assembly, but nobody, me included, ever pay a single penny for it. Finally we wake up and here is a check for \$30.00. Is late...but, better late than never. Please continue to send the LOI. This time I hope we don't wait for another 30 years. (But, brother, think how thrilled we would be and how flushed would be our exchequer if some more Rip Van Winkle readers would wake up.)

The Editors' Page is heart warming...News too old. Feeling money & paper could be put to better use. (This critic and most of the others quoted have signed their names with addresses. Frankly we appreciate that, as we certainly cannot anonymous fault finders.)...Southampton, England—Although I'm a retired missionary commended from Canada to India in 1919 there are very few of all the names mentioned that I know. I met Mr. Smart last year in Lurgan, Mr. David Kirk in Bangor, Co. Down, Mr. Harlow in India...The editorials give food for the soul and provoke to thought and love and action. Occasional articles which induce controversy (in grace) only add to the magazine...Editors' Page is rich...Belfast, Ireland—

Interested in all reports; always look for names of brethren from Ireland. Would like to see more....The only fault I can find with LOI is the glossy paper. Poor eyes make it hard to read. (Unless we went to offset printing the photographs would look bad on dull finish paper.)...I am 82 years. I learn to pray for the Christians mentioned in LOI...Don't get discouraged, you can't please everybody. (That's for sure—read the next one)...Too much of articles by DMT. Give someone else a chance. He wrote cover and article page 3. Why not give others a chance to write. (I guess that ought to put DMT in his place: somewhere outside the magazine.)...Enjoy Questions & Answers especially...New Philadelphia, Ohio—There is no gathering in the name of our Lord alone here, and your magazine means much to me. (We are delighted to have this little ministry to isolated believers.)...I'd be cut off from so much without LOI. It means so much to one who is 60 miles from an assembly, and therefore only able to go to Sunday morning services. (Some who are much closer than 60 miles seem able to get out only on Sunday morning)...More articles on estates & wills. Mormons & 7th Day Adventists compelled to give 10th of income to church. Shouldn't we willingly give more? (We'd like to have some reader replies to that question.)...I like the smaller magazine. You can put it in your purse and read it on the bus. But I sure enjoy reading LOI. (You could double LOI up to go in your purse. Not as neat, of course.)...So many testimonies from young people thrilling...It would be interesting if you could give dates or month of Reports and Letters where it is possible. (It is possible usually—let's try it.)...When photographs of new chapels are shown, could not a rough plan showing the interior layout also be printed. (Sounds good. Will see if we can do this.)...Would like to see more Bible exposition & outlines for study. Articles on the subject of giving, estates & wills should appear fairly often...More Canadian news would be appreciated. (We say the same. We wish the Lord's servants and assembly correspondents in Canada would write more frequently.)

Form of Bequest

I give and bequeath to LETTERS OF INTEREST ASSOCIATES, a non-profit Illinois corporation, the sum of _____

_____ dollars, and I declare that the receipt of said Associates shall be a sufficient voucher.

With The Lord

Mother Cutliff

On December 11 we lost one of our choice saints, known as Mother Cutliff, at the age of 94.

She had found Christ at the age of sixteen. She was a true southern lady of a prominent family, and taught a large Bible class for ladies for about fifty years in the First Baptist Church. She attended meetings at the Gospel Chapel in Albany, Georgia, a few months after we came here, and it was not long until she came into fellowship.

Mother Cutliff was loved by all, and referred to as "the sweetheart of Albany." It could be said of her as it was said of Anna long ago, "She spoke of Him to all them who looked for (and those who didn't) redemption in Jerusalem." She was possessed with a keen and brilliant mind right up to the last.

She loved the second coming of Christ, and hoped to live to be raptured; but we feel that she will miss this but little, now that she will experience resurrection.

Lester Wilson, Correspondent

Mrs. Ernest W. Halbach

Mrs. Halbach passed into the presence of the Lord on December 20, 1962.

She was saved in 1916, and bore a good testimony since the day of her conversion.

She is survived by her husband, one daughter, five sons and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by the local brethren of Mount Auburn Gospel Center, Watertown, Massachusetts.

Mrs. William M. Rae

Mrs. Rae peacefully passed into the presence of the Lord on December 22, at 92 years of age, after twelve years of confinement with various ailments. She was also blind for the last five years. She kept clear mentally to the last, but longed for Home as latterly her sufferings were acute. However, she wrote pieces until the last year of her long life. She was loved greatly by all.

A memorial service was held in Vancouver, B.C. The body was taken to Portland to be laid aside there until the resurrection morning. Fred Elliot opened her service with prayer, Messrs. Joss and Walter Purcell gave messages, and Bert Elliot closed with prayer. Three daughters, nine grandchildren and sixteen great grandchildren, as well as myself, are left to mourn her loss.

William M. Rae

Lydia Eck Moench

Mrs. Lydia Eck Moench, widow of worker Emile Moench, went to be with her Saviour on January 2, 1963, in her 89th year. Funeral services were conducted by Mr. Walter Weise in Jacksonville, Florida, on January 4.

Mrs. Moench was born in Germany in 1873. She came to the United States in 1881, living first in Rochester, New York, then in Paterson, New Jersey, and finally in Jacksonville, Florida. She moved to this city with her husband in 1945, residing with her daughter, Mrs. Emil H. Weise.

Mrs. Moench was the living example of 1 Timothy 5:10. She perfectly fulfilled every admonition of this verse, but did not limit herself to its contents. Her love of the Lord and her obedience to His Word were always in evidence to others. The last few years of her life she spoke often with joy and hope for the Lord's coming or taking her to be with Him.

Survivors, in addition to her daughter mentioned above, are a son—Maiben Moench of Atlantic Beach, Florida—four grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

J. E. Lees

George E. Wilson

On December 9, 1962 George E. Wilson passed peacefully into the presence of the Lord. His Homecall after a very brief illness brought sadness especially to his family, the assembly in Niagara Falls; and the Christians of the many small assemblies throughout Ontario and the United States where he faithfully taught the Word of God.

He was born July 8, 1915 in Belfast, North Ireland. He accepted Christ as his Saviour as a boy of thirteen, in the Belfast Sunday School, and from that time until his Homecall he gave active interest to preaching the Gospel and teaching Bible truth.

On December 26, 1928 he married Mary Magee Haggan of Belfast, and the Lord gave them two children, Valerie (Mrs. Thomas Bacon) and Edmund, both of whom are saved and in fellowship with the assembly in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Mr. Wilson settled here when he came to Canada in July, 1947. He gave valuable help to this assembly, and was eventually commended by this assembly and the Christians meeting at the Victoria Memorial Hall in Belfast to full-time preaching and teaching.

I had the privilege of sharing his first



series of meetings in Niagara Falls after his commendation in 1949, as well as his last series in the Olney Assembly in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. During the intervening years we worked much together, both in pioneer work and in assembly activities. Soon after his commendation, he visited the work on Manitoulin Island, and from then until his Homecall gave much appreciated help in preaching the Gospel and in strengthening the assembly there. He was a good visitor and will be greatly missed.

We commenced the meetings in Olney on October 14. During the first week he frequently spoke of being tired, and as the meetings progressed his condition grew worse. He was advised by a Philadelphia doctor to return home at once; but because of the excellent spirit in the meetings and increasing interest he was eager to continue, and carried on in spite of great weakness till the middle of the third week. Then it was evident to all that we must close the series and take him home. He enjoyed this last series of meetings more than any other for a long time and was in very good spirits.

On November 4 he entered the Greater Niagara General Hospital where he finally underwent surgery, but quietly ended his earthly service on the evening of December 9. The funeral from the Willmott Street Gospel Hall, Niagara Falls was a testimony to the high esteem in which he was held. The service opened with the singing of the Hymn, "Lord Jesus, I Love Thee," a hymn he had quoted shortly before he passed away. Revelation 14:13 was read. In closing we sang, "There is a Name I Love to Hear," another favorite of his. At the graveside we read Psalm 103, the message he had received from the Lord after being told he must undergo surgery. After singing "Some Golden Day-break Jesus Will Come" we left the body to await that morning when God will wipe away all tears from our eyes.

One wonders who will carry on the work in the many small assemblies our brother served so faithfully. Surely his going should be a challenge to everyone of us to "buy up the time," that we may have no regrets in that day when we too must go the way of all the earth.

Robert Booth

Some day my Lord is coming,
Coming again for me;
Changed I shall rise to Meet Him,
Praise Him eternally.

Some day, some day,
Wonderful day of His coming,
Glad shall I be when His face I see--
Wonderful day of His coming,

M. E. Rae



More Children Cared for at Pittsboro Christian Home

W. EUGENE HOLLINGSWORTH, Box 187, Pittsboro, North Carolina, December 1, 1962: In some ways this has been our most trying year, and yet in other ways it has been a year of great blessing. We have been able to care for more children and have had more workers than in any other year. We cared for an average of 26 children during the year. This was about 18 per cent more than last year and about 73 per cent more than the average for the first eight years. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ridley, a British couple, joined our staff in January. They came from Mexico where Mr. Ridley was employed as a draughtsman. He is helping with the maintenance work and Mrs. Ridley has taken over the kitchen. We are grateful for the help Miss Virginia White has been able to give us for over three year.

Four acres of land have been cleared recently and seeded for a pasture. This gives us about 11 acres in pasture land. Not only can we raise more cattle now, but the grounds around the Home are also more beautiful. Other improvements included the tiling of several bathrooms by a friend of the Home, the painting of the roof, and the resurfacing of the front driveway. We are grateful for the work done by a few brethren who came over to labor with their hands.

We have two seniors in high school this year and one girl who hopes to graduate in summer school. One will have been with us for over seven years, another for over six years, and the other for about three years. One of the girls is planning to go to Emmaus Bible School next year, but we are not sure what the other boy and girl will do.

We have been asked to start a Bible class in a home near Pittsboro. This would be a wonderful opportunity to give out the Word to the saved and unsaved alike.

Without previous knowledge on our part of the source of support, or soliciting, or making our needs known to any man, the Lord has sufficiently supplied, as declared in the following statement, simply in answer to prayer. Balance on hand October 1, 1961, \$45. Cash contributions, \$18,601, gifts in kind, \$6,115, value of farm products, \$1,120, miscellaneous income, \$227; total receipts, \$26,103,

VALLEY CHRISTIAN HOME FOR CHILDREN STILL NEEDING HOUSE PARENTS

By Harold Richards

Palmer, Alaska, December 15, 1962

We still need a housemother or house-parents of God's choosing to care for the teen-age girls and younger children. Also, please pray for a manifestation of the grace of God in our young people.

A mother has asked us to take her four children, three of them being of pre-school age. We have written to her and agreed to take them, so they may join our family within the next couple of weeks. The small number of children gives us an opportunity to do things which have to be left undone when there are many. It also gives us the opportunity to work more closely with them in spiritual matters.

We must suspend milk sales because of new regulations we are not equipped to meet. Another Christian children's home very kindly took four of our best milkers and are selling the milk for us. We kept some of the cows for our own use. Please pray with us for the Lord's leading as to what to do with the cleared land next spring—whether we should rent out the land or plant it to grain and sell the grain.

Since our return, several of the former children of the Home have come to visit us. Among them is Joyce, who believes she is too far gone for God to save. But from statements she made we believe God is still dealing with her. Please continue to pray earnestly that He may soon salvage that precious soul and that her life will truly be unshackled.

While visiting the various meetings we were asked on several occasions about the mileage, time and road conditions to be considered in a trip to Alaska. On this trip we took special care to ascertain this information to pass on to those interested. Here it is in brief form:

The distance from the United States border via Calgary and Edmonton to the Valley Christian Home is 2,670 miles; via Seattle from the U. S. border to the Valley Christian Home, 2,339 miles. The Alaska Highway proper begins at Dawson Creek. It is gravel just outside of

Dawson Creek and until you reach the Alaskan border, a distance of 1,221 miles. Throughout this distance we ran into only 22 miles of bad roads between mile posts 245 and 267. The rest of the road was in good condition, except for a few places which had small pits. We left the Alaska Highway at Tok Junction for the Glenn Highway which leads to Anchorage. This we found under construction in spots where they were widening it. The greatest distances between gas stations were: 61.9, 51, 47.5, 45.5, and 44.6 miles. The most we paid for gas was 68 cents per Imperial gallon at one place. We did encounter a little snow and slush, as well as rain. We did not have any tire trouble whatever. This is the second trip we have made, and both without tire trouble.

We would recommend that anyone considering the trip purchase one of two booklets at or near the border: "The Mile Post" at \$1.35 or "The Travel Guide" at \$1.00; we believe the former is better. These booklets should be worth several times their cost to any tourist.

We have had beautiful sunshiny weather. Our first snow to speak of, about four inches, fell on November 18. Our lowest temperature was two degrees below zero. The sun rises over the mountains here at 9:25 a.m. and sets at 3:00 p.m.

We want to thank the many whom we had the privilege of meeting.

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total balance, \$26,148. Total expenditures, \$25,937. Balance on hand September 30, 1962, \$211. Total assets, \$111,914; liabilities, none.

Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation is extended to all those who have a part in this work, whether it is through prayers, gifts, manual services, or in any other way. We are happy to have the privilege of being fellow-workers with you in His work.

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THE LIFE OF A CHAPLAIN ON A MISSILE UNIT

by Captain Gordon Kyle

Mr. Kyle was commended to work with the Lord as a military chaplain in August, 1957, by the Polk Street Assembly in Cedar Hill (Dallas), Texas. He began his present term of work in Germany, in January 1962. He was promoted to Captain in June.

A missile unit of the type I serve is mobile; we must be capable of protecting it with ground weapons or, if need be, move out to a new location. It takes only an hour or so after arrival at another location to get set up and become tactical. Our periodic field maneuvers may last seven days. Then one eats off the end-gate of a truck or wherever he can find a spot for his tray. The men sleep in or under whatever cover they can find; pup tents are used in most cases. It is a hard mission, and in many ways like the Infantry. But each man has a task, and most are specialists at some phase of the operation.

There are about 60 men in our unit with slightly over 100 in each of the five batteries. These batteries are scattered over a 150-mile irregular line. Round-trip travel to our most distant battery takes six hours by jeep. I am fortunate to have a fine young soldier as my assistant. He enjoys his work, is a good driver, and makes a fine companion through many hours and over many miles. Keith took leave over Christmas in order to return to Milwaukee to marry a sweet American girl.

Most families are now back together again. Families are housed in large apartment type buildings three stories high. For all but one of our batteries, a kaserne is nearby; here are the facilities for all necessities: PX, commissary, chapel, dispensary, etc. We are hoping to establish a permanent facility at "Charlie" in the near future. In the meantime we gather for worship in the site dayroom.

I minister from time to time in all chapels serving our people. But each Sunday (at some time) I am at the remote sites with services. A congregation may be large, or very small. It may be filled with families, or a group of hard-working troops who gather as they are for a time around the Word. It may be in a beautiful chapel comfortably heated, or out on a hill between a tree and a truck. These are my congregations. Following is a brief sketch of a normal week's activity:

Sunday: I travel to one of our five sites for worship services. The closest battery is two hours away via jeep (longer in foul weather); the most distant battery is three hours away. A helicopter is used

periodically when I have more than one site to visit on one day. For an hour or two prior to the service I do visitation through the billets, mess hall, and all outposts. The afternoon is usually filled with individual counseling with the men where they are. In some cases there is an evening service, distinctly evangelistic.

Monday: Headquarters staff meeting where recommendations are given the commander and where new insights are often gleaned. I keep up on the top level workings of the battalion in these meetings.

0900: Off for one of the batteries. Many times, due to distance and weather, we stay overnight on the sites. It is normal to have a steady flow of counseling for the full time; a sixteen-hour day is not highly unusual. Many are "well-fare" problems: "How can I get my wife over here? It's rough for her with the ten kids." "We'd like to adopt a German baby." "Can I get married over the telephone? My girl is pregnant and is in the States." "Do you think I should marry this girl, Chaplain? She has two children but has never been married." "I can't stand this outfit any longer. The cussing and filthy living sure do get a fellow down." But always there is the opportunity along the way to present the message of Christ.

Tuesday: Another site visit and late return to headquarters.

Wednesday: A day for rest and for preparation of messages.

Thursday: Another site visit. I'll go through the billets, motor pool, mess, arms area, and supply. Then off to the site, usually no more than three miles from where the men are housed. The site is on a hilltop with missiles, ready for action, pointed toward the border. The sites are manned at all times.

Friday: Hospital visitation. This is in Munich. Great are the openings for witness. In the afternoon I visit the few men we have in the stockade, in Dachau. The buildings were used during the war by the Nazi party. The concentration camp, now a memorial, is nearby. Friday evening if I am back, Ruth and I usually attend the Officers Christian Union meeting in Augsburg. This gives a time of spiritual refreshment for us.

Saturday: Office. Plans for the next week. Schedules, reports, and answering all correspondence.

A number of our men have made professions of faith, and, along with many others, are going on in Bible study and Christian growth. I am currently delighted with the interest shown in Bible cor-



Captain Gordon Kyle, The Message: "Flee, Follow, Fight"—1 Tim. 6:11, 12.

respondence courses. We supply these to all interested troops and officers.

The relationship between Germans and Americans is an area of common interest among chaplains. A number of our men are actively concerned with orphanages in their respective towns. It was my privilege to be the speaker at the huge German-American Easter Sunrise Service last April. The message was presented in English and translated by an interpreter. Copies of the program and the message were given each person in his own language.

Ruth is active in the work too. She has a Sunday School class in the Augsburg Post Sunday School and actively takes part in a wives' Bible study each week. She is a member of the Post Officers' Wives' Club and the PWOC. She is also taking a leadership role in our battalion officers' wives' monthly meeting. Recently we hosted the weekly Officer's Christian Union meeting in our quarters. There were 35 present. This is an excellent group of solid, growing believers.

It has been a joy to minister by the side of a number of other chaplains who know and love the Lord and who boldly preach the Word. Perhaps not many Christians realize just how many chaplains are faithful and fervent in the Gospel. They all need our prayer support. It is the evangelical chaplains who are drawing the crowds. One very beautiful chapel has been practically closed down because of the steady decline in attendance. On the other hand, a rather shabby chapel, by comparison, has become a place of capacity crowds. I am convinced that men and women want to hear God's Word, not our psychology or philosophy alone. And they will come when it is attractively and creatively presented.



Left: A missile site service near Ingolstadt. Since there is no chapel building here yet, we worship in the ready room. These troops can really sing!

Left center: We go through the chow line with the troops. The mess tent may be cold and crude, but the chow is always warm and good.

Below: Oftentimes an officer will open himself to the things of God as we share mess together. This officer has professed faith.

Left bottom: Sunday-afternoon visits to men at remote guard posts. Often a small guard shack becomes a house of testimony.

Right bottom: Prayer time. Many of the men are fine Christians. Some are studying God's Word with Emmaus correspondence courses. Attendance here ranges from ten to thirty.



Leslie Rainey Now Serves in Augusta, Ga.

LESLIE RAINEY, Bethany Chapel, 401 Milledge Road, Augusta, Georgia: Since coming from Africa to America and now to Augusta, our experience has been, "Though He cause grief, His compassions fail not." It seems but yesterday in Lusaka, Northern Rhodesia, that the Holy Spirit spoke to me in the words of Genesis 35:1, and under God I was able to rise up and return to be reunited with Jonathan and David. What a thrill to be with the children God has given me! My purpose of heart was to be in the southland near to relatives in Florida, but God willed otherwise. Enroute to the "Land of Sunshine" I stopped at Augusta where I am well known and have often been refreshed by the fellowship and warmth of the Christians at the chapel. I learned that many had prayed that I might someday return to settle and serve in this part of the world. The brethren informed me there was a small cottage on the chapel plot furnished and ready which I could use if God so directed. We were staying with relatives in Philadelphia, but God did eventually lead us to settle in Augusta.

Here in this lovely city with its friendly people no little kindness has been shown us. We have a comfortable home and I am seeking as well as I know how to give the lads the care of a father as well as a mother. My Bible is my stay, and next to it I am following Dr. Spock's famous book, "Baby and Child Care."

A most effectual door has been opened up for me in ministry at the new chapel. Pray especially for the married couples Bible class recently commenced. Also, a splendid college group and teen-ager fellowship is being blessed in the study of Proverbs. At our doorstep is America's most neglected mission field, the Afro-American people. It has been a joy to witness among them on the radio, in the jail, in the high school and in several homes. What a joy it would be to see a testimony to His Name here in Georgia.

In our present trial of faith we need much wisdom, and having obtained help of God I continue to this day. Your prayers are valued, and the knowledge of your care is a savor of Christ.

Sunday School in Portales, New Mexico, Needs a Bus

DAVID METLER, 1116 West 3 Street, Portales, New Mexico: After much prayer our Lord led us to move to a house in Portales, with a much larger living room, so now we are not so crowded at meetings. The dining room is so located that we can seat people there also.

We still have a problem getting boys and girls here to Sunday school from Clovis, and are seeking to purchase a used bus. One Sunday I had to tell about

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30 children that there was no more room in the station wagon; and because of overloading we are continually having to make costly repairs.

About 20 teen-agers are coming to meetings, and some of these are saved. We would appreciate prayers for them for their problems are many. We do all we can to encourage them to stay in school, for most of the Spanish boys and girls stop going to school at about fourteen years of age. We try to keep them in clothing and sometimes give them 50 cents, for they are all very poor and this is why most of them become discouraged and quit.

We would ask prayer especially for Orlando, age fourteen, Delores, age fourteen, Linda, age fourteen, Maureen, age fifteen, and Bessie, age thirteen. These are Christians but go to school with hundreds of Catholics, and the priests are continually seeking to lead them astray. The priests are opening a teen club near the big Bible class we have in the Spanish section, hoping to keep boys and girls out of our class.

No one has gotten close enough to these poor uneducated ones to show and teach them that they are sinners, and now there seems to be an awakening among them.

Christian Teen-agers Influential in Drawing Parents to Christ

JOHN AND ELEANOR RAE, 1017 Makaiwa Street, Honolulu 16, Hawaii: At Waialae we see many signs of unspectacular but continuous progress. We now have a growing interest in parents of Christian teen-agers who have been in fellowship for up to three years. The life of one Chinese girl of seventeen has produced fruit in the salvation of her father and mother, and the regular attendance of two younger brothers at services. The parents of a very bright Japanese girl are now showing serious interest, and these plus others bring their Bibles to a cottage meeting in our home each Thurs-

day evening.

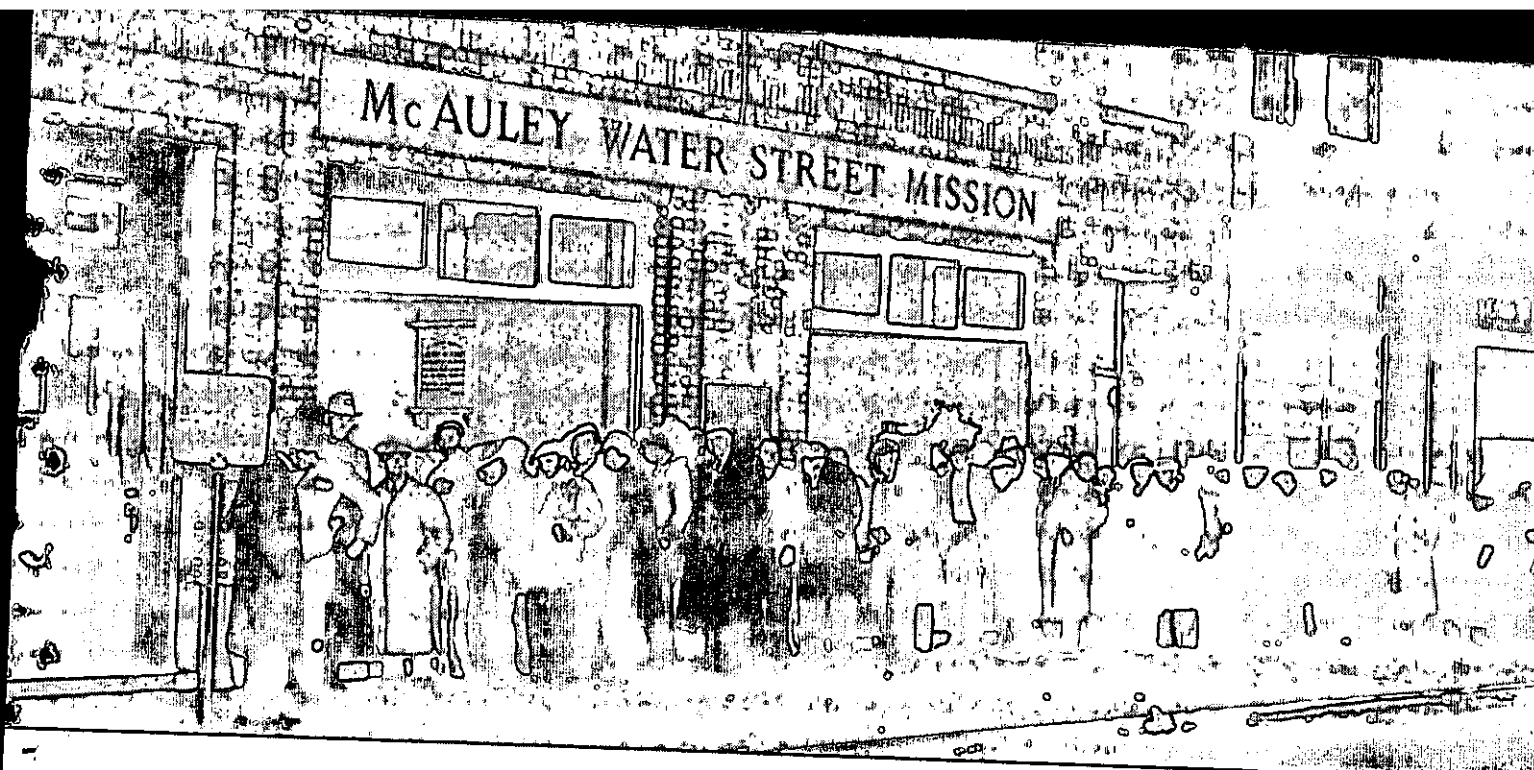
The highway department does not yet fix a date to finalize our intersection before August or the end of 1963, so we are still carrying on in the old buildings.

The discussion group in Oahu Penitentiary continues to show results, and a half day a week spent in personal counselling has led to a good number of decisions being sealed for eternity. Now in the goodness of the Lord I was called yesterday and asked to take on the same service in the new City and County Jail. John has now finished with school, and the hard effort has paid off in these doors being opened and in directed guidance being given.

Work About Anchorage Is Slow but Progressing

TOMMY THOMPSON, 2905 Eide Drive, Anchorage, Alaska: Two fine brethren flew north in a plane owned by one of them, picked up John Abernethy and came to Anchorage. We left Anchorage and visited eight places before returning. These places have religion of ritual-forms but no faith. Where so-called "churches" have located the populace are unmovable in their loyalty to them. One must settle in one place, or as the Indian says, "sit down with us," to make any progress to speak of. Here in Anchorage we never have had "special" meetings, but we have seen a little growth, and so we plod on.

Our conference was an encouragement to us, and we were edified by the ministry of our Alaskan brethren. Results so far are good. Younger believers have been strengthened and desire to be more consecrated to the Lord. This year we had a Sunday afternoon session divided into ministry for the first hour and then an open forum for the second hour. I opened up the subject of salvation for the second hour; then brethren questioned and answered. This proved very helpful and effective, so we hope to do the same sort of thing annually.



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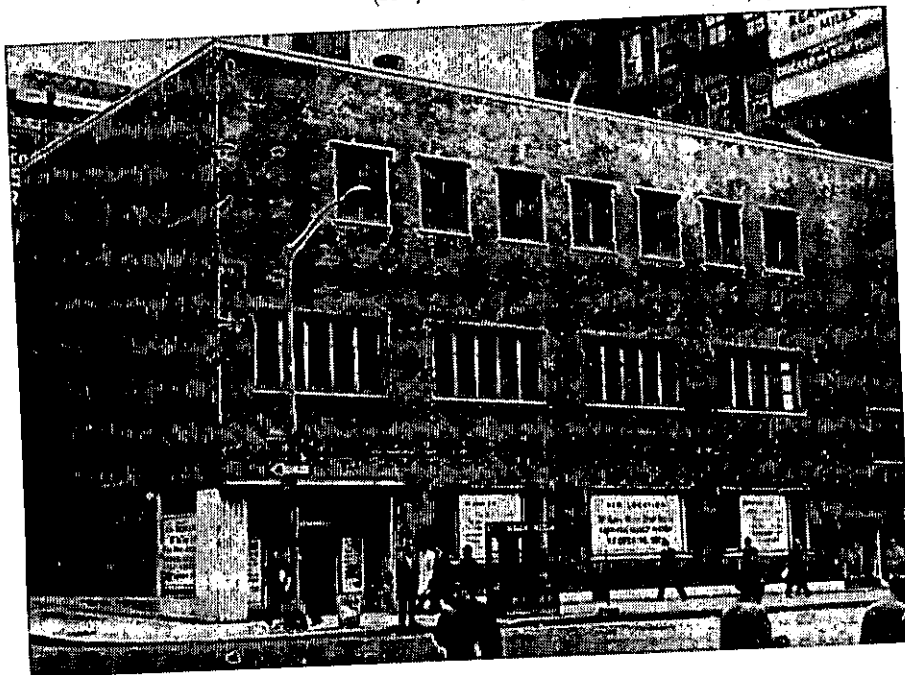


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A monthly magazine devoted especially to the promotion and encouragement of pioneer work in the United States and Canada in connection with assemblies.

E. Woodhouse Appointed Superintendent of McAuley Water Street Mission

(See front cover)



McAuley Water Street Mission, pioneer in reaching the wayward, the derelict and the rejected in America, begins its 91st year with a new building and a new superintendent. May the Lord continue to bless it and all the other like missions which have followed in its wake. And it seems most probable that its path is now to lead on to greater effectiveness than ever before.

Too infrequently do skidrow missions develop into churches or produce from their converts church-building material. And that is probably because perpetually they go little beyond the ABC's of the Gospel. Whatever McAuley has practised in the past—and we are not sufficiently informed to speak with any real knowledge of its operations—under the new superintendent it cannot help but lead its converts into a deeper knowledge of the Word of God, and consequently into greater development as Christians. For the new super-



intendent, Ernest Woodhouse, is an eminent Bible teacher, as well as a man experienced in missions. That God has called him to this responsibility is a matter of which he, his family, and the Board are fully persuaded.

Almost a century ago a drunkard, ex-convict seaman named Jerry McAuley was wonderfully saved and transformed, and he established in New York City the first rescue mission in the United States. For 75 years the Mission ministered to the needs of the homeless man in buildings located in the shadow of the Brooklyn Bridge, at 316 Water Street. In 1948 the city's Slum Clearance program made it necessary to vacate the original buildings. Another location with more restricted facilities, at 124-126 Water Street, made it possible to continue the work of the Mission for another fifteen years. In recent years assemblies in the metropolitan area played an increasing part in this work.

Now the Mission is preparing to perpetuate and enlarge its ministry through the expanded facilities of a fine three-

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In publishing LETTERS OF INTEREST its staff believes it is performing a service for the Lord's people. The work is done without charge. Because the magazine is furnished free, friends occasionally ask about the expense involved. To such may we say that it is met mainly by voluntary gifts from assemblies and individual Christians in the assemblies, with a small portion coming from advertising revenue. If any of our fellow believers feel exercised to assist in furthering the work, their fellowship will be gratefully accepted as from the Lord.

Workers' Addresses—We have on file the addresses of commended servants of the Lord in the United States and Canada. We will be glad to furnish the Lord's people with any addresses requested.

Gift Deductible—We wish to inform our readers that gifts from individuals sent to "Letters of Interest" for expense, come within the contributions classification of the income tax returns.

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story building at 90-92 Lafayette Street. Architect Mr. William E. Kohn, with the engineers, is expediting plans for the necessary alterations, and it is hoped that occupancy on a partial basis will be possible in the near future. When completed, the building provides a fine chapel, dining facilities, counselling rooms, offices, and dormitories for both overnight guests and staff. It is being equipped to feed and house well over 100 men, a medical clinic is to be available, and plans for a radio program are under way. Since the mission has not housed men for many years, the new move represents not only the continuance of the work but also a very notable expansion.

Mr. Woodhouse's itinerant activities will be curtailed until the work is well under way. He writes: "We need desperately, and will value highly, the earnest prayers of the Lord's own, for the effort has tremendous potential."

The current President and Vice President are James H. Humphries, M.D., of the Maplewood Gospel Chapel in New Jersey, and Charles F. Steinhofner of the Grace Gospel Chapel in Tenafly, New Jersey, respectively.



Editors' Page

THAT WORTHY NAME

It is assuredly believed by every Bible and assembly loving Christian that the true ground of our gathering is the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. However small, every Scripturally gathered assembly has this as its sole basis for gathering. This also, it can be clearly stated, is the only ground on which inter-assembly fellowship can be established and maintained, rather than upon a set of man-made rules unsupported and unrecognized by Scripture. "Where two or three are gathered together in my Name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20).

Why then do we hear so much about "open and tight" assemblies, "loose brethren and tight brethren," "liberal assemblies and old path" assemblies? We hear also a great deal about "walking in the right ways of the Lord" as applied to certain assemblies and to ministering brethren, thus excluding many other devoted and godly Christians.

Surely such terms as mentioned are, in view of Scripture, sectarian in spirit as applied to the Lord's own. Thus they tend to divide His people and bring dishonor to His name. To use denominational names to designate differing sections of professing Christians is a denial of the unity of the saints in the one body and only serves to disunite and scatter them. Without doubt all such terms should be eliminated for all time from our vocabulary, for the sake of the testimony.

We may fearlessly use the names given us in Scripture, such as Christian, believer, disciple, saint and brother, without excluding any who know the true grace of God.

If we are at all intelligent as to God's present way of gathering, we shall be careful to explain to the inquiring one that we belong, not to the Plymouth brethren (exclusive, open or otherwise) or to any sect known as brethren, but to the Lord, and that we gather according to Scripture in His "worthy Name" alone. Failure to make this clear in testimony, accompanied by a like failure to grasp what has been ministered, has resulted in great weakness in our stand for this Scriptural position. One of the bright spots of assembly testimony in our time is the earnest and prayerful desire on the part of many godly and sincere Christians to see a more united front before the world, ere the Lord returns, lest we should be ashamed before Him at His coming.

J. W. Kennedy

THE POOREST GIFT

One of the gifts mentioned by Paul the Apostle in writing to the Corinthians (I Cor. 12) was that of speaking in a foreign, or not-understood tongue or language. Without doubt, this gift was needed by the early church as a witness to unbelievers that the Lord meant what He said when He told the disciples to "go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Many theological opinions have been advanced on this interesting subject, and it seems evident that the gift of tongues is no longer of importance at this time when God's written Word has been completed for many years.

Aside from these doctrinal considerations, Paul makes several comments which should discourage the Lord's people from spending precious time experimenting with this gift.

First, Paul calls it (I Corinthians 14) in effect, a "poor gift." This thought is advanced by the admonition that it

would take ten thousand words in a not-understood tongue to approach the value of five words spoken in the Gospel or in teaching in words understood by all. Secondly, he tells us that no one should speak in a foreign tongue (except to himself or the Lord) unless an interpreter is present to translate what is said to those present. And in connection with using the gift only in speaking to the Lord, as some tell us they do, Paul warns against praying with an "unfruitful understanding" (I Corinthians 14:14).

In these last days, a few of the Lord's people have become intrigued with the "speaking" phase of this gift. So far we have heard of none who are exercised in the "interpreting" phase. Would we not be wise to spend these last days occupied with the universal gifts bestowed upon all of us to worship, witness and work. Paul's admonition in I Corinthians 12:31 is timely: "Covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way."

Robert W. Mojonnier

YOUNG MAN, TAKE UNTO YOU!

What equipment is needed by the young man who desires to be both spiritually strong and standing fast in the Lord? The Apostle Paul suggests in Ephesians 6 that the "whole armor" includes truth, righteousness, the Gospel of peace, faith, salvation and the Word of God.

Can one element of "armor" be used effectively without the other? Although independent, each augments the other and all together are vital to a successful Christian life. Paul reminds us that we wrestle "against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness . . . against spiritual wickedness in high places." In life's contest against such formidable foes the Christian young man *must* be properly equipped. To be otherwise would assure spiritual defeat.

Let us consider briefly this spiritual armor:

- Truth* is that knowledge found in the Lord Jesus Christ. Apart from Him, who is the Wisdom of God, no man knows truth.
- Righteousness* refers not only to our relationship with God but also to a righteous conduct and life which results from that relationship.
- The Gospel of Peace* is so called because it brings the message of peace with God on the ground of peace made by the Cross and received by faith.
- Faith* in its beginning and completion is one of the fruits of the Spirit. For a young man to be without the "shield of faith" means that his armor is incomplete.
- Salvation* is based upon the atonement wrought by our Lord Jesus Christ and is realized in forgiveness, regeneration and sanctification.
- The Word of God* (or the "sword of the Spirit") is the means by which we are strengthened. It is the soul food which nourishes, sustains and revives. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God," wrote the Apostle John. "It is God that girdeth me with strength" we read in Psalm 18:32. With the consciousness of the power of God in our lives, imparted through the Holy Spirit, we can rise to full height.

May each one who reads these lines fully employ the armor so freely available. *Young Man, Take Unto You!*

James D. Kennedy

WHO IS IN CHARGE?

Who makes the decisions? The salesman must know that to sell his wares. The employee must know that to get on in business. The investor must know so he can determine whether to invest.

In school the final authority may not be the president, but the chairman of the board, or even a dean. In business a vice president or some board member who has no office may make the big decisions. In politics behind the mayor, or senator, or governor may be a political leader without portfolio controlling all.

In world affairs usually three or four political heads appear to dominate. Yet, as Shakespeare would say, these great men come briefly on the stage to speak their few lines and then disappear into the wings, never to reappear.

The student may be unaware of the true head of the school; the worker may think the president of the company is chief when actually he is only a figurehead; and the general public may be ignorant of the existence of the political leader who is running the government. More than that, the heads of state probably are not conscious that, in seeking to serve their own ends, they are bowing to the

dictates of a malevolent power who was on the scene long before they appeared and will continue long after they are gone.

But the intelligent Christian knows. He knows that the whole world lies in the wicked one, the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who continually works in the children of disobedience. But more than that, he knows that Satan is not the final authority. Overshadowing all is the One who makes even the wrath of man to praise Him, and who restrains the remainder of wrath; the One according to whose determinate counsel and foreknowledge men by wicked hands crucified and slew Jesus of Nazareth, whom God raised from the dead to be Prince and Saviour, Lord of all.

The Christian knows. Consequently in every circumstance of life, in every problem, seeming big or seeming small, he can with thanksgiving make his requests known to God. Then what? The peace of God which passes all understanding will garrison his heart and mind through Christ Jesus.

Donald M. Taylor

CONFERENCES

New Smyrna Beach Conference to be Conducted March 15, 16

There will be a Bible conference at the New Smyrna Bible Chapel, Landis St. at Hester Ave., New Smyrna Beach, Fla., on Friday and Saturday, March 15 and 16. Services: Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. Supper will be provided. Expected speakers: Lester Wilson, Dan Snaddon, J. Philip Morgan.

Conference in Wichita, Kansas, Set for March 30 & 31

EAST KELLOGG GOSPEL CHAPEL, 1933 East Kellogg, Wichita Kansas: Our annual Bible conference will be held March 30 and 31, preceded by a prayer meeting Friday evening, March 29. Several very able men plan to be with us to teach the Word.

A warm welcome is extended to all of the Lord's people. Those desiring overnight accommodations, please write to John Baumann, 2456 North Waco, Wichita, Kansas.

Dean Jensen, Correspondent

Virginia Youth Conference Planned for April 27

On Saturday, January 26, a number from Victoria drove to Richmond to attend the twenty-fifth quarterly youth conference of the Virginia assemblies. Over 100 from many places in the state assembled at Grace Chapel. The next youth conference is planned for Roanoke, Saturday, April 27.

William J. Oglesby

Missionary Study Class Meets in Kearny March 30

Kearny Gospel Chapel, Bergen Avenue and Maple Street, Kearny, New Jersey, will conduct its annual Missionary Study Class Conference on March 30. Missionary women will speak to the sisters at 3:00 p.m. At the same time the men will meet in a prayer meeting at Good News Chapel, Quincy and Highland Avenues, Kearny. At 5:00 p.m. all will gather at the Kearny Gospel Chapel for refreshments. The general conference will be at 7:00 p.m., when we will hear reports from workers from various mission fields who are in the New York area at this time.

All are invited to come.

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Chicago Spring Missionary Conference Will Feature Literature Work

The annual Chicago Missionary Study-Class SPRING MISSIONARY CONFERENCE will be held April 6 and 13 at Emmaus Bible School, 156 North Oak Park Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois. Meetings will be held on the two Saturdays at 3:30 and 7:00 p.m. Junior M.S.C. sessions for the children will be held concurrently. Speakers expected are: R. E. Harlow, The Fields; Kenneth Brooks, Philipines; Kevin Dyer, Literature Crusades; Lyndon Hess, Northern Rhodesia; Duncan Reid, Dominican Republic. Gospel literature work will be highlighted. The conference theme is, "The entrance of thy words giveth light." A special financial project, Emmaus Courses Overseas, is being undertaken.

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Young People's Conference, Detroit, Will Be April 6-7

The Detroit Area Assemblies Young People's Meeting Council is sponsoring a Young People's Conference to be held April 6-7 at Pembroke Chapel, Detroit, Michigan. Pembroke Chapel is at 1991 Burt Road, approximately one half mile south of Highway M-102 (Eight Mile Road), and one and one half miles east of Highway US-24 (Telegraph Road).

The conference schedule is: Saturday: registration at 1:00 p.m., workshops at 3:30 p.m., buffet supper at 5:30 p.m., and youth rally at 7:00 p.m. The Sunday afternoon session will begin at 3:00 p.m. at Pembroke Chapel. The speakers will be Mr. Ernest Woodhouse, Westwood, New Jersey; and Mr. Charles Coleman of the United States Navy.

All those coming from a distance are urged to stay overnight, and will be the guests of Christians in the Detroit area. Please send names, addresses and ages of all in your group who plan to attend to: Robert Himmer, 500 Byfield, Wayne, Michigan.

Allan W. Bennett
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Conference to be Held in Yosemite National Park, July 13-21

At the California Annual Bible Conference in Yosemite National Park, July 13-21, the speakers are to be Henry Van Ryn and C. Stacey Woods. Morning and evening meetings are planned, leaving much time free for relaxation. The evening services will be devoted to preaching the Gospel.

Write to H. A. Williams, 25 Oakview Drive, San Rafael, California, for further details.

Annual Conference in Brantford, April 12

Christians at the Bethel Chapel, 192 Darling Street, Brantford, Ontario, plan to conduct their annual conference again this year, but for one day only—Good Friday, April 12.

10:30 a.m. Ministry of the Word

2:30 p.m. Missionary Address

7:30 p.m. Ministry of the Word

George J. Pirie of Bedford, England, and other workers, are expected as speakers. Mr. Pirie expects to be with this assembly from April 6 to 19.

We welcome all the Lord's people.

E. T. Chase

Rural Route 3
Brantford, Ont.

Central, Westmount and Danforth Conference Convenes April 12-14

The annual conference of the Central, Westmount and Danforth assemblies in Toronto, Ontario, will be held in the Central Gospel Hall at 25 Charles Street, East Toronto, on Friday through Sunday, April 12-14. A prayer meeting will precede the conference on Thursday at 7:45 p.m. Order of meetings:

Friday: 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m.; Saturday: 7:00 p.m. only; Sunday: 10:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

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Pottstown Conference Concerned With Work Among Colored People

A Regional Home Missionary Bible Conference will be conducted at the Hillside Gospel Chapel at Mervine and Feist Avenue Pottstown, Pennsylvania on Saturday, April 23. Meetings: 2:30 and 7:00 p.m., with supper served between. This conference will be primarily concerned with the work among colored people. Leslie Rainey and George Mortland will present a panel to answer questions on the general area of the work.

B. Sam Hart

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Easter Conference Will Meet in Overbrook Gospel Hall, Philadelphia

The annual Easter conference at Overbrook Gospel Hall, 62nd and Jefferson Streets, Philadelphia 31, Pa., will meet April 12-14. Order of meetings: Friday, April 12, prayer meeting, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, ministry, 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday breaking of bread, 10:00 a.m., ministry at 2:30 p.m., gospel preaching at 7:30 p.m. Expected speakers: Walter Jensen and Edward Richmond. Others of the Lord's servants truly exercised before God about coming to help are entreated to communicate with us.

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77th Annual Toronto Conference Scheduled for April 12-14

The 77th annual conference in Toronto, Ontario, will be held Friday through Sunday, April 12-14, at the Central High School of Commerce (west side), and also at the Eastern High School of Commerce (east side). On Thursday, April 11, prayer meetings will be held at Brock Avenue Gospel Hall, 311 Brock Avenue (west side), and at Pape Avenue Gospel Hall, 871 Pape Avenue (east side), at 7:30 p.m.

Write to A. Walker, 22 Kimbourne Avenue, Toronto 6, Ontario; or William Agnew, 51 Victor Avenue, Toronto 14, Ontario.

All the Lord's servants, men sincerely endeavoring to walk in godly paths, are heartily welcome.

Annual Easter Conference to be Held in Nanaimo, B. C.

The eighth Annual Easter Conference in Nanaimo, B.C., will be held in the St. Andrews United Church on Fitzwilliam Street.

Good Friday: meeting at 2:30 p.m., supper at 5:00, evening meeting at 7:00 p.m. Speakers: Murdy Getty of Calgary, Alberta; Ian Rathie from the Dominican Republic, and Alfred J. Crick from England.

David Houston, Correspondents
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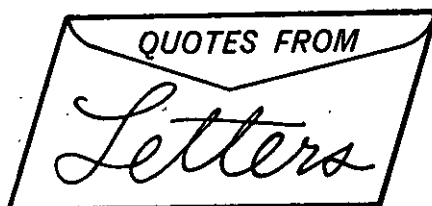
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J. Y. M. Aitken Expected in Eastern Townships, Quebec

JOHN Y. M. AITKEN, 1553 Finlay Street, Whiterock, B. C., late January: Towards the end of February, in response to invitations, I will go to the eastern townships of Quebec for a period of time.

One Neglects, Another Accepts the Gospel

ROBERT M. ARTHUR, Route 2, Box 606 E. Tacoma, Washington: While doing visitation in the hospital recently I had a lengthy "debate" with one who proclaimed himself a "free thinker," in which the Lord gave much help in the answers. But the man left the hospital without much evidence that he had received any of the Word.

I have been able to follow up one who professed to let Christ into his heart, and went to his home nearby. He is still a sick man, but seems to be enjoying spiritual things.

Ice Floe Survivors Hear the Gospel

EVERETT BACHELDER, Box 655, Nome, Alaska, January 7: This morning we had an opportunity to speak of the Lord to two survivors from an ice floe. Three Eskimo hunters had drifted on an ice floe for three days, but one of them died the morning of the rescue.

KICY helped greatly in these rescue operations by broadcasting for emergency help. The Word of God is broadcast daily over this station.

Mrs. Joseph Balsan Rests at Home

JOSEPH BALSAN, 4011-13 Street, Des Moines, Iowa: Mrs. Balsan has returned home from a time at the hospital. She is very weak, but is resting.

Itinerary for E. B. Sprunt

ERNEST B. SPRUNT, 55 Wakelin Terrace, St. Catharines, Ontario: I hope to be in Roberts Memorial Chapel at 86th and Bishop Streets in Chicago, Illinois, the latter part of March for two weeks of children's meetings; then I go to Glen Head, Long Island, for a similar series. Prior to that I hope to have a short visit to Florida, to see if warmer climate will relieve my arthritic condition.

James Blackwood Recovers From Heart Attack

JAMES BLACKWOOD, 160 Morrow Street, Peterborough, Ontario, January 15: I have been laid aside since October 17; I had a heart attack while having meetings at Sydney Mines, Nova Scotia. The doctor said I would have to slow down and have a complete rest for some time. But I am making a good recovery, and trust I will be able soon for active service in the Gospel and in teaching the Word.

Itinerary for James Boswell

JAMES K. BOSWELL, 344 Burlington Crescent, London, Ontario: In March I will go to Waterloo, Ontario, Spanish Wells, Marsh Harbour, Man O'War, Green Turtle Cay, and Nassau, Bahamas, then back to Sarnia, Ontario. In April I will be in Britain for Easter conference work and other ministry.

Preston Gospel Chapel Enlarged

VENUS BROOKS, Box 215-N, Pembroke, North Carolina, January 28: Brethren at Preston Gospel Chapel, Maxton, N. C., have doubled the size of their building, adding six Sunday school rooms and increasing the seating capacity of the main auditorium. Spiritual development is not lagging behind, and the powers of darkness contest every step.

Christians at Pembroke (N.C.) Gospel Hall are beginning to consider constructing an entirely new building.

Mr. Worth Ellis of Durham, N.C., expects to conduct special evangelistic meetings beginning February 24 and continuing through March 10.

Arthur C. Hill Recovering From Accident Injuries

Early in January Dr. Arthur C. Hill, who has been active in promoting missionary work in Quebec, had a car accident in which he suffered multiple injuries. On January 28 he was able to write as follows: "I have just arrived home from two and one half weeks at the hospital. I am going to try to answer some of the mail that has poured in. This is just a short note to assure you that I have made excellent progress. My doctors talk of another three to four weeks for complete recovery. I shall probably try to go south to my uncle's place in Miami.

"As you can see, I have yet to recover full use of my writing hand. But progress is good, and there will D.V. be no permanent injury."

Friends may wish to write to him at 309 Dufferin Avenue, Sherbrooke, Quebec.

Mrs. Don Sauer Convalesces in Ontario

DONALD SAUER, Box 1674, Fairbanks, Alaska: Mrs. Ruth Sauer underwent major surgery on her spine in January. She was to be in the Orthopedic Hospital in Toronto, Ontario until February 15; then, if all went well she was to be moved to St. Johns Convalescent Hospital, 285 Cummer Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario, where she would stay until April 30 or longer.

In mid-February Donald Sauer returned to their two older boys in Fairbanks, Alaska. The youngest is staying with Ruth's parents until she is able to return. Don wrote:

"We value your prayers at this time of separation, and thank God for the measure of peace given us, knowing He makes no mistakes."

Frank Detweiler Recovers From Recent Operation

FRANK M. DETWEILER, 4109-9 Street, Tampa 3, Florida, February 1: I wish to express my great appreciation for the prayers and practical help of so many of the Lord's people during my recent surgery and since. After recuperating a month, I expect to be able to attend the meetings at our hall by Sunday February 10. I had several setbacks, but this poem expresses my sincere thoughts: "Looking back it seems to me All the griefs which had to be Left me, when the pain was o'er, Richer than I'd been before. And by every hurt and blow suffered in the long ago, I can face the world today In a bigger, kindlier way. Pleasure doesn't make the man; Life requires a sterner plan. He who never knows a care Never learns what he can bear." by F. C. Thisse

Eyesight Restored to Louis Germain

LOUIS J. GERMAIN, 444 Bank Street, Ottawa 4, Ontario: God has been pleased to restore my eyesight. I am now able to carry on His work without hindrance.

A number of letters from Haiti have been received saying that the New Testaments, books and tracts sent have been a help to those who received them.

R. T. Halliday Seeks to Enter Cuba

R. T. HALLIDAY P. O. Box 12, Port Orange, Florida: I would like to cross over to Cuba for a month to visit the Christians, but I can get no guarantee of a safe return from those representing the Castro government.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN T. DICKSON, 110 Forest Lake Drive, Atlanta 5, Georgia, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the end of February.

Mrs. Harlow's Health Improves

R. EDWARD HARLOW 6141 Broadway 4G, Bronx 71, New York, January 18: Since leaving the hospital, my wife has been feeling a little better almost every day. This is a direct answer to the prayers of many of the Lord's people. (Mrs. Harlow is spending a month at New Smyrna Beach, Florida, to help in recuperation.)

I am having meetings in the New York area for ten weeks. In March I am to be at Champaign, Illinois for two weeks of evening Bible school. Then on April 1 I start six weeks of classes in Missions with freshmen and seniors at Emmaus Bible School in Oak Park, Illinois.

Moody Libraries Bring Response From Schoolchildren

MRS. CHRISTINE INGRAM, 141 North Washington, Wheaton, Illinois: We have received several letters from the children who attend schools where we put Moody Libraries for Children last November. We hope to do more of this work when the weather conditions improve.

Please pray that I may be physically able to go up to Canada this coming summer.

Peston Keith Praying About V.B.S. Opportunities

PRESTON KEITH, Route 1, Zebulon, North Carolina: I am praying about engaging in vacation Bible school work this coming summer if God sends opportunities my way, but I am seeking His guidance as areas of service He has for this life may not lie in this direction.

I am still seeking to give regular help at Goldsboro, N.C. Recently we have seen some new people at our meetings, and one family who recently moved to Goldsboro have come into fellowship with the assembly.

Tommy Steele to be in Goldsboro, N. C., in March

TOMMY STEELE, 30 Carter Circle, Winston-Salem, North Carolina: Our activities during March will include an eight-day campaign, in Goldsboro, North Carolina. Prayer for this campaign, our work locally and the radio ministry will be greatly appreciated.

Itinerary for William Mackie

WILLIAM B. MACKIE, 2424 Barth Street, Flint 4, Michigan: First three weeks of March—Grand Rapids, Michigan. April—Bethany Chapel, Yonkers, New York, including a two-week series with boys and girls.

Pray for Bilingual Language Helper, and Response to Jail Meetings.

WESLEY L. KOSIN, P. O. Box 338, Fort Washakie, Wyoming, January 29: One of our main desires is that God will give to us an interested and capable language helper who is completely bilingual, through whom God can work to work steadily on translation.

Another deep concern for prayer is that we shall be spiritually fit to be used by God to win souls to Christ and to make true disciples of them. Through the ministry at the jail we are getting more widely known and reports are favorable, but we have not reached a single soul for Christ there (as far as we know). This is in striking contrast to the ministry we enjoyed at Cook County Jail, though that was also attended with much trial and opposition. Of course, we are aware of the limitations in our communication, but we know that it is God who must draw souls to Christ if they are to come.

Since Christmas week we have had many days of sub-zero weather, but we are thanking God for the comforts of our cottage which He enabled us to winterize more since last winter. Twice we had appointments to meet with our language helpers in their home about fifteen miles up into the mountains, but have had to postpone them because the 40 below zero weather put a crimp in our car so that it would not start. Of course, we know that our omnipotent and sovereign Master makes these things work together for our good also.

Newly Saved Quebec Couples Face Education Problem for Children

ROLAND LACOMBE, C. P. 191, Drummondville, Quebec: Two newly saved couples were baptized and joined the fellowship. The testimonies of these two couples has been incontestable, and many of their friends have heard the Good News from them. One couple has six children, the other four; and now they face the problem of where to send their children to school. They speak no word of English, and we have no Protestant school in French.

Several in Victoria, Va., Being Drawn to Christ

WILLIAM J. OGLESBY, Victoria, Virginia, January 31: The first Sunday of the new year two women who have been coming regularly to the services at Northside Gospel Chapel in Victoria, expressed their desire to trust the Saviour. Others who are coming to the various meetings show concern.

The week of February 4 I will conduct the morning devotions over radio station WKLV, Blackstone, Virginia.

Writer of the Local Church Column Has Been Ill

Mr. Charles S. Howard, the writer for our question-and-answer column "The Local Church," recently suffered a heart attack and is now recuperating at home. We believe our readers will be concerned to pray for him. Letters and notes for him may be sent in care of the Letters of Interest office, 127 South Wacker Drive, Chicago 6, Ill.

Harold Harper Treated at Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, N. C.

HAROLD M. HARPER, 1500 Woods Drive, Florence, South Carolina, January 31: In December Mr. Harper became very ill, suffering much, and was taken to hospital in Florence, South Carolina. Later in January he was moved to the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where a doctor is a specialist in diabetics and is doing research work for the government. Here Mr. Harper has been given thorough examinations, and is being treated as an out patient. Mrs. Harper writes: "We do trust he will be renewed in health and strength, for he surely has had no strength left. We do value prayer that has been given for him. What a wonderful thing is the fellowship of saints."

Father and Son Accept Christ

J. H. HERBERT MEEKS, 5457 Stellhorn Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana: I have four different groups of children each week and two adult classes each week besides the usual meetings on Sunday. While none of these meetings are large, persons are being saved.

It would have thrilled your heart to hear a father tell his young son that he had just asked Jesus into his heart, and to see the boy's face light up as he said, "I know, Daddy. I just accepted Him as mine a few weeks ago."

Itinerary for Fred Peer

FRED R. PEER, R. R. 10, Peterborough, Ontario: I expect to be at the McDonnell Street Gospel Hall in Peterborough in March. Then I go to Olivet Gospel Chapel in Toronto for the last two weeks in April.

Ray Zander Works in the Bahamas

RAY ZANDER, Marsh Harbor, Abaco, Bahamas: I have been in the Bahamas for several months and four persons professed faith in Christ. The Word has been opened in many homes and we look to God for continued blessing.

I will remain here as long as He so leads, and value your prayers concerning future service.

Two Mothers, Several Children Saved Through Happy Hour Meetings

AUBREY DELLANDREA, 247 Greenhill Avenue, R. R. 1, North Bay, Ontario: During Happy Hour meetings at Schoolcraft Hall in Detroit, two mothers confessed faith in Christ, and several children. One of the mothers was a Roman Catholic. The other's husband had been saved in August last year, and his godly life won the wife to a deep desire to know the Lord.

For a while now I shall be in the home field, busy in visitation work, radio work, and the regular meetings. I am planning to be in New Liskeard and Trenton, Ontario, for short visits before the next gospel campaign, which will be at MacGreggor Chapel in Houston, Texas.

Mrs. Elsie Gattey Is New Housemother for Adelaide Home

We thank the Lord's people for their prayers on behalf of the needs at Adelaide Christian Home for Children, and we want you to know how He has been answering your prayers.

Mrs. Elsie Gattey from Claremont, California, joined the staff as housemother on February 10. For about five years she had been exercised about the work here. Her coming filled a need of long standing.

We are still praying for the right person to meet the need for a bookkeeper stenographer. Miss Brown hopes to retire at the end of March.

After much prayerful consideration several changes have taken place in our child care program. We believe the Lord has directed us in these changes and we were grateful to receive full approval from the State Department of Social Welfare, who license all similar agencies in California.

Our facilities for child care in our main building included a wing for boys and a wing for girls. The wing for girls has been converted to a boy's wing so that hereafter we will be serving boys only in our main building. Mrs. Gattey will therefore be a housemother in this 'new' wing for boys. We will continue to serve four boys and four girls in our two foster homes. In all then we have capacity for twenty-eight boys and four girls.

We will be admitting children between the ages of 6 and 13, whereas we had been admitting them between the ages of 10 and 13. When needed, care may be continued through high school in our foster homes.

Blessing and encouragement has been seen among the children, and we trust you will continue to pray for His wisdom for the staff.

Richard B. Matthews, Superintendent

"But the Lord Directeth His Steps"

THOMAS R. McCULLAGH, 411 East Logan Avenue, Guthrie, Oklahoma: The first month of the new year has been very different from what I expected.

For some time meetings were announced for prayer and ministry of the Word in Lincoln, Nebraska, and I promised to be there. The day before I was to leave Mr. Dedman's daughter called from Houston, Texas, saying her father had passed away suddenly and I was wanted for the funeral service. Houston was the opposite direction from Lincoln, but Mr. Dedman was a good friend and brother to me. Over the telephone the Christians in Lincoln agreed that I should go to Houston and get back by Monday. I came back from Houston by way of Dallas, where I spoke on Sunday morning in the Bible class. I arrived back in Guthrie Sunday evening, in time for the Gospel meeting. At 5:00 o'clock on Monday morning I left by car for Lincoln and arrived in time for the evening meeting. We had a good week of meetings there and I believe the Christians were helped.

My brother in law has been very sick in a New York hospital, and I promised my sister that after the Lincoln meetings I would come to New York. But the day the meetings closed my wife called to inform me that there had been serious trouble with the plumbing causing much water damage to walls, floors and materials in the house. There was nothing for me to do but to go home to help clean up and repair the damage. Then below zero weather did its part to slow down this work. But insurance will cover the damage, and my brother in law has shown much improvement.

Since coming home I have been taking the radio broadcast each evening at 5:45 for fifteen minutes. When I am gone we use tape recordings. On Tuesday nights we have a fine group of boys and girls for Bible club. When I am home they ask me to give the Bible lesson.

William Wilson Visits Assemblies in Mills District

WILLIAM WILSON, c/o Mrs. John Turk, Ste. 203, 2630 York Avenue, Vancouver 8, B.C., January 14: I am presently in Alberni, B.C. There is a very small company here. This is one of the districts of mills, which run twenty-four hours daily, and on Sunday with slight limitation; so Sunday work is often necessary for the man on whom rests the burden of the flock here. After a week here I go to Powell River, another place with a large mill. The assembly there suffered the loss of the man who for many years was looked upon as their leader.

I plan to go to Washington for the month of March.

Interest Shown in New Jersey Cottage Meetings

T. ERNEST WILSON, 704 Crescent Place, Sea Girt, New Jersey, January 21: The Lord is giving some encouragement in the cottage meetings at Neptune and Toms River, New Jersey. Numbers are not large, but we are reaching some who have no assembly connections, and there is keen interest in the Word.

I am also leading a series two nights a week on I Corinthians with our local assembly at Belmar, and here too interest is expressed by good attendance.

Metlers Saved From CM Poisoning Given Sunday School Bus

DAVID METLER, 1116 West 3 Street, Portales, New Mexico; February 1: We have all been feeling very sick for some time and thought it the result of the below zero weather. On Sunday, January 20 we awoke so nauseated and with such terrible headaches that we could not have the meetings. We began to feel worse, so Virginia suggested we have the gas company come and check the heating system. When we described our sickness men came over right away and found all our heaters pouring out carbon monoxide. They were surprised to find any of us alive. Our loving Father has shown His care and faithfulness again. We had to shut off the heat at once and have been trying to keep warm with electric heaters that we bought. The owner installed a completely new heating system yesterday, so all is well now. We were in bed for one week, but though still weak are busy again with the work.

We received news this week that the Christians at Griswold and Lyman, Iowa, have purchased a used bus for us and are bringing it here in two weeks. This is an answer to prayer and will be a real blessing, for we have had to leave a group in Clovis each meeting because there has been no room in the wagon. Now we shall continue to pray for a meeting place and we know that our Lord has a time for that also.

We have been seeking second-hand heaters for the poor people who suffer much in this weather. Mr. Garcia came to the Sunday night meeting for the first time in over a year. The inside walls of his home were caked with ice, so we found an oil heater for the family and this touched his heart. We also took them groceries, for they had very little to eat.

ADDRESS CHANGE

Mrs. John Bernard
Westhaven
7 Seafield Road
Dovercourt, Essex, England

Prayer Requested for Work Among Elderly People

H. GEORGE NEWELL, 1151 East Pasadena, Apt. 2, Pomona, California: The Lord is blessing His Word among the old people in the Pleasant View Convalescent Hospital at Monrovia, California. We now have some of the Lord's servants and believers as patients at the home. But many of the patients do not know the Lord and some are sick in mind and body. The Holy Spirit is working among the staff who attend my weekly meetings at lunch time.

Our daughter Rita, who helps in the work, will be married April 27 at Claremont Gospel Chapel to Harry Boyer.

Mrs. George Rainey Convalesces at Home

GEORGE RAINEY, Box 275, Sorrento, Florida, February 4: On January 15 Mrs. Rainey suffered a heart attack. She came home from the hospital yesterday by ambulance and is now in bed at home. She will be there until the doctor allows her to walk. She gets up a little and sits on a chair night and afternoon. She is weak and frail and still a sick woman. I have a nurse with her at present.

Psalm 50:15 and Romans 8:28 have been very comforting in these trying days.

Tom Thompson Considers Move to Southeast Alaska

TOM THOMPSON, 2905 Eide Drive, Anchorage, Alaska: Several things have led me to an exercise for this late spring and summer, and that is a trip to the Haines-Juneau areas by the new ferry system, to be in operation late April from Skagway to Prince Rupert, B.C. and towns in between.

Our camp will be almost an impossibility this year due to heavy road construction in the area. I have made a few contacts in the southeast area, both with sinners and saints. Other indications, as well as my own heart exercise, and answers in the Word of God, seem to be leading me in this direction.

We have no assemblies in the southeast area. It is an hour's flight from Seattle and the west coast and is a hard field. My plans are (D.V.) to drive to Haines and join the ferry there going to Skagway, then work town by town as far as Juneau, where I may be able to start some sort of meetings. Should I see there is a work or indication of such starting, I am ready to locate in such a place. Please pray especially for this project—my heart is limp at the prospect.

Five Children in Marmora, N. J. Accept Christ

EDWARD RICHMOND, P. O. Box 298, Ocean City, New Jersey: Shortly after I went to Delaware many years ago, I had the joy of leading a man to Christ. Paul Plubell and I had some tent meetings there; Paul led this man's wife to Christ and later God gave me the joy of seeing the husband and children saved. The last day of 1962 God called this man Home. His wife asked me to speak the funeral message; it was a large funeral, as he had many friends.

After the funeral I returned to our Friday night children's meeting in Marmora. Five children there asked about being saved, and all five accepted Christ. Since then we have interviewed these boys and girls; all of them stick to what they did and are very happy and willing to tell others.

We are greatly encouraged by the increase in attendance at our children's meetings and by the interest of the parents, some of whom are coming on Friday nights.

Twenty Profess Faith at North Palm Beach, Fla.

C. ERNEST TATHAM, 737 Teal Way, North Palm Beach, Florida: Though the Palm Bible Chapel is scarcely ten months old, the assembly continues to grow steadily. The musician-evangelist Joe Talley held a gospel campaign among us recently, and over twenty persons professed faith in the Lord Jesus. Attendance was excellent nightly, and many visitors were present.

My wife knows the full story about her condition (see February LOI, P. 9), and is beautifully submissive to her Father's will. Our daughter Grace has been at her bedside, as well as our other two daughters, Lois and Ruth from time to time. God has placed us in His crucible and over a hot fire, but He knows what He is doing so I must trust Him.

I continue with visitation, and about nine meetings and Bible classes each week. Among these are four morning "Coffee" for ladies, held in different areas, and drawing from twenty to nearly sixty women per "Coffee."

Loizeaux Brothers Moving to New Jersey

Loizeaux Brothers, Inc., publishers of Christian literature, expect to move from their old address at 19 West 21st Street, New York 10, New York to a new location at 1238 Corlies Avenue, Neptune, New Jersey, about March 1, 1963.

Mr. G. C. D. Howley Will Tour the United States and Canada

Mr. G. C. D. (Cecil) Howley of England, Editor of The Witness, will be in the United States and Canada on a four-month Bible teaching tour beginning March 23 at Anchorage, Alaska. Rather than take the customary route across the Atlantic, he will travel via Copenhagen, Denmark, and Anchorage, Alaska, to give some time to local churches in Alaska.



After spending some years in business, Mr. Howley was commended in 1935 by his local church to Bible teaching ministry, and has been devoted to such service since that time. He has traveled in this work throughout the British Isles, and extensively in Australia and New Zealand. In 1956 and 1958 he visited many cities across the United States and Canada.

His itinerary is as follows:

Place	Arrive	Leave
London		Fri. 3/22
Copenhagen	Fri. 3/22	Sat. 3/23
Anchorage, Alaska	Sat. 3/23	Fri. 3/29
Fairbanks, Alaska	Fri. 3/29	Fri. 4/5
Vancouver, B. C. via Seattle; and Victoria	Fri. 4/5	Fri. 4/26
San Francisco, Calif.	Fri. 4/26	Fri. 5/3
Los Angeles, Calif.	Fri. 5/3	Fri. 5/10
Chicago, Ill. and Vicinity	Fri. 5/10	Fri. 5/24
Detroit, Michigan	Fri. 5/24	Fri. 5/31
Cleveland, Ohio	Fri. 5/31	Fri. 6/7
Durham, N. C.	Fri. 6/7	Fri. 6/14
New York & Baltimore	Fri. 6/14	Fri. 6/28
Toronto & Vicinity	Fri. 6/28	Fri. 7/12
Montreal and Sherbrooke, Que.	Fri. 7/12	Tues. 7/16
London	Wed. 7/17	

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1-437	\$ 8,041.37
For Fellowship	6,342.00
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4712-4831	607.95
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TOTAL	607.95

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Drive-in Services Well Attended

The Christians at Bethany Gospel Chapel, Hamilton, Ontario, thank God for fruit seen during the last six months of 1962.

Large numbers, averaging 88 cars a Sunday, attended their fourteen drive-in services. The evening attendance was the largest in the history of the chapel, with many visitors present each night. Several adults publicly indicated their need for Christ, and now give every evidence of their salvation. Twenty-six were baptized the last Sundays in November and December. Many of these were teenagers, children of Christian parents. W. E. Davies, formerly of Cardiff, Britain, gave a week.

On January 13 Peter Pell commenced a week in the chapel on prophetic subjects. Each address was followed by a question period. The auditorium was filled each evening, many coming from other assemblies in Hamilton and neighboring centers. His visit was followed by a Sunday evening series on "The Unveiling of the Eternal" (the "I am's" of John's Gospel), local men giving the messages.

New Chapel Opened at Stanstead, P. Q.

During the summer of 1962 Christians in the Stanstead, Quebec, area purchased a lot on Hackett Street, and the construction of a fine new chapel commenced. Much local volunteer labor enabled them to keep the costs low. Donations from believers elsewhere encouraged the Christians, and by Christmas the lower auditorium was ready for services.

The first service was held on New Year's Eve with an encouraging number present. We plan to use the basement only for the time being, and to finish the interior of the upstairs auditorium as funds permit. It is expected that the Stanstead Chapel will play host this year to believers in the surrounding area when its annual Easter conference convenes.

Mr. Lawrence Wallace, whose ministry there has been faithful, reports that the unsaved continue to show interest in the Gospel. While he was unable to continue his visitation program fully because of the construction, more time can now be devoted to this important task.

—Roy Langley, Trustees' Committee Chairman

Chalk Artist to Work In Children's Campaign

ORILLIA, ONTARIO: Melvin G. Wistner of Fanwood, New Jersey, is to work with a children's campaign at the West Street Gospel Chapel, 46 W. St. N., March 10 through 15.

Mr. Wistner is a fine chalk artist, and through his art, the use of black light, prizes, etc., keeps perfect attention among the children, and has been used by the Lord in bringing many to a saving knowledge of Him.

Harold Calverley, Correspondent

Assembly Sends Special Offering to Emmaus

An article in our January issue exercised the LaGrange, Illinois, assembly to have a special offering for the faculty of Emmaus Bible School in Oak Park, Illinois. The Assembly has received much help from those servants of the Lord who teach at Emmaus, and was pleased on this occasion to share in their faithful ministry.

Texas Men Convene to Seek Improved Effectiveness

Several men from the Houston assemblies were deeply concerned about reaching more in our area with the Gospel and with truths of the Word of God. We found that some in other assemblies in Texas shared this same concern. The question that all asked is: How can we increase our effectiveness in holding to the principles of Scripture which we believe and practice?

It was suggested that we meet together for prayer and counsel over the Word with experienced men and discuss these things. The Christians at Pineview Chapel, Houston, offered to be hosts at such a conference.

On Saturday, January 5, about 90 men from East Texas assemblies came together to discuss the matter of outreach and local responsibilities while recognizing the absolute autonomy of the assemblies. Many responsible men shared their thoughts and interest. Also present were such commended workers at John Walden, M. B. MacJannet, Don L. Norbie, Mun Hope, T. R. McCullagh, H. L. Martindale, and Lawrence Darling, who gave appreciated help.

The agenda for discussion touched on the responsibilities of the local assembly toward believers for teaching, development of gift, and pastoral care; and toward the unsaved in the neighborhood, and in new areas, and special groups such as Colored, Spanish, servicemen.

Andrew E. Patterson, Correspondent, Pineview Chapel, Houston

Sisters Form Greater Atlanta Workers Together

Recently the sisters attending the North Atlanta Gospel Chapel, Georgia, banded together with those in the other area assemblies (Forest Park, Marietta, and Northwoods Bible Chapel) to form the "Greater Atlanta Workers Together" as a missionary enterprise. They meet alternating morning and evening on every other Tuesday. Pray for them in this effort and fellowship together.

Several Saved Through Cherrydale Program

ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA, Cherrydale Community Chapel: James Paul of England was with us a few days in July last year. A young couple living in the neighborhood being dealt with received the Lord Jesus Christ at these meetings.

Ray Zander spent a week in November with us in visiting and preaching. This resulted in a young couple being saved in their home.

A boy living directly across the street from the chapel was saved as a result of Craft Class activity. His parents, a policeman and his wife, started coming now and then to the Bible Hour and were visited. In December, James Russell of Cleveland, Ohio, spoke to the Area Young People's Conference and then spoke in Cherrydale with this couple present. They were saved at this meeting.

On January 13 we had the privilege of baptizing five from Cherrydale and two from Nokesville, Virginia. Two known Catholics were present.

We praise the Lord for the evidence of a continued stirring up among the residents of the neighborhood, and pray definitely for the Catholic family next door to the policeman who was just saved.

George B. Grimm, Correspondent

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN SERVICEMEN AT FORT MONMOUTH, N. J.

The Christians at the Fifth Avenue Chapel, Fifth Avenue and B Street, Belmar, New Jersey, invite Christian Servicemen in the area to the services at the chapel. A warm welcome awaits you.

We will welcome a letter of commendation from your home assembly.

Lord's Day: 9:15 a.m., Lord's Supper (for those in fellowship); 11:00 a.m., Family Bible Hour and Sunday School; 7:00 p.m., Evening Service; 8:00 p.m., Young People's Fellowship

Thursday: 8:00 p.m., Prayer and Bible Study.

For further information phone GI 9-8530.

Plane Purchased for Missionary Work in Alaska and Canada

We are grateful to the Lord and His people for the answer to prayer. We now have a super cruiser to be used in His work in Alaska and Canada. It has been the burden of many to take the Gospel to the unreached villages. The plane will allow much cheaper travel than chartering commercial planes.

The plane was purchased June 19, 1962 at Cincinnati, Ohio. We took it to Hampton, Virginia, for about one and one half months to ready it for the trip to Alaska. A trip to Michigan July 27 to see the family before heading northwest took only a little over eight hours. About a week later I picked up Doug Dunkerton, an Emmaus fellow student, in Waterloo, Iowa. In about 45 flying hours we arrived in Fairbanks, Alaska.

We are beginning extensive work on the plane this month, going over it completely to be sure that everything is in perfect mechanical condition. This will involve also recovering the fuselage with a new type fabric, Ceconite, modifying the engine for cold weather operations, installing some new and added instruments and another radio for navigational purposes. We hope to have this work completed by April.

The following is a financial report on the plane to date: Cost of the plane, \$2,250; parts and added equipment, \$209.04; gas and oil for trip, \$144.33; tie down fees, \$39; Total, \$2642.37. Total gifts, \$2,942.37; Balance on hand, \$300.

The airplane is in the name of Stewards Incorporated, 2905 Eide Drive, Anchorage, Alaska.

We want to add a special thanks in His name to the ladies from the Bay area, California, who made the plane a special project of their missionary conference for 1962. To all the other assemblies and Christians who had a part in this we would express our gratefulness.

Douglas Crabb, son of Ernest B. Crabb

Prayer Needed for Work Among Transient Cubans

MIAMI, FLORIDA: Work among Cubans located in Miami continues with its ups and downs. Just when we feel that there is a good group of saved Cubans in the assembly, the government relocates a great many of them, and the hard work starts all over again trying to regain the number lost.

The claim on the George Walkers' time seems never-ending. But the Lord gives them strength and good health to keep up, as they are going from early morning until late at night.

*Benjamin Bradford, Correspondent,
Miami Gospel Hall*

New Chapel Completed at Ramseur, North Carolina



The new Ramseur Gospel Chapel is of brick veneer, and includes six Sunday school rooms, a large nursery, and a large pleasant basement. The basement is used for teen-age and young people's meetings, and can be converted into Sunday school rooms. Hot water baseboard heat insures even heating at all times, and any section can be heated separately from the others.

Our contractors and subcontractors made it possible for us to have such a beautiful, large building, made of the best materials by doing the work just a little above cost. We sincerely appreciate this.

Harold T. Grimes

Chicken, Turkey Pens, Etc. Cleared Away For New Center of Worship

Two years ago a group of young married couples from the Hayward Gospel Chapel, Hayward, California, met together to discuss the possibilities of starting a new work in another part of the City of Hayward. After prayer and discussion it was decided that we would meet together for prayer and Bible instruction once a week. We met with the Hayward assembly to announce our purpose to the brethren, and were encouraged by them in this new venture of faith.

During the first year a diligent search was made for available property, and when none was available we rented a building. Then God provided a lot, about an acre in size, which had to be cleared of chicken and turkey pens, several barns and a house. Under the direction of Mr. Joe Wunch of the Hayward Gospel Chapel, a building is close to completion for the Community Bible Church. Much of the work has been done by the men on Saturdays, and we expect to have a dedication service in March.

The Community Bible Church has planned Bible study through the year, a growing Sunday School, an evangelical service to meet the needs of non-Christians, and an ambitious visitation program which will be put in motion shortly. We hope to establish a non-denominational testimony that will not limit Christian fellowship with any of God's people. We believe God has already blessed us, and are concerned only that this local fellowship bring glory to God.

Arthur Schnabel

New Sunday School Addition Expresses Growth of Orlando, Fla., Testimony

Progress is being made on the new Sunday school addition to Orlando's Hiawassa Hills Chapel (Florida).

It is interesting to note the growth at this chapel since it was first opened two years ago.

When the chapel was opened at the end of February, 1961, the Family Bible Hour attendance had reached 72. At that time there were about 30 in fellowship. The assembly now has about 130 in fellowship and attendance is running about the 225 mark at the Family Bible Hour. Sunday school attendance is between 100 and 130.

Since the first baptism in the chapel on November 21, about 48 have followed in this step of obedience.

Svend Christensen and his family moved here in September 1961, and Svend has been devoting himself entirely to the work with the exception of short visits to other areas. Constant visitation in the neighborhood, in which he is joined by many of those in fellowship, accounts, we feel sure, for some of the results.

The new addition is 30 feet by 90 feet and will contain fifteen Sunday school rooms, besides other facilities. The cost of this addition has been subscribed by the assembly, and it is expected that it will be all paid for by the time it is completed.

David T. Harvey

COMMENDATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Harris

Christians at the Evanston Gospel Chapel, Evanston, Illinois, join with saints in Mexico City in commending Donald and Claire Harris to full-time service for the Lord in Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris were in fellowship with the Evanston assembly for about ten years before leaving for Mexico City, where Donald worked as a businessman, devoting as much time as business would permit to the Lord's work.

Signed by five elders

Clara Suchard

The Christians at Hamilton Road Gospel Chapel, London, Ontario; Nelson Street Gospel Hall, Simcoe; and Bethel Gospel Hall, North Bay, commend Miss Clara Suchard to full-time service in the Lord's work among children. Miss Suchard has already been active in children's work opportunities for several years.

Signed by eleven elders

Efforts to Reach Out Into Neighborhood Prove Fruitful

We are being encouraged constantly in the assembly meeting at Northern Hills Bible Chapel, Cincinnati, Ohio. There has been steady increase in numbers attending our meetings; but even more satisfying has been the evident growth in knowledge and understanding of God's Word by many of the younger men. Last year we started a monthly men's fellowship meeting for informal consideration and discussion of important Bible subjects and assembly problems. These meetings have been well attended by the men and have proved most profitable.

The neighborhood children's meetings conducted in homes by women in the assembly in an effort to reach unchurched families, and the women's Bible class also conducted by assembly sisters still prove fruitful ways for reaching the lost. The husband of a young woman first contacted by the women's Bible class was saved as he read the Bible alone. After he became interested I visited him once, and had him and his wife to our house once where another brother and I tried to help him with his questions. He appears to be clearly converted, and the couple and their two children have been at the chapel meetings the last two Sundays.

We are getting more and more people in from our immediate neighborhood to the Sunday school and 11:00 a.m. Sunday meetings.

I am serving as a high school counselor this year, and have seen two sixteen-year-old boys profess to trust the Lord. Every day I have opportunities to tell problem young people of the Lord Jesus.

John J. McGehee

Workers Needed for Chicago Spanish Assembly

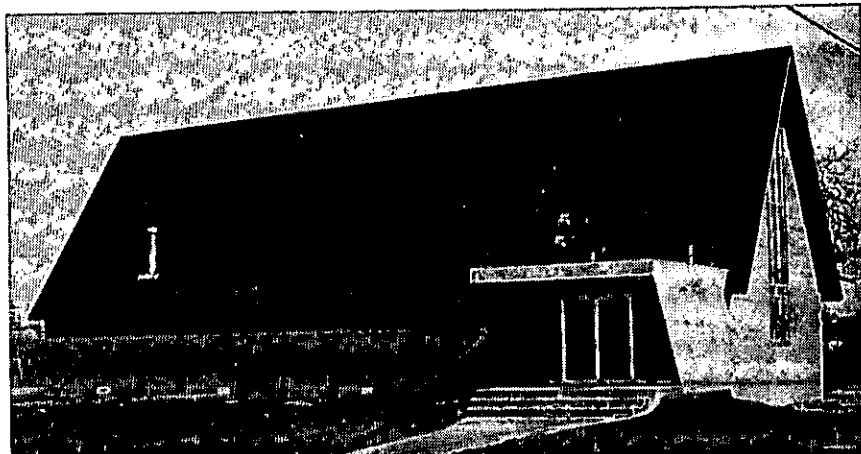
A couple to represent the work and lead the different activities of the Spanish assembly (Local Evangelico) in Chicago is urgently needed.

Recently we had the largest crowd we have ever had for a single meeting when we showed the Moody film *Polvo o Destino* (Dust or Destiny). As a result of this film many of those attending asked to receive literature in their homes through the mail.

Our Sunday school, started with about 30 children, fluctuates now from 60 to 70 with tendencies to continuing growth.

Mariano Gonzalez V., Correspondent
820 North LaSalle Street
Chicago 10, Illinois

CHANGES IN ASSEMBLY ADDRESSES AND SCHEDULES



Bethany Gospel Hall Los Angeles, California

Name changed to Bethany Gospel Chapel. Correspondent: James G. Richards, Phone NE 8-3814 or PL 5-5390.

Denver Gospel Chapel Denver, Colorado

Name changed to Southwest Bible Chapel. Moved to 5260 West Florida Avenue. Correspondent: Francis E. Hatch, 4020 E. 6 Ave. Pkwy., Denver; Phone DE 3-7401

Bellevue Bible Chapel 991 West Prentice Littleton, Colorado

New Chapel (picture above)

Halifax Chapel Allendale, Florida

Closed due to movement of Christians.

Hiawassa Hills Chapel Orlando, Florida

Correspondent: Al Wilson, Jr., 5827 Lake Underhill Road, Orlando.

Kearny Gospel Chapel Kearny, New Jersey

Sunday evening service changed from 7:30 to 7:15 p.m.

Albany Gospel Chapel Albany, New York

Correspondent: John Murphy, now at: 446-3 Street, Albany 6, New York.

Brooklyn Gospel Chapel Brooklyn, New York

Now at 17 East 7th Street, Brooklyn 15. Order of services: Breaking of Bread, 9:45 a.m.; Family Bible Hour and Sunday School, 11:15 a.m.; Gospel Meeting 7:00 p.m.; Prayer, Tuesday, 8:00 p.m.; Children's Meeting, Friday, 8:00 p.m.

Durham Gospel Center Durham, North Carolina

Effective April 1, the prayer and Bible study meeting will be changed from Thursday to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Harrisburg Gospel Chapel Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Now the Seventeenth Street Christian Assembly. New Correspondent: Norman E. Gutshall, 200 North 30 Street, Penbrook, Pennsylvania.

East Village Gospel Chapel Oak Ridge, Tennessee

New Correspondent: Mr. M. C. Neeley, Route 17, Knoxville, Tennessee; phone Oak Ridge 483-5651.

North Surrey Gospel Chapel North Surrey, B. C.

Correspondent: E. Stahl, now at: 6599 Knight Drive, R. R. 1, North Surrey.

Embro Assembly Embro, Ontario

New correspondent: Stanley McDonald, Embro, Ontario.

Egerton Street Gospel Chapel London, Ontario

Correspondent, Colin S. Kennedy, now at: 30 Graham Crescent, London.

Nelson Street Gospel Hall Simcoe, Ontario

New correspondent: Fletcher Lampkin, 32 Nelson Street, Simcoe.

Austin Avenue Chapel Maillardville, B. C.

Correspondent, B. H. Stockwell, now at: 2271 Kelly Avenue, Port Coquitlam, B.C.

HELP WANTED

Greenwood Hills Bible Conference

CHRISTIAN WORKERS NEEDED during the 1963 season (June 21 to September 2). Positions open: Cook, Assistant Cook, Waitresses, Housekeepers, and Manager of Snack Shop. For further information and application forms write to Greenwood Hills Inn, Route 2, Fayetteville, Pennsylvania.

With The Lord

Henry Wilbur Dedman

Mr. H. W. Dedman of Houston, Texas, passed into the presence of the Lord on January 1, 1963. (During the same day he had visited with Christians in Manvel, Texas, returning to his home late in the afternoon. He suffered a heart attack and death came quickly without suffering.)



Mr. Dedman was a businessman who was greatly interested in the work of

the Lord, and preached often, taught the Word, witnessed tirelessly and gave of his means generously. He founded the Bible, Tract and Missionary Society in 1942, and the Security Foundation in 1952. Through these two agencies, much equipment and funds were sent to the mission field. He carried on extensive correspondence with missionaries and was acquainted with the Lord's work and workers all over the world. Due to his vision and planning, the work of the Bible, Tract and Missionary Society and the Security Foundation will continue after his death.

He made numerous trips to Cuba and Mexico distributing tracts and the Scriptures, and also to the British Isles for matters pertaining to the Lord's work. Early in 1962, his 80th year, he travelled by automobile to Mexico, accompanied by Mr. Thomas Smith. Later in 1962 he went to the British Isles, returning from this trip only two months before his death.

W. J. Glasgow

Mr. W. J. Glasgow passed away on December 29, 1962.

From the time of his salvation at eighteen years of age he had a consistent, keen interest in the things of God. He came to the United States when he was 28, and maintained an active interest in the assemblies; he was associated with a meeting in New York City until he moved to Summit, New Jersey. He retired from business early so that he could devote more time to the Lord's work, and spent much time laboring in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, Canada. He kept in close touch with many of the Lord's servants at home and abroad. He has gone home with a wonderful record of quiet, consistent, godly living.

Mr. Glasgow is survived by his widow, four daughters, and one son.

H. W. O. Atkins

Our fellow worker, H. W. O. Atkins, went to Heaven on Friday afternoon, February 1, after a time in St. Joseph's Hospital in London Ontario.

On Monday a great crowd of friends gathered at Watford for the funeral, which he had asked me to conduct. He had chosen two hymns to be sung at the service: "My chain are snapped; the bonds of sin are broken," and "What will it be to dwell above." He had also asked me to speak from Ephesians 2, his favorite portion. Mr. Eric Veters also shared in the service.

Many have written to express their appreciation for much blessing received through his ministry, especially on the Tabernacle.

James Boswell

Mrs. David Ednie

We have just learned that Mrs. David Ednie passed into eternal rest on the morning of February 5.

She came to the United States from Scotland as Helen McVicar, and helped for a while with the work at the El Nathan Home in Buffalo, New York. (This home had been established under "Sister Abigail" for elderly ladies, and was remarkable for the fact that its financial and material needs were met solely in response to believing prayer.)

In 1934 Helen married David Ednie, and the couple lived and worked for a while at the Buffalo Assembly Hall (now known as Elmwood Gospel Chapel). In 1938 Mr. and Mrs. Ednie moved to the El Nathan Home to prepare to take over the administration from Sister Abigail, who was expecting her Home call soon and who did pass away the next year. The Ednies administered the home for about thirteen years. Then in 1951 they responded to a call to shepherd the assembly in Marion, Virginia, where Mrs. Ednie served with her husband until she was called Home.

Mrs. Ednie's life here was characterized by her steadfast faith in God, her warm and practical love for people, and an uncommon depth of spiritual wisdom.

Ray Hutchinson

God called Mr. Ray Hutchinson Home on January 4, 1963.

For many years he cared for the assembly of Christians in Edmonton, Alberta, and preached the Gospel around the countryside. In later years he did a truly pastoral ministry to which the local assembly commended him, and helped at Crownsnest Bible Camp in the summer. He loved to visit the sick, and to speak about his Lord and Master. Moreover he was a loving and devoted husband, and a father who sought not his own.

Through a Death Family Members are Convicted, Three Saved

HARRY PILKINGTON, Box 498, Hinton, West Virginia: Recently a fifteen-year-old boy died of leukemia. Through this passing three members of the family confessed Christ, and other family members are under conviction of sin. Prayer is valued that this may be the beginning of a reviving here.

David Pollock baptized six at Allen Junction in December. He reports that the school work goes ahead with much encouragement. The attendance at the meetings has been unusually good and there seems to be a strong interest among the young people in the things of the Lord.

BOOK REVIEWS

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR: ASSEMBLY MISSIONARIES IN AFRICA, by R. E. Harlow and John Smart. 94 pages, paper. The Fields, Inc. \$1.00.

The final booklet in a series of three, describing the foreign missionaries commended by assemblies of the United States and Canada, and the lands in which they work. This one covers the continent of Africa; the first concerned Latin America, and the second Europe and Asia.

Assembly workers in Africa total 439, of whom 138 are from North America. Angola has the largest number of workers from North America of any African field, a total of 41.

These three booklets will supply any individual, family, assembly or missionary study class excellent basic material for prayer and fellowship with those sent out by the Lord with the Gospel to other lands.

NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH PRINCIPLES, by Arthur G. Clarke. 102 pages. Loizeaux Brothers, \$2.50.

The title leaves no doubt as to the contents of this slim book. The notes for the eleven chapters appeared first in the British magazine "Precious Seed." Some chapter headings are: The Church and Churches, Baptism, The Lord's Supper, Government—Oversceership, Ministry—Deaconship, Finance, Woman's Sphere. Purposely brief, with Scripture reference for every statement, it is intended as a quick reference handbook.

The author served as a missionary in China from 1914 until Pearl Harbor in December, 1941. Due to a breakdown in health from internment, he was repatriated to England just four years later. As China was closed to missionaries when his health was restored, he went to Bermuda in 1951 to engage in a teaching ministry among the several assemblies. The Clarkes' three children, all married, are active in the Lord's work today.

Letters of Interest In God's Word

by E. W. Rogers

The autobiographical references in Paul's letters are both interesting and instructive. In this paper we will confine ourselves to such as occur in his epistle to the Romans.

He had no doubts concerning both his office and his call. He describes himself as a "bondservant of Christ Jesus, a called apostle, and one separated to God's gospel" (1:1). Of this he speaks more fully in his Galatian letter, to which we will refer in another paper.

In verses 8 to 16 of the first chapter the first person pronoun occurs in every verse and often more than once. It is a very illuminating passage. There is no exaggeration nor distortion of the facts: "God is my witness." He has a true apprehension of the gravity and dignity of his work; he is serving God religiously in his spirit in the furtherance of the good news concerning God's Son. He is as a priest busying himself in divine things. His whole inner man is in his work.

It is not heartless bodily activity, but much time is spent away from the haunts of men in the secret closet imploring God on behalf of saints whom, as yet, he has never seen. He asks, subject to God's will, that he may be prospered so as to be able to pay them a visit. He longs to see them, for he knows that if that longing is satisfied it will be to the mutual comfort of the saints and himself. It will also afford him an opportunity to exercise his apostleship in imparting to them some spiritual gift; that is, some sign-gift which would establish them in their faith. Nor was this a matter of mere words. Oftentimes he had purposed to come to them but up till the time of writing he had been hindered from so doing. It was not lack of desire but lack of opportunity. He was not fearful of coming to the capital of that vast Roman Empire where Nero held sway. He was ready to preach the Gospel "to you that are in Rome also." Why?

The Nature of His Calling

He recognized the true nature of his calling and the duty that it imposed upon him.

He was, as it were, a *soldier with ammunition*: the Gospel is the power (dynamis—a word from which we derive the word "dynamite") of God that breaks down the hardest heart and pulls down the strongest citadel.

He was a *minister with a parish*: the terms of his commission embraced all the Gentiles wherever they were found. The whole world was his parish; he was not confined or restricted to one local area.

He was a *trustee with a deposit*, and as such he was a "debtor" to see that

those named in the trust deed received that which was bequeathed to them. "I am a debtor" says he "both to the Greeks and to the barbarians; both to the wise and to the unwise" and all these were to be found in that cosmopolitan city of Rome. He, therefore, was ready to preach there, conscious that its inhabitants were named in the trust deed.

He was a *servant with a master*, who had absolute claim over him, for he had been bought with a price and was not his own. He, therefore, could not be unfaithful by compromising with others and seeking to please them. His eye was single; he had but one Lord.

He was an *apostle with a message*, sent from the risen Lord "to open the eyes of the blind, and to turn them from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive the forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in" Christ Jesus.

The Suitability of the Gospel

He was not ashamed of the Gospel. How could he be? Was not he himself one of its triumphs? Had he not seen its triumphs in many another? He is writing from Corinth and by this time he had paid visits to Lystra, Iconium, Derbe, Philippi, Thessalonica and Athens. In all these places he had seen sufficient to know that the Gospel was, indeed, the power of God unto salvation to all who believed. The *early churches* planted by him in which he appointed elders (Acts 14:23) showed this; *Lydia*, the *Philippian jailor* and his household all attested it. And who would have thought the jailor would have been converted? The *church at Thessalonica* demonstrated the power of the Gospel. And what more shall we say? Time would fail to tell of the "certain men" at Athens which believed among whom was *Dionysius the Areopagite*, and a woman named *Damaris* and others with them. And what of the *Corinthians* themselves, so corrupt, so worldly wise, so self-satisfied, yet all now humble believers in the Lord Jesus even if relics of their former characteristics still adhered to them!

The Gospel was triumphant because it was so eminently suitable to the needs of man. Paul's letter shows conclusively that whether it be the man in the gutter of shameful sin, or whether it be the man of moral respectability, or the religious man who relies on Sacred Scripture and ritual compliance, "all have sinned" and all need the message of God's sovereign grace that constitutes the Gospel. It gave him confidence as he went about that he had been entrusted with the true panacea for the ills of mankind.

"Mankind." For though his special commission was the "Gospel of the uncircumcision" he could not be, and never was, indifferent to the spiritual well-being of his own people, the Jews. He had great heaviness and continual sorrow of heart because of them (9:1). Indeed, at one time he began to wish that he was accursed from Christ if only they could be saved. Like Moses, he was prepared to be wiped out of God's book of life if only their names could be inscribed therein. But that could not be. His heart's desire and his supplication to God was that they might be saved, and that notwithstanding the fact that it was they who sought by all means to hinder and frustrate his work.

The Completion of His Task

There is another long autobiographical section in this letter in chapter 15, verse 15 to the end. He has high conceptions of the nature of his work: He calls himself a *minister* (leitourgon) of Christ Jesus. It is a *priestly* work in which he is ministering God's Gospel in sacrifice (RVm), offering up to God believing Gentiles who have been sanctified by the Holy Ghost and are, therefore, acceptable to Him. He has been so diligent in the prosecution of his work that from Jerusalem and round about unto Illyricum he has fully preached the Gospel of Christ. One has but to turn to the atlas, and examine it, having regard to the difficulties attending travel in those days to understand how *thorough* a workman he was. His ambition was to get into areas where the name of Christ was totally unknown, and to be the first pioneer of the Gospel there. It was this that was responsible for detaining him and preventing his earlier arrival at Rome.

He did not work without a *program*. At that immediate time he was about to go to Jerusalem with a gift that the believing Gentiles had contributed for their fellow Jewish believers. His plan was that when he had discharged this commission he would return to the donors and give them evidence of his faithfulness in the trust committed to him, and from thence come on to Rome and from there be set forward to Spain. His plans were not haphazardly made, nor were they rigidly inflexible; "if the Lord will" was always the reserve in his mind in fixing his itinerary.

He solicited the prayers of the saints for there were many factors which could either facilitate or hinder his plans, not only from the enemies of the Gospel but also from the special predilections of the saints, specially those at Jerusalem.

How he got to Rome all know: it was not in the way that he had thought of, but it certainly lay in the path of the will of God. As he had testified for Christ at Jerusalem, the Lord assured him he would do also at Rome. And he did.

REPORT ON BETHEL BIBLE SCHOOL

By Walter Angst, President

In view of the need for the Gospel and for workers to proclaim it, of the importance of establishing New Testament churches and of training pastors to shepherd these churches, Bethel Bible School was founded to prepare young French-Canadian Christians to carry out these tasks. The founding of the school was largely due to the vision of a woman of prayer, Miss Dorothy Faith Kenyon, ably and actively assisted by Dr. William J. Klinck, Dr. Arthur C. Hill and other missionary-minded friends.

In 1948 a 90-acre farm three miles from the city of Sherbrooke was purchased for the school. Due to the fact that there are so few evangelical French Christians in Quebec, the number of French-Canadian students has grown very slowly; but the outlook is gradually becoming more encouraging. The last few years have seen an increase in the number of French New Testament churches in the province of Quebec, and the Lord is beginning to lay His hand on young French-Canadian believers who, we pray, will soon give themselves wholeheartedly for missionary work among their own people.

Bethel Bible School, Inc., is an evangelical, independent faith work. Every worker and teacher accepts the Bible as the verbally inspired Word of God and as the sole authority in matters of faith and Christian living. The school operates under the leadership of a board of directors, of which Dr. Arthur C. Hill is the chairman, and E. Sidney Kerr the vice chairman. The other members of the board are: Dr. William J. Klinck, Dr. D. C. Masters, Messrs. Norman Buchanan, Arnold Reynolds, Jack Cochrane, Gordon Freeland and Walter Angst.

Our ministry is three-fold: 1. To train French-Canadians in a three-year Bible course to go out and reach their own people with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. 2. To encourage and teach any French Christians who wish to come to Bethel for any period of time for intensive Bible study, in order to serve the Lord better in their local churches. 3. To train English-speaking missionaries and missionary candidates in the French language for service in Quebec or other French-speaking fields.

Winter Program: The three-year Bible course is taught entirely in the French language. Subjects taught are: Analysis of different books of the Old and New Testaments, Doctrine, Bible Survey, Church History, False Cults, Homiletics, Pedagogy, Pastoral Theology, Geography, Apologetics, Historical and Legal Orientation (History of the French-

Canadian People), French, Greek (elective). The students of the Bible course devote certain hours each week to colportage and visitation. A one-year French language course is offered to missionary candidates and missionaries on furlough.

Summer Program: An annual nine-day French children's camp is conducted in August. During the summer months, serious-minded Christian young men and women with a will to work and a desire to learn conversational French, are welcomed at Bethel to help with the camp, farm work, construction, canning, etc., as a service to the Lord.

The school is dependent upon the gifts of the Lord's people to carry on this ministry. It will not borrow money and operates within the limits of incoming funds.

Construction of the Dorothy Kenyon Memorial Hall started in May, 1962, mostly with the enthusiastic aid of volunteers. The first story will provide an institution kitchen and large dining room, needed not only for the growing student body, but also for the summer French children's camp. With our present facilities we are unable to feed more than 40 people at a sitting. The second story will provide dormitory space for twenty students. At present (February 1) the heating system is partly installed, the two by fours have been put up dividing the rooms in the building, and the men are working on the insulation. The next need will be boards and gyproc for the ceilings and floors. We would ask the Lord's people to join us in prayer, that this much-needed building might be ready for use this summer.

A heating plant for the school has been completed. It is now awaiting lining and insulating of the buildings before it can be put into use.

About ten students are taking our Bible Course. Six of them are French-Canadians, whereas the others are of English, Spanish, and Belgian origin. All of them expect to serve the Lord in French Canada.

We have twelve students in our French Language Course. Six of them are studying French to do missionary work in Quebec; the others are looking to fields of service in Africa and the French West Indies.

A significant step forward was taken in September when we introduced an entirely new teaching method of the French language. This laboratory course has already proved to be very effective. Its efficiency will increase in the measure in which we are able to improve our language laboratory installation. The next

steps in this field will be: the construction of three listening booths with individual earphones and the purchase of an apparatus called "Mobil-Lab."

..SCHOOL TEACHERS WANTED..

Qualified Christian teachers from the more highly evangelized areas of the United States and Canada are again being invited to face the challenge of serving the Lord in Quebec. It is possible for a teacher trained elsewhere to obtain a position on the staff of one of the English speaking high schools of the province. Some of the currently advertised positions for the coming school year are in areas where small struggling assemblies (English and French) appreciate assistance.

Most of the Christian teachers who have come in the past have remained in the province, having seen the need, and are now helping with assembly Sunday schools, Christian camps, or general ministry. Some hold responsible positions on school staffs and are also able to counsel students who have been saved at summer camps.

Teachers interested in obtaining positions in the Protestant schools of the province are invited to write in the early spring to:

W. Roy Langley Principal
Box 5
Ayer's Cliff, Quebec

1963 Conferences and Speakers at the Guelph Bible Conference Grounds, Guelph, Ontario:

VICTORIA DAY CONFERENCE, May 19, 20; speakers: Colin Anderson, Cecil Carter.

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July 20-27, Dr. William T. Miller.

July 27 to August 3, Dr. Carl Armerding.

August 3-10, Gavin Hamilton.

August 10-17, Ernest Woodhouse.

YOUTH CONFERENCE, August 17-25; leader, Jim Wilson.

LABOR DAY CONFERENCE, August 31 to September 2; speakers: Peter Pell, Conrad Baehr, C. Ernest Tatham.

C. Ernest Tatham, Conference Director

**Henry Petersen Ministered in
European and Near Eastern Countries**

HENRY PETERSEN, 3227 Pontiac
Street, La Crescenta, California: From



June to December
it was my privilege
to speak in nine-
teen different coun-
tries of Britain,
Europe and the
Holy Land. Two
months in England
and Wales, six
weeks in Paris, Brus-
sels, Amsterdam,
West Germany and

Denmark, and six weeks in Ireland and
Scotland. Short visits were made in
Switzerland, Rome, Greece, Lebanon,
Syria and Egypt, with missionaries and
assemblies contacted. Then followed
eleven days in Jordan, where I spoke in
Amman and Jerusalem with our mission-
aries (Mr. and Mrs. Roy Whitman, Mr.
and Mrs. John Ferwerda and Mr. and
Mrs. Fuad Safada) interpreting. (The
missionaries are all laboring in Amman.)
The last two weeks were spent with Mr.
and Mrs. Harry Medrow in Israel. They
had arranged meetings in Nazareth,
Haifa, Tel Aviv, and Jerusalem and a
Bible conference in one of the villages.
Except in Jerusalem, all meetings were
interpreted in Arabic and in some places
in Russian, Polish and Hebrew.

I have deepest admiration for our
workers among the Arabs in Jordan and
Israel. Islam is deeply entrenched and
the hard-won converts are practically cut
off from their families and business as-
sociates. Young women have told our
missionaries they would be killed by their
own brothers if they accepted Christian-
ity. Our understaffed workers long for
consecrated and competent helpers.

In Egypt I learned that there were
twenty-three assemblies with six full-time
workers. Most of the groups are small
and there is division due to a dispensa-
tional interpretation strongly advocated
by a local brother. Egypt also has about
150 so-called "exclusive" assemblies.

The assemblies in Holland are small
and needy. A brother and wife com-
mended from Holland said that most of
their support comes from West German
assemblies.

The brethren in England lament the
apathy they find generally throughout
their land to the Gospel.

I found the Welsh, Irish and Scottish
assemblies quite warm and active. Bel-
fast and Glasgow are still strong assem-
bly centers. The Copenhagen assembly
was also having strife over dispensational
teaching introduced by a visiting teacher
from Britain.

Our faithful workers in France and
Belgium are greatly in need of helpers
to consolidate and expand their work.
Enroute home I met with believers in

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Istanbul, Vienna and Anchorage.

The crying need, in all our assemblies,
at home and abroad, is REVIVAL. Let
us pray and give and go, with this end
in view.

**Elliot and August Van Ryn
Visit in Key West, Florida**

ELLIOT VAN RYN, 340 West 56 Street,
Hialeah, Florida; January 29: My father
and I were in Key West last week end.
David Harris, William Brown and the
Ramsays are working hard on the Serv-
icemen's Center. The business of clean-
ing and painting seems to be progressing
very well, but there is still much work
to be done. Since the service is making a
change-over at Key West, there is a shift
of servicemen there, so in this interim it
is relatively quiet at the Center. Much
hard work will be needed to get the
Center going and to keep it going.

My father and I have a radio program
in Miami. This program is taped and
is rebroadcast the following week in
Key West at very moderate cost. If the
program is done live in Key West (as we
did it last week) there is no extra charge
for this service. I understand that there
are more than 22,000 TV sets in Key
West, all hooked up directly to the cable
from Miami at an initial cost of \$150
per set hook-up plus \$6 per month op-
erating charge. One of the brethren there
estimates that at least 6,000 sets were on
for that broadcast.

My father is to be in Key West for
the month of February.

**People in Charleston Heights, S. C.,
Reached Thru Visitation & Literature**

In August 1962 Fred and Marion Fries
moved from New Jersey to South Carol-
ina to labor as self-supporting workers in
Charleston Heights. Mr. Fries writes:

"We came to Charleston last summer
in answer to the need to contact the
people in the two low-cost housing pro-
jects near Whipper Barony Gospel
Chapel. About 1,000 families live here,
many of them servicemen with their
wives and children, as well as govern-
ment workers and quite a few retired
people. Mormons and Jehovah's Wit-
nesses are making a big play here. We
have been visiting the homes, giving the
people Christian literature, and witness-
ing to them when the opportunities were
ripe.

"Since our arrival we have seen that
there is a dearth here of not only good
but also Christian literature on the
public news stands and book racks, in
jails and penal institutions, among serv-
ice personnel, and in hospitals and sani-
tariums. We are beginning to place Con-
densed Christian Books in stores, and the
Navy and Marine Corps are inquiring
about them.

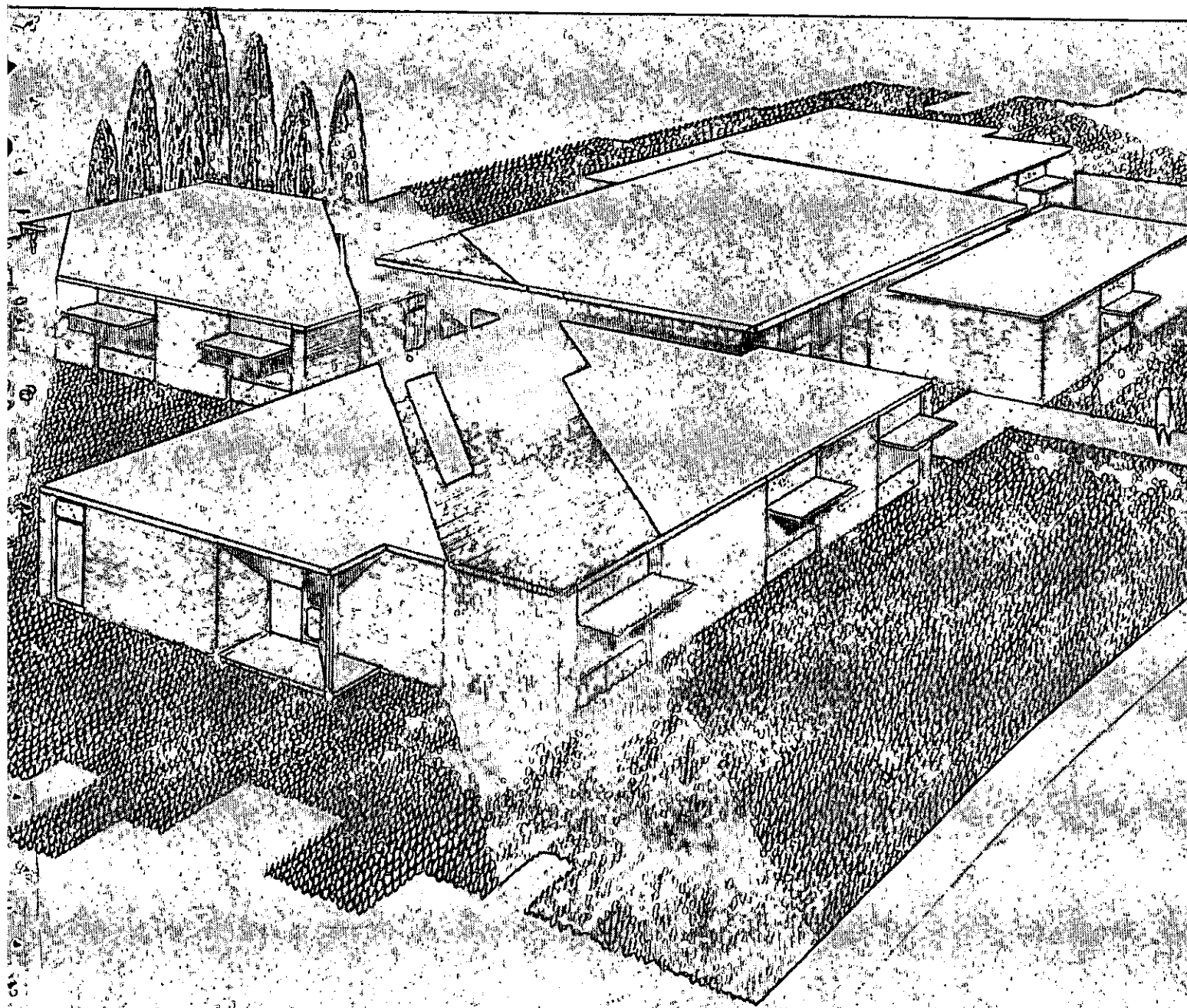
**Two Accept Christ
at Bethany, Augusta, Ga.**

LESLIE S. RAINEY, 401 Milledge Road,
Augusta, Georgia: The last week end in
January a married woman and a youth-
ful soldier accepted Christ.

A door was opened for me on Sunday
to the Georgia State Training School
for Negro boys and girls.

LETTERS of INTEREST

APRIL, 1963



*New Rest Haven Home being built at
Grand Rapids, Michigan. Story on page 19.*

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A monthly magazine devoted especially to the promotion and encouragement of pioneer work in the United States and Canada in connection with assemblies.

NEW CHILDREN'S HOME OPENED IN QUEBEC

On December 22, 1962, five children were warmly received at the newly organized Maplemount Home for Young Folk, on the edge of Cookshire, twelve miles east of Sherbrooke, Quebec. These children were the first of 30 expected from broken homes in the Sherbrooke area during this year. Fourteen boys and girls ranging in ages from two to thirteen years live there now.

Maplemount is a stately old mansion surrounded with maples and evergreens on the side of a hill. Since the property was acquired less than a year ago a new rear wing has been built, providing eight bedrooms, a dormitory, a large basement playroom, a modern kitchen and a laundry. Most furniture, equipment and appliances there have been donated.

A year ago a committee of believers associated with Grace Chapel in Sherbrooke began to see that their vision for such a Christian home could be realized. Initial funds were contributed by local believers. Additional gifts from beyond Quebec enabled us to do part of the renovation work. To date \$15,000 has been spent on the Home as capital expenses; anticipated further capital expenses are \$16,000. The Home is expected to operate on a monthly budget of \$2,300 for 30 children and staff. Governmental allowance for resident children should amount to about 60 per cent of this; it is believed the Lord will supply the balance through His people.

A Christian missionary couple are now acting as house parents. However, they expect to leave for the mission field this spring, and then another couple will be needed to replace them. If the work is to expand to include the care of 30 children, at least one other Christian couple and/or one other full-time woman worker will be needed. An assistant to do part-time cleaning, mending, washing and ironing at the Home will also be needed.

A full-time Christian social worker to work in conjunction with the Sherbrooke Welfare Agency could act as a liaison officer between the Home and the Sherbrooke Welfare Court from which all "Maplemount" children come. There are many opportunities for Christian service in the community since the work of the Agency affords contacts with many people otherwise unreachable. No degree



Mrs. Jeanpretre, housemother, counsels a Maplemount boy.

in social service training is necessary for this work.

Your prayers are earnestly solicited for the spiritual welfare and development of the children at the Home. Recently one boy professed salvation.

Address all correspondence to:

Mrs. Robert Paulette, Secretary,
420 Bouchette Street,
Sherbrooke, Quebec

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5. To be of service generally to the Lord's people.

Addresses shown with workers' letters are their home addresses, not the places from which the letters may have been written.

Workers' Addresses—We have on file the addresses of commissioned servants of the Lord in the United States and Canada. We will be glad to furnish the Lord's people with any addresses requested.

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Editors' Page

YOUNG MAN, PRAY!

After his conversion at Damascus, Paul learned to depend much on prayer in his daily life. He learned of the power of prayer through personal experience and through reading about the Master Teacher, our Lord Jesus Christ, who besides practicing much prayer, spoke many parables on prayer and even died with a prayer on his lips. Realizing the importance of prayer Paul could write in Ephesians 6:18, "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit."

Prayer, our communication with God through the Son, is a humble entreaty or request, and is as necessary in the Christian's life as daily reading of God's written Word. Who has not had the temptation to reserve prayer to those brief utterances on arising in the morning or in thanks before a meal. Paul considered this phase of Christian living important enough to write, "Pray always." In the words of William Cooper:

"Prayer makes the darkened cloud withdraw;
Prayer climbs the ladder Jacob saw;
Gives exercise to faith and love;
Brings every blessing from above.

"Restraining prayer, we cease to fight;
Prayer keeps the Christian's armor bright;
And Satan trembles when he sees
An anxious saint upon his knees."

As a prisoner in Rome awaiting trial, Paul looked bravely into the face of death. From the human point of view everything looked hopelessly dark and uncertain. Yet to the brethren at Philippi he was able to write, "In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." *YOUNG MAN, PRAY!*

James D. Kennedy

A BETTER WAY

The world is always asking of the Christian, "What do ye more than others?" The implication is that a Christian must be more. The world may live its own way and like it, but it shall never tolerate the Christian who tries it.

A believer must love his enemies and bless them, according to the teaching of Christ in Matthew 5:44 where He says, "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you." Even the world recognizes this as a better way.

We should learn here the interpretation of love. It is by no means only a toleration and an endurance of one's enemies. It is much more positive than that. To love means to bless, to do good and to pray for them. Too often we make Christian love for those who are unlike us mean only an endurance of them. The Lord, on the other hand, says that we must not only withhold our wrath, but we should bless them, do good to them and pray for them until they are won for Christ.

This is real conquering, and a display of the Christian's better way.

James W. Kennedy

MINISTRY AT THE LORD'S SUPPER

An increasing trend toward longer ministry at the Lord's Supper is evident. It is not uncommon for a brother to get up and, prefacing his remarks with the well-worn phrase, "I would like to look at a Scripture with you for a few minutes," take 30 or 35 minutes. This leaves very little time for others to take part.

Long messages at the Lord's Supper do not seem to be in keeping with the spirit and purpose of the meeting. One would not monopolize the talk when visiting at a friend's home for dinner. Then those at the table enjoy things together, every one contributing toward the theme of the conversation.

And we are guests at the Lord's Supper. Our purpose and the theme of our conversation should be to remember the Lord and His love for us. The emblems bring before us the greatest expression of His love, and as this theme takes hold of our hearts there are surely many who are moved to express their worship. There should be opportunity for as many as possible. But we tend to slip unconsciously into ways that are not good.

Longer messages should be kept for other occasions. Short seed thoughts, which stir minds and hearts to worshipful remembrance, should be the rule at the Lord's Supper.

David T. Harvey

IS GOD WORKING TODAY?

In John 5:17 we read, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work." Jesus finished the work of salvation on the cross, and now he pleads His people's cause in heaven (Romans 8:34). We also read of the Holy Spirit and His threefold work toward the world, reproof of sin, righteousness, and judgment (John 16:7-11). The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are now working to bring blessing and salvation to all those who will receive the gift of God—eternal life through Jesus Christ the Lord.

Paul writes in Philippians 2:12 and 13, "Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure." Is God working in my heart and life? Is He working in yours? Is He working in our assemblies? He will work in us if we sincerely desire Him to do so.

God is working in the world to manifest His love to lost people. But He is bound to work freely only through prepared channels. Is He working through me? Through you? Through our corporate testimony? He will work through us if we make ourselves usable in His hands by humbling ourselves, confessing our sins and shortcomings before Him.

The prophet Habakkuk wrote many years ago, "For I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though it be told you" (1:5). In Acts 13:37-41 Paul interprets this prediction of the redemptive work of Christ. It is significant that he quotes this to Jews of the dispersion in the synagogue at Antioch.

Let us say from our hearts unitedly, "Lord, when on others Thou art calling, do not pass us by."

Ernest T. Sandeen

HAVE WE THE LORD'S MIND?

Paul is writing to the Corinthians. In chapter 2 he says, "We have the mind of Christ," a positive assertion. In chapter 7 he says, "I think also that I have the Spirit of God," an admittedly challengeable assumption. In chapter 2 he is saying what is true of all believers. In chapter 7 he is speaking of what is too rarely evident among us.

According to our manner of speaking, we would think the assertion and the assumption should be reversed. For the Word itself tells us—indeed, in Paul's own words to the Romans—"If any man have not the Spirit of Christ he is none of His;" and on another occasion to the Philippians, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." Obviously, in these terms, all believers have the Spirit, but only those who permit it have the mind of Christ.

The point of all this, as the contexts of the several quotations will evidence, is that the Spirit and the mind of Christ are ours positionally through faith, but practically through diligent study to learn the mind of God, to be led by His Spirit.

Consequently we should not be hasty in concluding that our judgment in a given situation is according to the Spirit, unless it be one in which the Word of God gives plain instructions. If the apostle, with all his background of training in the Old Testament Scriptures, his apostleship, his exceptional spiritual acuity, his brilliant mind, his thorough devotion, and his unique revelations, has yet to say in a matter of personal counselling, "I think I have the Spirit of God in this business," how much more must we be careful that we do not claim too much for our conclusions.

Too prone we are to follow a few minutes of prayer with a judgment or decision that reflects only our own knowledge of the situation, and that any non-Christian might as readily produce. We have not really learned what is the mind of Christ in the matter. In fact, the assumption that we have thus obtained the Lord's guidance may lead us into decisions that any intelligent non-Christian would avoid.

In our first quotation Paul was giving counsel to the effect that widows would be happier to remain unwed when he told the Corinthians he thought he had the Spirit of God on the subject. Yet when he writes to Timothy about widows, his advice is for the younger women to marry. This is not to imply that Paul erred, but only to note that, except where "It is written," we need to wait patiently on the Lord as to His will in a particular problem at a particular time and place.

Donald M. Taylor

"SO SEND I YOU"

John 20:21

The Lord gave His disciples marching orders in this verse, and 1900 years later, if we are in the ranks of His followers, these words should fall with the same force upon us.

But do we go forth? The mission of witnessing for the Lord is often deferred only to the faithful proclamations in our assembly meetings. Instead of going forth also with our own words (Psalm 107:2) we seem to have developed the attitude of letting the unsaved come to us.

We work with, study with, talk with and travel with those who may never enter a place where the Word of God is proclaimed. We are the messengers. Have we forgotten our mission?

It is not always easy to witness personally to those around us, but the question is not one of easiness but of faithfulness. We read in Philippians that we are to "suffer for His Name's sake," but many of us not only do not suffer for Him, we are not even willing to take time to speak of Him.

The order has not been withdrawn. "So send I you" still stands; and it is not too late for the warfare is still on. Do we dare to go forth to witness of the things of God regardless of the cost? He did.

Neil M. Glass

Letter to the Editors

We appreciate your comments in the January issue regarding the need to support the Emmaus Bible School.

About two years ago our assembly decided that we would systematically remember the school and faculty monthly, believing this to be a way to invest wisely in all phases of the Lord's work, and especially in the lives of our young people.

We recommend that every assembly remember the Emmaus Bible School with a portion of their treasury, be it little or much. Again, thank you for your comments.

Donald J. Thomson, Correspondent,
Washington Heights Bible Chapel,
Chicago

Moncton, N. B., April 11-14

The annual conference at the Gospel Hall, 195 Mountain Rd., Moncton, N. B., will commence with a prayer meeting Thursday evening, April 11, and continue through April 14. Visitors will be freely accommodated. Write to: Mr. N.

L. MacNeil, 37 Bromley Ave.,
Moncton, N. B.

Ladies Meet in San Leandro, Calif. May 4

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Missionary Conference for the Sacramento-San Francisco area, California, will be held at the Fairhaven Chapel (formerly Castlemont), 401 MacArthur Boulevard, San Leandro, on May 4, 1963. Sessions: 2:30 and 7:00 p.m., with supper served between. Speakers expected: Mrs. Conrad Baehr of Taiwan and others.

Accommodations will be provided for visitors. Write to Mrs. Howard Jones, 75 Santa Rita Avenue, San Francisco 16, Calif.

Ruth Smith, Secretary

Interested Representatives Invited to Guelph Conference Business Meeting

The annual business meeting of the Guelph Bible Conference will be held at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, April 27, in the McAllister Memorial Hall, 485 Waterloo Ave., Guelph, Ontario.

Assemblies are asked to send representatives, and all interested in the work at Guelph are cordially invited to attend.

K. E. Mitchell, Box 1025, Creemore,
Ontario.

Conference in Waterloo, Iowa, April 27 and 28

The annual conference at Western Avenue Gospel Hall, 726 Western Avenue, Waterloo, Iowa, will meet April 27 and 28, preceded by prayer on Friday, April 26. We pray that the Lord will send men to whom He has given the needed ministry. Accommodation will be provided for those coming from a distance.

Cliff Smith, Correspondent,
2416 Hammond Ave., Waterloo, Iowa

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CONFERENCES

Faith Chapel, Toronto, Ont., April 6

Christians meeting at Faith Gospel Chapel, Victoria Park Ave. at Furnival Rd., Toronto, Ont., will conduct their annual conference on April 6. Expected speakers: Ernest Wilson from Angola, Africa, and B. M. Nottage of Detroit, Mich. Meetings will be in the afternoon and evening, and supper will be served between.

Charles J. Fraser, 17 Janet Blvd., Scarborough, Ont.

Hartford, Conn., May 18 & 19

The annual Bible conference at the Hartford Gospel Chapel, 576 Prospect Ave., Hartford, Conn., is to be held May 18 and 19. Order of meetings: Saturday—2:30 and 7:00 p.m.; Sunday—Breaking of Bread, 10:30 a.m.; Ministry, 2:30 p.m.; Gospel service, 7:00 p.m. Expected speakers: David Kirk, T. Ernest Wilson and Robert McClurkin. All those coming from a distance will be freely accommodated.

Alexander Brown, Correspondent, 96 Willow St., Wapping P. O., Conn.

Conference in Waterloo, Ontario, May 25 and 26

We plan to hold our second annual spring conference in the Bethel Chapel, corner of Erb St. East and Bridgeport Rd., May 25 and 26. Speakers will be James Gunn of Midland, Ont., and several missionaries. Order of meetings: Saturday—8:00 and 7:30 p.m., ministry and missionary; Sunday—9:30 a.m., the Lord's supper; 11:00 a.m., Family Bible Hour, 3:00 p.m., ministry and missionary, and 7:00 p.m., gospel. Meals will be served Saturday and Sunday evenings.

Jack Hiller, Correspondent, 27 Erb St., E., Waterloo, Ont.

Yakima, Washington, April 19-21

The Sunnyside and Yakima, Washington, assemblies plan a conference to be held at the Yakima Gospel Chapel, Tenth and West Yakima Aves., beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 19, and continuing through Sunday, April 21. Speakers: Walter Purcell from Portland, Oregon, and Harold Kesler from Riverside, Calif.

Accommodations will be provided for visitors. Write to: *John Crawford, 412 North 62nd Ave., Yakima, Wash.*

Sioux City, Iowa, May 4 & 5

Christians of the Washington Heights Chapel, Sioux City, Iowa, plan to hold their annual conference May 4 and 5, preceded by prayer Friday evening. Expected speakers: Tom Olson, Leonard Lindsted, Henry Van Ryn and Ben Tuininga. Accommodations will be provided. Write to: *Norman Swanson, 711 South Glass St., Sioux City, Iowa.*

Atchison, Kansas, April 13-14

The 23rd annual Bible conference in Atchison, Kansas, will be held April 13 and 14, preceded with a prayer meeting on Friday, April 12. We trust the Lord will provide needed ministry through His servants. A cordial invitation is extended to all; accommodations will be provided as usual.

R. L. Townsend, Sr., 1103 Atchison St., Atchison, Kansas.

New England Women's Missionary Convention April 27

The New England Women's Missionary Convention is to be held on April 27 at the Dedham Senior High School on Whiting Avenue in Dedham, Mass. Sessions: 2:00 and 6:00 p.m. Supper will be served between meetings. One of the expected speakers is Mrs. Lyndon Hess of Sakeji School, Africa.

The project for Mr. and Mrs. Willie Gyger of French Guiana will be closed at this conference.

Eileen M. Dewhurst, 697 Waverly Rd., North Andover, Mass.

Flint, Mich. Women's Missionary Conference April 27, 28

The annual women's missionary conference of the Flint assemblies will be held at the Dexter Gospel Chapel, corner of Dale and Dexter Streets, April 27 and 28, 1963. Meetings: Saturday—2:45 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Sunday—2:45 p.m. Meals will be provided.

Those desiring to stay overnight should contact Mrs. Karl Margrif, 2417 Maryland Street, Flint, Mich.

*Dexter Street Gospel Chapel
Pasadena Gospel Chapel
Jean Hynd, Advertising Chairman*

Philadelphia, Pa., May 30

The assembly meeting at the Olney Gospel Hall, 314 W. Chew St., Philadelphia, Pa., plans to hold its annual conference on Thursday, May 30. Meetings: 10:30 a.m., and 2:30 and 7:00 p.m.

There will be a prayer meeting in the hall at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29.

Visitors will be freely accommodated. *John MacLellan, 6515 N. 5th St., Philadelphia 26, Pa.*

Worcester, Mass., May 24-26

The annual conference at the Bethany Gospel Chapel, 242 Clark St., Worcester, Mass., is to be held May 24-26. Order of meetings: Friday—8:00 p.m., prayer; Saturday—3:00 and 7:00 p.m., ministry; Sunday—10:30 a.m., Breaking of Bread; 3:00 p.m., ministry; 7:00 p.m., gospel meeting. Expected speakers: Walter Jensen and David Kirk.

William D. Milligan, Correspondent, 221 Maple Ave., Shrewsbury, Mass., VI 2-6142.

N. C. Youth Rally Draws 219

On January 26 an all-day youth rally was held in Greensboro, N. C., at the Forest Avenue Tabernacle. The total attendance was 219, plus several ladies who prepared and served the meals. One large representation came from Asheville, 182 miles away. The speaker was Ernest Gross of Greenville, S. C.

The next rally will be held at the Gospel Center, 500 Driver Avenue, Durham, N. C., on April 27, 1963.

Reid W. Sanford, Youth Director, 2301 Emerywood Rd., Greensboro, N. C.

L. I. Young People's Conference May 18, 19

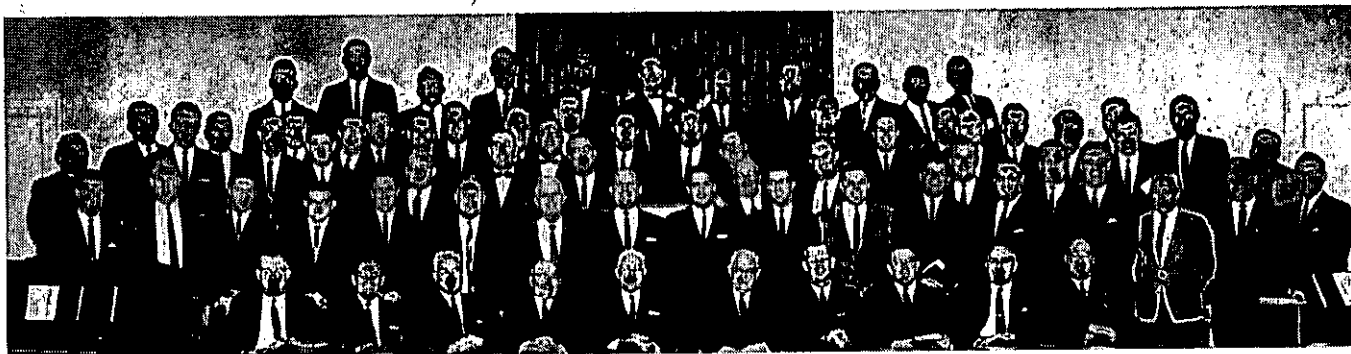
The seventh annual conference of the Long Island Young People is planned for May 18 and 19. Program: meetings on Saturday afternoon and evening and on Sunday afternoon, supper and a social hour on Saturday evening. Theme: "The Authority of the Word of God." Speaker: Mr. William Anderson of the Emmaus Bible School. Homes of local Christians will be opened for those who wish to stay overnight. For further information and overnight accommodations write to: Mr. Robert Bennett, 2149 Fir Street, Wantagh, N. Y.

Young Men to Consider Bible Study and Teaching at Wisconsin Conference

The fifth annual young men's Bible conference at Lake Geneva Youth Camp, South Street, Lake Geneva, Wis., will be conducted May 17-19. Theme: Development and Training of the Teaching Ministry. Speakers: G. C. D. Howley from England, editor of *The Witness*; Walter L. Liefeld, from Centerport, N. Y.; John Smart, Plainfield, N. J., editor of *The Fields*.

Fee: \$15 including \$5 registration fee. Write for registration forms to: Mr. John Elliot 3S370 Osage Drive, Glen Ellyn, Ill.

To insure acceptance register with Mr. Elliot before May 6.



The twelfth annual Southeastern Workers Conference, held in Augusta, Georgia, February 20-22, was well attended. John Bramhall served as general chairman. Under the general theme, "What Is Scriptural Assembly Fellowship?", the following topics were discussed: "When Does an Assembly Come of Age?" "What Are Some of Its Growing Pains?" and "The Marks of a Mature Assembly." William McNeil, Lester Wilson, Leslie Rainey and Harold G. Mackay shared in the ministry. The 1963 conference is to be held in Raleigh, N. C., February 18-20.

Chicago Sisters' Missionary Conference Meets May 4

The Chicago area sisters missionary conference will be held at Roberts Memorial Gospel Hall, 86th and Bishop Streets, Chicago, Ill., on Saturday, May 4, 1963. Sessions: 2:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.; supper will be served at 5:00 p.m.

Mrs. Donald J. Thompson, 14109 South Clark Street, Riverdale 27, Ill.

Believers Convene in Harmony, Pa., May 4 and 5

The annual conference of believers will be held at the Gospel Barn, U. S. Route 19, Harmony, Pa. (about 31 miles north of Pittsburgh), May 4 and 5. Meetings: Saturday—10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., for prayer, praise, and ministry; Sunday—Sunday School at 10:00 a.m., Breaking of Bread at 11:00 a.m., Prayer, Praise and Ministry at 2:30 p.m. and Evangelistic Service at 7:00 p.m. Meals and accommodations freely provided for those coming from a distance.

Omar L. Marburger, 311 E. Grand Ave., Zelienople, Pa.

Richmond, Va. Easter Conference at Shurm Heights Gospel Hall

The Richmond, Virginia, annual Easter conference will be held at Shurm Heights Gospel Hall, 2506 Carlisle Avenue, April 13 and 14, with a prayer meeting on Friday evening, April 12. Meetings: Saturday—3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday—9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Expected speakers: David Kirk and Robert Crawford.

Visitors from out of town will be freely accommodated. Write to John P. Rockey, 7405 Biscayne Road, Richmond 29, Virginia, or phone AT 8-6863.

John P. Rockey, Correspondent

"Fight the Good Fight" Is Theme of Washington, D. C. Conference

The fifth annual spring conference of assemblies in the Washington, D. C. area will be held May 11 and 12 at the Cherrydale Community Chapel, 1905 North Monroe Street, Arlington, Va. Theme: Ephesians 6:10-20. Expected speakers: H. C. Hewlett of New Zealand, Bible teacher and editor of *The Treasury*; Walter H. Jensen, evangelist from Scotch Plains, N. J.; and Robert J. Little, Bible teacher from Chicago.

Write concerning overnight accommodations to William E. Allen, 1418 North Ohio Street, Arlington 5, Va.; phone KE 8-6295.

James J. Capello, 4807 Essex Avenue, Chevy Chase 15, Md.

Mid-South Conference August 11-17

The annual Mid-South Bible Conference will be conducted at Montgomery Bell State Park in middle Tennessee August 11 through 17. Speakers: William MacDonald and Dan Smith of Emmaus Bible School, Oak Park, Ill., Walter Jensen of Scotch Plains, N. J., and T. B. Gilbert and Hal Greene of Tennessee. Eddie Schwartz of Memphis, Tenn., will be in charge of music.

Concurrently with the program for adults, Dan Smith will direct children's activities at their own camp site, a nursery and pre-school program will be provided, and Hal Greene will direct ministry and activities for teen-agers.

New features (in addition to inn rooms and cabins): modern, efficiency, two bed room kitchennette and living room cottages at reasonable rates.

Rates: \$4 for infants to a maximum of \$20 for adults (including \$1 registration fee). Send reservations or write for information to: Mid-South Bible Conference, P. O. Box 654, Nashville, Tenn.

John E. Phelan

New England Young People's Spring Banquet to be Held May 3

On Friday evening, May 3, the first New England Young People's Spring Banquet will be held at the Wayside Inn in Sudbury, Mass., which is celebrating its centennial this year, and whose tales were recorded by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow 100 years ago. Mr. Kevin Dyer, director of the Southeast Literature Crusades, will be the speaker.

Cost is \$3.75. Reservations are limited as many have already registered. For registration or overnight accommodations contact: Mr. Frank Lyon, 24 Muzzey St., Lexington, Mass.

Sunday School Teachers to Meet in St. Catharines, Ont., May 11

The 40th annual Sunday School Teachers' Conference will be held Saturday, May 11, in the Queen Mary School, Carlton St., St. Catharines, Ont., beginning at 2:30 p.m. Some topics to be discussed: "Visitation," "How to hold Teen-agers," "Scripture Memorization," "The Model Teacher," "Teacher Training," "Problems of the Adolescent." Mr. J. Boyd Nicholson will speak in his keynote address on the topic, "For this child I prayed." There will be a panel discussion on Sunday School topics.

Write to: John Funk, 71 Highland Ave., St. Catharines, Ontario.

Pawtucket, R. I., May 4 & 5

The annual conference at the Gospel Hall, 400 Lonsdale Ave., Pawtucket, R. I., is to be held May 4 and 5, preceded by a prayer and ministry meeting at 7:30 p.m., May 3. Meetings: Saturday—10:30 a.m., and 2:30 and 7:00 p.m.; Sunday—10:00 a.m., and 2:30 and 7:00 p.m.

Francis Gilkenson, 82 Chapel St., Saylesville, R. I.

The Local CHURCH

by Charles S. Howard

Questions and Answers about problems regarding operation of local assembly testimony conducted by a well-known editor of this publication. Unless otherwise indicated the answers are Mr. Howard's personal views.

Question 38A. What has to be the attitude of the elders in the assembly to the growing popularity of bowling and participation in public lanes on the part of many in the assembly (youth leaders among them)?

Answer—In answering a question such as this we should keep in mind we are not our own masters. Being saved by God's grace, we are not our own; we have been bought with a price (I Corinthians 6:20). God has a prior claim on our time and our money. Both are involved in recreation and pleasure.

First we give a general answer about pleasure from the pen of the late H. A. Ironside as given in his book, *What's the Answer?*

"Scripture warns us against worldliness in all its varied forms. It sums it all up in these words: 'All that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world' (1 John 2:16). I think that one who really desires to please the Lord Jesus Christ can readily determine whether anything that is suggested as an innocent pastime involves an appeal to any of these avenues to the soul. Pictures and plays that appeal to the lust of the flesh, scenes that arouse thoughts of sensuality through the eye, or those things that appeal to human pride and vainglory, are all typical of the world, and he who would grow in grace and in the knowledge of Christ must needs reject them. I believe that the more Christians seek their pleasures in Christian associations, the happier they will be."

Now as to the specific matter mentioned in the question. There are many activities which may be engaged in for pleasure and recreation without compromising the Christian testimony, such as tennis, golf, boating, fishing and swimming, to name a few. In I Timothy 4:8 we are told that "bodily exercise profiteth

a little" (J. N. Darby translation). From this we see that such a thing is not forbidden. All the things mentioned are enjoyed by unsaved people, but this does not mean they cannot be enjoyed by the people of God. Recreation and relaxation are a must in these strenuous times, and Christians are not exempt from the need of them. As to bowling, we cannot see that this form of exercise can be considered as different from the ones already mentioned, with one important consideration. Many if not most of the lanes have attached to them a place where liquor is served, and we would most emphatically say that *never* should a child of God or a group of Christians frequent such a place. Far better to find some other recreation than to stumble another Christian or some unsaved person to whom you might be able to witness.

We ask our readers to re-read the opening paragraph and Mr. Ironside's comment.

Question 38B. Would it be setting a dangerous precedent to start taking an offering in a young adult Bible class where there are possibly several unsaved present? (This has been considered as a means to educate the young among us to give to the Lord). At present there are no collections taken at any public meetings or in Sunday School.

Answer—We would agree that it is far better *not* to take an offering in a mixed company. We believe that to encourage unsaved people to contribute to the work of the Lord is an unscriptural practice. Romans 8:8, III John 7 and Proverbs 15:8 are verses which appeal to us as sufficient instruction on this.

Question 39. Would you please put in the *Letters of Interest*... the necessity of a superintendent for the Sunday School, and just what his duties should be. No one wants to take this responsibility, and we feel it is the important factor in Sunday School work.

Answer—It is difficult to imagine a Sunday School without a superintendent. Just as a home requires a head, or a business a manager, so any project where a number of workers are involved needs someone to superintend and coordinate the work. A Sunday School has many activities and problems which must be made to fit together so that each person involved knows just what to do and how

to do it. This is the work of the superintendent. He is a leader and a director who has a love for children, and the ability to inspire others to keep on in spite of disappointment, and above all is spiritually minded. A Sunday School will usually never rise above the level of the superintendent, therefore care must be taken to see that a man is chosen who has these qualities.

Question 40A. Could you please spell out in plain unveiled language what qualifies a man to be invited to become a member of an oversight meeting where the spiritual affairs of the assembly are discussed and acted upon.

Answer—Scripture gives us plain and unveiled language as to the qualifications necessary to be an elder. (I Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9). We could add nothing of our own to this. If elders in an assembly feel the need to add to their number, these portions are a perfect guide.

Question 40B. Please state if you believe the Sunday School superintendent automatically qualifies as a member of the oversight meeting because of his position. If not, what representation should the Sunday School have at this meeting, if any?

Answer—Our answer to your second question would be that being a Sunday School superintendent does *not* automatically qualify a person to be a member of the oversight. One might be splendidly equipped to be a superintendent and still lack the maturity and experience necessary to be an elder. It would of course be good if one were equipped to fill both tasks; but if this is not so, a liaison can easily be maintained by conversing privately with members of the oversight.

New Assembly Meets in Fayetteville, N. C.

The Bethany Gospel Chapel is a new assembly meeting at 242 Gillespie Street Fayetteville, N. C. We are near to Fort Bragg, Pope Air Force Base, and Simmons Army Air Field, and welcome the fellowship of Christians at these bases, as well as those in the Fayetteville area. We would contact any whose addresses are sent to us. Brethren traveling through this area are invited to visit us.

Schedule of meetings: Sunday—Family Bible Hour, 10:30 a.m.; Breaking of Bread, 6:30 p.m.; Gospel meeting, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday—Prayer and Bible Study, 7:30 p.m. Correspondent: Ed Everett, Route 2, Box 164B, Fayetteville, North Carolina; Phone 432-2852.



CHAPEL DEMOLISHED BY FIRE

On March 3 the Gatchell Gospel Chapel in Sudbury, Ontario, was burned beyond reconstruction by a flash fire. No persons were injured.

The Christians there had just recently completed paying the construction costs. Insurance covered the cost of the building; but was not adequate for furnishings, including a new organ recently acquired.

The Christians are now meeting in a public school building, and value prayer for their future plans.

Ray St. Pierre, 509 Haig, Sudbury, Ont.

Peter Pell to Minister in Vancouver, B. C. Area

Peter Pell, Bible teacher from Grand Rapids, Michigan, began a three-month period of teaching on the west coast in February. He will be in the Vancouver, B. C. area for most of the month of April; and will speak at the Easter conference there.

Spring Hill Assembly, Westbrook, Me., Welcomes Vacationers

Christians meeting at the Spring Hill Gospel Hall, 225 Spring St., Westbrook, Me., welcome Christians vacationing in their area to fellowship with them. The order of services is: Sunday—Breaking of Bread, 9:30; Family Bible Hour, 11:00; and evening service at 7:00 p.m. (note change from 7:30); Wednesday—prayer and Bible study at 7:30 p.m.

Charles R. Grob, Correspondent, 107 Lamb St., Westbrook, Me.

New Testimony in Vermont Seeks Prayer and Help

A small group of believers meet in our home for prayer, Bible study, and fellowship around the Lord's table. Good News Clubs run by some of the group are resulting in decisions among the children. Several adults have asked for baptism. A building fund has been started.

We would value the help and fellowship of any of the Lord's people visiting or living in Vermont.

Norman Gourley, Correspondent, Randall Hill, Springfield, Vermont

New Testimony Established at Arvada, Colorado

Less than two years ago three brethren felt led of the Lord to establish a testimony for His name in Arvada, Colorado, a city of over 25,000 people and growing rapidly.

We met in homes for the first nine months and God wondrously put His seal of approval on the work. There are now eight or nine families in fellowship and we have rented a building at 6025 W. 55th Place, Arvada, Colo. We invite any of God's people in this area to visit us, and would especially appreciate it if any of the Lord's servants coming this way would "Come over into Macedonia and help us."

The order of meetings is: Breaking of Bread 9:30 a.m., Family Bible Hour 11 a.m., Gospel Meeting 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Prayer and Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

The Arvada Gospel Chapel is incorporated under the laws of the state of Colorado and the assembly is in fellowship with other Christians meeting in the name of the Lord in the Denver area.

The correspondent is Stirling E. West, 3120 South Pearl Street, Englewood, Colorado.

Signed by: Walter M. Burch, Paul Shellabarger, Thomas W. Garrett, Stirling E. West, George W. Schmidt, Richard L. Shellabarger.

Mr. and Mrs. South Move to Philadelphia

Mr. and Mrs. Carl South came from Jamaica several years ago, to work among Negro people in the South. For the past several years they have been living in Detroit, Michigan, helping with the work there. They now expect to move to Philadelphia to help with the work of the Grand Old Gospel Fellowship. Mr. South will also assist in the ministry at Calvary Gospel Chapel, 4128 Girard Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Darling Work in San Antonio, Texas

The assembly at Grand Haven Mich., commended Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Darling to the work of the Lord in Cuba in 1957. Because of conditions in Cuba they had to return to Michigan. In March, 1962 they moved to San Antonio, Texas, where the Lord has opened doors of service for them among Spanish speaking people, the many service men and women stationed there, and in the English speaking Gospel Chapel at 1323 Kentucky Avenue. They also distribute literature along the Texas-Mexico border, and encourage Christians there.

On behalf of the assembly of Grand Haven, Is! John M. Van Dyke, Sr.

Eight Baptized at Southside Chapel in Los Angeles

At the funeral of an unsaved son of Christian parents a Roman Catholic woman heard the Gospel and confessed Christ as Saviour. Likewise, the widow of the deceased and the oldest daughter of the Christian parents confessed Christ. The two younger daughters, who had been saved some time before, were stirred afresh and requested baptism.

A young student, whose father is a judge in Ohio, heard the Gospel from one of our men on the job, and was saved.

These were among eight who were baptized in one meeting. They are all going on well.

We hope that repair work in the Southside Gospel Hall will be completed soon so that we can work among the children again.

—Edwin Carey

Washington Camp History Reviewed at Yakima Rally

Camp workers were greatly encouraged at the recent camp rally in Yakima, Washington. The Director, W. E. Guthrie, reviewed the development of camp work in Washington state from the beginning at Mazama, illustrating his account with slides and movies.

Men of the Yakima and Sunnyside assemblies plan to convene at Rimrock June 16 to 22. I plan to be there with others to give help in the Gospel.

For information about this beautifully situated mountain lake camp, write to Mr. W. E. Guthrie, 1611 South 18 Avenue, Yakima, Wash.

John Hunt

HAROLD GERMAN OF SCOTLAND TO VISIT THE U.S. & CANADA

The following news has been received from Mr. German of Scotland:

"I am writing from London, England, where I am having gospel meetings and God is saving souls in the Clapton Hall. I plan to come to the U. S. and Canada in the fall, expecting to fly to New York on September 20 to commence a gospel effort at Malvern, Pennsylvania, on September 22. After that I shall go to Edmonton, Alberta, where I have promised to help for three weeks after their conference October 12.

"It is my intention to spend about eight or nine months in the U. S. and Canada next winter."

Correspondence may be directed for Mr. German to the office of Letters of Interest, 127 S. Wacker Dr., Chicago 6, Ill.

Thirty-five Baptised in Des Moines, Wash.

We have had two baptismal services at the Gospel Chapel in Des Moines, Wash., in recent weeks. Eight were baptized at one, twenty-seven at the other. All gave a clear testimony to their faith in Christ. Some have taken their place at the Lord's table; others are waiting for a while.

We have started work on a Sunday School addition to the Chapel.

Ralph Morris, Correspondent

New Chapel Opened in LaGrange, Illinois

On March 3 the first services were conducted in the La Grange Gospel Chapel, 6407 Willow Springs Rd., La Grange, Ill. Schedule of Meetings: Sunday—Breaking of Bread, 9:30 a.m.; Family Bible Hour, 11:00 a.m.; Gospel service, 7:00 p.m.; Tuesday—Prayer and Bible study, 8:00 p.m.; Friday—boys' and girls' programs as announced. Correspondent: Albert G. Ceren, 4940 Edgewood Ave., La Grange, Illinois; phone FL 2-3355.

BOOK REPORTS

THE ZONDERVAN PICTORIAL BIBLE DICTIONARY. Merrill C. Tenney, General Editor. 980 pages. \$9.95.

Comments on this new dictionary must in the main be statistical: Compiled with the aid of 65 leading scholars and experts in various fields; over 5,000 entries; more than 700 photos, charts and drawings; 40 pages of full-color maps; all in one volume. The excellent photos of Bible land scenes are chiefly from Mr. and Mrs. G. Eric Matson of Matson Photo Service. The maps by Rand McNally are accompanied by an index.

The editor's preface says that although the articles are written from a conservative viewpoint, each writer has been free to express his own opinions. The contributors have liberty to differ.

Old Testament Chronology by Edwin R. Thiele recognizes the difficulty of providing a satisfactory solution from the Biblical and extra-Biblical data available. For the period from the creation to the deluge, extra-Biblical sources are almost completely lacking. The only Biblical data are the ages of the patriarchs in the genealogical tables of Genesis 5 and 7:11. Here the Masoretic text gives 1,656 years, the Samaritan Pentateuch 1,307, and the Septuagint 2,242. Which is right?

Dr. Merrill C. Tenney, general editor, is dean of the graduate school of theology at Wheaton College. He has done a good job of welding the work into a unity.

With The Lord

William Hynd of Ontario

William Hynd of Hamilton, Ontario, passed peacefully into the presence of the Lord at his home on January 21, 1963, in his 83rd year.

Born in Scotland, and saved when a young man, he associated with the Christians at Kilbirnie, Ayrshire. He married Roseanna Butler and they lived for some time in Saltcoats, where Mr. Hynd continued in secular employment and preached the Gospel wherever the opportunity arose. In 1924 Mr. and Mrs. Hynd and their family came to Canada, settled in Hamilton, and fellowshiped with the Christians at Bethany Gospel Chapel. Shortly after coming to Canada Mr. Hynd was led into full-time service for the Lord pioneering in Northern Ontario. Here he visited the small assemblies, preached in school houses, and conducted tent campaigns during the summer. Mrs. Hynd was called Home in 1957.



In the last few years Mr. Hynd was unable to continue Gospel campaigns, but went on visiting and speaking in week-end services. He also kept up a wide correspondence and mailed literature to the Christians in remote places.

A message challenging young men to consider pioneer work such as his was given at the funeral service, which was conducted by H. G. Lockett and D. MacKenzie. Ray Fox and Archie MacDonald read the Scripture at the graveside.

Mrs. Hugh Kane

Mrs. Hugh Kane, widow of the well-known preacher, passed away on the morning of January 23, in Camden, Ark. She was in her 93rd year and remained her radiant self until a heart attack necessitated her removal to the hospital.

Funeral services were held on Monday, January 28, and her body was laid to rest beside that of her husband, Hugh Kane, who had ministered for many years among the assemblies. A favorite great nephew, David Burrows, conducted the services, with John Alrich of Erie participating.

THE END OF ACTS

by Robert McCrory

Have you noticed that there is no "Amen" to the book of Acts? To me this suggests that the book is still being written, and will be opened at the judgment seat of Christ.

And then shall every man be rewarded for his works. We shall then be revealed not as seen by a few friends who saw the best side of us; and when I think that He shall judge not only the acts but the motives behind the acts, how searching the judgment seat appears. Yet I am encouraged when I remember that God sees good in His people where no one else can see it.

For example, who of us who have read the life of Lot as recorded in Genesis would have written of him as recorded in 11 Peter, "...That just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked... The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly..."

And the same of Sarah. I remember hearing a sermon preached on her laugh of unbelief. The angel said, "Wherefore did Sarah laugh?" She said, "I did not laugh." The angel said "But you did laugh." Yet in Hebrews 11 we are told, "She judged Him faithful that had promised." The question was asked "Why did God not mention sin in Hebrews 11?" The answer given was, "Because God had said in chapters 8 and 10, 'Their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.'"

We could multiply such examples.

So while I shudder when I think that when the book of Acts is completed every man will be manifested, I am encouraged when I remember the forgiving grace of God.

Editor's Note: Mr. McCrory is residing now at 41 Baunmore Rd., Belfast, N. Ireland, c/o Mrs. May Campbell.

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Mrs. William Huss of Arlington Heights, Mass., was called Home in October, 1962.

ASSEMBLY CHANGES

Gospel Chapel Albia, Iowa

Moved to South Main and 10th Ave., East.

Good News Chapel Fort Dodge, Iowa

New correspondent: Ernest Rockhold, 608 S. 15th St., Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Preston Gospel Chapel Maxton, North Carolina

Sunday School, 9:45; Breaking of Bread, 11:00; gospel meeting, 3:30 p.m.; prayer meeting, Thursday, 8:00. Charles Locklear, Correspondent, at: Route 3, Box 103, Laurinburg, N. C.

Goldsboro Assembly Goldsboro, N. C.

New correspondent: W. S. Benson, 604 N. Clairborne St., Goldsboro. Prayer and Bible study changed from Thursday to 7:30, Wednesday.

Kitsilano Gospel Hall Vancouver, B. C.

Now Quilchena Chapel, moved to 2105 W. 33rd Ave., Vancouver, B. C.

SPIRITUAL YOUNG MEN NEEDED IN RURAL WORK

by E. B. Godfrey

I was interested in the letters written to Letters of Interest lately by Dr. Hill and Neil Fraser regarding the need for men going out in the Lord's work. I respect Dr. Hill very highly. I believe Neil Fraser also brought up some very good points in his letter.

But I would like to suggest that there is a great need in the western provinces of Canada, not for theological students, but for young men whose hearts the Lord has touched, who are gifted by Him who alone distributes the gifts to the church which is His body. Young men who have studied to show themselves approved to God, workmen that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. Young men who are prepared to suffer some hardship for the name of Christ, to go into the isolated places of these vast prairies.

There are a number of small companies of saints, some of them made up entirely of farmers, some with very little education but saved by the grace of God, who have been seeking for some years to carry on in New Testament principles. Many of them have very little gift, but they are the Lord's sheep and lambs, with families growing up in the Sunday schools. They welcome a visit and a week or two of ministry of the word of God. Many of them are not very wealthy, but they are all very hospitable. These are the kind of people that need help. Many

SUNDAY SCHOOL QUESTIONNAIRE—

Boosts to the Transfer of Truth

We thank the many who responded to the questionnaire sent in January to Sunday School superintendents and children's workers. Following is a resume of the materials and activities which Sunday School teachers are finding helpful. Because the availability of certain types of aids is widely known, we have tried to confine ourselves to mentioning only those which may be especially significant or unusual. We shall give more information in a later issue.

If any are inspired by the following to send in more ideas, we will be glad to hear from them.

A Sunday School superintendent wrote, "Our teachers who use visual aids get truth across faster than those who do not." Only two seemed to feel that "teaching aids" might hinder spiritual learning. One superintendent encourages the teachers to use a variety of aids—not too similar or too frequently used.

Flannelgraph materials are used far more than any others. One Sunday School has a central file of flannelgraph picture sets which teachers may register out and in like library books. This cuts down on teachers' expenses and encourages them to use such materials. Another school has equipped every class with a dual purpose 3' by 5' chalk and flannelgraph board.

Songs and choruses are recognized as teaching aids. The use of a large song book which can be seen across the room has proved helpful; several schools have songs and choruses mounted on slides.

Missionary interest is encouraged through the adoption of special responsibilities: One school contributes to the support of orphans. Another sponsors

children in "rooftop schools" in China. In another school each class corresponds with a missionary whom the class has chosen to write to. A Girls' Missionary Club and a Boys' Missionary Club prove inspiring and informative. A California class took a trip to Mexico over their Christmas vacation.

Older students are encouraged to broaden their knowledge of spiritual truth by reading good books from the Sunday School library. Their interest in this reading is stimulated through brief book reports.

What may be gained by a department newspaper? One school has one going. And another admits giving the students home work to do on the next week's lesson.

Brief written quizzes from time to time encourage learning.

Students' own notebooks seem to offer possibilities for helping older students to make their learning more permanent—they learn again when they write it down, and then they have the notes for personal review.

Student participation could probably be used more widely to securely fasten truth in the minds of those who have to understand it clearly enough to state it. Discussion (under teacher's courteous guidance) is used to help solve teens' problems. In one eighth grade Sunday School class students take turns teaching their own lesson—with the teacher's aid and supervision of course (Have teachers noticed how much they learn by preparing to teach the lesson?).

Continuing personal Bible study through the week is encouraged with the use of Scripture Union's graded personal Bible study materials.

of these small assemblies may crumble if not helped more than they are at the present time.

This may not be the work for a married man. It is too great a strain for a wife to be left alone with a family of babies for months at a time, and I do not believe this is either right or just. However, that is just my opinion.

We do have a few good men working in these places, but there are not enough to meet the great need. As larger assemblies recognize such need in the home field, they could help meet it by increasing financial support of the work in the Provinces, and by encouraging young men who are willing to comply with the Apostle Paul's appeals in Romans 12:1 and 2 and I Timothy 4:6-16.

OUR STEWARDSHIP

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SERVANTS OF THE LORD WORKING IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

This is not an official list and, doubtless, there are inadvertent omissions. We will appreciate receiving from readers the names and addresses of any commended workers who should be added or any other corrections. It is a list

of those devoting full time to preaching, ministry and service among American assemblies whose names have come to our attention. Also included are pioneer workers in Canada and the United States.

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Mr. Pirie was commended by his home assembly in Bedford, England, and by others. The assembly meeting in the Gospel Chapel, Mount Cobb, Pa. now commend him to the work of the Lord in the United States and Canada.

Signed by three elders

Jean-Paul Berney

As an active worker in Quebec for the past thirteen years Mr. Jean-Paul Berney has demonstrated a competence in Bible teaching and a love for souls. Together with some of the workers in the Province the assemblies in Quebec City, Rosemont, and Girardville commend him to full-time service.

Signed by eight elders and three senior workers.

Ted Carlson

The Christians of the Washington Heights Assembly, Chicago, Illinois, commend Ted Carlson to work for the Lord with the Southeast Asia Literature Crusade for two years.

Mr. Carlson is a graduate of the Emmaus Bible School and was active in this

assembly during his three years there. During the past twelve years he has been engaged in pioneer work in Wakefield, Nebraska. He expects to sail with the SALC team for the East on June 26, 1963.

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Mrs. Ernest Green (nee Ellen Milroy)

The assembly meeting at Michigan Heights Gospel Hall, Powell River, B. C., commends Mrs. Ernest Green to work for the Lord with her husband in France. Mr. Green was commended from his home assembly in Preston, Lancashire, England. Mrs. Green has been brought up in this assembly.

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A Professor of Faith Truly Saved

VENUS BROOKS, Box 215-N, Pembroke, N. C.: Worth Ellis of Durham, N. C., conducted a series of evangelistic meetings in the Pembroke area. The wife of one of last summer's converts, after professing for two years to have been saved, truly trusted Christ in the first week. Others are interested in knowing Christ, but the power of evil is present to hinder. Mr. Ellis also conducted the daily devotions over a local radio station which has a large potential audience.

Bronx Spanish Assembly Expands Chapel

PAUL BITLER, 1040 Evergreen Ave., Bronx 72, N. Y.: As of February 1 the Bronx Spanish assembly rented the store adjoining their store-front chapel. This is needed especially for the Sunday School work. They want to tear down part of the wall between to make a larger hall.

The Spanish assemblies are continually being enlarged by believers coming up from Santo Domingo.

I ask for prayer for strength and health for the work in this great city of many languages.

Two Saved in Belleville, Ontario

DAVID KIRK, 171 Laurier Ave., Hamilton, Ont., March 4: During February I preached the Gospel in Belleville, Ontario. A steady interest increased as the meetings continued, and a man and a boy professed faith. These lines are being written while I am using William Pell's model of the Tabernacle in ministering to the Christians at the 86th Street hall in Chicago for two weeks. After this I will give two weeks of teaching on Revelation 2 and 3 using the Seven Letters Chart.

Woman Saved in Montmagny, Quebec

FERNAND ST-LOUIS, C. P. 871, Montmagny, Que.: A woman has just accepted Christ as her personal Saviour! Her husband was a Christian, and now they both desire to be baptized. Many whom we visit are interested in hearing more about the Truth. In the spring we plan to distribute literature again in the Montmagny area.

Work on the Panhandle Progresses Slowly

JOHN ABERNETHY, Box 1751, Ketchikan, Alaska: Ketchikan lies at the lower end of the Panhandle (the 400-mile strip of mainland and islands which extends northwest to southeast along northern British Columbia). In this area there are several towns not exceeding 10,000 population each. It includes Wrangell, an old community which is now likened to a "wild west" town because of the constant drunken state of most of the inhabitants; and Petersburg, a Scandinavian community and a very prosperous fishing and logging town.

There are also at least ten Indian villages, the biggest being Metlakatla on Annette Island. This is a model Indian community. There is a huge church there now with a Methodist affiliation, and it is almost impossible for any other group to go in there.

There are many churches, and nearly all the "isms" are represented. The most active are Presbyterians who maintain a church in almost every place, and a missionary boat, but unfortunately do not seem to be evangelical; many of the natives are proud of being "Presbyterians," yet know nothing of saving faith in Christ.

We know of no assembly testimony anywhere in the southeast, and are working to get one established in Ketchikan, the largest city. It has proved to be a most difficult task, first of all because the people are either atheistic or are content with "religion" without Christ. Then this is a transient town—thousands of people pass through every year. While we can contact many, they do not remain long enough to establish anything permanent.

At present we conduct a Sunday School and a gospel meeting, so we trust that "after many days" a fruitful work will be established not only in Ketchikan but in other islands as well.

Answers to Messages in the Mail Show Fruit

LOUIS GERMAIN, c/o Gospel Chapel, 2406 Garfield Ave., S. E., Albuquerque, N. M., (here through May): Correspondence from people in Haiti and the West Indies to whom New Testaments, periodicals and tracts have been sent shows that some have received blessing through this literature. More interested people write asking for New Testaments and tracts for themselves.

The cold has kept me from doing door-to-door visitation here, so I have continued contacts through the mail. Letters received prove that this work has brought blessing here too.

Bottle Floating Ministry Proves Fruitful

EVERETT BACHELDER, Box 655, Nome, Alaska: It was during our first year in Nome, nine years ago, that we began the bottle floating ministry. We still hear from people who have found these even over 500 miles away. Some of these tell how the Lord used the Gospel message to speak to their hearts. One bottle was found which had passed through the ice pack, landing near Point Barrow. According to the chart of the currents furnished by the Coast and Geodetic Survey, a good portion of the bottles and plastic envelopes must have landed therefore on Siberian shores, as well as on the shores of Japan, China, and the Philippines.

Gospel Literature Sent to 1,200,000 Homes in Quebec

NORMAN BUCHANAN, 243 St. Pierre St., Cap de la Madeleine, Que., March 4: We are about to begin mailing gospel literature to homes in our "Let's Finish the Job" project for this winter. We are trying to finish up odd corners that were not covered by the Every Home Crusade, started in the fall to reach about 1,200,000 homes in Quebec.

It is a treat to us to have sufficient space for all our equipment and supplies in our new building for the printing and publishing ministry.

Tapes Available on Children's Work

LIONEL A. HUNT, 17 Thursfield Cresc., Toronto 17, Ont.: Last year, at the Sunday School Seminary at Ebenezer Chapel in Montreal, tapes were made of four messages on why and how child crusades should be conducted. Other tapes in process include one on Sunday School discipline and one on soul winning in the Sunday School.

I would be pleased to lend these for short periods to any assembly.

Thirteen children professed faith during the crusade ending February 1 in Toronto's downtown Yonge Street Mission.

The Lord has restored my health, enabling me to minister again. We thank friends for their prayers.

I am to prepare the lessons for the Guelph Conference Grounds Children's Camp in July, and would value prayer for the spiritual ministry I am responsible for in that program.



New Fellowship Meets in Homestead, Fla.

GEORGE B. MORGAN, 11800 S. W. 176 St., Miami 57, Fla.: After eight months of pioneering in Homestead, Fla., a small group is gathering to the Lord. They meet for Bible study and prayer each Thursday evening, and we give two radio programs on Sunday. Since we have not found suitable meeting quarters, we meet in a home; a few of the neighbors are coming in.



The Christians at Key West purchased a used school bus with capacity for 60 children. This has proved a great help to the Sunday School, which is under the direction of Alfred Jones and Harry Saunders.

Appleton Fellowship Growing, But More Workers Needed in Wisconsin

ROBERT HARPER, 2121 North Morrison, Appleton, Wisc.: In Appleton a growing number of Christians desire to worship the Lord around His table. Several men meet at 6:30 every Monday morning to pray for the people, purposes and problems of the testimony.

Attendance at Sunday School and Family Bible Hour is increasing, especially in the adult Bible study class. This increase is also seen in the girls' youth club. Expansion of space is now an immediate necessity.

Every four to six weeks I give ministry and pastoral visitation to the Sheboygan assembly. They would appreciate any further help the Lord's servants can give them at this time.

Wisconsin needs evangelists and pastors who are called to settle in the state. We need assemblies in such key cities as Madison, Fond du Lac, Green Bay and La Crosse as well as in many other needy communities.

Owen Hoffman's Activities Curtailed by Growths on Hands

OWEN HOFFMAN, Box 250, Washington, Ga.: I have had to slow up again. I feel definitely better. However, a number of fibroid tumors are growing on the tendons of each hand, and while they are not overly painful, they hinder the use of my hands. Driving is especially difficult, and writing is almost impossible.

The response to the radio work is good, and the mail is heavy with requests for help.

Persons Saved, Testimonies Developed in Louisiana

VERNON SCHLIEF, Schlieff Dr., Box 340, Belle Chasse, La.: The keynote at the Deep South Bible Conference held in Belle Chasse February 9 and 10 was praise to God for miraculously raising up a testimony there and in Winnsboro, La., and for some persons saved last year. In Winnsboro a group of believers are breaking bread, conduct a Sunday School, and have gospel meetings in the town hall.

Among those saved this year was a young couple who had never seen a Bible before. They told us recently that they go to sleep every night reading the Word, which they seem to be absorbing. A young Navy lad who was recently saved gives much evidence of being outstanding for Christ. Glen, one of our boys in the Good News Home for Children, has just been received into fellowship; his grasp of the Word is amazing for a boy of ten. Others show interest in the Gospel. Jimmy, who made the highest score ever made in the Navy recruiting test in New Orleans, was received into fellowship this year and gives indication of being a man God can use. Three couples are now engaged in full-time gospel work in this area, and another couple are planning to go out next fall.

Walter Jensen Will Preach Farther Afield

WALTER JENSEN, 361 Westfield Rd., Scotch Plains, N. J.: After prayerful consideration I have accepted several invitations to conduct series of gospel meetings beyond the area in which I have worked for recent years. During the years in this vicinity the Lord opened up local Bible classes and also brought salvation through them.

New Radio Program begun in Tucson, Arizona

JOHN HALLIDAY, 3907 E. Paseo Grande, Tucson, Ariz.: On February 24 Christians attending the Bible Chapel in Tucson began sponsoring a new radio program, known as the "Forum." Lloyd C. Donaldson, formerly a missionary to Africa, Homer P. Grob, formerly a missionary to the Philippines, and I shared in the discussion. Mr. Grob has had much radio experience, having spoken both here and with the Far East Broadcasting Company.

Later in the day six were baptized at the Chapel. That evening an outstanding testimony meeting was conducted with both dignity and true feeling.

I recently had the privilege of speaking on the local college campus.

Cubans Give Much for Freedom

GEORGE WALKER, 13710 N. W. 3 Ave., North Miami 68, Fla.: The "Ransom Ships" have been bringing over 1,000 people a week to Miami. Only those that have something to offer to Castro's Gestapo are allowed to come on the flights to freedom; perhaps a house, a car, a farm with all its equipment. We have met many who have given up hundreds



of thousands of dollars in property to get their children to freedom. When they realize that they have been reduced to poverty, they are not hard to approach with the Gospel. Whereas only a few are saved, we thank God for the twos and threes.

Several who have been saved while in Miami have now been relocated in different parts of the United States, and this has hindered the local testimony from growing. But as these go to other places the Lord goes with them, and we have instructed them to witness for Him.

Lives Changed Through Daily Worship

MUN HOPE, Box 115, North Surrey, B. C.: At two meetings held recently in Texas attended by more than 300 uni-



versity and college men there was deep interest shown in the New Testament. Some of the Christian students remarked on "the new concept" of worship and service—the holy priesthood and the royal priesthood of I Peter 2:5 and 9.

Their attention was drawn to the difference between praying and thanksgiving; and worship.

In Arizona the Governor, State Representative and other officials expressed to me their concern for prayer for these critical times.

In Guthrie, Oklahoma, about 50 to 60 people came out in zero weather to hear a Gospel message; and I gave the message over the radio.

In Albia, Iowa, the new chapel recently opened with a series of meetings.

After preaching to the high school students at Sully, I was introduced to the assembly of junior high students by the superintendent who had heard the message in the high school. 500 young people heard the Gospel that morning.

Mr. Harper Rests in Florida

HAROLD HARPER, 1500 Woods Dr., Florence, S. C., March 2: I do feel somewhat better. The intercession of the Lord's people has been an important factor, I am sure, in my recovery. We shall go to Florida probably on March 5 just to rest in the sun. I have three brothers there whom I seldom see; and individual Christians, some of whom I led to the Lord.

Ten Baptized in Davenport, Iowa

WILL MILLER, 1103 Mississippi Blvd., Bettendorf, Iowa: On March 3 ten believers were baptized at the Harrison Gospel Hall in Davenport, Iowa.

I have been concentrating on expository preaching; this type of consecutive ministry seems to create a deeper and wider interest. Many of those who come regularly are not yet associated with the assembly.

On June 9 I expect to commence six months of ministry in Toronto, Ontario.

John Welch to Return to England

JOHN WELCH, 82 N. 3rd St., Chambersburg, Pa.: Since I have not fully recovered from my illness of last May, my wife and I have decided to return to England for a time of treatment and medication.

An itinerary has been planned for me in Africa. If my health is sufficiently good to travel we shall be in Africa for about eight months. We hope to return to the U. S. early in 1965.

Two Men Saved in Rutherford, N. J.

MELVIN G. WISTNER, 525 Terrill Rd., Fanwood, N. J.: Recently in Rutherford, New Jersey, some of the men and I went visiting and had the joy of leading two men to the Lord.

I plan to conduct children's series in Boyertown, Pennsylvania; Maplewood, New Jersey; and Lansdowne, Pennsylvania in April. In May special children's efforts are planned for the Paterson Plank Road Gospel Hall in Jersey City, N. J., and the South Brooklyn Gospel Chapel, New York, followed by a series at the Evergreen Spanish Gospel Hall, Brooklyn, New York. Several one-night meetings will be sandwiched among these various series.

Form of Bequest

I give and bequeath to LETTERS OF INTEREST ASSOCIATES, a non-profit Illinois corporation, the sum of _____ dollars, and I declare that the receipt of said Associates shall be a sufficient voucher.

Employ Competent Counsel For Drafting Your Will

An elderly couple interested in the work of the Lord made wills in which each left all of his (her) estate to the other for life and upon her (his) death to an organization which distributes contributions to servants of the Lord. They went Home within a few weeks of each other. A distant relative stepped into the picture and laid claim to a major share of the small estate on the premise that he had performed many services for them without remuneration. He also made away with a substantial amount of personal property.

To avoid litigation that might well have absorbed the entire inheritance, the legatee compromised with the claimant and received about half of what had been willed it.

In another instance lack of care in the drafting of a will laid it open to attack by disgruntled relatives, and again a compromise seemed essential to insure that the testator's desires would be achieved at least in part.

Christians as the Lord's stewards are responsible not only for the assets they have to handle while they are living, but also for disposition of the property they leave behind in the form of lands, houses, stocks, bonds, personal effects, cash, etc. Consequently they should take time and make the effort to itemize their assets of all kinds, determine what disposition

they should make of them, and secure the services of competent legal counsel to draft their wills. They should inform such legal counsel fully as to persons they have responsibility toward and for whom provision should be made and as to relatives and others who might conceivably have any claim upon the estate, and so guard against any unjustifiable claims.

The lawyer or solicitor will in some cases suggest setting up a living trust or one to become effective at their demise, as a means of minimizing the likelihood of litigation and insuring the achievement of their desires. Such a trust probably will be supplementary to rather than substitutionary for a will. However, it may well take care of the disposition of the major portion of assets.

Wills should be reviewed frequently to provide for changing circumstances.

Some organizations serving among assemblies and recognized by the U. S. Treasury Department, Internal Revenue Service, as tax exempt and qualified to receive and distribute gifts, contributions and bequests are: Christian Missions in Many Lands, Ltd., New York, N. Y.; The Fields, Inc., New York, N. Y.; Letters of Interest Associates, Chicago, Ill.; Voices From the Vineyard Missionary Corporation, New York, N. Y.; Christian Missionary Service Committee, Toronto, Ontario, and Stewards Foundation, Chicago, Ill.

Response in Reservations Is Encouraging

GEORGE BAXTER, Box 141, Flagstaff, Arizona, February 15: Attendance at the Sunday schools on the reservation averages from 50 to 75. During the cold weather the prayer meetings in Red Lake are held in a different hogan each week. The attendance and spirit have been good, and persons are saved every little while. Many on the reservations hear the radio broadcast weekly. Some who live there say that they leave their breakfast tables to sit near the radio so that they will not miss one word, and even the unsaved of the family will listen.

We do thank the Christians at Laurel Chapel in San Diego for locating a light plant and delivering it to the reservation. We also thank the others who contributed toward the cost of it. Keep praying

for another light plant, as the work would be expedited if both stations had one.

Pray for those in need of Christ. The local medicine man gathers corn pollen for use in all the Indians' religious ceremonies. When they come to Flagstaff they must have some to throw at the high San Francisco peaks as they worship them.

I came through the operation well and am able to move about, but am not allowed to do any heavy work yet. We thank those who prayed for us and those who sent gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Minkler are very sick with hepatitis, which is infesting their community, and must leave the field for a complete rest.

We look forward to finishing the inside of the building at Shonto when the weather will permit and my strength returns.

Where Are the Pioneers Today?

Recently a group of brethren were discussing the subject of gospel outreach today into new areas and communities. The question was raised as to where the pioneer preachers were today: those men whose lives are dedicated to carrying the message to the regions beyond, planting new assemblies in their paths. The names of J. Rouse, Oliver Smith and of others no longer with us were mentioned. These men carried the gospel message via tent, street preaching, door-to-door visiting and rented hall into places where the Word was not being taught in simplicity, and undertook under God to establish testimonies to the Lord's name.

Who among us is doing such work today? There are, in fact, quite a number of commended workers who devote all or part of their labors to virgin fields; that is, virgin, so far as assembly testimony is concerned. Going through the list of workers published each year in Letters of Interest one could note "P" for pioneer alongside of many. Yet many, if not most of these preachers, also travel to preach and teach in established assemblies.

Again, if a worker goes into a new area

and there develops a testimony and remains with it year after year until he feels he is free to leave, and that the work will not suffer seriously because of his departure, for how long, for how much of that time is he to be considered as a pioneer? Some would say, "For the first year or two." Others, for as long as the Lord leads him to remain. So the question still remains, Where are the pioneers? Or perhaps it is better stated, Who are the pioneers? For the latter is an easier question to answer.

The pioneers are those who, whether in the wilderness or in a metropolis, whether as commended workers or self-supporting evangelists, propagate the Gospel and the whole counsel of God so zealously and effectively as to plant testimonies thereby to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Today we find that more new testimonies are being developed through the outreach of established assemblies and through individuals from such assemblies than through those men whom we would be apt to label as pioneer preachers. In recent years in the Chicago area, for example, nine or ten new testimonies

have been planted; and of these only one can be attributed primarily to the labors of a commended worker.

Of eleven young assemblies planted in the Toronto, Ontario, area, the spade work for only one was done by a commended worker. In southern California about fifteen new assemblies have been added in a decade or so. Two or possibly three of these are outgrowths of the labors of commended workers. Of the seven, eight or nine newest assemblies in northern California we know of only one directly attributable to the pioneering efforts of a commended worker. And so it goes in many areas; not all.

However, this is not to level any criticism at those devoted men who are giving their lives fully to the work of the Lord, and looking directly to Him rather than to secular employment or their own business for their support. Nor is it to say that they have not had anything to do with the planting and watering of these new testimonies. They have. But it is to say that in this era in the United States and Canada much of the work of pioneering has rested upon assemblies and individuals and groups of persons from assemblies reaching out into the territory around them, or into new territories where their employment has taken them.

And this seems to be just as it should
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June 29-July 6

Boys and Girls 7-9

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Giordano,
Directors

BOYS' CAMP

July 6-20 Ages 9-14

David Ward, Director

GIRLS' CAMP

July 20-August 3 Ages 9-14

Melvin G. Wistner, Speaker

Mrs. Wistner, Director

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NEW HAMPSHIRE

YOUTH WEEK

August 3-10 Ages 14-20

Ernest Woodhouse, Speaker,

McAuley Mission, N.Y.C., N. Y.

David Ward, Director

MID-SUMMER CONFERENCE

August 10-24

James Gunn, Midland, Ont.

Robert Crawford, Malvern, Pa.

YOUNG-ADULT CONFERENCE

August 24-31

Robert Little, Elmwood Park, Ill.

Robert Constable, River Forest, Ill.

GENERAL CONFERENCE

August 31-September 2

Robert Little, Robert Constable

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He Pronounced His Name "Sin John" But He Lived the Name "Saint John"

He pronounced it "Sin John" instead of "Saint John," but no man in modern times was truer to the implications of his surname than was the late Harold St. John. Some of the Lord's servants who have recently read the biography written by his daughter Patricia have written their personal observations of this man of God who lived to match his state with his standing and to make a strong impact on his fellow men. Following are a few of their comments.

"Mr. Telfer and I once had dinner with him. Mr. Telfer asked him when he was saved. He replied, 'Before I was saved I was slated for the diplomatic service. But when I got saved I did not think that a Christian could be a diplomat. Bismarck was the only diplomat that was credited with always telling the truth, and he said he did not do so because of any conscience, but because it was easier to remember what he had said and it had the added advantage that nobody believed him.'"

—F. G. Watson

"Years ago Mr. St. John was our guest in Saskatoon, and the following may give you cause for smiling. I learned that in spite of below zero weather he desired to take his usual 5:00 a.m. walk, so I arose early and gave him his coffee. After this he put on his light English coat, so taking him to the thermometer I told him it was only 32 below zero. Then I brought him my coon coat, fur cap, fur-lined boots, and fur mits. He put these on very patiently, then stood before a mirror, smiled and said, 'Little David in Saul's armour.' To my surprise he took them off again, adding 'I have not proved these,' and returned to his own coat. I protested his going thus, but he won. Presently he returned to our door, happy to re-enter, and I treated his frost-bitten cheek and kept a watch on him for the rest of the day. . . . But he was a saint, in the home and everywhere."

—William Wilson

"Mr. St. John was, as you said a 'unique servant of the Lord.' . . . Would God such servants of God were common."

—William Sommerville

"His pleasing personality and mellow ministry will always be fresh in the memory. He had the unusual ability to make the Scriptures live in the hearer's mind."

—Dan Dunnett

With regard to Mr. St. John's general attitude: "We lean heavily on *position* and rightly so, but our position demands that we should also lean heavily on *practice*."

—John Rea

"We . . . should never forget him, nor lose the memories of his ability to open up the Word of God. We will never forget the humility that characterized him, and the vital contact there was between his soul and God when he prayed. We still speak often of the tremendous impact these things made on our lives then, and how our hearts long that the reality of them might be brought home to us today."

—Albert Olton

"I had memorable experiences as a young man with Mr. St. John, one of which was getting lost with him in the Rosedale valley when we were having a quiet walk together."

—Lionel Hunt

"The memory of his happy spirit is very precious to me."

—Karl Pfaff

"I heard his ministry years ago . . . and regarded him as one of the most godly and able men among the assemblies."

—George Wilson

"I met him first when I was a very young apprentice in the Gospel, and his counsel and example made a profound impression on me. To entertain him in our home and to minister with him at several conferences was to be more deeply impressed with his gracious spirit and godly life. . . ."

—Harold Mackay

"He was a true man of God and a perfect gentleman—an ideal combination."

—Alfred P. Gibbs

Readers found the story of Mr. St. John's life absorbing, instructive, encouraging and inspiring. With regard to the book some wrote as follows:

"The book came some time ago, but I did not know it had arrived because my mother in law who is staying with us took it to read. The other day she started telling me what a wonderful book it was, 'just like hearing him.' Then I revealed the fact that I was waiting for my copy. This turned out to be my copy and so now I can sit down to read it."

—name withheld

"I was so absorbed in it I could hardly put it down long enough to eat."

—Douglas Robinson

"It has been read at one sitting, and is already out on loan and going the rounds."

—Boyd Nicholson

"One thing I can't presently agree with is the point on letters of commendation. I agree that these have been abused by being issued like admission tickets. And sometimes if we had more backbone (as Peter says we should add to our faith virtue [manliness]), we would issue 'let-

ters of condemnation' and tell the saints who are unfortunate to receive such that we will pray that they may be given grace to accomplish in the hearer's life what we failed to do. . . ."

—Tommy Thompson

T. Ernest Wilson wrote, "The book will always be valuable for me for Mr. St. John's remark in dying, recorded at the end. He opened his eyes and said, 'I have found the solution to all our troubles; it was love all the time.'"

Excerpts Reveal Nature of Work Among Seamen

JAMES W. GIBB, 22 Ridge Road, Belmont 78, Massachusetts: Ships I visited recently represented Liberia, Germany, Brazil, Denmark, Argentina and Japan. The following excerpts from my report reveal something of the nature of my work:

"Few opportunities for conversation, as most of the men were working. . . . Many went off to the pier for kick-ball. . . . Not too interested. . . . He had no faith to believe something he could not see. . . . Language barrier, but all received Portuguese literature. . . . The Second Engineer asked for and received an English New Testament. . . . The usual carelessness and indifference. . . . The captain greatly appreciated an English New Testament, having no Bible. . . . Indifference strengthened by a television on in the officers' lounge. . . . The elderly doctor showed me his two Gospels but couldn't (or wouldn't) talk. . . . No interest expressed, though many Bibles were found in their library. . . . The chief steward just 'could not believe—had no faith'. . . . A Roman Catholic officer objected that he was not allowed to read the Protestant Bible, but gave no response when shown a Douay version of the New Testament."

WHERE ARE THE PIONEERS

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be. Did not Paul commend the Thessalonians because from them sounded out the word of the Lord in the regions around them and beyond, quite as much as he commended the Philippians that when he was pioneering in Thessalonica they sent once and again to his necessity?

In writing this to provoke other assemblies and individual Christians to emulation, we are not overlooking the work that is being done and has been done in such areas as North Carolina and Florida by commended workers, and in Quebec and the maritime provinces. And it may well be, as it should, that some of these other testimonies might well have flourished faster and had more favorable growth had there been men available to devote their full time to the work of planting them and building them up.

Some Things Absent From The Gospel of John

GROUPING THE GOSPELS

By Donald M. Taylor

"And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book: but these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name" (John 20:30-31).

"And there are also many other things which Jesus did the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written" (John 21:25).

Occasionally the writers of Scripture declare plainly their purpose in writing. Luke tells Theophilus that his Gospel is penned so that his noble friend might know the certainty of those things in which he has been instructed. Paul writes his first letter to Timothy in order that if he should be delayed in coming to him Timothy might know how to behave himself in the house of God, which is the church of God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

In the first text quoted above John states unmistakably his reason for writing his Gospel: that his readers might believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God; and that believing they might have life through His name. We are told that John's Gospel was evidently the last of the four Gospels to be written. John must have pondered long the problem of selecting from his wealth of data observed as a disciple the precise incidents and facts, the few words of many uttered by the Lord, the tiny fraction of the miracles he had witnessed that would by narration achieve the purpose of his Gospel. Guided unerringly by the Holy Spirit he has given us the simplest and the most profound of the Gospel records, the one whose texts are most quoted and whose depths are least plumbed.

Cataloging the Gospels

A customary classification of the four Gospels divides them into two groups or parts: 1) the synoptics: Matthew, Mark and Luke. 2) John. It is true that the first three Gospels do have, something of a common view, as the word "synoptics" implies. But there is more diversity among them than perhaps most of those who employ the term will realize. Matthew records twenty-two incidents which are not recorded in Mark, twenty-seven not in Luke. Mark has eleven incidents not in Matthew, nineteen not in Luke. Luke has 56 not in Matthew, 63

not in Mark. Yet it is true that John's Gospel is markedly different, for 70 per cent of his incidents are in no other Gospel.

Another reasonable division of the Gospels is suggested by the opening words of Isaiah 9:6: "Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given." Matthew and Luke lay stress on His humanity: the Child born. Mark and John assure us of His Deity: the Son given. Again, Mark and Luke tell of His ascension after His resurrection, while in Matthew and John our last glimpse of Him is with His disciples on earth.

Again, Matthew and Mark are so alike in many details that textual critics claim one must have been copied from the other. And Luke and John see the crucifixion from a different viewpoint in some major matters from Matthew and Mark.

Another Grouping

But here let us look at the four Gospels in another grouping. Let us set Matthew by itself in its broad scope in time, sweeping in its genealogy back to Abraham, and in its glad tidings on to the day when a regenerate Israel will carry the Gospel to all nations: not confining this Gospel to Israel, by any means; but, on the other hand, not ignoring God's gracious purpose for that nation, yet to be fulfilled. Then let us take Mark, Luke and John and group them together as progressively, in that order, unfolding the Gospel. Mark's very introduction might suggest this: "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." Luke writes so that Theophilus might have confirmed the facts on which his faith is based. John has already told us why he wrote. What Mark tells us in embryo, suggests in physical action, Luke develops largely in parables, and John reveals in plain speech. Neither in Mark nor Luke, nor for that matter in Matthew, can we find such straight out expositions of the Gospel as John 1:12-13; 3:16-17; 3:36; 5:24; 10:9; 10:27-28; or 20:30-31. All four Gospels are essential; none can be spared. Yet it is only when we come to John that we have the Gospel so plainly stated that none need mistake it. We might say with the disciples in John 16:29: "Lo, now speakest thou plainly."

But vital as are the things that John has written for the achievement of the purpose for which the Holy Spirit commissioned and equipped him, just as vital to his purpose are his omissions. There

are facts which we must know for our salvation and for our growth as Christians which Matthew and Mark and Luke give us, which would yet be utterly out of place in John's Gospel. To include them would mar its perfection, spoil its character, confuse us while attempting to enlighten us. Men for noble purposes have compiled harmonies of the Gospels. But we can thank God we have four evangelists, four witnesses; and we can thank Him as much for what each has omitted from his account as for what he has included.

Let us then in succeeding papers examine some of the omissions of John's Gospel and consider the reasons for such. Why, for example, does John give no genealogy of Jesus Christ, as do the other Gospels? Why no account of His birth? That we shall first consider.

NEW REST HAVEN HOME BEING BUILT IN GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

Pictured on the cover of this issue is the new home of Rest Haven Homes, Inc. in Grand Rapids, Mich. Most readers are familiar with the Rest Haven Homes, which for many years have been a haven for elderly people, in Grand Rapids and Spring Lake, Mich. Many of the Lord's people have in their twilight years found real homes there where God's Word is honored and enjoyed to the full, where bodies which suffer from the strain of the years are nursed and comforted, and where care is given with Christian love and devotion by a dedicated personnel.

Because the old buildings are no longer adequate, the Rest Haven administrators are happy to announce the construction of this new building at 1424 Union Ave., N. E., Grand Rapids, Mich., which is to be occupied this summer. It will contain three wings, housing ten persons each, one wing being designed specially for nursing care. In the center of the three wings will be a delightful living-dining and recreation area and a modern kitchen.

The site is nestled among fine residences, close to assembly fellowship, and is large enough to provide much room for expansion.

The Rest Haven operation is under the supervision of Miss Grace Pell, in which she has the aid of her brother Will Pell.

R. C. Girl Professes Faith in Baddeck, N. S.

DONALD CARMICHAEL, Box 248, Baddeck, N. S.: I have been conducting a series of meetings in Baddeck, through which one R. C. girl has professed faith in Christ, and a few others seem to be under conviction.

**Man Attracted by
Scripture Text on Hall**

JOHN SPREEMAN, R. R. 1, Albanel, Que.: At Quebec city a business man has been coming frequently to meetings after being attracted by the large Scripture text (interchangeable) which we installed on the hall front nearly two years ago. This man, about 45 years old, lost confidence in Rome when only a boy, and in 1947 started reading a Bible through which he shortly found peace. He has continued reading it ever since, as well as many other books which Jean-Paul Berney keeps on hand. His wife has recently consented to read the Bible, and we pray that she will know God's salvation, as well as their son and daughter.

I had a serious talk with a woman who recently lost both a son and daughter in separate accidents. She listened well and readily accepted a New Testament and tracts.

We are about to mail a fine gospel paper to all householders in this county.

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WHY IS SOME LOI NEWS LATE?

Some LOI readers have suggested that LOI news could be more up to date. The LOI staff wishes to do its best to give news which is as fresh as possible; and the following explanation may suggest how some of its reporters can help.

To get each issue to the readers in time, final copy must be sent to the printer by the 10th of the preceding month at the latest, preferably by the 6th. For example, final copy for the March issue was sent to the printer on Friday, February 8, and copy for this issue was sent about March 8; so news in this issue was all received between February 8 and March 7 or 8.

The staff is sometimes frustrated in its endeavors by the receipt of news which is old to begin with, and would suggest that all reports be sent as soon as possible after occurrence of the events they cover.

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**FIFTH EASTERN REGIONAL
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June 29-July 14

Speakers: Alfred P. Gibbs (both weeks); Dr. S. Louis Johnson (first week); Walter Jensen (second week).

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**GIRL'S CAMPS, Mrs. R. E. Harlow,
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Senior Girls, Ages 12-15, July 20-27

**BOYS' CAMPS, Clyde Tyson, Di-
rector.**

Junior Boys, Ages 8-11, Aug. 4-10

Senior Boys, Ages 12-15, Aug. 10-17

MID-SEASON CONFERENCE

July 27-August 4

Speakers: T. Ernest Wilson and Robert J. Little. Recreational Director; David Hodges.

LAST CONFERENCE

August 17-September 2

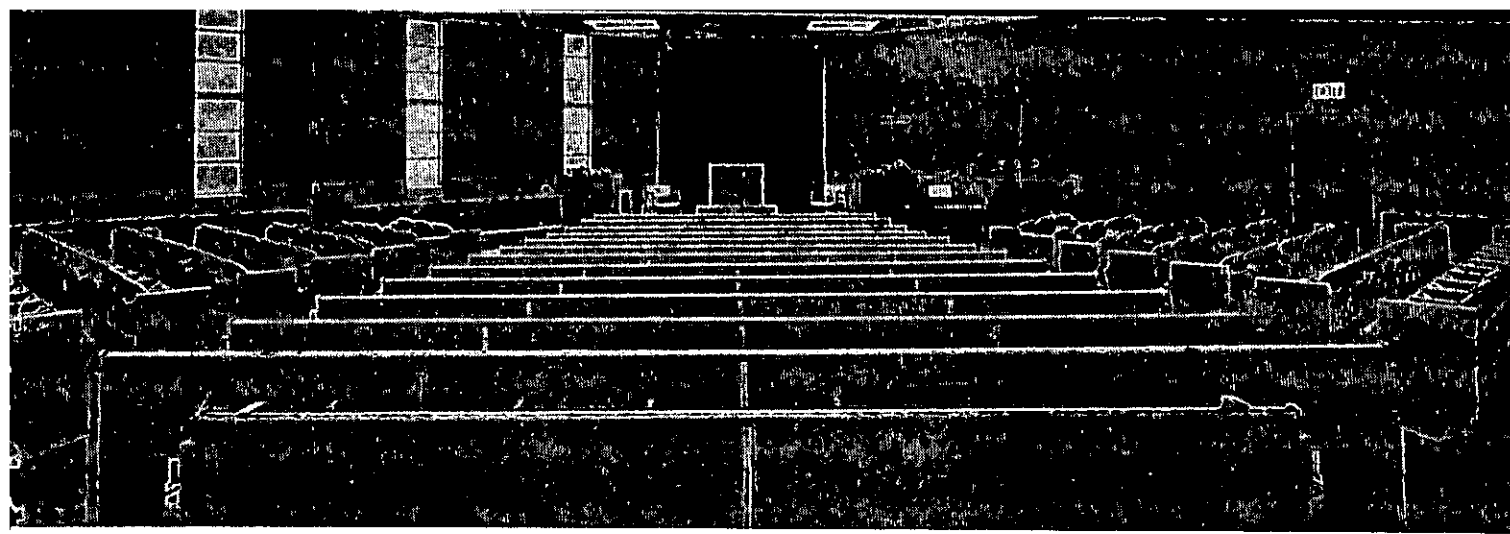
Speakers: H. C. Hewlett (both weeks); John Smart (first week); Tom Westwood (second week).
Recreational Directors:

Donald Frey (first week);

Clyde Tyson (second week)

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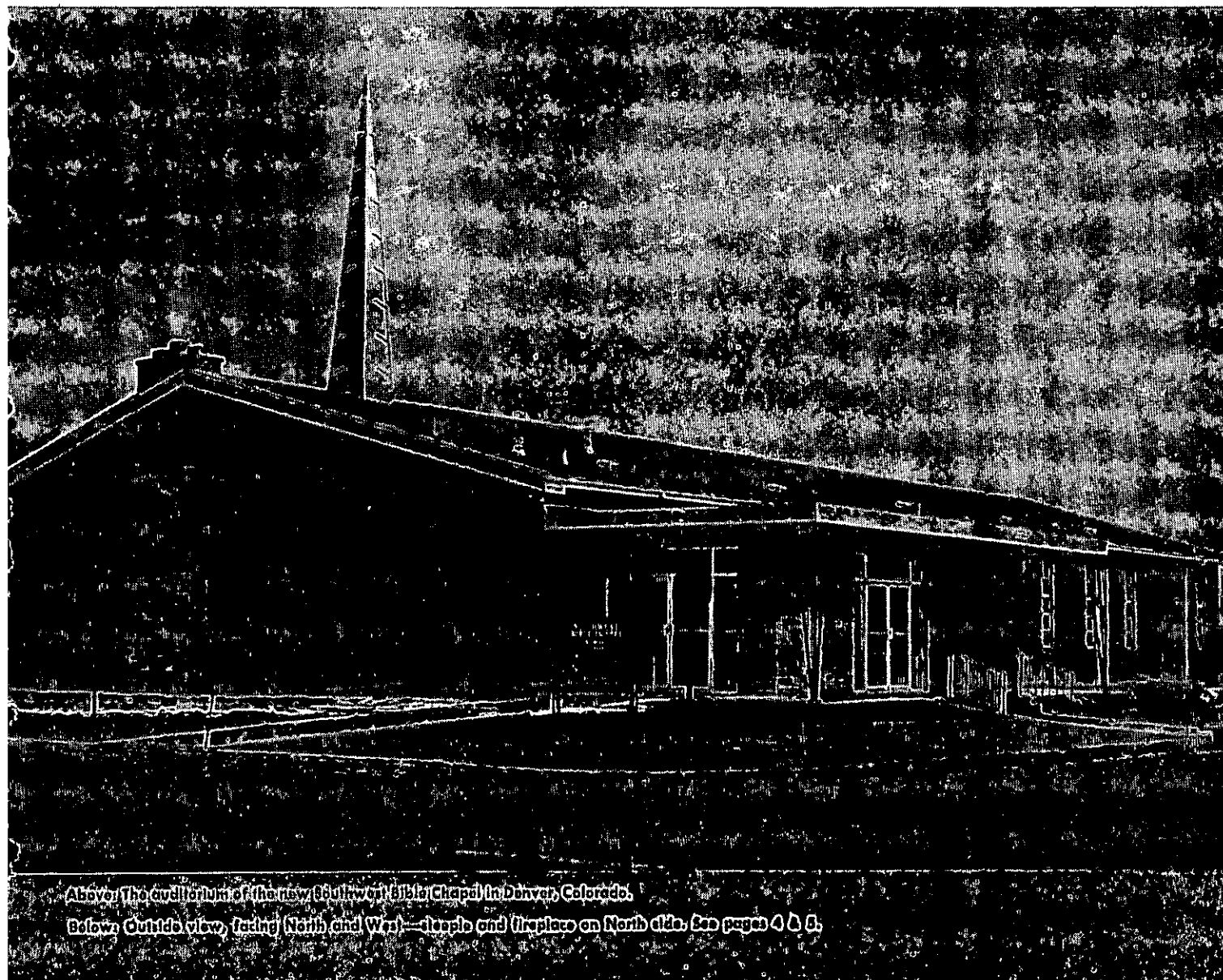
Vance Johnston,
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Above: The auditorium of the new Southwest Bible Chapel in Denver, Colorado.

Below: Outside view, facing North and West—steeple and fireplace on North side. See pages 4 & 5.

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A monthly magazine devoted especially to the promotion and encouragement of pioneer work in the United States and Canada in connection with assemblies.

NEW INFIRMARY EXTENDS SERVICES OF GRACE CHRISTIAN HOME

The building of a much-needed infirmary at Grace Christian Home, Lennoxville, Quebec, was completed before the end of December. It was put into immediate use to care for several requiring its special facilities. It was built with ramps at each end so that patients may be wheeled outside as required. In addition to needed medical equipment, this new wing houses a new office, liberating space in the living room formerly used for that purpose.

The home now houses 30 in the main building, two in the cottage, and one who rooms with neighbors but spends his days at the home. Accommodations are now filled, and we have a waiting list. To care for these people there is a staff of nine, whose devotion and faithfulness have made the home what it is.

The residents contributed a total of \$197.03 to various Christian works, including \$8 per month for the support of a Korean orphan whom they "adopted" in 1961.

Gifts to the general fund have enabled us to repay borrowed capital as promised without having to raise our rates or refuse those who have only their old age pensions. Financial gifts as well as gifts of service and equipment to the infirmary have made possible this much needed addition without our having to go too deeply into debt and without having to wait for further means to equip it properly. The interest and approval which these gifts have shown have also been of profound encouragement to the Committee.

Operating revenues were as follows: Payments by guests, \$28,012.41, gifts to general fund, \$1,913.16, Total revenues, \$29,925.57. Operating expenses were \$25,887.75. (Repayments of principal on borrowed capital are not included in operating expenses.)

In addition to the gifts noted above, donations to the infirmary fund amounted to \$5,052.44. No government assistance was received toward the building of the infirmary. Government help is now being received for the care of one patient in the infirmary, and is likely to be received for others who are not able to pay the full cost of their care.

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OUR STEWARDSHIP U.S.A.

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For Publication & Expense	608.85
TOTAL	\$5,416.85

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For Publication & Expense	106.65
TOTAL	278.65

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OUR PURPOSE

1. To promote gospel effort.
2. To inform the Lord's people about gospel work and workers.
3. To inform the Lord's servants of open doors and of special opportunities for gospel efforts as they come to our attention.
4. As a service to the Lord's people, to forward gifts to laborers in the gospel as specified by the giver, and to distribute without partiality gifts which are not earmarked for specific workers.
5. To be of service generally to the Lord's people.

Addresses shown with workers' letters are their home addresses, not the places from which the letters may have been written.

Workers' Addresses—We have on file the addresses of commended servants of the Lord in the United States and Canada. We will be glad to furnish the Lord's people with any addresses requested.

Gift Deductible—We wish to inform our readers that gifts from individuals sent to "Letters of Interest" for expense, come within the contributions classification of the income tax returns.

LETTERS OF INTEREST

127 South Wacker Drive, Chicago 6, Illinois

In publishing LETTERS OF INTEREST its staff believes it is performing a service for the Lord's people. The work is done without charge. Because the magazine is furnished free, friends occasionally ask about the expense involved. To such may we say that it is met mainly by voluntary gifts from assemblies and individual Christians in the assemblies, with a small portion coming from advertising revenue. If any of our fellow believers feel exercised to assist in furthering the work, their fellowship will be gratefully accepted as from the Lord.



Editors' Page

TAKE TIME

One of the great ills of our present-day busy life is the prevalence of secondhand Christian experience.

The only Bible study most of us get is what we listen to in our ministry meetings, over the radio, or at Sunday school. The Lord never intended others to do our Bible reading for us; and while we can gain profit from the Lord's servants, their ministry is no substitute for the firsthand blessing that comes through allowing God to speak directly through His Word. *Take time to read.*

We rejoice with others when they tell us of wonderful answers to prayer, yet many of us do not take the time to pray ourselves and so realize the firsthand joy of seeing the Lord work in our lives. Prayer is God's avenue through which He works and blesses His people. Don't miss out on His blessing by neglect. *Take time to pray.*

We hear of the delightful experience of someone witnessing to another, or leading a soul to Christ; yet we ourselves do not have the courage, or maybe the desire, to tell others of the greatest message ever to fall on mortal ears. Leading a soul to Christ is one of life's most thrilling highlights. No one can do our witnessing for us and the best time to start is now. *Take time to speak.*

The best "do-it-yourself" project is to invest one's own time, talent, and energy in service for the Lord Jesus Christ. Nothing compares with a firsthand Christian experience.

—Donald J. Thomson

EVIDENCES OF FELLOWSHIP

The evidences of divine fellowship should manifest themselves in every phase of a believer's life. One cannot be guilty of unChristian conduct and have fellowship with the Lord at the same time. Divine fellowship will be experienced only by those whose interests, attitudes and actions are in harmony with the mind of Christ.

It is hard to believe and yet true, that there are brethren today who advocate placing on assembly bulletin boards a list of approved names of those who in their estimation should alone be granted the privilege of platform ministry, and by so doing excluding many other capable and gifted teachers. Such action does not foster but rather destroys fellowship. Furthermore, fellowship among Christian assemblies is often enhanced by letters of commendation, but how sad it is to hear of Christians who are properly commended by their home assemblies being refused fellowship and being instructed to go elsewhere. This also hinders and frustrates fellowship. The apostle's admonition in Philipians 2:3 should always be remembered: "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory" (party spirit).

God has a great interest in His assemblies, and an ignorant lack of interest on our part in assembly problems is never an evidence of godly fellowship. Neither is ill will toward other assemblies of God's people compatible with His purpose or our spiritual good. It can be stated without fear of contradiction that the greatest proof of Christ's presence on earth is the oneness of the people of God (John 17:21).

—James W. Kennedy

YOUNG MAN, WATCH!

In this series we have borrowed five key phrases used by the Apostle Paul in writing to the Christians at Ephesus. Addressed to young men, they are in review:

Young man, be strong.

Young man, stand.

Young man, take unto you.

Young man, pray.

The fifth and last is the title for these paragraphs. In Ephesians 6:18 we read, "watching thereunto with all perseverance." Although this statement is related directly to the previous words concerning prayer, for the purpose of this editorial we would like to relate it to personal preparedness.

To various defense units in strategic locations across America is assigned the task of watching for those who would violate our national boundaries. Similarly, the Christian should be on guard at all times against influences which would mar his testimony and disturb his relationship with God.

Personal preparedness demands purposeful prayer, systematic Scripture study, and a faithful "fellowship" of Christ and His teaching.

Personal preparedness calls for a proper condition of soul so that we can witness to the seeking soul when the opportunity arises.

Finally, personal preparedness calls for living each day in anticipation of the return of the Lord Jesus Christ when He calls His people for the ascent to Heaven.

The Christian who desires to be fully committed to God will follow without compromise all of these divine instructions. In I Corinthians 16:13 Paul has written, "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith." **YOUNG MAN, WATCH!**

—James D. Kennedy

JOHN JONES AND HIS CREDIT LINE

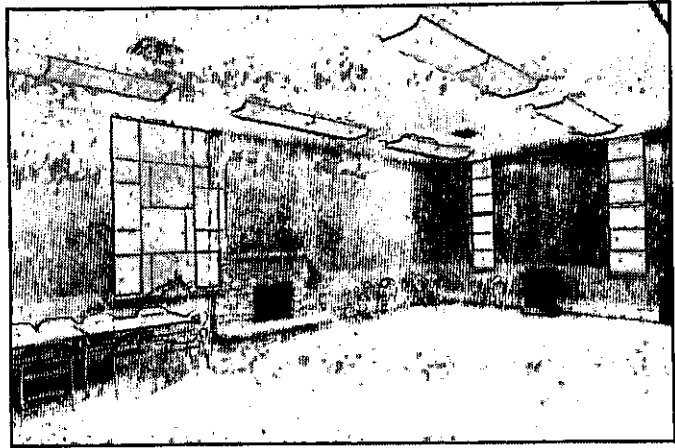
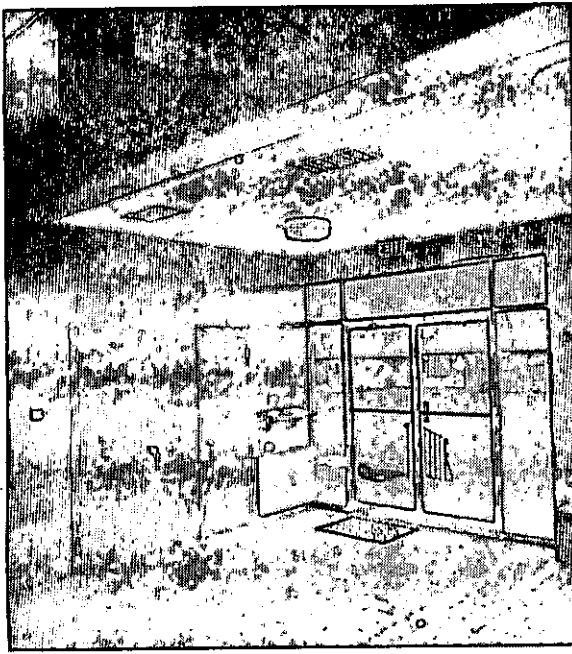
When John Jones is in the right mood he will gladly give you the shirt off his back. But when you go to put it on you may find stitched in large letters across the shoulders: "Donated by John Jones." Or perhaps there will be a little tag on the shirt tail: "Property of John Jones." That rather mars the gift.

John really enjoys doing things for the Lord and for His people. Almost daily he prays that the Lord will use him that day for His service and for the help and encouragement of His people, and in the Gospel. And the Lord does answer his prayers. But—

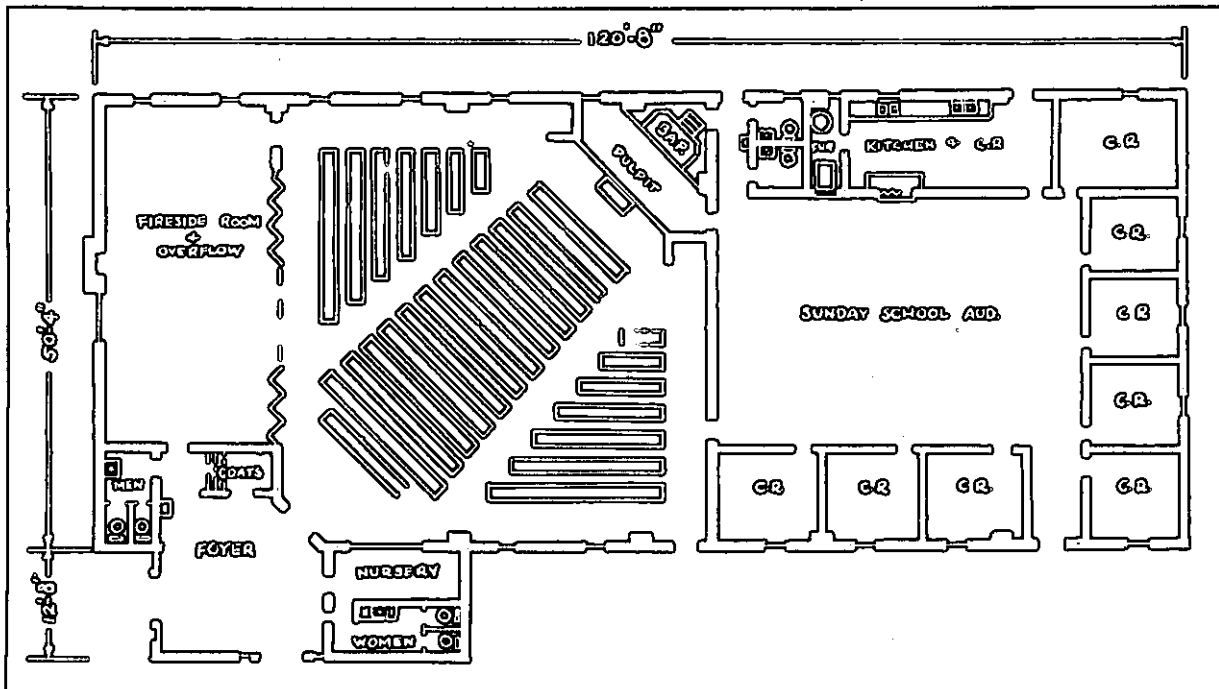
Well, someone has said that we could all accomplish much more in this world if we did not care who got the credit. John feels the Lord would use him much more if he could but overcome that nauseating habit of claiming credit for whatever he does. He is terribly embarrassed when his credit line comes out big and blatant. But he is also aware that, perhaps unconsciously, he has developed a technique for getting in a modest little line which not only credits him for his deed, but also for his modesty.

Pray for John Jones and all his ilk. Pray that he may be more and more aware that whatever he does of any value is the Lord's doing: that he is but the instrument.

—John Jones per DMT



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Far Left:

Foyer—looking West

Paneling—provincial samaris H. A. Plywood

Decorative quarry tile floor

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Guest registration book and rack

Nursery and Ladies rest room—all air conditioned, with public address system

Acoustical ceiling

Center Left:

Fireside Room used for Young People's meetings and additional auditorium space.

Paneling—Mahogany, same as main auditorium.

Persons interested in further details about the plan and construction of this chapel may contact:

Mr. Lucas Wilson, c/o Protex Industries, Inc., 1331 W. Evans Ave., Denver 9, Colo.

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PLANS FOR DENVER GOSPEL CHAPEL COMMENDED

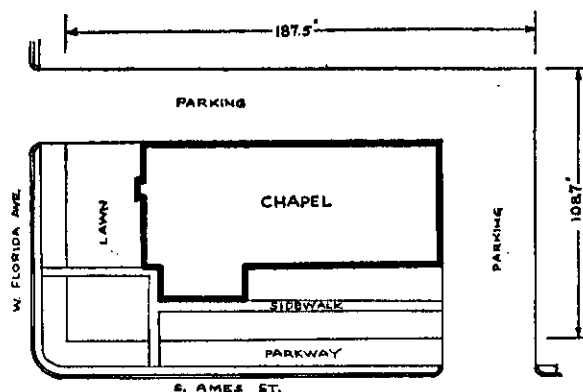
Illustrated on this page are photographs, floor plan and plot plan of the new building for the Southwest Bible Chapel of Denver, Colorado. This attractive building encompasses many desirable features.

The auditorium and the fireside room together will seat 450 people. The seating is three-directional, giving complete visibility to the corner pulpit and baptistry. The young people use the fireside room, and meet there with adults in the Family Bible Hour. The Sunday school operates independently with its own auditorium which can be expanded to almost double its size very readily.

The building was built at very low cost by eliminating all waste space such as unnecessary halls, high ceilings, etc. The ceiling in the main auditorium is flat and the acoustics are unusually good. The building is attractively finished and equipped, and air conditioned.

We believe that the plans for this building, which covers 6,800 square feet and accommodates 450 people, deserve more than the usual amount of study as they permit construction of such facilities at unusually low cost.

Robert W. Mojonnier



Upper Right:

Taken from Boiler Room door showing 6 hole commercial gas range—2 double sinks—2 washers—2 garbage disposals
Outside entrance from kitchen to the left, beyond the cabinets
The Sunday School room adjacent to the kitchen has a wall of cabinets with formica top, to be used during conference time as an auxiliary kitchen for pastries, coffee making, salads, etc.
Taken from auditorium entrance

Lower Right:

The exit doorway leads thru a wide hall to coat rack and outside entrance for children.

SOME SUMMER CAMPS

Bethel Bible Camp, Alberta

Conference for Christians, June 30 and July 1. *Family and Youth Camp*, July 2 through 7. *Rural Children's Camp*, July 9 through 14.

The camp is six miles west of Westlock, three miles north of Alberta. Accommodation and meals freely provided.

Send all correspondence to: Ben Lievers, Box 7, Neerlandia, Alberta; phone 114.

Camp Li-Lo-Li, Red House, New York

Jim Bottomley of Jamestown, N. Y., will be director of the *Boys' and Girls' Camp*, July 6-20. Bill Ferguson of Murfreesville, Pa., will direct the second session of *Children's Camp*, July 20 to August 3. Vern Larter, Rochester, N. Y., will direct the *Teen Camp*, August 3-17, and Arnot McIntee of St. Catharines, Ontario, will again direct the *Youth Camp*, August 17-31. Speakers at the Youth Camp: Leslie Rainey of Albany, Ga., and Boyd Nicholson of St. Catharines, Ont. Mr. Nicholson and Bill Hynd of Flint, Mich., will minister at the *General Conference* over the Labor Day week end.

Additional cabins are to be built this spring in both the boys' and girls' areas to replace worn-out tents. A second tennis court and other improvements are also planned.

Robert Westfall, 1351 Long Pond Rd. Rochester 15, N. Y.

Grace Bible Camp Seeks to Sponsor 100

Grace Bible Camp, on St. Helena Island, S. C., was founded in 1952. At that time there were eleven campers, with one building to lodge the girls, dine in and conduct classes, and a very small cabin for the two boys that attended. There are now nine buildings on our camp ground: four buildings for girls, three for boys, a dining hall and a chapel.

This year's camp begins July 1. We hope to help at least 100 young persons who desire to go to camp but do not have financial means to go. Many such young people are taking enthusiastic part in the memory verse project set up for their benefit. The cost to attend camp is: \$6 per week for children 7 to 11 years old; \$7 per week for those aged 12 and up.

J. S. Dennis, Director, Rte. 3, Box 72-A. Johns Island, S. C.

Frontier Lodge, Quebec

French Camp, ages 14 and over, June 27 to July 6. *Boys' Camp*, ages 11-16, July 6-20. *First Junior Camp* (two weeks), ages 7-11, July 20 to August 3. *Second Junior Camp* (one week), ages 7-11, August 3-10. *Girls' Camp*, ages 11-16, August 10-24. *Youth Camp*, ages 16-25, August 24 to September 2. (Junior camps are mixed camps for boys and girls.)

Write for further information to: Mildred A. Beckwith, Registrar, 575 Victoria St., Sherbrooke, Quebec.

Iowa Bible Camp and Conference, Inc.

Iowa Bible Camp, for boys and girls aged 9 to 16, will be held at the Covenant Camp Grounds, Twin Lakes, Iowa (address: Manson, Route 1, Iowa), beginning with registration on Sunday afternoon, June 16, and ending with breakfast Saturday morning, June 22. Speakers expected: Junior Camp—William Morgan, Jr.; Senior Camp—Karl J. Pfaff.

The Iowa Young People's Bible Conference is to be held the last week end in August.

For further information write to: Karl J. Pfaff, 2613 S. Martha, Sioux City 6, Iowa.

IDEAS FOR SUMMER CAMPS

In the May 1962 issue of *Letters of Interest* it was stated that a magazine entitled "Camp Life" could be obtained from the Christian Camp and Conference Association in Van Nuys, California. This magazine has been re-named "Christian Camps and Conferences," and may be secured by any camp director, camp manager, or president or chairman of a camp board or committee by writing to Dr. Robert Walker, Editor, *Christian Camps and Conferences Magazine*, 33 South Wacker Drive, Chicago 6, Illinois, using camp stationery.

"Ideas Unlimited," Directors edition, is an 8½ x 11 looseleaf book containing information on all phases of camp direction and programming. "Ideas Unlimited," Operational edition, is similar, but contains information on camp maintenance, operation, construction, etc. Either book is available from the Christian Camp and Conference Association, 14312 Runnymede Street, Van Nuys, California, for a \$5 membership fee. This entitles the holder to twelve to twenty-four additional pages during the ensuing twelve months.

Counsellor Training Course by Jim Wright is obtainable from the Youth For Christ International, Inc., 1 N 310 Main, Wheaton, Ill., for 35c a copy, with a 20 per cent discount for orders for five to twenty-four copies, and a 40 per cent discount for orders for twenty-five or more copies.

ASSEMBLY CHANGES

Bethel Gospel Chapel Los Angeles, California

Correspondent: James G. Richards, 1115 B'Peck St., Compton, Calif.

Bethel Chapel was mistakenly listed as Bethany Chapel in the March Letters of Interest. The Correspondent for Bethany Gospel Hall is Mr. L. C. Thompson, 1674 E. 50th Pl., Los Angeles, Calif., as before.

Palm Bible Chapel North Palm Beach, Fla.

Correspondent: Robert Wilson, 116 S. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach, Florida.

This is a new chapel.

Gospel Chapel Lansing, Illinois

Correspondent: James Gilbert, 115 Carnation Dr., Dyer, Ill.

Bible Chapel Warrenville, Ill.

Order of meetings: Breaking of Bread, 9; Sunday School, 10; Gospel Meeting, 11:15; Ministry, 7; Prayer and Bible Study, Wednesday, 7:45.

Spanish Gospel Chapel New York City, N. Y.

Correspondent: E. Ramos, c/o Crichtlow, 828 Dawson St., Bronx 59, N. Y.

The Chapel Florence, S. C.

Correspondent: J. R. Peed, 1010 Chestnut St., Florence, S. C., Phone MOhawk 2-4669.

Bible Chapel Appleton, Wisconsin

Correspondent: Robert Harper, 2121 North Morrison St. [RE 4-9122]

Volunteer Workers Required

at Camp Mini-Yo-We, Port Sydney, Ont.

Senior counsellors and staff needed for July and August. Camp sessions operate in fourteen-day sections as listed.

**Boys Camp, June 29 to July 13,
July 13 to July 27.**

**Girls Camp, July 27 to August 10,
August 10 to August 24.**

If you are interested please write for an application to 2 Craig Alan Court, Weston, Ontario.

COMMENDATIONS

Miss Ruth Bloedow

Add to the list of commended workers the name of Miss Ruth Bloedow, commended by Christians of the Leaside Bible Chapel, Toronto, Ontario, in October, 1961. Miss Bloedow has been giving her service in Christian publication work with the Publications Chretiennes Enr. at 230 rue St-Pierre, Cap de la Madeleine, Quebec.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Buchanan

The saints who gather at Bancroft Gospel Hall, Bancroft, Ontario, commend to full-time service Lawrence Buchanan. Mr. Buchanan has been active in the Lord's work in the Bancroft area, in Ignace and Sioux Lookout in northern Ontario, and for the past year in Cochrane, Ontario.

Signed by five elders

J. Philip Morgan

The assembly at New Smyrna Bible Chapel, New Smyrna Beach, Florida, commends Mr. J. Philip Morgan to the work of the Lord wherever the Lord leads him. After much prayer he was led of the Lord to identify himself with the assemblies. He began ministry at the New Smyrna Bible Chapel in November, 1962. God has blessed his ministry and several have been added to the assembly.

Signed by five elders

Tommy Steele, Jr.

Tommy Steele, Jr., formerly pastor of an independent church, has been commended to the work of the Lord by the Christians meeting at the Glen Avenue Gospel Chapel in Winston-Salem, N. C. Tommy Steele's father gives most of his time to the work in connection with the Glen Avenue Chapel.

The commendation is signed by seven elders.

Mr. and Mrs. George Webster

Thirteen assemblies in the Vancouver, B. C. area commend Mr. and Mrs. George Webster to the Lord's service. They have been vitally interested in missionary work for several years. Both have been active workers in Sunday school and among young people, and Mr. Webster headed the local tract band.



FORMER GANG LEADER LEADS HUNDREDS TO CHRIST

By William Paterson

Though much prayer has ascended for a long time for a spiritual awakening in Bermuda, when it came it came unexpectedly and swiftly.

On January 30 my doctor decided that I should have a little surgery, to take place February 4. My wife and I had made bookings for service in Jamaica and the Bahamas, and were expecting to leave February 12. Through my perplexity Romans 8:28 kept coming to mind, and after surgery and the doctor's advice to cancel the trip, several friends quoted the same verse. (Fortunately, the trouble was not as serious as at first suspected, and though still not completely cleared up, has not hindered me from doing some service for the Lord.)

On February 21 a young man from Harlem, New York, came to see us. He introduced himself as Tom Skinner and handed us a letter from Mr. Alber H. Webster of British Guiana, informing us that this young man (with others from Harlem) had experienced much blessing in British Guiana and was now in Bermuda for a rest. During our conversation we learned that Tom had been at one time a leader of a notorious Harlem teen-age gang, but God had saved him through a gospel message over the radio. As I heard his testimony I thought, "What an impact this young man could make on the youth of Bermuda!"

After learning that he was willing to take a meeting or two, I introduced him to a local brother, who arranged to have him speak at a youth meeting at the Middle Road Gospel Chapel in Paget. Here he gave such a stirring testimony that the brother contacted a group of Christian business and professional men. These

men did the basic hard work of organizing a crusade and getting it thoroughly advertised.

All churches were asked to cooperate. Instruction classes for counsellors were arranged in the Chamber of Commerce room, and I was asked to lead them. Sixty to seventy people from all denominations attended for three nights, and I spoke on Remission, Salvation, and Regeneration. Each talk was followed by prayer.

On the opening night, March 10, in the Rosebank Theatre (seating capacity over 1,100), the crowd was so great that a second service had to be hastily arranged. Over 2,000 heard the Gospel there that night. From Monday, March 11 through Friday, the 15th, the Hamilton Hall (seating 800) was packed to capacity. At the Bermuda Athletic Association Field on Saturday the 16th, 3,000 or more were gathered. Then on Sunday the theatre was packed twice again, with hundreds having to be turned away from the second service.

God's young servant preached simply, clearly, and with Holy Spirit power! Over 400, old and young, responded to the invitation to come to Christ during the crusade. Hundreds more have professed as the result of meetings he has taken in other parts of the island during and since the crusade. And God alone knows the results of his two radio messages each day.

Tom Skinner, and the Christ of Tom Skinner, have been topics of conversation on all levels of society. Bermuda has been aroused as never before. We earnestly solicit your prayers for Tom Skinner, a young man whom we believe God has raised up for this time.

Arthur K. Robertson

Mr. Arthur K. Robertson, Jr., has been commended to work for the Lord as a chaplain in the U. S. army by Christians meeting at the Believers Chapel in Dallas, Texas. The commendation is signed by four elders.



Commendation Withdrawn

Mr. O. L. McNichol, correspondent for the Bethany Chapel assembly in Calgary, Alta., sends notice that the commendation of Dr. Arthur Stinton to the work of the Lord in Angola, given in December 1951, has been regretfully withdrawn.

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Rochester 15, N. Y.

CONFERENCES

Des Moines, Iowa, May 24-26

Place: Central Gospel Chapel, 3200 Lincoln Ave., Des Moines, Iowa.

Dates: May 24-26, preceded by a prayer meeting on the evening of Thursday, May 23.

We plan to engage some new speakers as well as those who have ministered to us previously. Write for further information to James S. Green, 2319 Capitol Ave., Des Moines, Iowa.

Worcester, Mass., May 24-26

Place: Bethany Gospel Chapel, 242 Clark St., Worcester, Mass.

Dates: May 24-26.

Order of Meetings: Friday—8 p.m., Prayer; Saturday—3 and 7 p.m., Ministry; Sunday—10:30 a.m., Breaking of Bread, 3 p.m., Ministry, 7 p.m., Gospel Meeting.

Expected Speakers: Walter Jensen and David Kirk.

William D. Milligan, Correspondent, 221 Maple Ave., Shrewsbury, Mass. VI 2-6142

Grand Rapids, Mich., May 30

Place: Northwest Gospel Hall, 1350 Garfield Ave., N. W., corner Myrtle, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Date: Memorial Day, May 30, preceded by a meeting May 29 at 7:30 p.m.

Schedule of Meetings: 10:30 a.m., 2:30 and 7 p.m. Meals will be served and visitors, will be freely accommodated. Write to: William J. Pell, Box 2041, Grand Rapids 1, Mich.

Bristol, Va., June 29 to July 7

The 1963 Bristol Bible conference is to be held at Sullins College in Bristol, Va., June 29 to July 7. The entire college facilities will be available. Speakers: Peter Pell and T. Ernest Wilson. William McNeil will be directing the afternoon Bible readings, and Woody Murphy will conduct children's meetings during the adult services. Recreational activities will be planned by Dick Andrews and James Redling.

For further details write to: Mrs. Welcome Detweiler, Registrar, 415 N. Hyde Park, Durham, N. C.

Oklahoma City, Okla., May 18

Place: Grace Gospel Chapel, 35th and Shields, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dates: May 18 and 19, preceded by prayer Friday evening, May 17.

Speakers: Abe Hartsema, Morgan Bartlett and David Lawrence.

Meals will be provided, and accommodation given for those from out of town.

Carlton Jones, Correspondent, 2319 S.W. 22nd, Oklahoma City 8, Okla.

Workers Conference October 22-24

The 26th annual workers' conference is to be held at Cherrydale Community Chapel, 1905 N. Monroe St., Arlington, Va., Tuesday to Thursday, October 22-24.

Galt, Ont., June 8 & 9

Place: Gospel Hall, 30 Cambridge St., Galt, Ont.

Dates: June 8 and 9, preceded by a prayer meeting June 7 at 8 p.m.

Order of meetings: Saturday—2:30 and 7 p.m.; Sunday—10 a.m., 2:30 and 7 p.m.

Circulars will be sent to assemblies only. This is a joint effort by the two Galt meetings. Write to: John Fairchild, R.R. 4, Galt, Ont., or G. Champ, 19 Brook St., Galt, Ont.

Conference of Brethren, Guelph, Ont.

The seventh annual conference of brethren at Guelph Bible Conference Grounds, Guelph, Ont., will begin with prayer at 8:00 p.m. on May 31, and end with supper at 4:15 p.m. on June 2. Speakers: Peter Pell, T. Ernest Wilson, Russell Took, Harry Morrison and James Gunn. Their opening addresses will be followed by discussion periods; Chairmen: Allan Ure, William Miller, James Ruddle, George Reader, and Harold Dowdell.

Rate: \$13 including registration fee. Make application for accommodation to: The General Manager, Guelph Bible Conference Grounds, 485 Waterloo Ave., Guelph, Ont.

Address all other correspondence to: Allan M. Ure, 97 McRae Dr., Toronto 17, Ont.—HU 9-7983

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GOD WORKS IN INDIVIDUAL LIVES

Following are three short accounts of the way God has worked in the lives of individuals contacted in the hospitals. Names have been changed, and circumstances modified to protect identities.

Frank Ward, Chaplain, Maynard Hospital, Seattle, Washington

Harold, in his sixties, was to undergo serious surgery. But he was not saved. His brother and sister asked that the chaplain visit him and pray for him with them. The operation was a severe experience and recovery was slow, but soon it was possible to converse with him. Then he was told the gospel story. Many visits followed when scriptures were read together, with prayer. Harold placed his trust in the Lord and received Jesus Christ as his Saviour. His changed life was evident to his brother and sister. One of his letters gives thanks to our Lord for bringing him through such a serious time, and tells how his faith is being strengthened daily.

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A young doctor had previously had surgery for what was diagnosed as a malignant condition. When the chaplain first called on him he received him graciously. On a later visit the doctor had just finished reading a modern version of the Gospel of John, sent to him by a friend who had obtained it at Sermons from Science at the Seattle world's fair. The doctor asked for prayer and showed a desire to know God, but found it hard to exercise a simple faith. He asked if it would be appropriate to pray for favorable results from X-rays being taken to determine the success of the previous surgery. It was pointed out to him that prayer should be made to commit his way to the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour, trusting Him to work out His own purpose in his life. He understood this and prayed accordingly with the chaplain. The two alternatives of John 3:16 had become plain to him. He had always thought of himself as a spectator, not involved in having to decide for Christ, but when he left the hospital he said he was no longer a spectator of the Christian life in others, but was now "in it" himself.

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Mr. Lewis had been a successful contractor on road construction work when he found himself the victim of alcoholism. Social drinking, in connection with his business, had crept up on him and overpowered him in a prolonged drunken bout. It was well on its way to wrecking his health, his business, and his home. Divorce proceedings had been started by his wife, his business was at a standstill, and he was in a hospital needing bodily repairs. At last he could recognize him-

self as a sinner who needed to be saved. He accepted Jesus Christ as his Saviour, and was willing to trust Him to work out the problems that his life had created. Later the divorce action was stayed, he obtained new contract work, and his health improved. While the road back was difficult the constant presence of his Lord and Saviour gave him strength for each day.

YOUTH, PARENTS ATTEND CHRISTIAN COLLEGE CLINIC

An estimated 300 or more youth and their parents attended the first Chicago Area Christian College Clinic held March 30, at Woodside Bible Chapel, Maywood, Illinois. The purpose of this clinic was to orient parents and students concerned with college, Bible school, or professional education and training.

Paul E. Little, director of international student work for Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, laid out very analytically and frankly the advantages and disadvantages of attending both secular and Christian schools on the college level. Dr. Kenneth S. Kantzer, Chairman of the Department of Biblical Education and Philosophy, Wheaton College, spoke on the importance of education today and brought out the distinguishing characteristics of the Christian liberal arts colleges, Bible schools, Bible colleges and the Bible institutes. Eric Fife, director of the missions department of Inter-Varsity, spoke most effectively on the necessity of a complete commitment of the life to the Lord.

Preceding a buffet dinner, the audience was divided up into nine groups, before each of which the representatives of twelve schools appeared for ten-minute presentations of the features of their schools. These were as follows:

- John Brown University, Siloam Springs, Arkansas,
- William Jennings Bryan University, near Chattanooga, Tenn.,
- Calvary Bible College, Kansas City, Missouri,
- Emmaus Bible School, Oak Park, Ill.,
- Greenville College, Greenville, Ill.,
- LeTourneau College, Longview, Tex.,
- Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill.,
- Northwestern College, Minneapolis, Minnesota,
- Philadelphia College of the Bible, Philadelphia, Pa.,
- Taylor University, Upland, Ind., soon to move to Fort Wayne, Ind.,
- Westmont College, Santa Barbara, California,
- Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill.

Following dinner there were panel discussions for parents and for students, and each school had opportunity for contact at a booth or in a room where exhibits of the school could be shown in pictures, etc.

One Man's Annuity Plan

Here, substantially, is what one man did. (His name and certain facts are altered to protect his privacy.)

Harold M., age 72, retired, decided to convert enough of his investment in commercial securities to purchase an Annuity which would bring him \$150 a month for life, and which would at the same time make a substantial contribution to the work of Stewards Foundation.

Of the \$18,300 paid for the Annuity, 15% would be classed as an outright gift, making the net cost or value of the Annuity \$15,555.

His broker sold for the account of Stewards Foundation securities Harold M. had purchased at a cost of only \$13,400, but which now brought \$18,300. This amount the broker remitted to the Foundation.

Harold M.'s taxable gain was only \$2,155, the difference between the price he had paid for the securities and the value of the Annuity. And this was more than offset by his deductible contribution to the Foundation of \$2,745. So he had no tax to pay on the transaction.

Harold M. obtained another financial advantage, a perpetual one, from this conversion of appreciated securities to an Annuity. The securities had yielded him an average annual return of \$900, almost fully taxable. Now his Annuity brings him \$1,800 a year, of which only \$387 is counted as taxable income. At a tax bracket of 22%, his tax is only \$85, and his after-tax income from this source has increased from \$713 to \$1715.

We welcome inquiries about Annuities and will gladly counsel by correspondence or in personal conversation regarding investment and estate matters in strict confidence. Write to:

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The Local CHURCH

by Charles S. Howard

Questions and Answers about problems regarding operation of local assembly testimony conducted by a well-known editor of this publication. Unless otherwise indicated the answers are Mr. Howard's personal views.

Question 41. Referring to I Corinthians 14:34,

- A. What are the churches? Does "church" refer to the buildings or particular services, and if so, which?
- B. What is meant by "speak?"
- C. Does silence include refraining from singing?

Answer to 41A—The churches mentioned are gatherings of the Lord's people. To quote the late Mr. C. F. Hogg, "Wherever the church is convened, with whatever object, that is a church meeting and New Testament principles apply." Buildings are never called churches in the New Testament.

Answer to 41B—The word "speak" means the act of utterance. It is used twenty-four times in this chapter. To understand its meaning note verses 19, 21, 23 and others.

Answer to 41C—We do not believe singing is included. Singing praises to God is an important part of our worship. The prohibition must be interpreted in view of the subject of the whole chapter which includes teaching, preaching and the prophetic gift. To add singing is an invention of those who wish to pervert the Word of God to their own ends.

Question 42. I have received a notice of a conference which has the following statement: "All those servants of the Lord who are walking in the old paths are welcome." Would you please explain what is mean by "the old paths."

Answer—Any individual or assembly seeking to follow the pattern laid down in Scripture will be found walking in the "old paths" of divine truth. However, the implication given in the announcement you mention adds something to this simple definition which changes it completely.

Down through the years of assembly witness certain patterns of practice have developed which have not the backing of Scripture but have been carried on so

long that they are venerated as much as Scripture itself. These have mostly to do with such matters as song leading, special music, musical instruments, and whether speakers to a conference be invited or the platform left open and no prearrangements made as to how the meetings are to be conducted. Also (and this is perhaps the major consideration in most cases), there is the matter of reception to the Lord's table.

The truth is that not any of these matters are spelled out so clearly in the New Testament as to leave no room for a difference of opinion. This is why godly and spiritual men have differed. The sad thing is that a dogmatism has developed which leads some to say, "This is the only way, and if you do not conform to it we will have no fellowship with you." We do not doubt that love for the Lord Jesus Christ is equally shared by different groups. It seems that we have forgotten the teaching of Scripture: "Who art thou that judgest another man's servant; to His own Master he standeth or falleth" (Romans 14:4).

We should ever keep in mind that we are fallible creatures and it is possible that we may be wrong. We should therefore present to the world a united testimony by manifesting that love for the Lord's own which He emphasized just before He went to Calvary. It is not necessary to have conformity in every detail of assembly practice in order to love one another. Each assembly is responsible to the Lord for its own conduct. Oftentimes the members of a family have different tastes, likes and dislikes and yet have perfect harmony in the home.

We mournfully have come to the conclusion that Satan has won a great victory in the matter of dividing the Lord's people who love Him and His Word with equal sincerity, who essentially believe and practice the same New Testament truths, but who have been trapped into dividing over matters which cannot be founded on a positive "thus saith the Lord," but only upon men's opinions as to the meaning of a verse or passage. Men on both sides of the issue may be equal as far as godliness and sincerity is concerned, and their differences only prove that after all we are "dust" (Psalm 103:14). Perhaps much weakness and failure today stems from this. "A house divided against itself cannot stand" (Mark 3:25).

OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE

One licensed embalmer and funeral director who is an elder brother in the Lord. To be in charge of new funeral home in Alaska. Commission. Two-year duration requested, Lord willing. Contact:

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Chronic Patient Can Work in Prayer

FLORENCE BARNWELL, Audubon Sta., Box 5, New York 32, N. Y.: Recently I visited the home of a born-again Jewish girl. She has multiple sclerosis. Her older sister, Rita, died recently of the same illness, but both girls knew God was working all things out for good, and could thank Him for taking Rita to Himself.

Now Evelyn, with eyes full of tears, said that she had wanted to be a missionary, and could do nothing. We then talked of prayer together, and she began to see that God longed for those who would be His prayer missionaries. Her face began to light up.

The elderly mother is not yet saved.

Sometimes I take my flannelboard and messages to the home, so that Mother B can see as well as hear some of the things God has said about His beloved Son.

One Saved in Pembroke, N. C.

VENUS BROOKS, Box 215-N, Pembroke, N. C.: The series of evangelistic services conducted by Worth Ellis in Pembroke closed March 10. Many unsaved persons attended and attention was remarkable; but only one professed faith in Christ during the series.

Home Bible Class in New Hampshire Brings Blessing

ARTHUR DEWHURST, 430 Park St., North Reading, Mass.: A brother is conducting a weekly Home Bible class in a town near Center Barnstead, N. H., and has been seeing the Lord work in the hearts of several attending these groups. There has been some opposition from those who are leading their flocks in paths foreign to New Testament principles and the way of Salvation.

Ernest Gross Plans for Summer Camps & Bible Schools

ERNEST GROSS, Box 1113, Greenville, S. C.: We are planning lessons and handcraft for four camps and five Bible schools this summer. Our theme will be "Egypt to Canaan." We plan on lessons for young Christians as well as for the unsaved, and find that this series blends well for both.

Few Florida Tourists Interested in the Gospel

ROBERT HALLIDAY, Box 12, Port Orange, Fla.: I am conducting a cottage meeting at 7:30 every Friday evening in my living room, and one or two seem to be under conviction. But few tourists here are interested in anything other than a good time.

QUOTES FROM *Letters*

Inquirers Seek Assurance of Salvation

DAVID EDNIE, 131 Keller Le., Marion, Va.: Since the Home-going of my dear wife the saints have rallied round me, and the meetings are well attended. We hear of some who marvel at our assurance of salvation and desire to know more about it for themselves. I shall try to follow up these inquirers to lead them into the truth.



Businessmen Reached Through Luncheon Program

JOHN HALLIDAY, 3907 E. Paseo Grande, Tucson, Ariz.: Mr. Kermit Oestreich arranged a luncheon project in a high quality restaurant, to which each Christian man was to bring one unsaved friend. I spoke there on April 1, and was impressed by the cross section of businessmen from the city and the opportunity to tell the Gospel. The whole project was done very tastefully.

Several trust Christ in Ontario Schools

SYDNEY HOFFMAN, 15 Burnview Cresc., Scarborough, Ont.: The Board of Education allows me half-hour periods to teach God's Word in the public schools nearby. Several teachers and many scholars have trusted Christ.

Some Trust Christ in Sanford, N. C.

CLARENCE LOW, Box 511, Sanford, N. C.: Tommy Steele, Sr., concluded a week of gospel meetings here, through which some persons were saved.

Attendance at the Sanford Gospel Chapel Family Bible Hour has increased steadily during recent weeks.

Thomas McCullagh to Preach in San Jose, California



THOMAS McCULLAGH, 411 E. Logan Ave., Guthrie, Okla.: On May 21 I expect to start a series of gospel meetings in San Jose, California.

Frederickton, B. C. Assembly to Open New Hall

GEORGE HEIDMAN, Pubnico, Yarmouth Co., N. S.: The assembly in Frederickton, N. B. is planning to officially open its new Gospel Hall on May 5. The work in Frederickton was pioneered by my wife's father, the late Isaac McMullen. The assembly began over fifteen years ago. The original Gospel Hall was a converted service station. This was sold about three years ago and the Christians immediately started a new building in a housing development opened shortly before. At this time there were four men and four women in the assembly. Because of the nature of his employment the correspondent, Mr. Haines, was able to give the most time. They now have a large, attractive Gospel Hall which deserves honorable mention.

We purpose moving to Frederickton soon to work with our brethren in this large area. Pray for workers for this needy province.

Six Join Fellowship, Eight Baptized at Forest Avenue Tabernacle

HAROLD MACKAY, 3714 Freeman Mill Rd., Greensboro, N. C., March 15:

Six came into fellowship last Lord's Day; eight are to be baptized this coming Sunday. A young married couples' fellowship is beginning to function. Wednesday has been designated as assembly visitation night.



I have apparently overestimated my strength and have been doing too much, so have to indefinitely cancel all obligations and engagements.

Many Ontario Children Trust Christ

MELVIN WISTNER, 525 Terrill Rd., Fanwood, N. J.: I recently returned from three weeks of meetings in Blasdell, New York and northern Ontario. Attendance at the children's series in Orillia, Ontario, averaged 250, and at least 47 professed to trust Christ. Shortly after arrival in Orillia I became ill, but Ernie Belch of Sarnia graciously came and started the series for the first two nights; and ten enquirers waited behind each of these evenings. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Johnson and Mrs. Johnson's mother showed me much kindness there.

I went on to Lakesfield, Ont., where attendance averaged 140 and several responded to the gospel invitation.

Mrs. Morris Progresses Well; Children's Work Grows

RAYMOND MORRIS, Box 246, Winslow, Ariz.: Dorothy has made such good progress that she will not need to return to Phoenix for a further check-up until three months have elapsed. She has taken over full responsibility for the Every Girl's Rally. Numbers are increasing, and there are now thirteen juniors and four seniors.

The Every Boy's Rally has twenty juniors and four seniors. On our combined evenings once a month we now have about 40 children between the ages of 8 and 16 in full uniform. Most are from the Hopi, Laguna or Navajo Tribes.

There are still 50 to 60 of all ages in the Sunday school.

Activities planned for the summer months are: May 24, banquet for Every Boy's and Girl's Rallies; June 3-7, DVBS; June 7, annual Sunday school prizegiving; June 10-14, Girl's Rally camp; June 17-21, Boy's Rally camp 1; June 24-28, Boy's Rally camp 2; July 6-13, Glenwood Children's Camp, New Mexico; August 6-25, Flagstaff young people's Bible conference; August 28, normal activities resume for another year.

Lad of 17 Turns to Christ

WOODY MURPHY, Box 9, Siler City, N. C.: I recently led a seventeen-year-old boy to Christ, who was eager to know that his sins were forgiven. There has been a change in his life since.

This summer we expect to work with DVBS in Siler City, Newport News, Greensboro, Winston Salem, and Roanoke, Virginia. Eight days will be given to the Bristol Conference youth work, and three weeks in August at the Piedmont Boys and Girls Bible Camp. We are now in preparation for this summer work.

Workers Face Special Difficulties in Teaching Indian Children

ROBERT STALEY, Immanuel Mission, Teec Nos Pos, Arizona: It is difficult at times to know if we are getting the message across to the school boys and girls with their different cultural background and limited knowledge of English. (We are required to teach in English.) During the past two months we lost two of our students, whose parents kept them home to herd sheep. These children are subject to the same school laws as anyone, but no one checks on them. We trust that the Word they have heard will yet bear fruit.

We have started work on the school-room-chapel addition to our present school building.

Bus in Portales, N. M., Creates Need for Expansion



Our bus and those who ride it. Many come to three meetings a week.

DAVID METLER, 1116 W. 3rd St., Portales, N. M.: The assemblies in Iowa sent the school bus loaded with used clothing and other useful things. We got the bus ready for Sunday (March 10), and it was filled to capacity. We have had to ask some to use their own cars again to make room for others. The Thursday children's Bible class has doubled since better transportation has been provided. The parents have remarked on how the children are learning about the Bible.

This added attraction has drawn many new Catholic teen-agers to the meetings. One family had forbidden their three daughters to come any more, and they

were putting up a battle. We took this family a large box of used clothing, putting in some extra good clothes for the parents; on Sunday morning all three girls were at Sunday school.

Some brethren have contributed money for needy teen-agers who are struggling to finish high school, and we wish you could see the joy they show when the money is given to them. That ones they have never met should care so much is a testimony to them, and is opening their hearts to the Gospel. We thank you also, for they are like our own children to us. Two of these girls wear dark glasses to meetings to hide their conviction of sin.

Archie McLellan Ministers in Eastern Canada

ARCHIE McLELLAN, 214515 Santa Clara, Detroit, Mich., April 4: At the time of writing I am enroute to the Gaspé Coast, Quebec, and Nova Scotia, and expect to be at Moncton, New Brunswick for the Easter conference. My wife has recovered sufficiently from her long illness that I can take this trip.

We also have broadcast time 9 to 9:30 each Sunday evening on station WBFG-FM, dial 98.7, in Detroit, Mich.

Colporteur Work Done in Montague, P.E.I., Area

ALLAN WEBER, Box 496, Montague, P. E. I. For most of this winter Stanley Streight and I have been doing systematic house-to-house visitation in and out of Montague, besides helping with assembly meetings in several places. Through colporteur work we realize a good opening into homes, and many good contacts have been made.



Several Saved in Waterbury, Conn.

CESARE PATRIZIO, 224 W. Loudon St., Philadelphia 20, Pa., April 1: Since February 3 I have conducted gospel meetings in Waterbury, Connecticut. Some brethren from Hartford came to help us. Meetings have been well attended, and several have professed to be saved.

Three from Waialae, Hawaii, Baptized

JOHN RAE, 1017 Makaiwa St., Honolulu 16, Hawaii: On March 8 we baptized three adults at the beach. Two are the Chinese parents of a teen-age girl who has been in fellowship for about three years. The other is an engineer, and a wonderful help in the assembly.

We have a discussion group at the house on Thursday nights, and to this are added further parents from time to time, mostly Japanese. We expect professions of faith from day to day from some of these.

I expect to go to Canada via Pacific coast states for a few months at the end of April. Building at Waialae is still delayed, and the assembly there is now well able to carry on.

Indians Reach Indians

JOSEPH PAULICK, Box 881, Flagstaff, Ariz.: We are greatly encouraged by the interest of our Indian converts in reaching their own people with the Gospel, by persons trusting Christ as Saviour from time to time, and by good attendance at all our meetings.

It is expected that work on the inside of the Shonto Chapel will be resumed soon, to fit it for the large group of children in the government school there.

Mrs. Pollock's Father Called Home

MATTHEW POLLOCK, 3339 E. 44th Ave., Vancouver 16, B. C.: My wife has had to go to Edinburgh, Scotland, because of the death of her father. Rachel is an only child and is now bereft of both her parents. Pray that she may be a blessing among her relatives in a spiritual way, as many of them are unsaved.

Three Baptized in Montmagny, Quebec

FERNAND ST. LOUIS, Box 871, Montmagny, Quebec: I have baptized the first three Christians of Montmagny. They are of the same family—father, mother and eleven-year-old daughter. The man was saved some time before we came here. He found Christ as His Saviour while reading his New Testament alone, when he came to Acts 4:12. His wife came to Christ one evening in the quietness of our home, and the little girl during Sunday school class.

Itinerary for Tommy Steele, Sr.

TOMMY STEELE, SR., Box 7472, Winston-Salem, N. C.: After spending the last two weeks of March in Goldsboro and Sanford (N. C.) respectively, I am trying to catch up on the local and radio work during the first two weeks of April, and preparing to help David Pollock at Allen Junction, W. Va., April 14-28. Mr. Lawrence Chambers will be with us in Winston-Salem, April 28 to May 3, and Mr. George Landis, May 12-19.

Ben Tuininga Visits Saints in N. D.

BEN TUINGA, 9826 26th Ave. N., Minneapolis 27, Minn., March 6: Have just returned from North Dakota where I visited a number of scattered Christians. I made new friends, and hope that these contacts may lead to a number of assemblies raised up in the largest cities of North Dakota.

Fifteen Baptized in North Palm Beach, Fla.

C. ERNEST TATHAM, 737 Teal Way, North Palm Beach, Fla.: Though not unexpected, the Home call of my dearly loved wife, Beulah, on March 10, did come as a shock. After nearly 34 years of joint service for the Lord, I find that readjustment is not easy. God has been pouring in His sustaining grace, however, and has now en-



abled me to resume my full schedule of work here. Our daughter, Grace, who nursed her mother to the end, is staying here and is "mothering" the boys and me. Paul is now fifteen and David is twenty.

At our new Palm Bible Chapel in North Palm Beach, we have seen several confess faith in the Saviour during the past three months. Several new people have come in to the assembly, and fifteen were recently baptized in the lake.

Bible Class Begun in Wallace Branch of Augusta Library, Ga.

LESLIE RAINEY, 401 Milledge Rd., Augusta, Ga.: Many here show a keen appetite for the Word of God and come to hear Bible teaching. Permission has been given by the Board of Education to conduct a Bible class in the Wallace Branch (colored) of the Augusta Library among the teachers and all others interested. The beginning has been small, and how I wish that years ago more had been done to reach educational leaders with the message of the Book. After listening to many of the teachers' questions I realize more than ever how great our sin has been in not beginning at our door step.

I have been invited to teach at youth conferences scheduled at Texas, Koronis, Li-Lo-Li, and Lake Geneva during the summer. So I have declined any general conferences for the summer and expect to give myself wholly to youth work.

Mrs. Rainey Recovering, George Rainey Released to Travel

GEORGE RAINEY, Box 275, Sorento, Fla., March 16: Mrs. Rainey is growing a little stronger and can take a few steps now by herself. Her doctor has permitted me to go on a preaching trip.

Meetings at Hope Chapel, Zebulon, N. C. have been well attended in spite of some bad weather, and God has been speaking to hearts there. We go on to the Raleigh assembly today.



Nine Baptized in Sherbrooke, Quebec

ARNOLD REYNOLDS, 371 Normandie St., Sherbrooke, Que.: On March 3 the French assembly in Sherbrooke united with the English assembly (Grace Chapel) for a bi-lingual baptismal service, in which seven from the English assembly and two from the French assembly were baptized. The two from the French assembly, a man and his wife, were first contacted some years ago. They professed salvation last spring, and are now ardent in their love for the Lord and anxious to obey and serve Him.

While the work as a whole gives us much cause for thanksgiving, we have been conscious lately of determined attacks by Satan against it. It is comforting to remember that we are "laborers" together with Him, not architects nor yet solitary laborers—we can leave the planning with Him and enjoy His fellowship while we do the laboring.

BETHEL BIBLE SCHOOL IS A JOINT EFFORT

Dr. Arthur C. Hill, who was named in the March Letters of Interest as chairman of the Bethel Bible School board, notes that Bethel Bible School is a *joint effort* between some assembly men and evangelical Baptists to meet a deep need in Quebec. The assembly men feel free to act on the Bethel Bible School board because they know of nothing taught there which is in conflict with assembly teachings. The school, however, is not governed entirely by assemblies, as may have been assumed, but is a joint effort with Baptist friends.

CHANGE OF WIDOWS' ADDRESSES

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Mrs. George A. Vigor
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Plant City, Florida

Add to the list of workers' widows:

Mrs. John Welch
82 North 3rd St.
Chambersburg, Pa.

CONTACT, a Service to Servicemen

Several months ago a new service, CONTACT, was launched for Christian men and women in the armed forces. The purpose of this program is to enable servicemen and women to get in touch with others in their areas with whom they might fellowship and work together in witnessing. Through Letters of Interest a directory is maintained of those in the armed forces who are interested in this program. Servicemen, friends and relatives have already submitted names of Christian personnel, and the job of contacting those in the services has begun.

Others can help in this program by sending the names and addresses of Christian servicemen known to them. Moreover, the Contact department would appreciate hearing from assemblies interested in taking an active part in the privilege of encouraging Christian service personnel in their neighborhoods. Write to Mr. Neil M. Glass, CONTACT, c/o Letters of Interest, 127 S. Wacker Dr., Chicago 6, Ill.

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Some Things Absent From The Gospel of John

GENEALOGY

By Donald M. Taylor

There is no genealogy of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Gospel of John. Matthew's Gospel opens by tracing our Saviour's *legal* ancestry down from David and from Abraham, establishing His right to the throne of Israel. He was indeed son of David and Abraham, yet the genealogical table in Matthew is traced to Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was the virgin-born Son.

Through the angel of the Lord appearing to him in a dream, Joseph learns that the child conceived in Mary before they have come together as husband and wife is of the Holy Spirit. Confident of the veracity of the vision, Joseph takes Mary as wife, but knows her not as such until she has brought forth her firstborn son. And, instructed by the angel, he calls His name Jesus (Jehovah is salvation) to prophetically declare that "He shall save His people from their sins."

Mark also has a genealogy; a very brief one. Here it is: "Jesus Christ, the Son of God" (1:1); for in Mark we have no interest in any intermediate progenitors between God and His perfect Son-Servant. He has come to serve God and man on God's account, and no record of the line through which He came is needed. The Gospel of Mark, "the beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God"; presents in embryo, in typical physical deeds and miracles and in primary teachings what Luke and John will develop more fully.

Luke reserves his genealogy of our Lord until he has recorded the annunciation of John the Baptist and his birth, the annunciation to Mary of Jesus and the account of His birth, the annunciation to the shepherds and their visit to the manger where He lay, His presentation in the temple, His interview with the doctors in the temple at the age of twelve, His baptism and His temptation in the wilderness. Only then when He is at about the age of thirty does Luke trace His ancestry through the line of Mary, evidently, back, not just to David and to Abraham, but to Adam, and to God. For Luke, presenting our Lord Jesus as the Son of man, must demonstrate both His deity as Son of God and His humanity as child of Adam, sin apart. He as man must fulfill all man's obligations to God and then suffer for our misdeeds that we might be made the children of God.

But John contains no genealogy, for such would be out of place in a Gospel

that opens with these words: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God." Here Jesus Christ comes into the world as the full expression of the Eternal God, God Himself. He can have no genealogy, for as such He has no progenitors, no beginning. "I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last," He asserts in Revelation 1:11. He is the Eternal I AM.

And rather than a genealogy the Gospel of John records practical expressions of that self existence in its outreach to us to meet our need, to bring us out of dust and doom into eternal joyful relationship to Himself. In the Gospel of John, and there alone, the I AM says: "I AM the Bread of Life" (6:35); "I AM the Living Bread which came down from heaven" (6:51); "I AM the Door" (10:9); "I AM the Good Shepherd" (10:11, 14); "I AM the Resurrection and the Life" (11:25); "I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life" (14:6); "I AM the True Vine" (15:1), and "I AM the Vine" (15:5). In all of these aspects He is available to all who trust Him. We feed on Him as the Bread of Life, the Living Bread who came down from heaven to give Life to the world. We enter into salvation through Him as the Door. We are guarded from all harm by the Good Shepherd, kept eternally safe. We may dread death, through which all must pass short of the Lord's return in the air for His saints; but yet we can face it with assurance that He is the Resurrection and the Life, the very One who raised us out of spiritual death. We come to the Father by Him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. We will be fruitful branches if we abide in Him as the Vine.

Once more in the Gospel He declares Himself in this term which proclaims His self existence, therefore His eternity. But then it is to those who come as enemies and betrayer to take Him captive. To them twice over in the garden of Gethsemane He says "I AM"; just that and no added noun to invite their trust, to breathe assurance, to encourage faithful service. Spoken to identify Him in the light of their flickering torches as Jesus of Nazareth, and to protect His disciples, yet does it warn the band sent by the chief priests and Pharisees that He whom they would take and put to death is from all eternity, completely beyond their power to molest but by His permis-

sion, and the One to whom they must one day give account.

No, John records no genealogy, for obviously none could be given of the Word of God. Of Him John the Baptist says: "There stands One among you, whom ye know not; He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose . . . This is He of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for He was before me." Yes, and David and Abraham and Adam could say the same: "He was before me."

Mr. and Mrs. Deans Return to the Congo

March 1

We hope to fly toward Congo April 9. Our hearty thanks to assemblies and personal friends who have expressed fellowship with us in so many ways. We return to the Congo with a warm sense of gratitude to those who have graciously opened their homes, and welcomed us into their family circle. Thank you.

We're sorry, too, that we missed seeing loved friends. Time has sped by and we must return to Africa. The sense of obligation, necessity and real responsibility is upon us. Please forgive us if we didn't get to you personally. We greatly value your prayerful fellowship.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Deans

Address after April 9:

Nyankunde, Bunia,

Rep. of the Congo, Africa

Harold Harper Undergoes Treatment in Chicago, Illinois

Mr. Harold Harper has been undergoing thorough physical tests and some treatment in the Belmont Hospital in Chicago, Ill. He continues to be very weak. He was able to leave the hospital for a few days, but was not making recovery and has returned to the hospital.

Mr. Harper would like to thank his friends for their sympathy and prayers, and regrets that he cannot write.

Christians in Palm Harbor, Fla., Take the Gospel to the Audience

The assembly in Palm Harbor meets in the home of Norman Landis, 1306 Sutherland Drive, Robin Harbor. The Christians conduct gospel services at two migrant fruitpickers' camps in the area.

The assembly meets near a Christian college and a Christian high school. Services are: Sunday—9:30, Bible study, 10:30, breaking of bread; Wednesday—8:45 (was 7:45), prayer and Bible study.

Please pray with us about the possibility of a new assembly starting up in Dunedin Beach, about four miles south of Palm Harbor.

—Norman Landis



Save Used Christian Literature

In his work among seamen in the Boston, Massachusetts, port Mr. James W. Gibb uses second-hand Christian magazines and pamphlets regularly, often to replace cheap novels and cult literature on the ships. Such Christian reading material may be sent to: James W. Gibb, 22 Ridge Road, Belmont 78, Massachusetts.

Ministry on Tabernacle Proved Helpful to Chicago Area Christians

We enjoyed a most profitable series of meetings March 3 to 19 with Mr. David Kirk of Hamilton, Ontario. He used a beautiful model of the tabernacle from which the glories and beauties of Christ were unfolded. The ministry was helpful to everyone who attended from the various Chicago area assemblies.

—J. W. Kennedy

Travelers Note: Hong Kong Assembly Moves

The English-language assembly in Hong Kong is moving to new premises about the middle of this year. The new address will be: Kiu Fung Mansion, Flat 12A, First Floor, Junction of Austin Ave. and Kimberley Rd., Kowloon. Visitors are advised to secure information on arrival by phoning either Dr. H. C. Chan at 96495 or 31040, or Mr. M. Milliken at 25680 or 35621.

J. W. Bramhall to Minister in Yonkers, N. Y.

Mr. J. W. Bramhall of Charlotte, N. C., is going to teach at Bethany Chapel in Yonkers, N. Y., from May 5 through 26. He will give some church truth, some practical individual ministry and some teaching on the second coming.

Dr. Arthur Hill Continues Recovery

Dr. Arthur Hill writes that he is well on the way to recovery from the serious injuries incurred in a January automobile accident. It is expected that by the first of May, or shortly afterward, he will be quit fit and able to return to full-time work. At the time of writing (April 1) he was spending a month at the Veterans' Hospital in Montreal and was able to follow a very useful course there.

Assembly at New Smyrna Bible Chapel, Fla., Grows



New Smyrna Bible Chapel is now six months old. The assembly is made up partly of residents of New Smyrna Beach, with some from the assembly formerly meeting at Allandale, some from Deland (twenty-five miles to the west) and Daytona Beach (fifteen miles north). The nearest assembly to New Smyrna Beach is 50 miles south of us in Eau Gallie; the next is about 100 miles north at South Jacksonville. The projected expansion of government projects reaches to fourteen miles south of New Smyrna Beach, promising much growth in the local population.

J. Philip Morgan is ministering here

to profit, and attracting many who love the simple teaching of Scripture. Several families have followed him from his former church and are rejoicing in the fellowship of this assembly.

Development of the Sunday school has been slow because most of the families in the neighborhood are retired folk, but we are hoping to reach children from other sections of the city.

Attendance at the Family Bible Hour and evening ministry meetings has at times reached almost 100. A half-hour Gospel radio broadcast on station WSBB has been conducted on Sunday mornings at 8:30 by Wesley G. Harding for the

past four years, and is being sponsored by this assembly. Favorable comments are being received from those who seem hungry for the Word.

There is a great need for young families to carry on the assembly activities. There seems to be excellent potential for a thriving assembly here, and we desire the prayers of God's people that we may grow along Scriptural lines.

W. G. Harding

Editor's Note: The above chapel was built according to plans available in the files of Steward's Foundation.

Three Children Saved in Lantana, Fla.

The assembly has been meeting at Lantana Gospel Chapel, Lantana, Fla., for a little more than two years. Except for the children of our brethren, boys and girls are gathered from a building development five miles away. Recently Mr. Alfred Gibbs ministered to us for two weeks. On the last meeting a young boy professed to be saved; two girls have since made professions.

We need young, energetic couples who desire to serve the Lord and take a full interest in assembly work.

Four Saved in Florida

During March we visited in Florida and gave help to some of the assemblies there. We saw four persons saved and one young fellow receive assurance of salvation.

We can continue working in four grade schools. One young girl was saved recently, and plans to attend our Bible camp in Hinton this July.

While we were in Florida, the worst flood ever recorded struck our area, causing extensive damage to property owners along the Guyandotte River. The damage to Welton Chapel, Otsego Community Church, and our house was not as extensive as to buildings further down the river. However, the bridge to the Otsego building was destroyed and the heating system was put temporarily out of service. Welton Chapel had five feet of water in the basement, but without very much damage. Our house had a little over three feet of water, and the main damage was to my study including my library.

David Pollock, Correspondent of Welton Chapel, Allen Junction, W. Va.

Condensed Christian Books Sell on Magazine Stands

Mr. Fred Fries reports that he now has about 35 placements of Christian books in public places in the Charleston Heights, S. C. area. In most cases the books are being bought.

At the local T. B. sanatorium four or five men have been coming faithfully to the solarium every other Sunday to study the Gospel of John. When these patients are on leave every other week Mr. Fries distributes tracts in the wards. Mr. Julius Dennis also visits the colored patients regularly. Tracts are also distributed at the McClellan Banks Memorial Hospital, and the Word of God is brought to prisoners in the County Prison Farm in cooperation with the C.B.M.C. of Greater Charleston.



Mr. and Mrs. John T. Dickson of Atlanta, Ga., as they appeared at their 50th wedding anniversary in February.

Full-Time Worker Sought for Bronx Gospel Centre

The Bronx Gospel Centre, formerly known as the Bronx Gospel Hall, has been a witness to the Lord Jesus Christ in the Bronx, New York, area for over 50 years. The present location has been occupied for almost 35 years. During this time the neighborhood has changed until the assembly is now the only interracial meeting in the Bronx. The work here has grown much in the last three years, and fourteen of the Sunday school scholars have been saved, baptized and received into fellowship.

The Christians here are praying regarding the need for a full-time servant of the Lord to work here and to minister the Word to this growing group of young converts. Mr. B. Sam Hart, president of the Grand Old Gospel Fellowship, Inc., of Philadelphia, has given interest and active help. Mr. Audley McLean of Kingston, Jamaica, has worked among us for the past four weeks and is to continue until Easter. His ministry and work of visitation have been very helpful, and we pray concerning the possibility that the Lord might lead him to remain.

—Archie W. Graham, Sec.

Clothing Gifts Will Aid Negro Work in Buffalo

Used clothing sent to Mr. and Mrs. Otis Tillman in Buffalo, N. Y., will promote their work for the Lord among colored people in the Buffalo area. Children of all ages attend their Bible class, Sunday school, and release time classes, and many of these need clothing. Clothing for all ages and sizes, including adults, can be distributed. Shoes, boots, towels, and bedclothes would also meet needs there.

Contributions should be sent to: Mrs. Otis Tillman, 461 Masten Ave., Buffalo 9, N. Y.

N. Y. Mission Fellowship Grows, But Teen-Agers' Interest Drops

Recently four adult and three teenage Spanish believers from the lower east side mission were baptized in the Spanish Gospel Hall in Brooklyn. Among the adults was a young couple, Cruz and Lydia Rodriguez, who were saved a few years previously, and recently came into fellowship with the assembly. Mr. Rodriguez is gifted, and through his ministry has encouraged the adult Spanish work. He carries the burden of the Spanish work now.

From September to December up to as many as twenty-five teen-agers came to meetings at the mission. Frequently teen-agers taking dope, and others who seemed to have little hope in their environment, would come in. Now with the exception of two, the group no longer attends meetings in the mission building.

Mrs. Helen Petrale has seen much interest in the religious instruction classes held among the elementary school children in the afternoon. A Bible study with the teen-agers in her home on Friday nights has also been encouraging.

Our mission is composed of one room. Larger facilities would be more suitable, for it is becoming difficult to teach six Sunday school classes here. Also pray with us for a Spanish man to assist with the work here.

Richard E. Greenip, Correspondent

New Assembly Work Begun in Cleveland

The opening of Faith Gospel Chapel, 8719 Hough Ave. in Cleveland, Ohio, last October, grew out of a prolonged effort by some of the Christians of Elim Gospel Chapel to reach the youth of the area. Cottage and Bible reading meetings were held during the winter months, children's and open air meetings were conducted in the summer, and thousands of gospel tracts were distributed. These activities culminated in the acquiring of Faith Gospel Chapel.

In January, four believers from Faith Gospel Chapel were baptized, and it is expected that others will be baptized in the near future.

Clayton Harris, Correspondent

HOUSE FOR SALE

Modern masonry. Three years old, 3 bedrooms, 1½ baths. Two blocks to Chapel. Owner: Samuel B. Jackson, 312 Roslyn Ave., New Smyrna Beach, Fla.; Phone 305-428-9382.

With The Lord

Mrs. Joseph Balsan

Helen Mary Carolyn Johnson was born in Calumet, Michigan, in 1910, and all her girlhood and young womanhood was lived in that immediate area. While a student at Marquette Teachers College she heard the Gospel and trusted Christ as Saviour. Later she led both her mother and father to the Saviour.

For some time after the death of her mother she had sole responsibility for the care of her invalid father.

In May, 1942 she was married to Joseph Balsan, who at the time was serving as an evangelist in the "Copper Country" of Michigan. To their union two sons were born. The Balsan family moved from Copper City to Fort Dodge, Iowa, in 1951 and three years later to Des Moines.

In 1959 Mrs. Balsan was found to have a malignancy, and her last four years here were marked by suffering. She passed quietly into the Lord's presence in her sleep in the early morning of March 26. Her survivors are her husband and two sons, David and Joseph.

The following men took part in the funeral services: David Lawrence, Michael Hoffman, Leonard Lindsted, James Green, John Elliott, Milo Vande Krol, Karl Pfaff, William Morgan, and Bill Green.

Correspondence may be sent to Mr. Joseph Balsan, 4011 13th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

John G. E. Welch

John George Embleton Welch passed into the presence of his Lord a few minutes before midnight on March 29, from the home of Norman Gutshall, Harrisburg, Pa. But a few hours before, he had given his last message in the Seventeenth Street Gospel Chapel of that city. Most fitting was the portion from which he spoke, the last chapter of II Timothy. Many listeners felt that he realized it was to be his last message, especially as he dwelt on verses 7 to 8. He had been in poor health for some months, but kept ministering the Word and doing daily visitation work.

Mr. Welch was born July 9, 1891 in Sunderland, County of Durham, England. As a young man he ministered in the Evangelical Church of England and taught in one of its schools. In 1934 he saw the assembly pattern for the church in the New Testament, and, stepping out on faith, came among the Christian assemblies. He was the first principle of the Matlock Bible College.

In 1958 Mr. and Mrs. Welch came to Canada and the United States, where his ministry has been deeply appreciated and where he has been much in demand at various Bible conferences and assemblies. For the last six months they lived in Chambersburg. He ministered in that assembly and in others in the area.

Though of outstanding scholarly attainments, Mr. Welch never paraded that fact. His ministry was characterized by deep humility, untiring zeal, unquestioned fidelity, gentleness and grace. His messages were marked by clarity and were aimed at the heart.

Mr. Welch is survived by his wife, Elizabeth and two daughters: Mrs. George Perry of Cornwall, England, and Mrs. William Norman, a missionary on the border of Uganda and Kenya, Africa.

The funeral was conducted by George M. Landis, who spoke on the text of Mr. Welch's last message, II Timothy 4:7-8. Norman Gutshall led in prayer. Burial was in the Lincoln Cemetery, Chambersburg, Pa.

Correspondence may be sent to: Mrs. Elizabeth Welch, 82 N. 3rd St., Chambersburg, Pa.

Mrs. James B. Humphrey

Florence Gilbert Humphrey, beloved wife of LOI Associate Editor James G. Humphrey, was born October 25, 1895 in Chicago, Illinois, and departed to be with Christ March 23, 1963.

The greatest event of her life occurred on January 8, 1903 when she realized her need of the Saviour, and received Him through the verse, John 3:16. Simple trust in Christ was to mark her whole life with a devotedness to Him and a thoughtfulness for others.

She and James Humphrey were married on June 27, 1925 and to this union two children were born—Gilbert, who preceded her in death, and Sally. She fellowshiped with Christians at the Laflin Street Gospel Chapel, Chicago, and also at the Oak Lawn Bible Chapel, Oak Lawn, Ill.

Three nurses who attended her during her long illness gave evidence of having committed their lives to Christ as a result of contact with her and her family.

She is survived by her husband, her daughter, two sisters—Mrs. Lillian Irvine and Mrs. Gilbert, as well as a host of relatives and friends.

Members of her family were responsible for the distribution of about 300 copies of the condensed Christian book, *Life After Death*, by Lehmann Strauss, at the funeral home and through the

mails. Many business acquaintances and friends who do not know Christ received copies and were impressed by the family's confidence. Mr. Humphrey and Sally Humphrey did not just grieve for themselves, but talked about salvation to those who came to express their sympathy and respect.

Mrs. C. Ernest Tatham

Beulah Northey was born in Lakefield, Ontario, in 1906. As a girl of nine she was born again through memorizing Romans 10:9; and was baptized in the lake shortly afterward. In 1926 she entered Toronto Bible College, where she met Ernest Tatham, also a freshman. Both graduated in 1929, and were married four months after graduation. From this marriage came five children and three grandchildren.

Mrs. Tatham addressed ladies' meetings, but her chief ministry was as a devoted wife and mother. She served as her husband's secretary throughout their more than 33 years together, typing all of his letters and manuscripts. She had a deep interest in foreign and home missions; in the summertime she habitually rose at 5:30 each morning to spend some time praying for her long list of missionaries. The annual Ladies' Missionary Conference, sponsored by the women of Leaside Bible Chapel, Toronto, was her "brainchild." And at the Guelph Bible Conference Beulah Tatham served as a capable and selfless hostess. She also loved to entertain the Lord's people, and during the years that the Emmaus Bible School functioned in Toronto several students enjoyed a good dinner at her table almost every Sunday.

Mrs. Tatham was called home on March 10, 1963. Her funeral was held from the new Palm Bible Chapel in North Palm Beach, Florida. Svend Christensen gave the message. The hymn, "Great is thy faithfulness," had been requested by her in advance. Mr. Tatham gave a tribute at the service, and closed with prayer at the grave.

Correspondence may be sent to C. Ernest Tatham, 737 Teal Way, North Palm Beach, Fla.

BOOK REVIEW

SINGAPORE SURVIVOR, by David R. Enlow, 64 pages, paper. Good News Publishers, Condensed Book, 50c.

A well-told true life story of Dan Snaddon's experiences as a war prisoner of the Japanese for three and a half years from February, 1942 to August, 1945. Dan, who went to war as a medical orderly with the Royal Army Medical Corps, is now ministering the Word and preaching the Gospel in connection with the work of Bethany Chapel, Eau Gallie, Florida.

Young People Meet for Christian Service

About a year ago, young people of college and business age from assemblies in the metropolitan New York-New Jersey area agreed to form a group which would meet monthly. Before long everyone felt that it was not enough to meet for fellowship only, that they should have an outreach in service to the Lord.

Out of the 62 who attended their spring banquet in May, 20 were unsaved. An outing in July at Jones Beach, and the first Christmas fellowship with C. Royal Young as speaker, were two other opportunities for reaching unsaved friends for Christ. Plans are being made to repeat these activities and include others.

Other opportunities which opened were the Nutley Youth Canteen, a club for children meeting at the Nutley assembly on Saturday mornings, and preaching the Gospel in assemblies, open air meetings, and in homes for the aged.

Plans are being made to continue this type of ministry and to expand it by meetings at various missions as the Lord leads.

A warm welcome awaits any young

people of college and business age who would like to fellowship with this group, and become true "Ambassadors for Christ."

Young Greenwood Alumni Band for Service

During March and April the Greenwood Congress Colleagues conducted Saturday youth rallies and provided music for the Family Bible Hour services in Pittsburgh, Penna. and Washington, D.C.

The Greenwood Congress Colleagues is a group of young Christians who have attended the Greenwood Hills Young People's Congress (Penna.) Their desire is to continue a year-round ministry of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ and encouraging fellow Christian young people to live effectively for the Lord.

The 1963 Young People's Congress is to convene at Greenwood Hills June 21 through 29. It is open to young men and ladies aged 16 through 26. Accommodations are available for married couples in this age group, but without their children. Mr. William McNeil of Raleigh, N. C., is to be the speaker, with a competent teaching staff conducting the classes and workshops. The theme for the

classes is, "Equipping Youth for Mature Participation;" while the theme for the workshops is, "So Great Salvation." The total cost for the eight days is \$26. A special brochure is available from the registrar, Richard Barlow, 2717 Aldan Rd., Baltimore 14, Md.

*Jim Dunkerton, Congress Program
Director*

Two Saved at N. H. Winter Retreat

Two young people trusted Christ, and two Christians rededicated their lives to Him, as a result of the New England Young People's Winter Retreat conducted February 21-24 in Sunapee, N. H.

Form of Bequest

I give and bequeath to **LETTERS OF INTEREST ASSOCIATES**, a non-profit Illinois

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_____ dollars, and I declare that the receipt of said Associates shall be a sufficient voucher.

LETTERS OF INTEREST ASSOCIATES (ONTARIO)

Comparative Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the Years Ended December 31, 1962 and 1961

	Operating Fund	Fellowship Fund	Total 1962	Total 1961
Cash in Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Thornhill, Ont.—January 1	\$1,820.61	\$ 811.50	\$2,632.11	\$1,143.69
Cash Receipts:				
General Contributions	2,189.32		2,189.32	2,427.42
Advertising	70.00		70.00	
Exchange (See Contra)	1,500.00		1,500.00	
Fellowship Contributions		8,379.00	8,379.00	5,088.50
Total Receipts	3,759.32	8,379.00	12,138.32	7,515.92
Total to be Accounted For	5,579.93	9,199.50	14,770.43	8,659.61
Cash Disbursements:				
Magazine Publication	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,600.00
Stationery, Supplies, Postage and Office Expense	1.00		1.00	47.60
Bank Expense	24.55		24.55	17.90
Exchange (See Contra)	1,500.00		1,500.00	
Fellowship		9,050.50	9,050.50	4,362.00
Total Disbursements	3,525.55	9,050.50	12,576.05	6,027.50
Cash in Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Thornhill, Ont.—December 31	\$2,054.38	\$ 140.00	\$ 2,194.38	\$2,632.11

ACCOUNTANT'S OPINION

The records of total receipts and disbursements making up the accompanying statement were checked by the undersigned and it is my opinion that this statement correctly reflects the cash transactions of Letters of Interest Associates (Ontario) for the years December 31, 1962 and 1961. The cash balances of respectively \$2,194.38 and \$2,632.11 were verified by direct acknowledgment from the bank with me.

Dated: April 10, 1963

J. W. Cotton

ADD TO YOUR RADIO LOG

Arizona

KCLS, Flagstaff (600 kc)—Sunday, 7:45 a.m.—Inter Tribal Gospel Messengers, Jack Smith—Navajo tongue, Ray Seuntewa, Hopi tongue.

California

KBB1, Los Angeles (107.5 mc)—Saturday, 6:30 p.m.—Harmony Inn, Dick Matthews

KPRL, Paso Robles (1230 KC)—Saturday, 5:00 p.m.—Harmony Inn, Dick Matthews

Michigan

WGHN, Grand Haven (1370)—Sunday, 1 p.m.—Harmony Inn, Dick Matthews

Two Radio Stations Changed

Gospel broadcasts by Minor Hawk over stations WMVZ-FM in Detroit and WPIT in Pittsburgh have been cancelled. The following is the present schedule of broadcasts by Minor Hawk:

WARO, Canonsburg, Pa. (540 AM) — Monday through Friday, 12:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m., 4 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.

WHHH, Warren, Ohio (1440 AM) — Sunday, 3:30 p.m.

HELP WANTED

Young or middle aged couple to assist in the expanding ministry of the Christian Servicemen's Center at Key West, Florida. For further information write to the **Christian Servicemen's Center, 620 Southard St., Key West, Fla.**

ARE WE FULFILLING OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO THE JEWS?

From Mr. Joseph Hallett of Windsor, Ontario, we received a stirring letter regarding the relationship of Christians to the Jews about us. We quote in part:

I have been in assembly fellowship for about 50 years and, to my knowledge and observation, in all these years I have found that the Jews have been almost entirely left out of our missionary program . . . I have yet to hear a prayer in our gatherings for the Jews and for those who carry the Gospel to them. . . Did not our Lord say, "Salvation is of the Jews?" . . .

I know that there are those who are faithful and work hard among them, and the Lord is blessing their efforts with many turning to the Word of God and
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LETTERS OF INTEREST

Comparative Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the Years Ended December 31, 1962 and 1961

	Operating Fund	Fellowship Fund	Total 1962	Total 1961
Cash in First National Bank of Chicago—January 1	\$ 17.78	\$ 5,234.05	\$ 5,251.83	\$ 9,384.00
Cash Receipts:				
General Contributions	26,868.02		26,868.02	28,808.56
Advertising	2,366.15		2,366.15	2,945.51
Letters of Interest (Ontario)	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,623.03
Exchange (See Contra)	220.00		220.00	
Fellowship Contributions		117,993.77	117,993.77	97,041.60
Literature Contributions	561.54		561.54	527.99
Total Receipts	32,015.71	117,993.77	150,009.48	130,946.69
Total to be Accounted For	32,033.49	123,227.82	155,261.31	140,330.69
Cash Disbursements:				
Magazine Publication	17,580.13		17,580.13	18,873.62
Magazine Mailing and Postage	6,337.05		6,337.05	8,321.45
Other Postage	751.90		751.90	747.70
Envelopes and Stationery	192.00		192.00	143.48
Office Expense	14.68		14.68	85.34
Bank Expense	188.52		188.52	21.43
Office Services	7,200.00		7,200.00	5,600.00
Exchange (See Contra)	220.00		220.00	
Fellowship		103,245.62	103,245.62	100,794.96
Literature Purchases	592.45		592.45	490.88
Total Disbursements	33,076.73	103,245.62	136,322.35	135,078.86
Cash in First National Bank of Chicago—December 31	\$ (1,043.24)	\$ 19,982.20	\$ 18,938.96	\$ 5,251.83

ACCOUNTANT'S OPINION

The records of total receipts and disbursements making up the accompanying statement were checked by the undersigned and it is my opinion that this statement correctly reflects the cash transactions of Letters of Interest for the years ended December 31, 1962 and 1961. The cash balances of respectively \$18,938.96 and \$5,251.83 were verified by direct acknowledgment from the bank with me.

Dated: April 10, 1963

J. W. Cotton

WHEN THE NORTH WIND BLOWS

by C. Ernest Tatham

This testimony was first printed in a column by C. Ernest Tatham in the Palm Beach, Fla., newspaper.

The acid test of Christianity is not found in the ordinary humdrum of everyday life, when things move along fairly smoothly, but rather in adversity. The south wind usually brings fine weather; but the north wind, cold and storm.

Since I wrote the last article for SPIRITUAL HIGH TIDE my family and I have experienced the north wind. I have lost my wife, and my children have lost their mother. She went to heaven the other day by the cancer route.

After nearly 34 years of a most happy married life, this comes as a heavy blow. During this period my wife shared fully every department of my being, filling the role of not only a life partner, secretary and counsellor, but also the beloved mother of our five children.

Friends have asked me if Mrs. Tatham knew that she was dying with cancer. The answer is, Yes. She knew all the facts. She knew that she could not last too long, and in the light of this, made full preparations for the end. She picked her pall bearers in advance, and also requested that we sing, "Great is Thy Faithfulness" at the funeral service.

A few days before the end, as I sat at her bedside, I asked her, "Are you happy, Dear?" She opened her eyes, and replied with one word "Very!" "And what makes you happy?" I enquired. "Because all my future has been taken care of," she answered with a smile. "The Lord Jesus looked after that when He died for me."

This quiet confidence was characteristic of Mrs. Tatham's whole life. It did not flow out of wishful thinking, nor was it the product of some religious fanaticism. Otherwise it would have sagged at times. But the fact is that her sense of her spiritual security never wavered; it was steady and firm throughout life. Her faith was based on the unchanging word of God. She simply believed what God said.

As a girl she had realized that Jesus, the Son of God, had died for her sins on the cross and, as risen from the dead, He had invited her to trust Him completely with her whole life for time, and her soul for eternity. And this she did. And she never looked back.

Mrs. Tatham was loved by thousands for her quiet and consistent Christian life. With Paul she could say, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

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Responsibility to the Jews

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finding Christ as their Messiah and Saviour. The Chicago Mission to the Jews has workers in most cities of the United States and in Toronto, Ontario. They visit Jews in hospitals, business places, and homes, get their children into Sunday schools and even have a daily gospel broadcast from Monte Carlo, Monaco beamed to Israel....

Let us remind ourselves of God's promise to Abraham, "I will bless them that bless thee"....

I am writing these thoughts to you that we might all consider this matter, retrace our ways, and do something about it.

Editor's comment: The 1962 Almanac states that there are a little over 12,000,000 Jews in the world, of which almost half live in the United States. Our land, therefore, is no doubt realizing some of the blessing indicated in Psalm 122:6, "They shall prosper that love thee." But should we not be more aware of the tremendous opportunity at our doorstep, with almost one out of every two Jews in the world living near us, to bring the Gospel of grace to the nation through whom God chose to bring it to us?

We know of work being done among Jews at the San Diego Hebrew Mission in California, at Hermon House in New York City, and in the weekly Messianic Forum held in St. Louis, Mo.

PRAY FOR HOSPITAL CONTACTS

Please pray definitely with me for a seriously ill lady with whom I have had pointed conversations. In one discussion she remarked that she is being pulled in two directions: through the influence of a sister to Bahaism, and to Christianity. I put the Word before her and prayed in her presence that she might be saved. I

expect to have further opportunity with her, but am impressed that she cannot be won without much prayer.

I spoke about the Lord to another who was so deeply discouraged that she had taken an overdose of a sedative. A young married man, injured in a fall at work, responded to my query that he did not know whether he were a Christian or not. I talked simply with him, and gave him "Safety, Certainty, and Enjoyment," which he appreciated. Our contacts are not concluded.

Robert Arthur, chaplain, Auburn General Hospital, Auburn, Wash.

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High Officials Attend MEMORIAL FOR THRESHER CHRISTIAN

The tragic loss of the atomic submarine USS Thresher with 129 persons aboard on April 10 brought in its wake an audience of about one thousand to hear the Gospel preached at memorial services April 21 for one of the victims of the disaster, Donald W. Kuester. In the audience at the Memorial Chapel of Maryland University (where Donald Kuester had done post-graduate work) were the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, U. S. senators and representatives, admirals and other high ranking government and military officials. John Smart spoke on I Peter 1:3-4, and was assisted in the service by David Kirk and Phil Clarkson.

Donald Kuester was aboard the submarine, on its fatal 8,400 foot plunge, as senior engineer and chief of the acoustics and electronics division, Naval Ordnance Laboratory, White Oak, Maryland. At the memorial services Captain Odening, Commander of the U. S. Naval Ordnance Laboratory, read the official statement of the Navy; and Dr. Hartman, Technical Director of the Laboratory, presented the civilian, engineering, and personal aspect of Mr. Kuester's twenty years of service. Mr. Kuester's work had been designed to save lives; he had received citations and awards for meritorious service, and his accomplishments had resulted in patents favorable to the Federal Government. The impression of his good testimony was further evidenced by the many messages sent of sympathy and appreciation.

For twenty years Mr. Kuester was in happy fellowship with Christians meeting in the Chillum Heights Gospel Chapel, Washington, D. C. Here he served effectively as Sunday school superintendent, and contributed much good counsel on the plans for the new chapel presently under construction in nearby Maryland.

The Gospel Chapel in Atlantic, Iowa, where Mr. Kuester had grown up, was overcrowded for a second memorial service held there May 5. Cal Lindeman and Phil Clarkson directed this service.

Mr. Kuester's consistent, godly life and



Donald W. Kuester

outstanding accomplishments present the challenge of Hebrews 13:7, "whose faith follow," with the practical assurance of I Timothy 4:8 that "godliness is profitable unto all things."

Lloyd W. Wineberg

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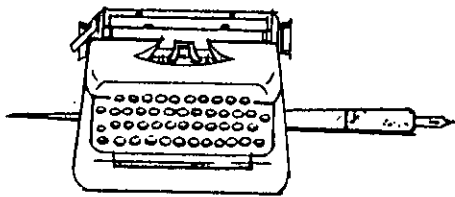
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Editors' Page

PLEA FOR SPIRITUAL COUNSELLORS

"Wherewithall shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word" (Psalm 119:9).

Many in the Christian community are anxious to influence the young for Christ, and endeavor to do this through Sunday School, Bible Club, Daily Vacation Bible School, and camp activity. These efforts are rewarding as boys and girls come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and to a desire to live Christian lives. However, our greatest need in working with young people is to encourage them to study God's Word themselves. Can we do this adequately in the half hour allotted for the Sunday School lesson, or even in the camp program?

Most Christian young people are idealistic. They therefore seek to do what is expected when they are encouraged by those whose lives bear the likeness of the One they would follow. How many of our elders will call at youngsters' homes and sit with open Bibles, seeking to counsel and encourage them personally in living the Christian life? How many are prepared to do this?

We must take the time to give such personal spiritual counsel! We must be prepared to give it!

John McCallum

DOCTOR, CURE YOURSELF

To many a medical man might be directed the cryptic challenge that trembled on the tongues of the Lord's audience in the synagogue at Nazareth: "Physician, heal thyself." To the heart specialist who prescribes adequate rest for his patients while he himself overworks; to the specialist in respiratory diseases who smokes cigarettes; to the chiropodist who limps on neglected feet; and to the overweight dietician we might point that proverb, "Physician, heal thyself."

But our concern here and now is not with doctors or dieticians; rather it is with preachers and teachers and all expositors of the Word of God. For with such there is a continuing danger of failing to apply the Word to their own hearts and lives. It is much pleasanter to pierce an audience with an arrow from the Scriptures than to allow that arrow to prick one's own conscience. Yet the expositor is plagued with the same old rebellious nature as is the audience and the medicine he prescribes for their ills is as necessary for him and just as unpalatable to his flesh as to theirs.

For example, he can preach with unction and power and pleasure to the sinner and young convert the necessity of implicit faith in a faithful Creator and Redeemer, yet find in himself a natural disinclination to practice faith.

Whoever undertakes to give spiritual counsel to others ought ever to be telling the man in the mirror, "Doctor, cure yourself. Take copious quantities of your own prescriptions." Paul told Timothy that the farmer must himself first partake of the fruit he produces. The one who exhorts the Lord's people to give generously must himself give sacrificially, and he who preaches holiness must himself

practice holiness. He must with Paul be able to say, "Brethren, together follow my example and observe those who live after the pattern we have set you."

The bleaching bones of many a shipwrecked testimony mutely declare that the master of a once gallant craft failed to follow Paul's example. Paul confessed, "I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection, lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a cast-away."

In the church, gift can be better spared than example—preaching than practice.

Donald M. Taylor

THE VALUE OF PRAYER

Hannah was a woman of prayer (I Sam. 1:13). Her desires could not find expression in words; she "spake in her heart." To the aged priest, whose eye was fast waxing dim, she seemed as one who was drunk. But her prayer was heard, and the Lord granted her petition (verse 27).

She seemed to have bequeathed the spirit of supplication to her child Samuel, for in due time he comes before us as a man of prayer. In Psalm 99:6, while Moses and Aaron are singled out from among the priests of God, Samuel is specially mentioned "among them that call upon His name." Israel seemed to know that Samuel was one who had power with God in prayer; for we hear them saying to him in I Samuel 7:8, "Cease not to cry unto the Lord our God for us, that He will save us out of the hand of the Philistines."

The value of prayer seems to be but little understood. The Lord has said that "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16).

—W. R. Simpson

SPIRITUAL FREEDOM

It was not an easy road that led Paul to his conclusion concerning the law as found in Romans 8:2—"The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." It must surely have been wrought out of varying emotions and agonies of soul.

Paul discovered, as all Christians should in their early experience, that there are two laws working within a person's soul. One is the carnal law seeking always to debase. The other is the spiritual law striving to ennoble and purify the life through the call of God. Paul discovered that these laws are at variance and said, "The good that I would do, that I do not, but the evil which I would not that I do. O, wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" (Romans 7:19-24).

It was then that Paul discovered a power greater than himself through which he could conquer his own nature. He learned that only by yielding to the law of the Spirit could victory be achieved through the grace of God, and not through relying on the flesh or one's own strength.

J. W. Kennedy

GOSPEL to the ESKIMOS

By EVERETT BACHELDER

Box 655, Nome, Alaska

and in
BOTTLES

**Nome Area Evangelized by
Visits, Radio, Literature, Preaching**

Ocean Currents and Winds Deliver Gospel Message

At Barrow Alaska, is the Arctic Research Center, supported by the U. S. navy jointly with the University of Alaska. Here we listened to lectures on how the ice islands are cared for, and met an Eskimo who had found one of our gospel bottles under the pack ice. This bottle had drifted for many years over 1,000 miles to get there as it dodged ice cakes, for the ice at Barrow is broken up only one month each year. God had watched over that bottle and guided it into Eskimo civilization. This Eskimo told of his joy in finding the bottle with the Scriptures, and that it had spoken to his soul. Though he had never written to us, he had been praying for us.

There are others who do write to us. In 1953 when we first began to float the bottles, a Coast and Geodetic Survey team crew found one of the bottles near Point Hope, about 500 miles away. They sent us detailed charts of the currents throughout this whole area; and we noted that all the currents from Nome go westward and northward. Those that go westward go on beyond Siberia to Japan and end near the Philippines. The other currents go through the Bering Straits, half going to Alaskan Arctic shores, and the other half to the ports on the North Siberian coast. Every spring before breakup of the Bering Sea, various young peoples' groups of the craft classes meet together to fill hundreds of the bottles with gospel portions in 25 languages. We then take them far out on the Bering Sea in May. When the ice breaks up, usually by June, the bottles are carried far and wide by the currents. Each year people write to tell of having found these bottles, and some tell of how the Lord used these to speak to their hearts.



Mrs. Bachelder and a girl's class rest on a hike.

The population at Nome is 75 per cent Eskimo, and in outlying villages this percentage is higher. Because Nome is a center, we are able to reach from outlying areas, some of which have no gospel work. From these areas some people come to us for gospel papers, Testaments and other needs.

The Lord blesses constantly through the visitation work at the hospital. During this winter one young mother lay gravely ill. We had met her several years ago on St. Lawrence Island (40 miles from Siberia). Christian nurses had also witnessed to her about the Lord. One day as I read to her from her own Testament, her eyes lit up with joy, for her soul had come alive to the Lord after she had confessed to me that she had never let Him into her heart. Her husband had been opposed to the Gospel. But after he heard that her illness might bring certain death, he listened intently as we opened the Scriptures together. But Irene recovered, and has now returned to Gambell to shine for the Lord there.

For several years I have been chaplain

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We do not begin to know how many are reaching Siberia, since we have had no letters from there, but in recent years we have also added a "Gospel Float" project. The gospel floats are plastic envelopes filled with the Scriptures in many languages, which float and are carried more by the winds than by the currents. When the winds are blowing to the west, we are almost certain that these are cast up on the shores of Asia. We launch these at all times of the year. Many of them come from the Merseyside Bottle Evangelists of Liverpool, England and from George Phillips, the Bottle Evangelist from Tacoma, Washington, who has heard from nearly 100 countries of the world where bottles have landed.

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The Bachelder family

OCEAN CURRENTS

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He has written us recently that at his age he cannot continue to handle both the bottle ministry and the float ministry. So he is sending us his equipment for making the plastic floats.

The above ministries have led to correspondence with people in far-off lands. We just had a letter from a young man in Indonesia, Ko Djong Tjang. He had received some gospel literature from us and wrote, "After each paragraph you concluded with sentence from the Bible. We are nonChristian, but we agree with the words on the leaflet. Have you a booklet spare of 'God's Way of Salvation'? I simply want to read it."

Another letter arrived the day of the Thresher disaster. It was from a saved boy who wrote it aboard a submarine that was leaving the Quantanimo Bay area. He asked us to pray for the buddies aboard his submarine. A few weeks before this we had received a letter from the saved commander of another submarine asking us to pray for his men on board. And on board the Sea Dragon, which anchored off Nome, the Lord had another witness. The public was invited aboard this submarine, which had passed under the Polar Cap with its last stop at Portsmouth, N. H. We met a boy on board who was a witnessing Christian and who enjoyed helping me pass out Gospels of John to the rest of the crew.

ASSEMBLY CHANGES

Bethel Gospel Hall
809 North Ninth St.
Phoenix, Arizona

Breaking of bread, 10; Sunday school and Bible class, 11; gospel meeting, 7:30; prayer and Bible reading, Wednesday, 8. Correspondent: John O. McCollm, 131 E. St. Catherine.

Christians in Phoenix have acquired the above building after meeting in homes for six months. They extend a courteous welcome to any who meet to worship the Lord Jesus Christ, who are visiting, ministering or passing through. They would appreciate receiving any usable Believers' or Redemption hymn books.

South Normandie Gospel Hall
Los Angeles, California

Address of correspondent: William E. Stewart, 2057 W. 109th St., Los Angeles 47.

Gospel Chapel
Lansing, Ill

Correspondent: James Gilbert, 115 Carnation Dr., Dyer, Indiana (not Illinois as mistakenly stated in the May LOI).

NOME AREA

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at the combined local and federal jail here. After David Shiner, a Wycliffe Bible translator, had given the gospel message, Ralph, an Eskimo boy from Point Barrow, confessed that he used to make fun of missionaries in his village, but that now he could see that he had been rejecting the Saviour. Right there he opened up his heart to the Lord. After he had been freed from jail and had returned to Barrow, I met him on a trip I took to that outpost, and found him going on wonderfully for the Lord.

We still use most of the lower floor of our residence for meetings. Folding chairs are a great help, and our new furnace keeps us all warm even in the most severe weather. Occasionally we have a good attendance of adults, but most of the work is with boys and girls. We have taught regular sessions with the Emmaus Bible Correspondence School courses this spring, with a few adults enrolled. The local radio station has helped by putting on special announcements, and some have been writing in from the villages to ask for courses. We have also been using the "Light of Life" course on the Gospel of John.

Winter lasts most of the year here, but the Lord gives many opportunities to reach persons in visitation in the homes. In June when the snow and ice usually go, most of the families go to

hunting and fishing camps in outlying areas. There are grand opportunities to reach many in these camps.

Missionary radio station KICY is a valuable aid to spreading the Gospel throughout this whole region. Each evening local groups present a program called Evening Vespers. Letters pour in continually telling of blessing from their program, and there are many whose conversions are traced directly to the broadcasting. During the week for our local assembly the Lord worked in hearts and we received letters of encouragement too. Tom Westwood's program, the "Bible Treasury Hour," was on for a year on week days. Though neither this nor other programs from our assemblies are on now, good gospel programming is sounding forth from this station daily.

A Billy Graham team representative came to Nome with the films, "Jerusalem" and "Shadow of the Boomerang." The Lord spoke to the hearts of junior age young people, some of whom our own children had especially prayed for. One was a Catholic boy who had been mean to our children and had even beaten them up for their faith. He came to me with bowed head to tell me that he had trusted the Lord Jesus.

We have greatly appreciated occasional visits from brethren to help with the ministry and Gospel preaching, especially since Nome is 500 miles from the main highways. We are also glad for tape recordings sent to us of ministry given at special meetings and conferences.

Vista Bible Chapel
134 East Drive
Vista, California

The chapel address is new.

Schedule of meetings: breaking of bread, 9:30; Sunday school and Bible hour, 11; gospel meeting, 7; young people's meeting, 8:30; prayer and Bible study or ministry, Thursday, 7:30.

Lantana Gospel Chapel
Lantana, Florida

Correspondent: Frank M. Biffen, 2514 Lake Osborne Dr., Lake Worth, Florida.

Gospel Hall
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Correspondent: Daniel Fox, 134 Washington St.

Olney Gospel Hall
Philadelphia 20, Pa.

Correspondent: Harry Wiegand, 4533 Old York Rd., Philadelphia 40.

New meeting in home,
Wichita Falls, Texas

Home of O. C. Thames, 2225 Holliday.

Whitman Avenue Gospel Chapel
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Address of correspondent: Harry Soderlund, 10031 Wallingford Ave., N., Seattle 33.

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Itinerary for Edwin Fesche

EDWIN FESCHE, 721 E. 34th St., Baltimore 18, Md.: I spent part of April in Virginia, including rural parts where I conducted tent meetings nearly 30 years ago. The "seed" then planted fell occasionally into some "good ground." Later I conducted a week of prophetic meetings in Allentown, Pa. This effort attracted several visitors. I plan to be in White Plains, N. Y., and in early summer to be at Pine Bush Bible Camp, Thompson Ridge, N. Y.

William Brown Visits Assembly on Coral Key

WILLIAM BROWN, 6790 N. W. 33rd St., West Hollywood, Fla., April 29: The work in West Hollywood has progressed to the place where we now feel free to leave it for visits to other assemblies and to accept invitations to other areas. A few weeks ago we spent the week end with a little group of believers on Longboat Key on the west coast of Florida. This group meets in Joseph Hoffmann's home on the Gulf. As we remembered the Lord there with about eleven Christians, the stillness of the morning was intermittently broken by the sound of the surf.

After the breaking of bread we had a Bible class, to which a few more came from the Key. In the evening we had another class attended by another group. These people asked many questions about the Bible which we tried to answer. Many of them live there during the winter and return to the North for the summer. We would like to help this group all we can, and to see a work develop in the nearby city of Bradenton. We would appreciate hearing from any interested Christians living in this area.

Next week we are to minister in Key West, and then do some more local work before leaving for the North for our summer schedule. This includes visits to Lexington, Mass., Dover, Del., Washington, D. C., Nokesville, Va., and then Lake Louise Bible Conference in Toccoa, Ga., in August.

William McRae Ministered in Pembroke, Ontario

WILLIAM MCRAE, 348 McLean St., Renfrew, Ont., April 24: At the present time we are having a special series in the assembly in Pembroke. Meetings are on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, with a visitation program for Thursday nights. Radio time has been arranged and we use this to advertise the meetings and to present a short gospel message.

During the summer I will work at Camp Galilee near Renfrew, and in three weeks of vacation Bible school work, two in the Renfrew assembly, and one in a public school near Arnprior.



Marmora, N. J. Children's Meetings Well Attended

EDWARD RICHMOND, Box 298, Ocean City, N. J.: More and more children are attending the Friday night meetings in the V. F. W. building in Marmora. Parents are showing much interest in bringing their children. Several young men from the Margate Assembly have been helping with this work. Robert Bateman and Paul Wagner have proved very dependable.

In Olney, Pa., after a gospel meeting led by F. W. Schwartz and myself, a nine-year-old girl came to tell me she was saved while I was speaking to the children in Sunday school. A nurse in the old ladies' home in Dover, Del., was saved while a young man from the Dover assembly and I were talking to her. She is now very happy, and wants to see others saved.

Earl Miller Ministers on the Christian Life

EARL MILLER, 702 W. Barner, Lot 14, Frankfort, Ind.: I have conducted meetings in Illinois, Tennessee, Virginia, Delaware, and Pennsylvania, and am now working my way homeward. I expect to go to some of the western states this summer. I have led some series on the theme, "How to Live the Christian Life," based on Romans 6 to 8; and appreciation has been expressed.

SYSTEM EXPEDITES VISITATION WORK

JOHN HALLIDAY, 3907 E. Paseo Grande, Tucson, Ariz.: Through visitation one conveys to people the encouraging fact that their presence is important. But one should not wear out one's welcome by a long visit; normally, short visits are appreciated.

For the city of Tucson I made a main list of all the contacts the assembly has, including everyone from children to adults. Then, dividing the city into five workable sections, I made up file cards which could be stacked according to their section; thus, if I am visiting in a certain area I can have my contacts for this area all together. I also keep a rough diary of visits made. As we get new contacts, I add these to the list.

All this has proved very practical and easy to work out, and gives me a fine overall picture of the contacts in the city.

Lawrence Darlings Get Into Work in San Antonio, Texas

LAWRENCE DARLING, Box 12108, San Antonio 12, Texas: Since our arrival in San Antonio we have found many avenues for service. The children's work at the Gospel Chapel has blossomed out, and we now have another building behind the Chapel for the Sunday school. As we live near the Mexican border, we have been able to make periodic trips into Mexico to distribute literature. This summer we expect to work at the Cedar Hill Bible Camp, Cedar Hill, Texas.

Diagnosis for H. Mackay Confirmed

HAROLD MACKAY, 3714 Freeman Mill Rd., Greensboro, N. C., April 25: I have just returned from the Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston Salem, where the head of the Neurology Department made a thorough study of my condition. Past diagnoses were confirmed, but future treatment seems indefinite. Surgery is still questionable.

Easter Holiday Meetings Bring Total Attendance of 1863

SYDNEY HOFFMAN, 15 Burnview Cres., Scarborough, Ont.: During the Easter holidays we had meetings for boys and girls in the mornings Monday through Friday, and again in the evenings for the whole family. Total attendance for the week added up to 1863, and a good number of children stayed behind for further inquiry into the way of salvation.

We plan to conduct four vacation Bible schools this July in the four nearest public school buildings. All this enables us to get into a great many homes; names and addresses are filed for further follow up.

Will Miller Moves to Toronto

WILL MILLER, 1103 Mississippi Blvd., Bettendorf, Iowa: On June 7 we shall move to Toronto, and our address will be c/o Leaside Bible Chapel, 826 Eglinton Ave., E., Toronto, Ont.

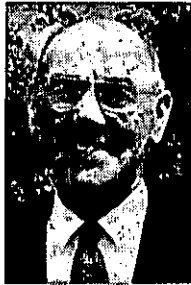
During July 1 will minister at Hawthorne Bible Convention, N. J., Word of Life Camp, N. Y. and Guelph Bible Conference, Ont.

Two Saved, Two Baptized, in Hinton, West Virginia

HARRY PILKINGTON, Box 498, Hinton, W. Va., April 13: Yesterday we baptized two teen-age young people, one of whom was saved recently, the other some time ago. Two other young people received the Lord during the past few days. Other young people and some older folks seem to be under conviction.

Mr. and Mrs. Crick Expect to Return to England

ALFRED J. CRICK, 5333 MacMahon Ave., Montreal 29, P. Q., April 17: Since the start of this year we have ministered in California, Colorado, Ontario, and Quebec, and are now in Victoria, B. C. Our next visits are planned for Courtenay and Powell River, B. C.



We thank all who have prayed for us and whose hospitality and fellowship my wife and I have enjoyed. We hope to return to England June 29. Our future is uncertain.

The George Rainey's Health Improves

GEORGE RAINEY, Box 275, Sorento, Fla.: Mrs. Rainey is still very weak but can sit out in the sun now and the doctor wants her to get out. My health is much better.

Several Saved Through Work at Piedmont Sanitarium, Va.

WILLIAM OGLESBY, Victoria, Va.: I spoke recently to the colored patients in the Piedmont Sanitarium, a state operated tuberculosis sanitarium. For over fifteen years Mrs. Allie Mae Coolidge has witnessed there. She has led several to the Saviour and has encouraged their spiritual lives. Some have suffered for their faith after returning to their homes, but apparently have remained true to the Lord.

Believers' Children Saved in Grand Bend, Ontario

TOM WILKIE, Box 183, Forest, Ont., April 25: I have just concluded six weeks of gospel meetings in Grand Bend with Robert Booth. Six of the Christians' children professed faith in Christ, and others were under deep conviction.

Seventeen Profess Faith in Waterbury, Connecticut

CESARE PATRIZIO, 224 W. Loudon St., Philadelphia 20, Pa.: In Waterbury, Connecticut, we conducted ten weeks of gospel meetings with the help of two young men from Hartford. Attendance by believers and unbelievers was very good throughout. Seventeen professed faith in Christ, among them an Italian man of 88 who had just come from Italy; and a woman of about 45 who had come from Italy in September. All the rest are young boys and girls.

Two New Christians in Montmagny, P. Q., Persecuted

FERNAND ST-LOUIS, C. P. 871, Montmagny P. Q., April 19: Two men have yielded their lives to Jesus Christ. They are brothers, one the father of six lovely children, and the other of two. Both are going through the fire of trial, as they are prominent in this area.

Yesterday Mrs. St-Louis gave birth to a little girl, weighing 8 lbs. 6oz.

New Work Opened in Goleta, Calif.

DAVID SHARP, 4040 State St., Santa Barbara, Calif.: We have been able to open an entirely new work in the university city of Goleta. We have been meeting in a home for four Sundays, conducting Sunday school in the morning and the breaking of bread in the evening. Four families are vitally interested in developing a testimony here.

Eight Accept Christ in Albany, Ga.

LESTER WILSON, 1303-8th Ave., Albany, Ga.: Alfred Gibbs ministered here for a week in January; Elliot Van Ryn taught here during March, using the Emmaus course on I and II Thessalonians; and J. Philip Morgan came to minister from Daytona Beach, Fla. Eight persons have professed faith in Christ since the beginning of this year.

WANTED—

Workers' Portraits

To help acquaint its readers with the full-time commended workers in the U. S. and Canada, Letters of Interest is pleased to print each workers picture about once a year in addition to publishing news quotes from their letters. Some of the photographs in LOI files are now out of date, whereas portraits of many other workers are not in hand.

Clear, glossy photographs taken recently of full-time, commended workers in the U. S. and Canada are needed, and receipt of these would be greatly appreciated.

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Fear of Persecution Silences Some Quebec Professions

RAYMOND TAYLOR, 8615 Boyce St., Montreal 5, P. Q.: Recently six persons made profession of salvation but because of fear of persecution only one, Mr. Lachapelle, has come out with a clear-cut testimony. This young man's relatives are amazed by the change in his life. He and the others face satanic



opposition.

On March 31 six persons were baptized in a combined meeting of three French assemblies at the Ebenezer Chapel in Montreal.

Two weeks ago the new Ford, made available largely through Workers Together, was purchased and is now in good use for the ministry. We are thankful for the many Christians who prayed and helped to secure this.

A Christian in the U. S. has offered to do the art work for attractive and colorful "Wall Scripture Texts," and Norman Buchanan has agreed to print them. The project will be costly, but we know that it will be very effective in spreading the Good News. So far such texts have been unavailable in French except for a few made individually.

100th BIRTHDAY FOR JOHN REID IN MAY

John Reid, who was commended to full-time work by the Mount Pleasant Assembly in Vancouver, B. C., was to celebrate his 100th birthday May 30 at the time the following report was received.

Born in Elgin, Scotland, he was saved as a lad of fifteen. For some years he was the only brother among a group of sisters in the meeting at Bervie, Kencardineshire. These sisters were true "brethren," and so he received a good grounding in assembly truth. Later he and his wife moved to Motherwell, where he proved in Roman Road Hall to be a great leader and Bible class teacher of young people. His gift as a teacher and preacher kept him busy every week and around Lanarkshire and neighboring counties. A highly respected and valued workman of D. Colville and Sons, he was "a preacher by profession, but made steel to pay expenses."

He retired at 64, and came to Vancouver, Canada, in 1927. Later, the Mount Pleasant Assembly commended

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THE RESIDUE

By Dr. Tom D. Parks

The prophet Isaiah was keenly aware of the heathen practices of the people who lived around Israel. He saw them make their idols and bow down to wood and stone. In fact, part of the greatness of his oration in the 40th chapter of his book is a result of the contrast of the heathen practice with that of the high and noble concept of Israel. "Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in: that bringeth the princes to nothing; he maketh the judges of the earth as vanity."

Again and again in the succeeding chapters Isaiah comes back to this theme, describing the making of idols and the futility of bowing down to them. One particularly interesting description is in the 44th chapter where he tells of a heathen woodman cutting down a tree, using part of it to warm himself, part of it to cook his food, and part for an idol to his god. After this description he again points out vividly and with passion the contrast of this poor heathen with the high calling of Israel and their worship of the eternal God.

Now in all of this we Christians say a hearty "Amen," but there is something

in the story of the woodman which should cause us to examine our own manner of life and worship. Let's look at it again. He cut down the tree and used part of it to warm himself; this was necessary for his preservation. With the second part he cooked his food, and enjoyed roast meat; this to him was luxury. Then with the residue he carved an idol and worshipped his god. Notice, first he had his necessities, then his luxuries, and what remained, the residue, he devoted to his god. Isaiah, of course, knew this was directly opposite to what a godly Israelite would do. He brought the first fruits of the land to the Lord, and then the finest of his herds and his flocks to sacrifice. God's portion was always first and best.

Are we Christians in modern America like the heathen woodman or are we like the godly Israelite? I am afraid the woodman presents the clearer picture. From our abundance we provide our necessities—house, clothes, food, automobile, education, and many other things which we so classify (the first portion of the tree). From our excess we provide our luxuries—television, second automobile, summer homes, air conditioning (the second portion of the tree). From the residue we give to the Lord and we wonder that the work languishes and in many places is hindered because of lack of funds.

100th BIRTHDAY (continued from page 7)

him for work in Canada and the U.S.A. He and his wife Nellie are well known and loved, particularly in the remote towns of the Prairie Provinces where they often visited the smaller assemblies. Christians were encouraged, and sinners saved through his preaching. With Nellie's constant care and help they were able to travel extensively until 1961.

Mr. Reid is blessed with a family of two daughters and six sons. His family circle includes eighteen grandchildren and thirty great grandchildren. Recently his earthly frame has shown increasing signs that Mr. Reid is approaching the gates of Heaven. May these days be brightened for him with an increasing glory.

Cards and remembrances may be sent to: Ste. 102, 6080 East Blvd., Vancouver 13, B. C.

18,203 ENROLLED IN BMA'S 20TH YEAR

The 20th Annual Bible Memorizing Contest began in January with 18,203 children, young people and adults enrolled. The Bible Memory Association work began in 1944 with 590 enrollments, and has increased on an average of about 1,000 each year. Each contestant follows a systematic memorization plan geared to his age group, and each two weeks a Christian book, plaque or game of the contestant's choice is sent to him as a reward. The grand reward is a week at one of the seven BMA summer camps.

The BMA work is evangelical and interdenominational, and is supported through free-will offerings of Christian people. Through its program many have accepted Christ as Saviour and Lord, and Christians have been nourished and strengthened for more effective Christian service.

CONFERENCE IN STRAFFORDVILLE, ONT.

June 29-30

Place: the Gospel Hall one mile south of Straffordville, Ont. Dates: June 29-30. Order of Meetings: Saturday—ministry at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday—breaking of bread, 10:30; Sunday school, 1:45; ministry, 2:30; gospel meeting, 7:30.

Visitors will be accommodated as usual.

George Adlington, Correspondent,
Straffordville, Ont.

OUR STEWARDSHIP

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Received during the month of April, 1963	
Receipt Nos.	Amounts
790-935	\$ 8,537.90
For Fellowship	7,736.00
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Received during the month of April, 1963	
Receipt Nos.	Amounts
4913-4921	\$ 207.00
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For Publication & Expense	27.00
TOTAL	\$ 207.00

*Canadian expense contributions are included eventually with U. S. A. gifts.

ERROR IN ANNUAL REPORT

In the Annual Report for Letters of Interest Associates, Ontario, printed on page 18 of the May issue, the figure given as the total to be accounted for in the Fellowship Fund was \$9,199.50. This figure should be \$9,190.50.

THE LOCAL CHURCH ?

No questions—no answers. So the next time a good question on church organization and conduct comes to mind, write it down and send it in. Mr. Howard is looking for those questions. Or have they all been answered?

Send to: Mr. Charles S. Howard
219 Southwest 292nd St.
Federal Way, Washington

1963 SUMMER CAMPS

General Conferences Included

Bethel Bible Camp, Westlock, Alberta

Conference for Christians—June 30 to July 1.

Family and Youth—July 2-7.

Rural Children Camp—July 9-14.

Registrar: Ben Lievers, Box 7, Neerlandia, Alta. Phone 114.

Camp Imadene, Maple Bay, Vancouver Island, B. C.

Rural Bible Course—June 29 to July 6.
Junior Girls—Ages 9-11: July 8-15, July 15-20.

Senior Girls—Ages 12 and over: July 23-30.

Senior Boys—Ages 12 and over: August 1-8.

Junior Boys—Ages 9-11: August 12-19, August 19-24.

Registrar: H. C. Sheppard, Box 758, Duncan, B. C.

Morning Star Bible Camp, Westbank, B. C.

Seniors—Ages 15-18: July 3-12.

Intermediates—Ages 12-14: July 14-21.

Juniors—Ages 9-12: July 23-30.

Registrar: H. B. Ewer, Box 233, Westbank, B. C.

Camp Galilee, Haley's Station, Ont.

Junior Boys—Ages 9-11: June 30 to July 10.

Junior Girls—Ages 9-11: July 14-24.

Senior Girls—Ages 12-15: July 28 to August 7.

Senior Boys—Ages 12-15: August 11-21.

Young People—Ages 16 and over: August 24 to September 1.

Director: R. J. Booker—until June 26: 1505 Claymor Ave., Ottawa 5, Ont.; after June 26: Camp Galilee, Haley's Station, Ont.

Guelph Bible Conference Grounds, Guelph, Ontario

Dominion Day Conference—June 30 to July 1.

Bible Camp—Ages 9-12: July 2-19.

General Conferences: July 20-27, July 27 to August 3, August 3-10, August 10-17.

Youth—August 17-25.

Labor Day Conference—August 31 to September 2.

Director: C. Ernest Tatham, c/o Guelph Bible Conference Grounds, 485 Waterloo Ave., Guelph, Ont.

Joy Bible Camp, Bancroft, Ontario

Youth Pep-er Up-er Week End—June 29 to July 1.

Boys—Ages 10-14: July 3-13.

Girls—Ages 10-14: July 13-23.

Bunny Camp—Ages 7-9: July 23-30.

Adult Conferences—August 3-10, August 10-17, August 17-24.

Teens—Ages 14-20: August 24-31.

Civic Holiday—August 3-4.

Labor Day Conference—August 31 to September 1.

Director: W. E. Belch—until June 13: 15 Lambert Dr., Belleville, Ont.; after June 15: c/o Joy Bible Camp, Bancroft, Ont.

Medeba Bible Camp, West Guilford, Ont.

Senior Boys—Ages 13-16: June 29 to July 13.

Junior Boys—Ages 10-12: July 13-27.

Senior Girls—Ages 13-16: July 13-27.

Junior Girls—Ages 10-12: August 10-24.

Extended Sessions:

Senior Boys—July 13-27.

Senior Girls—August 10-24.

Director: Stuart C. Wilson, West Guilford, Ont. Phone: West Guilford 2203.

Camp Mini-Yo-We, Mary Lake, Port Sydney P. O., Ontario

Ages 10-16.

Boys—June 29 to July 13, July 13-27.

Registrar: Mr. H. Quigley, 64 Queen Mary's Dr., Toronto 18, Ont. Phone BE 3-3174.

Girls—July 27 to August 10, August 10-24, Registrar: Mrs. D. Telfer, 167 Ferris Rd., Toronto 16, Ont. Phone PL 5-8749.

Northland Bible Camp, Wavell, Ontario

Boys—Ages 9-14: June 30-July 13.

Girls—Ages 9-14: July 14-27.

French Camp—Ages 9-14: July 28 to August 3. Director: M. Gaston Jolin, Rollet, Quebec.

Adult and Family Week—August 4-10.
Bible Conference—August 5.

Youth—August 11-17.

Director: Chester Donaldson, Box 1499, South Porcupine, Ont. Phone 235-5182.

Emmanuel Bible Camp, Dundas, P.E.I.

Teens—Ages 14 and over: July 1-9.

Intermediates—Ages 11-13: July 9-18.

Juniors—Ages 8-10: July 18-27.

Family Camp—July 27 to August 3.

Registrar: Allan R. Weber, Box 496, Montague, P. E. I.

Frontier Lodge, St. Hermenegilde, P. Q.

French Camp—Ages 14 and over: June 27 to July 6.

Boys—Ages 11-16: July 6-20.

First Junior Camp—Ages 7-11: July 20 to August 3.

Second Junior Camp—Ages 7-11: August 3-10.

Girls—Ages 11-16: August 10-24.

Youth—Ages 16-25: August 24 to September 2.

Registrar: Mildred A. Beckwith, 575 Victoria St., Sherbrooke, Quebec.

Strasbourg Bible Camp, Strasbourg, Saskatchewan

Bible Camp—June 29 to July 17.

Adult Conference, Youth Rally—June 29 to July 1.

Teens—July 2-7.

Boys and Girls—July 9-17.

Registrar: W. Farquhar, 1076-1st Ave., N. E., Moose Jaw, Sask.

Koinonia Conference Grounds, Watsonville, California

Kids' Camp—Grades 3-6: July 14-21, July 28 to August 4, August 4-11.

Juniors—Grades 7-9: July 21-28, August 11-18.

Young People—Grade 10 and over, or Age 15 and over: August 18-25.

Registrar: Harold Gilmore, 1518 Acton St., Berkeley, Calif.

Southern California Bible Camp, Wrightwood, California

Boys—Grades 4, 5 and 6: July 28 to August 4.

Girls—Grades 4, 5 and 6: August 4-11.

Teens—Grades 7, 8 and 9: August 11-18, August 18-25.

Seniors—Grades 10 and up: August 25 to September 1.

Registrar: Mrs. Phylis Beers, 6330 W. 83rd St., Los Angeles 45, Calif.

Camp Elim, Colorado Rockies, Colorado Springs, Colorado

High School Boys and Girls—Grades 10, 11 and 12: June 21-29.

Family Day—July 4.

College Age Boys and Girls—July 4-7.
Grade School Girls—Age 9 through Grade 6: July 15-20.

Junior High Boys—Grades 7, 8 and 9: July 22-27.

Grade School Girls—Ages 9 through Grade 6: July 29 to August 3.

Junior High Girls—Grades 7, 8 and 9: August 5-10.

Registrar: John Walden, Sr., 1926 Woodburn St., Colorado Springs, Colo.

Camp Stephens, Crawfordville, Georgia

Teens: August 11-17.
 Director: Ernie Gross, Box 1113,
 Greenville, S. C.

**Iowa Bible Camp,
Twin Lakes, Iowa**

Boys and Girls—Ages 9-16: June 16-22,
 August 23-25.

Registrar: Karl J. Pfaff, 2613 S.
 Martha, Sioux City 6, Iowa.

Bair Lake Bible Camp, Jones, Mich.

Men's Retreat—June 2-3.
 Junior Boys—Ages 8-11: June 30 to
 July 14.

Junior Girls—Ages 8-11: July 14-28,
 August 11-18.

Senior Boys and Girls—Ages 12-15: July
 28 to August 11.

Family Week—August 18-25.
 Youth Week—August 25 to September
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Write to: Bair Lake Bible Camp,
 Route 1, Jones, Mich.

**Smith's Creek Bible Camp,
Smith's Creek, Michigan**

Ages 7-11: July 7-13, July 14-20, July
 21-27.

Ages 12-17: July 28 to August 3, August
 4-10, August 11-17.

Director: Grant Love, 20031 Monte
 Vista, Detroit 21, Mich.

**Upper Peninsula Bible Camp,
Forsyth, Michigan**

Boys—Ages 9-14: June 22 to July 13.
 Girls—Ages 9-14: July 13 to August 3.
 Youth—Ages 15 and over: August 3-17.
 Family Camp—August 17-26.

Write to: Box 541, Oak Park, Ill., until
 June 10; after June 10 to: Upper Penin-
 sula Bible Camp, Forsyth, Michigan.

**Story Book Lodge Christian Camp,
Cedar Lake Road, Gilbert, Minnesota**

Teens—Ages 13 and over: July 1-13.
 Boys and Girls—Ages 8-13: July 15-27,
 July 29 to August 10.

Family Camps—August 11-25.
 Registrar: Ben Tuininga, 9830-A 26th
 Ave., N., Minneapolis 27, Minn., or c/o
 Story Book Lodge Christian Camp, Box
 108, Gilbert, Minn.

Camp Berea, Newfound Lake, N. H.

Juniors—Ages 7-9: June 29 to July 6.
 Boys—Ages 9-14: July 6-20.
 Girls—Ages 9-14: July 20 to August 3.
 Youth—Ages 14-20: August 3-10.
 Family Conference—August 10-24.
 Young Adults—August 24-31.
 General Conference—August 31 to
 September 2.

Write to: Berea Bible Conference, Box
 725, Lawrence, Mass.

Deerfoot Lodge, Speculator, N. Y.

For Boys, Ages 9-17: June 30 to July
 14, July 14-28, July 28 to August 11, Au-
 gust 11-25.

Director: James A. Fenton—before
 June 15: Box 62, Dumont, N. J.; after
 June 15: Deerfoot Lodge, Speculator,
 New York.

**Camp Li-Lo-Li,
near Red House, N. Y.**

Boys and Girls—Ages 9-13: July 6-20,
 July 20 to August 3.

Teens—Ages 13-16: August 3-17.

Young People—Ages 16-25: August 17-
 24, August 24-31.

General Conference—August 31 to
 September 2.

Registrar: Ivan Nelson, 45 Arrowhead
 Dr., Rochester 11, N. Y.

**Pine Bush Bible Camp,
Thompson Ridge, N. Y.**

Boys, Girls, Adults, Teens—June 29 to
 August 24.

Teens—August 24-31.

Registrar: Howard H. Klenk, 9120
 Columbia Ave., North Bergen, N. J.

Camp Hope, Canton, North Carolina

Boys and Girls—Ages 9-12: July 28
 to August 4.

Director: Ernest Gross, Box 1113,
 Greenville, S. C.

**Piedmont Bible Camp,
near Greensboro, N. C.**

Boys—August 4-10. Registrar: Woody
 Murphy, Box 9, Siler City, N. C.

Girls—August 11-25. Registrar: Wel-
 come Detweiler, 415 North Hyde Park,
 Durham, N. C.

**Eagle Fern Youth Camp
Portland, Oregon**

Boys and Girls—Age 9 years, or Grades
 4 and 5: July 14-20.

Girls—Grades 6, 7 and 8: July 21-27.

Boys—Grades 6, 7 and 8: July 28 to
 August 3.

High School Camp—Grade 9 through
 High School: August 4-10.

Registrar: Mrs. George Hurl, 2410 S.
 E. 116th Ave., Portland 16, Oregon.

**The Grand Old Gospel Camp,
Elverson, Pennsylvania**

Young People's Bible Conference—
 Grade 8 and over: July 14-20.

Girls—July 14-27.

Boys—July 28 to August 10.

Director: B. Sam Hart, Box 8081, Phil-
 adelphia 1, Pa., Phone (215) VI 8-9561
 or EV 2-1842.

Greenwood Hills, Fayetteville, Pa.

Young People—Ages 16-26: June 21-29.
 Registrar: Richard Barlow, 2717 Aldan

Rd., Baltimore 14, Md.

First Conference—June 29 to July 14.
 Junior Girls—Ages 8-11: July 14-20.
 Senior Girls—Ages 12-15: July 20-27.
 Mid-Season Conference—July 27 to
 August 4.

Junior Boys—Ages 8-11: August 4-10.
 Senior Boys—Ages 12-15: August 10-17.

Last Conference—August 17 to Septem-
 ber 2.

Registrar: Vance Johnston, Green-
 wood Hills Inn, Rt. 2, Fayetteville,
 Pennsylvania.

**Grace Bible Camp,
St. Helenas Island, S. C.**

Boys and Girls—Ages 7-11: July 1-7,
 July 8-14.

Juniors and High Schoolers—July 15-
 21, July 22-28.

Director: Julius S. Dennis, Rte. 3, Box
 72A, John's Island, S. C.

**Lakeside Bible Camp, Whidbey Island,
Deer Lake, Washington**

Young People—Grades 10 and over:
 June 28 to July 7.

Girls—Grades 4, 5 and 6: July 7-14.

Junior High Camp—Grades 7, 8 and
 9: July 14-21.

Boy—Grades 4, 5 and 6: July 21-28.

Registrar: Mrs. Gordon McLellan,
 5126 S. Roxbury St., Seattle 18, Wash.

Ocean Beach Camp, Cosmopolis, Wash.

Teens—June 9-15.

Boys and Girls—Ages 8-12: June 16-22.

Director: Samuel Stewart, Box 524,
 Cosmopolis, Washington.

Rimrock Bible Camp, Yakima, Wash.

Boys and Girls—Ages 10 and over:
 June 16-22.

Registrar: Mr. Alve Crawford, 1613
 King St., Yakima, Wash.

**Camp Summers on the Greenbrier,
Hinton, West Virginia**

Youth Camp—Ages 13-29: June 30 to
 July 6.

Juniors—Ages 8-13: July 14-20.

Write to: Bible Camp, Box 451, Hinton,
 West Virginia.

**Lake Geneva Youth Camp,
Lake Geneva, Wisconsin**

Girls—June 23-30, June 30 to July 7,
 July 21-28, July 28 to August 4.

Boys—July 7-14, July 14-21, August 4-
 11.

General Conferences: June 30 to July
 7, July 7-13, July 13-21.

Registrar: R. W. Routley, Lake
 Geneva Youth Camp, Rte. 3, Box 137,
 Lake Geneva, Wis.

PAUL'S to the GALATIANS

By E. W. Rogers

The letter which Paul sent to the Galatians is particularly interesting because it shows that Christianity has historical roots, not only in regard to those events which relate to the Lord Jesus Himself, but in regard also to its communication to the Apostle Paul who was pre-eminently God's instrument for transmitting it to the Gentiles.

The Origin of the Gospel

Chapters 1 and 2 of this letter recount events in the life of Paul in which he shows beyond effective contradiction that the Gospel which he preached was of divine origin. In the first instance it is not "after man"; that is to say, it was not according to human standards. Man proposes other ways and means for putting the human race right, but God does not make that attempt in this era. He brings in a gospel which is designed to put an end to man as he now is, ruined by sin, and to start afresh with him in a risen Christ. No man, however able or wise he may be, ever thought out such a scheme.

Neither was it of human origin. Paul did not receive it from man, not even any one of those who were apostles before him. He shows that he did not see any of them until he had been preaching the Gospel extensively for a considerable period of time.

Indeed, *there was no prior bent in the character of the Apostle Paul in favor of the Gospel*, but just the very opposite. He was more zealous than any other in persecuting the early Christians, making havoc of the church of God and wasting it. It mattered not to him whether they were men or women; if they named the name of Christ, that was sufficient for him to arrest them and have them imprisoned and done to death. It could not have been reasonably expected that such a one should have become the most ardent propagandist of the Gospel, yet so it came to pass.

Paul had not learned the Gospel in the schools of Judaism. Indeed, their tutors would have nothing to do with it, and were of a like kind to Saul of Tarsus before he was converted. Nor did he obtain it by consultation with "flesh and blood" after he had been converted.

No, the true origin of Paul's Gospel was by "*revelation of Jesus Christ.*" It was He who appeared to him in the way when he was proceeding to Damascus

on his persecuting mission. The light which he saw from heaven, a light which exceeded that of the noon-day sun, was none other than Christ in glory. It blinded him to all around, and the things of earth grew strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace. He became as one dead and remained so for three days. Not only did he see Him but he heard His voice, and that sight and that hearing were the source of the Gospel which he preached.

No missionary ever has a more interesting tale to tell than that of his own conversion, though the tales of some are more striking than of others. That is why this Galatian letter is so interesting. Paul tells how he was converted and then recounts what he did "immediately" afterwards, and how he went into Arabia. "Then after three years"; "afterwards I came into the regions of Syria and Cilicia"; "then fourteen years after"; "But when Peter came to Antioch." And thus he recounts the origin of his gospel and how he had loyally contended for its purity throughout the years.

The Defense of the Gospel

This letter was not written to evoke the sympathy of saints who were zealous for the truth of the Gospel. It was written rather to those who were being duped by the false teaching of others who were adding something to it which cut at the very foundation of it. They were adding works to grace, law to faith, flesh to spirit. This incited every true feeling of indignation in the Apostle and it is no wonder that he writes as vehemently as he does in chapter 1, verses 8 and 9.

He was no mere theorizer; he had himself experienced the truth of the Gospel. "I" says he "have been crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me." He had gone through it all: he had hung on the cross with Christ; he had lain in His tomb; and from it he had come forth in the person of Christ. Throughout he was identified with Him. No wonder he refused to frustrate the grace of God.

He could not help but remember how he had been received by them at the first when, on account of some sickness, he had been detained in their midst and took advantage of the time there to tell

them the Gospel. On that occasion they did not despise or reject him, although his infirmity was apparently obnoxious to their feelings. They, in fact, received him as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus. Whatever then was it that caused them now to change, and to reject him and his message, and to heed the false teachers that had come among them?

If this letter reveals anything at all, it shows what a true missionary heart was Paul's, how he longed after his converts, and how he travailed in birth again until Christ be formed in them. Once they would have plucked out their eyes for him and given them to him; now he seems to have become their enemy, and that because he is telling them the truth and seeking to restore to them the pure Gospel.

The Offence of the Gospel

There can be no doubt about his genuineness. He is himself satisfied that the thing he is preaching is right, and authoritative. Therefore it matters not to him how much he suffers; he will continue to preach it. And though by modifying it to please men he could have escaped much persecution, he will not do so. Before he was converted he sought to please men; now he can ask, "Do I now persuade men or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men I should not be the servant of Christ."

This is beyond doubt a letter of interest, for it was written not by an amensensis but by the hand of Paul himself; and it would seem that, due to defective eyesight, the characters in which he wrote were large. This very fact shows the longings of his heart toward them, and how keenly he felt the seriousness of the situation. He knew well the motives that governed these Judaizers: they were anxious to have a large following, and to be able to boast in numbers. This is a great snare.

But Paul will boast in only one thing, and that the very thing in which men are least likely to boast. For who was ever heard to boast in the death of someone who ended his earthly days on a gallows? Yet such was the case with the Lord Jesus. He was slain and hanged on a tree, being treated as a common felon, one worthy of death. Paul, however, understood the true meaning of the cross. It separated between him and the world, and on no account could he ever be a friend of that world again or follow its principles.

"I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus;" they were branded there not merely as marks of His ownership but also as evidences of what Paul had suffered for His sake. The stoning at Lystra, when he was dragged out of the city as dead, must have left its marks on him;

the "many stripes" that they laid on him at Philippi must have scarred his body. In fact, read II Corinthians 11:23-27, and the force of Paul's words, "I bear in my body the brand marks of the Lord Jesus" will be better understood.

In our day it is still necessary that we should "contend earnestly for the faith once for all delivered to the saints," for there are not wanting those who would distort or corrupt it, for their own ends, and to the inestimable loss of God's people.

PROBLEMS AND PAUCITY OF U.S. NEGRO WORK DISCUSSED

A conference convened especially to consider evangelistic work among the more than 19,000,000 Negroes in the U. S. was held in Pottstown, Pa., April 27. Eighteen assemblies were represented by an aggregate attendance of 100 persons.

After a time for prayer, George Mortland spoke on the sin of silence and the sin of lethargy. Leslie Rainey then compared the U. S. field to fields abroad, noting that less is being done to meet the greater need here. B. Sam Hart presented the following statistics: 33 states without an assembly among eleven and a half million Negroes; less than 2,500 Negroes in our fellowship nationwide; less than one in every nine thousand Negroes in the U. S. reached by assemblies.

Carl South reported on some of the peculiar difficulties faced by the Negro pioneer workers, among these the fact that support for their work is so inadequate that it is essential for them to secure secular employment in addition to their ministry work. This problem is enhanced in the South by the heavy demands made on the employee and the inadequate salary paid to him. Lack of funds leads to the store-front type of meeting place with its limited attraction and facilities. Isolation of the Negro worker also breeds discouragement and frustration.

Interest in a period of open discussion of the work among Negroes was so high that it ran half an hour overtime.

Leslie Rainey gave the closing message on the words "Arise and go" in Acts 8:26, 9:11; and 10:20.

Among many pertinent statements made during the open discussion was the following by Carl South: "In the light of all these needs, I hate to say, especially to our white brothers, 'It is your responsibility.' It is *not* your responsibility as white brothers; it is your responsibility as *Christians*; and it is *ours*, to do all that we can to make Christ known in all His Fulness."

B. Sam Hart

William Glasgow,

THE PREACHING IRISH FARMER

William James Glasgow, an evangelist and teacher highly esteemed in Northern Ireland, the U. S. A. and eastern Canada, started his working years as an Irish farmer. He had been born in 1878 near Keady, County Armagh, Northern Ireland, and had grown up with three brothers and four sisters. His father had died before he was 19.

During his nineteenth year gospel meetings were conducted in a neighboring farmer's barn. Crowds gathered nightly from far and near to hear the preachers, who boarded in the Glasgow home. They were Dr. W. J. Matthews and Mr. Samuel Jamison. The conversion and testimony of Joseph Marshall, a prominent, pleasure-loving youth, may have played a part in convicting William James. Joseph first arrived at the barn meetings just as Mr. Jamison was reading Ecclesiastes 11:9: "Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things, God will bring thee into judgment." The first part amused him, as it described him so well; but the last words were a message from God to his heart. A few nights later he rejoiced in the knowledge of sins forgiven, and began "to publish how great things Jesus had done for him."

The Glasgow family attended nightly. The three eldest got saved, and being good singers made a joyful noise in singing the praises of the Lord. William James was now under deep conviction of sin, but kept it to himself. Then another sister was saved through the first line of a hymn that was often sung: "The glorious work is done: The Father will not punish me, 'Twas laid upon His Son." When he came home from work the next day William heard her singing this hymn joyfully. At that moment he was enabled to make the truth of the last line his own: "I was a guilty sinner, but Jesus died for me." There was great joy in the family because now five of them were followers of Jesus Christ.

Those converted through the campaign were baptized and received into the assembly in Keady. Many of them were young farmers, and from them "sounded out the Word of the Lord." Several of them, including William Glasgow, developed gift in evangelism and

Bible teaching, and brought spiritual blessing to many surrounding districts. In Newtonhamilton they saw such interest in open air meetings that they sent word to the two evangelists, who brought a tent and preached there. Their work resulted in the planting of an assembly that continues there to this day.

Mr. Glasgow and I began a lasting friendship in 1905 in a field he was ploughing. I was on my way to start some meetings in Lisglin when I noticed him and went over to speak to him. He became greatly interested in the meetings and encouraged me much. During the long years since I have been entertained often in his home, have watched his family of seven grow up, and have worked with him in meetings; and our fellowship has continued undimmed by any disagreement.

Each night for thirteen weeks after the encounter in the field, William and several other young people from his area walked two to three miles to attend the above-mentioned meetings in Lisglin. Through these meetings many trusted Christ, backsliders were restored, and a new assembly was begun. Mr. Glasgow assisted greatly in the establishment and nurture of this assembly.

In 1906 I was best man at Mr. Glasgow's marriage to Elizabeth Hughes.

Soon afterwards he and his wife sailed for America. In New York he entered the silk and ribbon industry and in time started his own business. He took advantage of many opportunities to preach and teach, and his ministry was appreciated at many conferences. Eventually he gave up his business. He and Isaac McMullen, one of the 1905 Lisglin converts, worked effectively together for several years in summer tent campaigns.

Mr. Glasgow was called Home in December, 1962. Though his health had been failing for the last several years, his interest and practical fellowship in the Lord's work had never declined. He and Mrs. Glasgow kept in touch with missionaries and with workers at home. Few have manifested as much of the humility, meekness and gentleness of Christ as Mr. Glasgow did. His memory is treasured by his widow (a succourer of many), four daughters and a son, as well as by many of the Lord's people.

J. T. Dickson

SUNDAY SCHOOL QUESTIONNAIRE

The Ideal Lesson Guide Series

What would the ideal series of Sunday school lesson guides be like? The following description is a composite of the qualities for which many who filled the questionnaire expressed desire.

Continue looking for further gleanings from the questionnaire in future issues.

The ideal Sunday school lesson series are carefully graded so that lessons and workbooks are simple and basic enough to be understood by beginners, and advanced enough to be instructive and challenging to adults. Moreover, provision is made throughout the series so that the teaching can be made plain to pupils with little or no background in Scriptural teaching and thinking. Adequate instructions and suggestions are given in teachers' manuals to equip untrained teachers to present the truth effectively in accordance with the principles of learning.

The series covers Bible truth consecutively from the primary through the teen grades, without undue duplication of lessons in different departments. Each lesson is related directly to the student, and the applications are deep and vital. Care has been taken to make the approach man-to-man, to avoid an air of condescension. Memory verses have been carefully chosen for relevance, retentiveness, and later usefulness. To clear up any ambiguity in work-book questions,

these were proofread by children before final preparation and publication.

The manuals, workbooks, and take-home papers are attractive, well made, and up to date in style and approach while remaining true to Scripture. The graded take-home papers are varied and look so good that they seem to say, "Read me." They are planned to review, re-emphasize, or re-apply the Sunday school lesson, and include the memory verse for each Sunday.

The entire series together gives a synopsis of all the most important events in Scripture. Christian good works are taught (Eph. 2:9 and 10; 11 Tim. 3:16 and 17), but not separated from the need for personal salvation and the power of Christ to accomplish them; grounding in salvation truth is begun at the beginner and primary levels. Care has been taken to give adequate attention to the Old Testament, and to give ample emphasis to the person and life of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lesson guides for upper grades give instructions for increasing direct study of the Bible itself. They are planned to cover assembly principles and practices clearly, instruction in basic doctrines, as well as solutions to problems peculiar to teen-agers and young adults. The curri-

culum at this level is also designed to provide preparation for Christian service, such as Sunday school teaching, personal evangelism, and visitation.

Those who prepare Sunday school lesson series have tried hard to meet standards such as those exemplified in the "ideal series;" but as many of our readers pointed out in remarks such as the following, much must depend still on the teacher.

The Sunday school teacher has to develop the ability to expand, supplement and adapt the suggestions of the manual to fit the particular needs of her pupils. She may often need to select what she will cover in a lesson period, and to simplify the lesson. She must do much digging in the Scriptures herself to verify the teaching and to insure that it is kept in Scriptural perspective. Some Sunday school personnel have found it advisable to scrap the use of current manuals altogether in their particular situations, and to develop their own curricula. As Arthur Pühr wrote in, "It is still the Sunday school teacher that does the work and sows the good seed."

Staff members at Emmaus Bible School in Oak Park, Illinois, are tackling the job of preparing lesson guides which meet some of the requirements of assembly Christians. First on their agenda are lesson guides for teen and pre-college levels; guides for lower grades are in mind. As can be seen from the foregoing, the staff faces a colossal task and would warmly appreciate prayer for guidance and wisdom.

WHY SO MANY WORKERS ILL?

"Ye know how through infirmity of the flesh I preached the gospel unto you at the first" (Gal. 4:13). "Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick" (11 Tim. 4:20).

A reader reports noting that out of 84 letters from workers published in three recent months in Letters of Interest 36 record the illness of the writer or some member of his family. That is 43 per cent.

Our reader wonders why this high incidence of illness. Do some workers write only when they or some member of their families are sick? Are most workers elderly? Are these letters in LOI a cross section of the approximately 390 commend-ed workers in the United States and Canada? Or, is God speaking through this condition to assemblies because of some failure?

To our reader's questions we could add a few of our own. A very pertinent one would be this: Are those who devote their lives to the Gospel and ministry of the Word being adequately supported by those who are gainfully employed? Or may some of them or their families be suffering from lack of nutrition, from anxiety, or from overwork?

We do not know the answers to these questions, but we do know that those who preach the Gospel should live by the Gospel, and we are responsible to the Lord for their support financially and by prayer.

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Henry Fletcher & Alvina Velde Married

Henry Fletcher and Alvina Velde were married in a private ceremony in a Toronto home on May 3. They were honored afterwards at a reception given by the Christians at the Brock Avenue Gospel Hall. Their address will be: 487A Parkside Dr., Toronto 3, Ont.

Young People's Needs Discussed at Iowa Spring Retreat

The semi-annual retreat for brethren, sponsored jointly by men from the Central Gospel Chapel and North Acres Chapel of Des Moines, Iowa, was held April 19-20 at the 4-H camp near Madrid, Iowa. Sixty men from thirteen assemblies attended, some from as far away as Minneapolis, Omaha, Lincoln, Sioux City and Waterloo. Subjects discussed included "Young People of our Assemblies—What We Should Expect from Them, What They Should Expect from Us, and How to Meet These Needs."

Interest in such retreats is growing, and the next session is planned for late October.

James S. Green

"Assembly Pioneers" Encourage Work in Maryland

The Maryland Assembly Pioneers are steadily moving forward into pioneer territory as the Lord opens doors.

A Christian contractor is drawing up plans for the Reisterstown, Maryland chapel; and a number of Christian craftsmen are making arrangements for several stages of the construction work.

We have invited Carl South, presently living in Philadelphia, to begin a work among colored people. His tried and proven approach is to send a questionnaire to about 1,200 families, with the object of finding three or four good prospects for home Bible study classes, and then to develop a potential assembly from these classes.

We are also planning Sunday evening gospel meetings in shopping center parking lots for the summer.

Contributions for the support of these projects may be sent to Mr. F. G. Cole, Treasurer, 209 Dumbarton Rd., Baltimore 12, Maryland.

*Roger K. Dunkerton, Chairman,
Publicity Committee, M. A. P.*

CLASSES IN EVIDENCES & STUDY METHODS APPROVED

Neil Fraser of Eugene, Oregon, led a three months' series of Monday evening Bible school sessions in Seattle recently, in which the four local assemblies co-operated. Each evening Christian evidences were studied for an hour, followed by a coffee break; then methods of Bible study were considered—how to study words, phrases, subjects, characters, dispensations, books, etc. Assignments were given for home study; not to be handed in and graded, but to aid in putting principles taught into practice. The average attendance was 90, and interest was keen, making Mr. Fraser's weekly journey from Eugene seem worthwhile. Assembly leaders were especially enthusiastic, as these classes fulfilled their long-cherished desire to see gift developed in the assemblies. All desired that the classes be resumed next January.

Mr. Fraser is to lead a similar series of studies at the Gospel Chapel in Lombard, Illinois, September 29 to October 13, four evenings a week (Tuesday through Friday, and Sunday).

Twenty Profess Faith in St. Louis, Mo. Area in 1962

Three persons confessed Jesus as Saviour through a gospel series in 1962 in the Kinloch neighborhood near St. Louis, in which Ross Rainey participated. Seventeen trusted Christ at the Richmond Heights Gospel Hall in Richmond Heights, Mo. The Christians in Richmond Heights were also encouraged by reports of the Lord's work given by workers visiting from other fields.

*David Woods, Correspondent,
Richmond Heights Gospel Hall*

Vista, California Assembly Moves Into Chapel

After meeting for several years in homes and rented rooms, the assembly in Vista, California has been able to purchase a suitable chapel at 134 East Drive. They moved into the newly acquired building on April 15. While attendance fluctuates somewhat, the first Sunday in the new building found the Sunday school and Bible hour attendance up to 50 adults and children; previous numbers had been in the 30's and at times reached 40.

After a few weeks for remodeling, which is being done by the members of the assembly, special campaigns in Sunday school and gospel work are to be conducted. The work here is carried on by a few local men and some energetic brethren from San Diego—about 40 miles distant.

The present order of meetings is: breaking of bread, 9:30; Sunday school and Bible hour, 11; Gospel, 7; young

people, 8:30; prayer and Bible study or ministry, Thursday, 7:30. Visitors are warmly welcomed. Servicemen stationed at the Camp Pendleton Marine Base are heartily invited, and where possible transportation is arranged.

Gordon F. Grant, Correspondent

Emmaus Students Work in Summer Projects at Home & Abroad

Emmaus Bible School students will be working for the Lord in various projects again this summer. Some are helping at camps and conferences, and others in DVBS and various home assembly projects. Six will be joining Operation Mobilization, a student literature group which will distribute the Gospel in towns and villages of Italy, France, Austria, Belgium, and Spain. One student will be joining the Asia Literature Crusade. Another will be heading up a team of young people doing gospel work among Indians in southwest U. S. A. Three will distribute gospel literature in Mexico.

During the month of June and the first of July, a student team of five men will visit assemblies in the Southeast. Known as Emmaus Messengers on Tour, the group has tentative plans for visits in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, North Carolina, South Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia. Their purpose is to challenge young people to study the Bible, tell of the Emmaus ministries, distribute Emmaus Correspondence Courses, and preach the Gospel through testimony and music. Letters of Interest readers in the states listed who wish to contact the School about a visit from the team should write to Mr. Russell Van Ryn, 156 N. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park, Ill.

Harold Harper Called Home May 16

Mr. Harold M. Harper terminated a half century of evangelistic and Bible teaching labors May 16, when our Lord called him Home. Mr. Harper had been seriously ill for several months and under medical treatment in different parts of the country. He had been a patient at Belmont Community Hospital, Chicago, since.

His wife, Mrs. Margaret Harper, was also a patient at Belmont Hospital at the time of his death, recovering from an operation.

The family asked Mr. John Bramhall of Charlotte, N. C., one of several of his converts to follow him in full-time service in the Gospel, to take the funeral services at Norwood Gospel Chapel, Chicago, on Monday, May 20.

Mrs. Harper's temporary address is: c/o Mr. John Harper, 336 Greenfield, Lombard, Illinois.



PASSED FROM DEATH TO LIFE

To reach a man for Jesus Christ, God often allows tragic circumstances to bring him to the end of himself.

Mr. V. was brought to the hospital in critical condition from diabetes and heart failure. Our initial meeting revealed a badly frightened man whose heart the Holy Spirit was preparing for the message of grace. A number of scriptures were prayerfully rehearsed to him, but I Timothy 2:5-6 and I Peter 1:18-19 seemed to bring deep conviction. I asked him if he would like to open his heart to the Saviour and receive the gift of everlasting life. He burst into tears, but as soon as he could talk again he said that he wanted that blessing more than anything. Joyfully we approached the throne of grace and he accepted the Lord as his own.

For the balance of his stay at the hospital we had daily scripture reading and prayer. Since then we have had fellowship in the Word and prayer regularly in the home. His unsaved daughter and son-in-law have now heard the Gospel, and have seen God's saving power at work in the lives of the parents.

A much-loved nurse, many years a believer, became the victim of leukemia. Within a few weeks her condition became critical. During her illness we daily read God's Word together and prayed that He would use this condition to His glory. For years she had prayed for her unsaved husband, who both chain smoked and frequented the tavern with his friends. As he now spent much time at the hospital there were repeated opportunities to tell him of our Saviour's love and the provision He has made for those that receive Him. The Spirit of God began to convict him strongly of his need. During one night of relentless conviction he jumped out of bed, and kneeling down, gave his heart in full surrender to the Lord. The surpassing peace of God then filled his heart. After telling his wife the news, he wrote to their adult children and other relatives to tell them what the Lord had done for him and to exhort them to receive Him as their own and know the joy of sins forgiven. Immediately he discontinued the use of tobacco, and any contact with former associates has been to witness enthusiastically of the wonderful work of God. The wife was granted a marvelous

recovery. Since that time we often join with these two at home for prayer and Bible study. He now is in regular fellowship with the Lord's people, and a weekly prayer meeting is held in their home. Seldom have I known a man so thrilled with the loveliness of Christ or a wife so thankful for answered prayer.

Richard Barada, Chaplain at Centralia General Hospital, Centralia, Wash.

WORK OF CHAPLAIN CONTRIBUTES TO SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL HEALING

The phone rang in the chaplain's office. A patient who had just been listening to our daily devotional radio program was calling to say that the message of comfort had been just what she needed.

A mother came from a nursing home with a serious heart condition. After a few days she said, "I know why the Lord sent me to Bethesda. I have met someone who can speak my language." We had daily prayer and reading of the Scriptures, and she returned to the nursing home helped spiritually as well as physically.

Recently one of the doctors asked me to visit a patient of his whom he believed I could help more than he could. As a result of this visit, the patient was greatly helped spiritually and physically.

Patients, relatives and hospital personnel resort to the Chaplain's office for counsel, help and comfort. Often we are called to the room of a patient to read and pray, or to give comfort before and after surgery. Many patients have left the hospital with the joy of new salvation.

Sometimes we are requested to make calls after hospital hours to homes, other hospitals, and chapels. As a result of these contacts, we are asked to officiate at the home call of loved ones. This gives opportunity to give comfort and sympathy to relatives and friends as we seek to sow the Good Seed.

Henry T. Moffat, Chaplain, Bethesda Hospital, Chicago, Ill.

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CORRECTED STATEMENT OF MRS. HUMPREY'S RELATIVES

We regret that in the obituary notice for Mrs. James Humphrey last month it was incorrectly stated that two sisters surviving her are Mrs. Lillian Irvine and Mrs. Gilbert. Mrs. Humphrey's two sisters are Mrs. Irvine and Mrs. Donald Parker. Mr. T. B. Gilbert is Mrs. Humphrey's brother, Mrs. Gilbert her sister in law.

BOOK REVIEWS

HE CAME WITH MUSIC, by Helen Frazee-Bower.
Moody Press. 96 pages. \$1.95.

A volume of Christian verse by a very competent poetess, Mrs. Helen Frazee-Bower, who died in 1960. Her verse appeared in secular as well as religious publications. Here is one brief example of its high quality:

He Just Said

He did not take of this or that
To make the earth and sea,
The constellations of the stars—
He just said, "Let there be."

He did not summon rod and lash
To execute His will:
When tempests tossed a tiny ship,
He just said, "Peace, be still." . . .

HOSEA, by Sidney O. Porteous. 100 pages. Gospel Folio Press, \$2.25.

Introducing this exposition of the prophecy of Hosea, the author begins, "Prefaces, like prayers, should be short and sweet. . . ." This review will be shorter than it is sweet.

The exposition is divided into fourteen chapters corresponding to the fourteen chapters of the prophecy. This should prove helpful, but the reviewer has had difficulty finding continuity of thought that would readily carry him through the book. He has had some difficulty accepting such passages as the following: "Gomer's name means 'completion,' and would continually be a reminder that the chosen tribe's whoredom and wickedness was complete, as her's finally was. It also bears the meaning of 'a double cake of figs,' which might symbolize that the nation of which she was a walking picture was given over to the pleasures and appetites of the flesh."

On the other hand, there are some thoughts in the book in the development of which the author has obviously labored to good advantage. Hosea is a difficult book and those who will give much time and thought to the study of it should be well rewarded.

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GOSPEL HALL BUILT IN THE DAYS OF HORSES AND LANTERNS

Following is an account of how the assembly in Grand Bend, Ont., began. It is a standing testimony to what God can accomplish in pioneer work. The story was given by one of the oldest men in the assembly.

—Tom Wilkie



Late in the year 1921 two young evangelists came to preach at Grand Bend, Thomas Wilkie of Hamilton and Albert Joyce of Toronto. They preached for a short time in a little hall on the "B" line, but later rented a disused dance hall in the village. Large crowds came to hear the clear preaching of the Gospel. A weekly meeting was held for children, where scripture verses were memorized and Bibles were given for rewards. In those days many came in horse-driven vehicles, and many walked carrying lanterns.

Many were converted, and expressed their new faith fearlessly. In May, 1922, 26 of the new believers were baptized in Lake Huron. In July a large tent was pitched on the lot where the Gospel Hall now stands. There the Christians met for the first time as an assembly and observed the Lord's supper. In September the building of the Gospel Hall began. Meanwhile the little assembly met in the kitchen of the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey Webb, who were among the new converts.

The building was all done free will by vitally interested persons. Cement blocks were made by Mr. Fred Page and his son Arthur. Mr. Fred Watson came from Toronto and contributed his talents as a builder and gifted preacher. Much help was given by men gathering at the Lake Shore Gospel Hall, near Forest, Ontario.

The hall was opened to a large crowd in November. After this many evangelists visited from different parts of Canada and the United States.

The assembly here commended Noah Gratton to the preaching of the Gospel in Quebec. He was also one of the first converts, and helped with the Grand Bend work for over ten years. He spent

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30 years in the Lord's work and led many to Christ before he was called Home in October, 1962.

Some of the third generation meet in the hall today. Of those first gathered there only six remain, but the number in fellowship has grown and the work continues.

BOOK REVIEW

THE SPIRITUAL DILEMMA OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE: ITS CAUSE AND CURE, by Arthur W. Kac. Moody Press. 128 pages. \$2.25.

Written by a medical man, a Christian, born in Poland of orthodox Jewish parents, this book is in three parts. Part One, The Essence of Present-Day Judaism, exhibits the attitudes of intellectual young Jews toward Jewishness and the Jewish community; and offers brief answers. Part Two, How Did Judaism Reach Its Present State, discusses how the cessation of the sacrificial worship (A.D. 70) affected the destiny of the Jewish people, the relation of the messianic movement of Jesus to the events of A.D. 70, and the drift away from the Bible. Part Three, Preparing the Way for Israel's Redemption, views three agencies which under God may be used to bring about the spiritual rebirth of the Jewish people; namely, the Remnant of Israel, the State of Israel, and the Christian Church.

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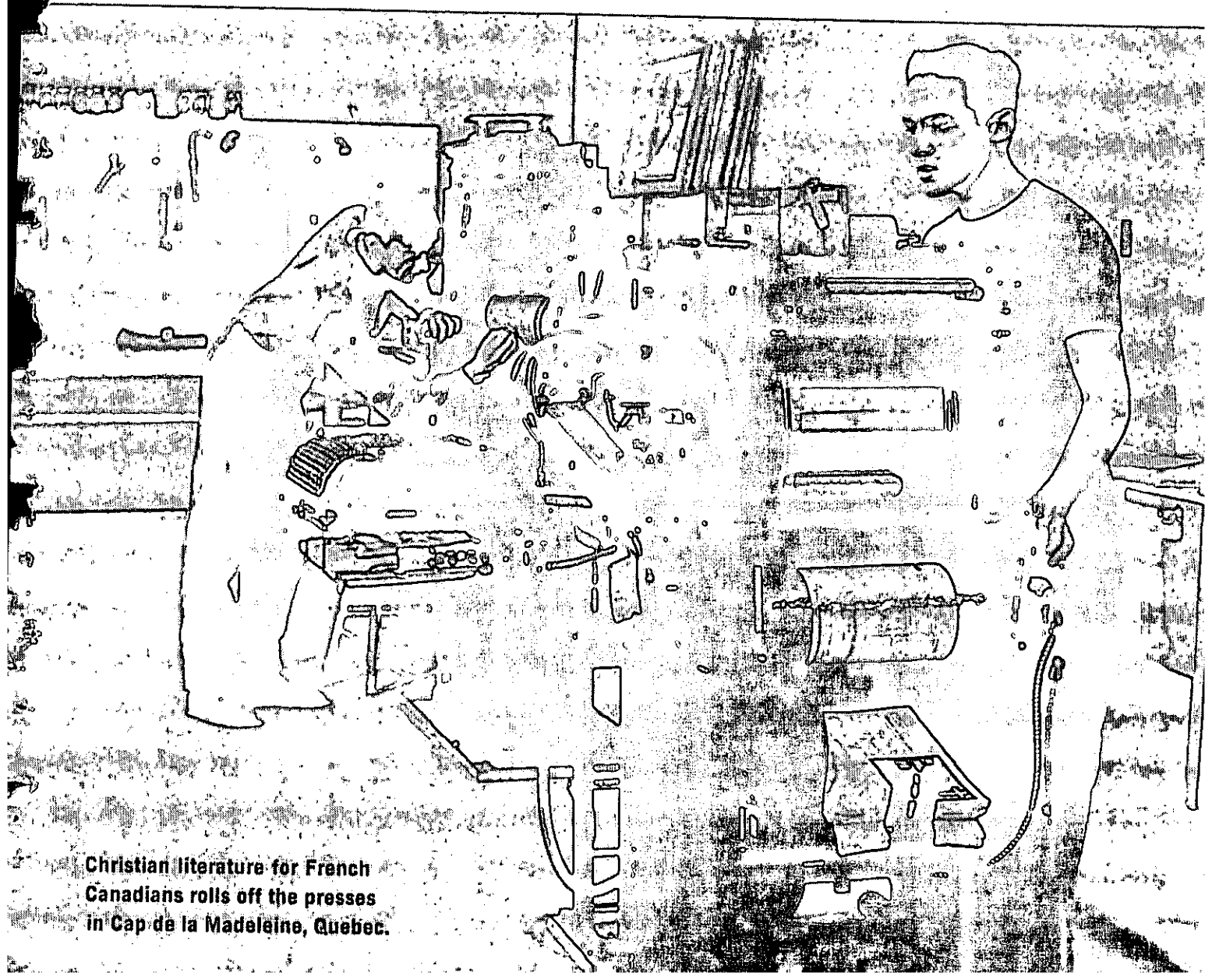


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MANY HONORS ATTRIBUTED TO DONALD W. KUESTER

The story of the loss of Mr. Donald W. Kuester in the Submarine Thresher was reported in the June issue of Letters of Interest. Since this report many interesting facts have been brought to our attention.

The death of this most highly regarded young man has affected many persons; several Christians have been restored to the Lord, and many are under conviction of spiritual need. He was the first naval scientist ever lost in an accident. He was the only scientist on the Thresher; on the previous dive four other naval scientists had been aboard. Two of these men are suffering severe shock because of the loss of the Thresher.

The equipment which Mr. Kuester was testing on this dive was the final prototype of a project on which he had been working for fifteen years, and for which he had solved final problems with three inventions of his own. This test was to be the last before the equipment would be put into production. It is a tribute to the quality of his work that the whole project is now being faithfully reproduced for a future test. A replacement

for his position has not been found.

Mr. Donald Kuester's mother, Mrs. Frank Kuester, lives in Stuart, Iowa. His grandfather, Samuel Brown, was instrumental in the establishment of many of the early testimonies in Iowa. His three children, Linda aged thirteen, Don aged eleven, and Bruce aged seven, have all professed faith in Jesus Christ.

His wife, Marion Robertson Kuester, is the daughter of Mr. William Robertson of Philadelphia, a Christian worker well known to many in the Midwest and East. Mrs. Kuester has received personal letters from many men of authority in Washington, as well as from 32 foreign countries. Admiral Rickover considers his death a personal loss. Another stated that he had never seen a man so loved by those around him.

While these words of approbation and any honors which may yet follow are a comfort to loved ones left behind, the commendation that carries with it an eternal prize is embodied in the words which the Lord of Glory must have said as our brother entered His presence: "well done, thou good and faithful servant: ...enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

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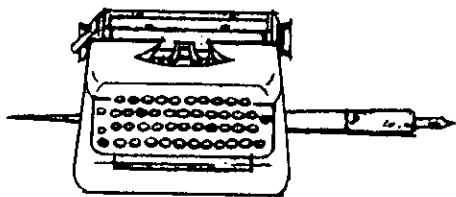
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Editors' Page

OUR MEDIATOR

How cheering it is to read in Hebrews 9:12, "By His own blood He entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us." How perfectly the Lord Jesus has accomplished the work that makes it possible for us to have a right relationship with God. "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."

To be sure His redemption is good; but even more, it is the very best.

In the Old Testament the people of God were instructed to bring their best animals for the sacrifice. When Christ offered Himself, He was without spot or blemish. He was a perfect sacrifice. He offered the very best.

The Old Testament sacrifices had to be repeated at stated intervals. Christ's death is best of all because it does not need to be repeated again.

Furthermore, He entered into the best possible tabernacle; He entered into the very presence of God.

Finally, the redemption He accomplished is the very best. It lasts for ever. And it takes effect where it really counts, by cleansing our very lives and fitting us for eternity.

Thank God, we can always have the best by believing on the Saviour.

J. W. Kennedy

LIVING STONES

We read in I Peter 2: "Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, Ye also, as lively (or living—ed.) stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."

"Living stones" sounds like a paradox, and humanly speaking it is. We as living stones are likened to Christ the Lord, who was a living stone, rejected by men, "but chosen of God, and precious."

As we think of precious stones, we are reminded of jewels such as sapphires, rubbies and diamonds. Much of their beauty is in the reflection of light from their many facets. So our lives should be beautiful as they reflect the character of Jesus, the Light of the world. The Apostle Paul writes, "Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart" (II Corinthians 3:3).

As we view with thankfulness the many houses for worship which have been built in the past decade, may we also recognize God's spiritual house and care for its growth. The former is but for time and will pass away, but God's spiritual house will endure for ever. May it grow in Christ "unto an holy temple, . . . an habitation of God through the Spirit" (Ephesians 2:21-22), for the offering of "spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."

Ernest T. Sandeen

PRODUCTIVE THINKING

The most marked difference between Christianity and many other so-called religions is the Christian emphasis on a right inner life. This idea was the principal theme of the ministry of the Lord, and the thought is carried through every epistle. The outward appearance means little unless supported by an inner life of holiness and purity. However, it is equally true that, although men sometimes think that they can hide their thoughts, these will ultimately find visible expression in the outward life. How important it is, then, to get our thoughts right.

Our thoughts should be *Constructive*. Non-constructive thoughts of envy, jealousy, criticism, spite, and condemnation of others, should all go, and in their place should be purposeful thoughts of accomplishment and fulfillment. Thoughts to answer such questions as: What is the next step? What shall we do now to further this project? How can we help that brother? How can we get the Gospel to that place?

Our thoughts should be *Decisive*. The decisive attitude of mind was expressed by Joshua when he said, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." If we are to grow and develop in the Christian life, our wills must be committed to the proposition. Such decisive thinking unites the personality and gives direction to the life.

Our thoughts should be *Optimistic*. Rather than slipping easily into thinking pessimistic thoughts of failure, disappointment, and trouble, our thinking should be full of that faith which enables us to act on our decision in the confidence that being in God's will we will accomplish our purpose. Caleb expressed this optimism when he told Joshua, "If so be the Lord will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the Lord said." "The just shall live by faith," and "without faith it is impossible to please God."

Let us, the children of God, transform our lives by "bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."

—David T. Harvey

"LOOK ON THE FIELDS"

The population of the United States is now 189,000,000, and is increasing at the rate of 3,000,000 per year. A somewhat startling picture appears when we try to imagine the results if all of this 3,000,000 were won for the Lord and brought into assembly fellowship.

Figuring that a good-sized assembly has about 200 in fellowship, we would have 15,000 new assemblies of this size in the U. S., with an average of 300 new assemblies in each state. About 30,000 are in fellowship in U. S. assemblies today. If we were to reach the 3,000,000 with the Gospel, each one presently in assembly fellowship would have to be responsible for 100. That doesn't seem like too big a job, does it? Multiply the number in your assembly by 100 and it looks a little bigger; a small assembly with 50 in fellowship would have to be responsible for 5,000.

Remember, there will be 3,000,000 coming along the next year again.

Business, education and religion are all making tremendous plans to reach this exploding population. What plans are we making?

David T. Harvey



Norman Buchanan, Director



Ruth Bloedow, in the front office



Pierre Boisclair operating the paper cutter

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DISTRIBUTING THE GOSPEL IN QUEBEC

Other pictures on cover.

by Norman R. Buchanan

It is thrilling to receive a letter from a reader of our gospel monthly, "Message de Verite" (Message of Truth) telling us that reading it has been a step in his coming to know Jesus Christ. We know too that many who are studying Bible correspondence courses as a result of literature distribution have found assurance of salvation. But such news does not come every day; for the most part our task is sowing the seed.

We have on our mailing list about 2,000 names of people who have made favorable responses to one or other of our literature projects throughout the province of Quebec in the last few years. Because of a lack of workers our only means of follow-up for most of them is through the mail, but we long for the day when each person can have a personal visit. *Where are the workers?*

One of these areas covered by last year's mailing project was Montmagny, 30 miles east of Quebec City, where there had never been a Christian worker. Fernand St-Louis, a recent graduate of Bethel Bible School, moved there last summer to follow the contacts; and now a small assembly testimony has been established. Three members of the first Christian family in that area were baptized a few weeks ago.

Publications Chretiennes began about six years ago in a corner of the base-

ment of the chapel at Cap de la Madeleine. It grew out of the conviction that Christian literature could and should be doing much more for the spread of the Gospel in Quebec. It started with one man and a small press, but by last year we had to build the printing and publishing center pictured on the cover, and there are now six full-time employees. All indications are that we will need to expand further to provide for the growing realization of the value of the printed page.

Our ministry falls into four categories:

1. Coordination We endeavor to serve as a point of contact for the exchange of information and ideas in the field of Christian printing and publishing, thus avoiding unnecessary and costly duplication of effort.

2. Counsel Sincerity is a necessary quality in a Christian worker, but alone it will not produce literature that attracts readers. We believe that since the Christian message is the best in the world, it is worthy of attractive presentation. We offer to do our missionaries' printing jobs for them at better prices than they can get elsewhere, and thus gain the opportunity to make suggestions. We encourage them to use art work, photographs, colors and interesting layouts to make people read their messages.

3. Publishing "Message de Verite," our monthly publication, presents the Gospel regularly and in a variety of ways. It is available by subscription, but its chief purpose is for follow-up work and for mass distribution. The monthly circulation is about 4000, but special issues go much higher—one has passed the 10,000 mark.

"News of Quebec," a quarterly giving news of assembly missionary work in Quebec, will be sent free to anyone requesting it.

4. Printing We are happy to offer printing service to evangelical missionaries throughout the province. The small profit on this work can be turned back into assembly projects.

Since missionary literature work cannot be self-supporting, we have appreciated the generous fellowship of the Lord's people in setting up and carrying on this ministry.

Negatives are mounted or photos made here. Lawrence Burntik, now transferred.



A READER WRITES:

We Need Uniting Love. I must express my deep appreciation to Charles Howard for his answer to question 42 in the May issue of Letters of Interest, the Local Church column. The lack of Christian love between members of the body of Christ, i.e., born-again believers, is one of the most powerful weapons in the hands of Satan. It is heartbreaking to see the spectacle we offer this sin cursed world by our constant fratricidal fights and palavers over entirely secondary opinions. I have an apprehension that the Lord will have to teach us some lessons regarding spiritual unity among true believers by allowing us to enter the furnace of persecution. This may not be so far off as we see basically unchanged Rome and apostate protestantism unite to crush sound faith.

The Need for Workers in Quebec is Urgent. As an assiduous reader of News of Quebec edited by Dr. Arthur C. Hill, may I bring to your attention an appeal which is stressed by several workers in the January-March issue:

"But three recruits cannot replace twelve casualties, especially since we were always understaffed. We do not have workers enough" (Page 4, Ed.).

"We have a regular mailing list of nearly 2,000 people who have shown an initial interest in the Gospel. But the great majority of these have never been visited personally. Where are the workers for this essential task?" (Page 10, Norman Bunchanan).

"May we plead with God to raise up workers among the French Roman Catholics" (Page 16, Louis Germain).

"We hope that the Lord will call others to serve Him among French Canadians, for the harvest is great and the laborers are few" (Page 18, Roland Lacombe).

"We find ourselves swamped with about 200 homes opened to the Word of God and are confronted with the problem of not being able to visit them all. There is great need right here for many more workers" (Page 25, Robert Thrall)."

Walter Angst

BOOK EXCHANGE

WANTED: Trails of Yesteryear—Ye Olde Sugar Creek Scrapbook, by Paul Hutchins, New or old. Write to Chaplain Henry Moffat, c/o Bethesda Hospital, 2451 W. Howard St., Chicago 45, Ill.

GOOD NEWS PRESS CELEBRATES 25th ANNIVERSARY

Good News Press, Westchester, Illinois, celebrated its 25th anniversary of printing and distributing tracts and Christian publications this year. Many Chicago area Christian organizations were represented among about 400 people who toured the Press during its anniversary week celebration May 20-24.

Started in Minneapolis by Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dennis, with headquarters in a spare room of their second floor duplex, the work has steadily expanded. During the first few months printing was done on a customer basis by a commercial printer. By 1940 when Good News Press moved to Chicago, it set up its own presses. By 1955 the work outgrew the Chicago quarters, and in 1957 moved into a newly completed building in Westchester, Illinois. Further expansion of these quarters was completed in 1962, during which year Good News printed over twenty million pieces of literature.

Today a branch press in Beatenberg, Switzerland, pours literature into all the surrounding countries; and another branch, Baraka Press at Kaduna, Nigeria, produces tracts which are distributed in Nigerian schools, hospitals, markets and other public places.

BOOK REVIEWS

INDEPENDENT BIBLE STUDY by Irving L. Jensen. Moody Press. 188 pages. \$3.50.

This guide to personal study of the Scriptures is a book that has long needed to be written—and read. If it will aid in developing a generation of students who will delve into the unfathomable, yet ever rewarding depths of the Word of God for themselves in independent Bible study, it will have served this generation well.

A word of caution from the Introduction is perhaps necessary: "The term 'independent Bible study' as used in these pages is not intended to suggest an independent attitude of self-sufficiency or vanity where all outside help is disdained and ignored. The core of one's study should be of an *original firsthand* character, but wherever possible a selective and well-timed reference to supplementary aids is desirable. In some cases, few or no aids are available to the student, as in the case of the missionary on the jungle trail. It should be encouraging to such a one that the unavailability of

aids is not a serious handicap to this study..."

Mr. Jensen presents with illustrations the analytical chart and inductive method of study.

THE GLORY OF HIS RISING, by Neil Fraser. 127 pages. Loizeaux Brothers, \$2.50.

This companion volume to *The Grandeur of Golgotha* carries the subtitle, "A Closer Look at the Resurrection."

The author points out that his purpose is not to attempt a harmony of the accounts of the Lord's resurrection in the four Gospels. "Where others might see human contradiction," he says, "we only see evidence of the selection and superintendency of the divine Spirit, dividing to the authors severally as He will."

Delving into the Old Testament, for not merely prophecies of His rising, but types, the author titles his first chapter, "The Witness of the Wagons," based obviously on the account of Joseph sending for his father to bring him down to Egypt.

The second chapter, titled "Weighed But Not Wanting," uses Daniel's preservation in the den of lions as another type. After that, the final three sections of the book give, in the following order, "The Witness of John," "The Witness of Luke," and "The Witness of Matthew and Mark."

FOCUS: THE CRY FOR BREAD, by Anna J. Lindgren. 153 pages. Moody Press, \$2.95.

In diary form, Esther Winge, a Swedish immigrant to America, tells the story of her discovery of Jesus Christ. Published originally in Swedish in Stockholm thirty years ago, the story seems inevitably autobiographical spiritually. The author, coming to the United States in 1911, changed from agnostic to Christian, and enrolled as a special student at Moody Bible Institute.

One hesitates to quibble about so heartwarming, so frankly honest and honorable a heroine as Esther Winge; concerned for the welfare of the down-trodden. But her first coming to God as Father while still rejecting Jesus Christ as Saviour seems at plain variance with our Lord's words, "No man cometh unto the Father but by Me."

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Special Prayer Requested for Bethel Bible School, Quebec

The staff of the Bethel Bible School, Lennoxville, Quebec, praises the Lord for the twenty students who attended the school in the 1962-63 year, and the 402 taking its correspondence course. A larger enrollment of day school students is expected next year.

The need for evangelical workers trained to work among the French Canadians in Quebec is most urgent, and it is believed that the school is essential to the work of the Lord in French Canada. Moreover, it is becoming increasingly useful to overseas French mission fields. As far as can be ascertained this is the only Bible school in Quebec with regular day courses, except a school of Pentecostal churches. The teaching of Bethel Bible school is in harmony with assembly teachings, and for this reason several assembly men cooperate on the board and staff.

But the school now faces a crisis in which its ability to continue its vital ministry stands in question; and the school board requests that all who desire the salvation of souls and the growth of Christians in Quebec make the needs of the Bethel Bible School at this time a special matter of prayer.

John Hunt Teaches in Paradise, Calif.

Mr. John Hunt of Bellingham, Washington conducted a two weeks' series of special meetings in Paradise, Calif., ably ministering the Word with his "Eternity to Eternity" chart. Exceptional interest was shown by the young people, for many of whom it was their first graphic introduction to the dispensational teaching of the Bible.

Francis Abken, correspondent, Paradise Gospel Hall.

Eleven Saved in Lorain, Ohio

Eleven persons gave their hearts to Christ during the eight-day evangelistic campaign in Lorain, Ohio, directed by Mr. Guillermo Ramos Carbo. The Christians of the Spanish Gospel Assembly are seeking the Lord's guidance regarding Mr. Carbo's future ministry in the Lorain, Ohio area.

Twenty Children Saved in Yonkers, New York

About twenty children trusted Christ through the Easter vacation meetings at Bethany Chapel, Yonkers, N. Y., at which William Mackie of Flint, Mich. ministered with music and Bible lessons. Young folk who enthusiastically brought their friends crowded the chapel each night and a bus was used for a few nights to transport the large numbers. About 50 adults attended each night also.

Robert Clark is to work with us in our annual Daily Vacation Bible School.

Edward V. Auer

Young Assembly Develops in Fayetteville, N. C.

In 1958 a few Christians started remembering the Lord at the Christian Canteen in Fayetteville N. C. Realizing that the Canteen was not a suitable place for growth, the group started constructing a Sunday school building in 1960, and started using it in January, 1961. They completed an auditorium in March, 1963. The Sunday school attendance now averages about 75.

A young married man started attending Sunday school again, was saved April 19, and has showed definite signs of new life. The devil has also attacked the small assembly, "But if God be for us, who can be against us."

The address is: Gospel Chapel, 414 Country Club Dr., Fayetteville N. C. Meetings: worship, 9:30; family Bible Sunday school, 11; gospel, 7:30; prayer and Bible study, Wednesday, 7:30. Correspondent: Reginald L. Edwards, Box 896, Fayetteville, N. C.; phone HU 4-5878.

Pastoral Worker Needed in New Jersey Assembly

The New Jersey Gospel Pioneers report a need for an experienced worker with pastoral gift in a small New Jersey assembly. This assembly is active in youth work and is growing, but needs help to realize its full potential as a spiritual testimony to its community. Located in a changing industrial inner city, it has the vision and vigor to respond to the help of a capable spiritual worker. Its central location would enable the worker to minister also to many assemblies in the area.

Please communicate with the New Jersey Gospel Pioneers, c/o Robert G. Ulrich, 272 Park Ave., Park Ridge, N. J.

R. T. Halliday Marries Edna Brouker

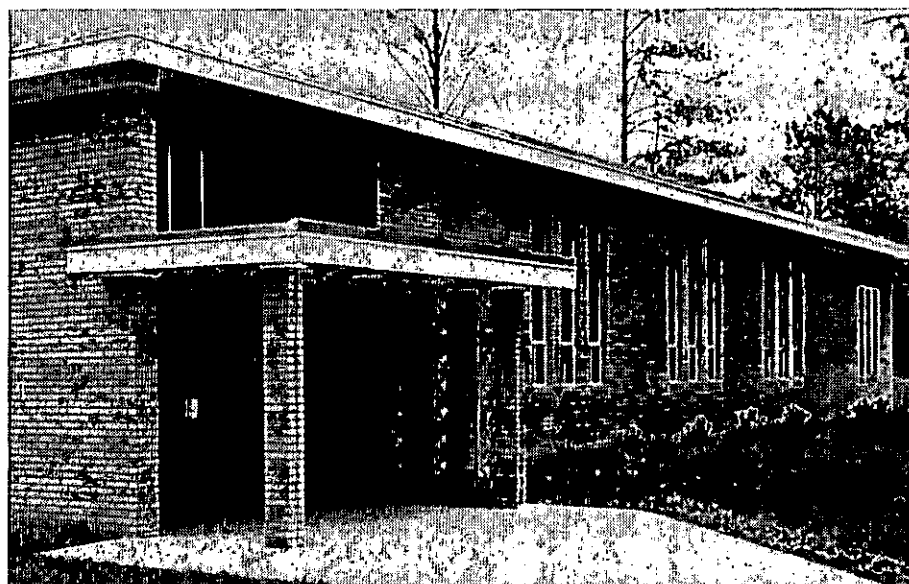
ROBERT HALLIDAY, P. O. Box 12, Port Orange, Fla.: Mr. Robert T. Halliday married Miss Edna Brouker on June 29 at Waterbury, Conn. Mr. Halliday intends to labor in the Gospel in New England until fall, and then return to work in Florida again.

Seven Baptized During Worcester, Mass., Conference

Seven Christians from Vermont and New Hampshire were baptized during the annual conference at Bethany Gospel Chapel Worcester, Mass., in May; and their example has influenced others to request baptism. A little girl trusted Christ during the closing, solemn gospel meeting.

Gordon Reager, Jack Noble, David Kirk and Walter Jensen were the speakers.

The Gospel Chapel in Fayetteville, N. C., completed in March, 1963.



Priest Drives R. C. Girl to Christ

After a priest told a Roman Catholic girl that she would go straight to hell should she die, the girl came to us to find the way of salvation, and accepted Jesus Christ as her Saviour and Lord.

We were helped much by the teaching ministry of Edward Wilson from Boston, Mass., during the winter months. Mr. Wilson left for Boston early in April. We have been edified by the ministry of men from the Beaches Gospel Center, Jacksonville Beach, since Mr. Wilson left.

A peace and harmony such as we have not experienced before now rules among the Christians. The group is small, but growth is anticipated. A meeting for young people is now conducted on Friday evenings, and interest seems high.

G. M. Lester, Correspondent, Dean Road Chapel.

Two Baptized in Afton, Ohio

Two persons recently expressed their stand in baptism at the Bethany Chapel in Afton (suburb of Cincinnati), Ohio. A young man shows evidence of growing daily in spirit, and is greatly exercised about city mission work.

We have appreciated the ministry of the following men during the winter: Irving Benton, Kenneth Brooks, Kevin Dyer, Bert Graves, and Ben Tuininga.

The order of meetings is: Sunday school, 9:30; family Bible hour, 10:45; breaking of bread, 6:30 p.m.; prayer and Bible study is changed from Wednesday to Thursday at 7:30 to allow visiting workers Wednesday and Thursday meetings in the Cincinnati area. Correspondent: James E. Leeman, 3563 Shaw Ave., Cincinnati 8.

One Saved, Six Baptized, in Allen Junction, W. Va.

A young married man was clearly saved through a series of meetings conducted at Allen Junction, W. Va., by Tommy Steele of Winston Salem, N. C. Six persons were baptized there May 6.

David G. Pollock

One Saved, Seven Baptized, in Pawtucket, Rhode Island

One person professed faith in Christ and several gained assurance of salvation during a three weeks' series of gospel meetings conducted at the Gospel Hall in Pawtucket, R. I., by Mr. Jack Noble. Seven young believers were baptized on the last evening of the series.

Help Needed in Kaukauna, Wis.

Help is requested in house-to-house visitation and tract distribution in Kaukauna, Wisconsin. Several weeks' assistance of a young man would be greatly appreciated.

The area offers excellent opportunities for employment and would be a good place for a young couple interested in helping a small assembly to reside.

Interested persons should write to Mr. James E. Watson, Box 767, Appleton, Wisconsin.

New Testimony Develops at Moraga, Calif.

About four years ago several brethren concurred to establish a local church in the growing Orinda-Moraga community near Oakland, Calif. We believed that whole families could be reached through children's work, as this community is very child centered. A craft class with an evangelistic and Bible memory program was begun in a rented hall, which we soon outgrew. We then rented a large multi-purpose room in an elementary school. A Bible Education Hour, consisting of a Sunday school and an adult Bible study class, was added to our program early this year. Several boys and girls from the craft classes enrolled in the Sunday school, and several community families now attend the adult class. Door-to-door visiting has yielded some heartening response.

We now break bread on Sunday evenings in one of our homes. A home Bible study class is conducted every other Friday evening. We plan to establish a full program of meetings this fall.

C. David Searle, Correspondent, Valley Church of Moraga, P. O. Box 33, Moraga, Calif.

Edward Richmond Recovers from Recent Operation

On May 14 Edward Richmond of Ocean City, N. J. (Box 298) underwent an operation to correct a blood vessel problem on the side of his head. The operation was successful, and the surgeon predicted that the problem would not recur. But the next day, in a strong reaction to a sedative, Mr. Richmond was twice near death. He rallied, however, was eventually able to go home, and by late May was well on the way to recovery.

Before his hospitalization he had written: "Attendance at our children's meetings increases every Friday night, and parents show keen interest.

"The work of the Christians in Dover, Delaware, where I visit from time to time, is encouraging. The young men there conduct a weekly meeting at the

Palmer House, where the Palmer House nurse was gloriously saved in April."

On June 6 he wrote: "The number of children attending the meetings in Marmora increases each week, and the parents' interest deepens. Fathers and mothers come asking if they can bring, or send their children to the Friday night meetings. Some come with pennies thinking we accept money for an offering. I am confident this work will lead to the establishing of a testimony in south Jersey. From Atlantic City to Cape May we have no assembly, so much children's work and sound Bible teaching could be done."

Apartment Available for Ministering Men Visiting Yakima, Washington

Christians meeting at the Yakima Gospel Chapel in Yakima, Wash., announce that a furnished apartment is available for the use of any ministering men visiting Yakima. One bedroom plus a day-bed in the living room provide sleeping accommodations for a family of up to four persons. Linen, dishes, silverware and cooking utensils are there, and the apartment is only five blocks from the chapel.

Anyone wishing to use this apartment should contact John E. Crawford, Correspondent, 412 N. 62nd Ave., Yakima, Washington.

A Patient at Piedmont Sanatorium, S. C., Gives Her Testimony

"As long as I was doing good and treating my neighbors right, I used to believe that I was right with God. But in July, 1962 I was admitted to the Piedmont Sanatorium, worried and afraid. To help pass the time I started reading Christian literature, as well as a New Testament sent by a friend. Through reading I Peter 2:24 and 25 I accepted the Lord Jesus as my personal Saviour.

"Not only did I become a Christian here, but the Bible course I took from Emmaus Bible School was food to my soul."

Florence Wright

Several Trust Christ Through Work of Mrs. Coolidge

Florence Wright, whose testimony is printed above, is one of several won to the Lord through the efforts of Mrs. Allie Mae Coolidge. With few exceptions, each of the 300 to 380 patients at the Piedmont Sanatorium has been contacted weekly with a testimony or gospel tract, periodical or Scripture portion. There is also opportunity to reach many illiterate or blind patients. Scripture memory work is strengthened among the

children and young people with the use of Scripture catechism cards and weekly review of the Sunday school lesson golden texts.

During the year ending April 15, 1963 Mrs. Coolidge distributed over 46,500 pieces of Christian literature in the sanatorium, including Bibles, New Testaments and Scripture portions. Twenty-five are studying Bible study courses, and twenty-four have professed salvation through Christ.

William Oglesby

NEWS BITS

LAURENCE CHAMBERS of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., ministered during March, April and May in Grand Rapids, Muskegon and Holland, Mich., and in Winston Salem, Siler City and Greensboro, N. C.

Two girls in Richmond, Va., trusted Christ during a week's series of meetings conducted by ROBERT CRAWFORD of Malvern, Pa. and DAVID KIRK of Hamilton, Ont.

In May it was reported that JOHN FERGUSON of Los Angeles, Calif., was visiting such South American countries as Uruguay, Brazil, and Argentina to further the world-wide Christian literature ministry in which he is engaged.

In May ERNEST GROSS, of Greenville, S. C., cancelled some meetings to be near his father who was ill; but went ahead with plans for five weeks of Bible school work, two of which are to be at Bair Lake Bible Camp in Michigan.

Dr. ARTHUR C. HILL of Sherbrooke, Quebec, reported at the end of May that he was sufficiently recovered from his recent accident injuries to be able to work again "half time," and that he hoped to be working full time in about a month.

JOHN HORN of Atchison, Kans., wrote that Nebraska, which he visited in June, needs exercised young men to bring the Gospel to some who have not heard it.

LOUIS MONTALVO writes that some Spanish speaking persons in the Brooklyn, N. Y. area have come to know Christ through Emmaus Bible correspondence courses.

J. PHILIP MORGAN writes that the Christians in New Smyrna Beach, Fla., have started a children's Bible class in a needy neighborhood, and hope to follow up with meetings this summer.

(More on Page 20, Col. 3)

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Some Thing Absent From The Gospel of John

GENEALOGY

By Donald M. Taylor

We were observing that the Gospel of John contains no genealogy of our Lord Jesus Christ as do the other three Gospels (brief, indeed, in Mark). Now we should consider why John gives no account of His birth.

The Record Reflects the Writer's Theme

Matthew offers a brief account, and Luke a more expanded one. We will say something about each shortly. Mark has no record of the Lord's birth, but there is another reason than John's for the omission. Mark is concerned with His perfect service on earth as the Son of God; not at all with His coming. For Mark is setting the stage for the Gospel of grace which Luke is to develop and John is to tell out in its fullness: or, at least, to the extent it could be told short of the Lord's present session at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

Matthew must tell of His birth to a virgin betrothed to a lineal descendant of David the king, and of Abraham; for through David He is to have legal right to the throne of Israel. He must come through Jechonias of David's royal line, yet in such a way as to avoid the curse of Jehoiakim, the father of Jechonias, who burned the prophecy of Jeremiah and therefore could have none to sit upon David's throne. Matthew must inform us how God can at once be true to His promise to David to give his Seed the throne perpetually, and to His judgment on Jehoiakim. And this he does by relating that "the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost...", and that this was in fulfillment of the prophecy: "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

But Matthew must have Luke's help to explain how this One can be not only legally a Son of David, but also naturally. In Luke's Gospel the angel Gabriel appears to the virgin Mary, and in his annunciation tells her that she shall conceive in her womb and "bring forth a son, and shall call His names Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His

father David: and He shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever: and of His kingdom there shall be no end." When Mary questions how this can occur to her, a virgin, the angel answers: "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that Holy Thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." Evidently, then, Mary is of the house of David, and the genealogy in chapter three is her's as well as her Son's, for the reference does not seem to be to legal title coming through Joseph when the angel says, "the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David." Luke devotes considerable space to an account of His birth and to the adoration of the shepherds.

The Everlasting Word Became Flesh

John gives no record of His birth, because he is charged with the commission of presenting Him as the One who has no beginning, the self-existent Eternal Son of God, who created all things. However, John is concerned also with the fact that He came into this world in human form for a specific purpose, and therefore he tells us early in his Gospel that "The Word was made [became, is a better translation] flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." How He became flesh, John does not say; but he does mention the mother of Jesus on two occasions: the marriage at Cana of Galilee, and the crucifixion.

He became flesh not only to fully display God in human form—"as an only begotten from with a father"; but also to perform a work of creation that could be accomplished only by the Creator, the Word, in human form. All prior creation was work external to Himself: He spoke and it was done. Now He has come to earth, He has become flesh, to do a work that can be done only from within Himself. Our Lord indicates this in His discussion in John chapter six with the people He had fed on the previous day. Here are some excerpts: "My Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is He which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life to the world. . . . I am the bread of life: he that cometh to Me shall never hunger:

and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst. . . . And this is the will of Him that sent Me, that every one that seeth the Son and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life. . . . Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me hath everlasting life. I am that bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh which I will give for the life of the world.

"The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat? Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, hath eternal life: and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is meat indeed and My blood is drink indeed. He that eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, dwelleth in Me, and I in him. . . . This is the bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever."

His coming into the world then was not, in John's manner of speaking, a birth, but a becoming flesh, in order that by His giving His flesh for the life of the world, all who believe on Him (eat His flesh, drink His blood) would have everlasting life, will dwell in Him, and He in them. In Matthew and Luke He is, though from all eternity, a new man, born into the world by virgin birth. But in John He is the Word from everlasting come in flesh to impart everlasting life, His own life to those who partake of Him.

We must throughout this series on the eloquent omissions from the Gospel of John reiterate again and again these statements regarding the unique character in which He is seen in this Gospel, and regarding the work He achieves in that character. But we hope in doing so to display such varied facets of that character that it will not be mere repetition. We trust that we like John shall behold His glory.

QUOTES FROM *Letters*

Edgar Ainslie Crippled by Arthritis

EDGAR AINSLIE, 817 N. Chauncey Ave., West Lafayette, Ind.: Some persons received the Saviour recently while I ministered in some of the eastern assemblies. I had to return home early because of a painfully crippling attack of arthritis. I yearn to feed God's people again should health be regained.

Itinerary for John Aitken

JOHN Y. M. AITKEN, Box 116, Stanstead, Quebec, April 26: During the last two months of 1962 I labored in the Okanagan and Kootenay valleys of British Columbia, and in the states of Idaho and Washington. For the early weeks of this year I was in the Vancouver and Fraser Valley areas of British Columbia. I am now in the Sherbrooke area, Quebec, caring for the work among English speaking people in Stanstead and helping at Ayer's Cliff while Lawrence Wallace is in British Columbia.

Long Island Man Trusts Christ

GEORGE BARTON, 164 Nottawasaga St., Orillia, Ont.: One young man in the Long Island area was saved while we were ministering to some assemblies there this spring.

We arrived in Newfoundland on May 11, and expect to stay for the three months during which Stanley Beasley is on furlough. A young man from the Toronto Bible College, Lawrence Hurley, is working with us during his summer break. Pray for us as we work in the Daily Vacation Bible School and preach the Gospel.

Itinerary for Will Dawes

WILL M. DAWES, 1468 Columbia Ave., Trail, B. C.: In July I expect to visit some of the assemblies on Vancouver Island. We will direct the Rosebud Lake Bible Camp in August, then return to the Trail-Rossland district in September.

Itinerary for Colin Anderson

COLIN ANDERSON, Main St., Markham, Ont.: Mr. Aubrey Dellandrea and I shared the ministry at Ebenezer Gospel Hall, Winnipeg, Man., at Easter time. I went on to Selkirk, where we noted good progress in the small assembly, and stayed for a week of meetings with them. In Fort William the Lord gave encouragement in the ministry of the Word to His people and to the unsaved.



These smaller assemblies need our prayers and are very grateful for what help we can give. They carry on in difficult circumstances without the stimulus of seeing large gatherings.

We expect to work in the outer Toronto area for the next few months or more, apart from a week with the youth at Northland Bible Camp, Wavell, Ont., in mid August.

Three Manitoba Sisters to Work in Fourteen Summer Bible Schools

VERNA ANDERSON, 390 King Edward St., St. James, Winnipeg 12, Man.: Fourteen ten-day summer Bible schools, reaching a total of 300 to 400 eager children, face Elsie Davey, Grace Roach and myself as this summer's task. The only spiritual help most of these children get is received in these schools. Several who have trusted Christ in past years need our help, and others are concerned about their relationship to the Lord. Twenty to thirty girls are also expected to gather in camp.

God is sending us a helper from our classes of years past. We need spiritual and physical strength, and wisdom for every decision to be made with regard to meeting the needs of the children of the Manitoba Swan River area.

Indian Christians Assist in Evangelism

DONALD PERRAULT, Box 218, Teec Nos Pos, Ariz.: Mr. Tom Dennison, a native evangelist, gave a forceful message at our school graduation exercises on May 8. Five children received diplomas then; four of these children were from hogans. We pray that they will remember and cherish what they have learned of the Lord Jesus.

Jimmy Mexicana, one of the Navajo Bible school students, is working with us for the summer, and has already been faithfully giving God's Word to the Navajos who come in day by day.

Building Addition Will Ease Congestion at Immanuel Mission

KENNETH BAIRD, 1077 9th St., Boulder, Colo., May 21: Mr. Don Watt of Boulder, his brother from Indiana and I were recently able to complete the superstructure of the new addition to the school building at Immanuel Mission, Teec Nos Pos, Ariz. This addition will nearly double the floor space and will also provide room for Sunday services. Existing facilities have been sorely taxed at times by the entire school and visiting Navajo adults. We also endeavored to give some encouragement from the Scriptures, although the days were long and the work hard.

I leave Boulder this week for a busy summer of DVBS and camp work.

Several Saved, Christians Witness Boldly in Arizona Missions

GEORGE BAXTER, Box 141, Flagstaff, Ariz.: The Lord gives fruit at every station, persons have been saved, and some believers witness fearlessly for Christ at every opportunity.

Mr. and Mrs. Miner gave much time and energy giving out the Word. Several children in their release time classes have come to know Christ as Saviour. When Mr. and Mrs. Hesketh Johnson conducted children's meetings here recently, children filled the chapel and gave fine attention. Jonas Fuller of Coldwater, Mich., is ably taking charge of the meetings in Flagstaff during Mr. Baxter's absence in Shonto. We are endeavoring to complete the Shonto Chapel on the inside, but the work is harder for Mr. Baxter since his recent operation.

Bible schools began again in June, and camp meetings are scheduled for the summer. We pray for willing helpers, as well as for the salvation of souls and the edifying of Christians.

Itinerary for Harold Kesler

HAROLD KESLER, 3961 Sherman Dr., Riverside, Calif., May 9: I recently ministered in Loomis, Calif., led a series of meetings in the 12th Avenue Gospel Chapel in Sacramento, and spoke at a conference and during the following week in Yakima, Wash. I then gave a week in Seattle, and am now in the midst of a two weeks' series with the Ross Bay assembly in Victoria, B. C., after which I expect to return to Riverside.



James Blackwood Regaining Strength

JAMES BLACKWOOD, 160 Morrôw St., Peterborough, Ont.: My health has greatly improved from several months of rest necessitated by the heart attack I suffered some time ago. I am able to do some preaching, but have not yet conducted a series of meetings. I have helped at home with gospel preaching and Bible reading, and have also helped at Campbellford, Toronto, Oshawa and Galt, Ont.

Several in Grand Bend, Ont., Profess Faith

ROBERT BOOTH, 28 Parkcrest Dr., Scarborough, Ont., May 7: Several persons in Grand Bend, Ont., professed faith in Christ during a series of meetings which Tom Wilkie and I conducted.

I am now beginning a series in Gore Bay, Manitoulin Island, Ont. The long, cold winter on the island has hindered many of the Christians from getting to meetings, so the assembly needs a time of refreshing.

One Trusts Christ in Victoria, B. C., Another at Seattle Camp

ALFRED J. CRICK, 5333 MacMahon Ave., Montreal 29, Quebec.: While we were ministering in Victoria, B. C. recently we learned that a young woman had trusted Christ as a result of a previous visit there. We also led a mature man to Christ at a men's retreat at the Seattle camp in April.

81-year-old Man Comes to Christ

AUBREY DELLANDREA, 247 Greenhill Ave., R. R. 1, North Bay, Ont.: An 81-year-old man came to Christ recently in North Bay, Ont., near the end of a gospel meeting. Without invitation he walked to the front of the hall when the closing hymn was sung and said with tears, "Pray for me; I want to be saved." After prayer for him and dismissal of the meeting, we led him to the Lord.

The joy of the Lord's presence was enjoyed through each meeting at the Ebenezer Easter conference in Winnipeg, Man. The Christians showed much hunger for the Word, and appreciation of the things of Christ. One confessed faith in Christ during the week following, in which I continued to minister in Winnipeg.

I was at Selkirk for a one-day conference, then spent a week end at Sioux Lookout, Ont., on my way home. Isolated by many miles from any other assembly, and few in number, the Christians there have a fine Sunday school work and good gospel meetings, and are preparing to build a new chapel.

Venus Brooks Must Curtail Activities

VENUS BROOKS, Box 215-N, Pembroke, N. C.: As a recent two-weeks' illness seriously affected my heart, it has become necessary for me to drastically curtail my activities. On May 26 the Lord enabled me physically to give two Baccalaureate sermons, one in the afternoon and the other in the evening, to a total audience of over 1200 people. The Lord has also enabled me to preach the Gospel to large audiences at several recent funerals, attended by many who never go to any place of religious service. I am permitted activity to tolerance, with orders to stop a message if I begin to tire in the midst of it.

Several Sunday School Classes Housed in Unfinished Extension, Orlando, Fla.

SVEND CHRISTENSEN, 1920 Hiawassa Rd., Orlando, Fla.: After a Saturday morning prayer meeting and breakfast, several of the men of the Hiawassa Hills assembly in Orlando, Fla., remain to work on the new Sunday school extension. Much volunteer labor has been given to this extension, which measures 93 by 30 feet. Though it is not completely finished, it is already in use: Before it could be opened seven Sunday school classes met in our home.

The Saturday morning men's prayer meeting meets at 6:30 a.m., and God has worked in response to many prayers offered at this time. Two men prepare breakfast, and the rest clean the chapel, before the building is begun.

Assurance of salvation has been professed recently by several from the Bible classes we conduct in homes.

Response to door-to-door visitation has been good. Six new families attended the family Bible hour recently, and others have promised to come.

Boys receive rich spiritual help through the Christian Service Brigade, a Christ centered program for boys being conducted here by four of the Christian men. We hope to start a similar work for girls in the near future. The Friday night youth program is also very encouraging.

Eleven-year-old Girl Leads Bible Study Class

LEONARD FEX, Parkhill, Ont.: An eleven-year-old girl leads a Bible class during the noon hour in the local public school, attended by seventeen persons most of whom we are unable to reach. Two of these trusted Christ recently.

Forty to 50 attend our Sunday school now, but work with the adults is still uphill. We hope to get into the public school this year to teach religious education.

Teen-Age Christian Faces Persecution at Home

JOSEPH DARLING, 1892 St. Laurent, Shawinigan Falls, Quebec: Several weeks ago, when a fourteen-year-old girl told her Roman Catholic parents of trusting Christ, they ceased allowing her to attend meetings with a Christian couple whose children she cared for. But she confirms her assurance of being saved. The parents insist more than before that she attend mass.

From each of two Roman Catholic homes in our area the father came for a Testament, and I have had several evenings with each man and others of his family.

Mr. Vincent Davey and I spent several days calling on isolated believers in and around New Brunswick and adjoining Quebec, where there is no local missionary and few to call on the unsaved and encourage the scattered believers.

Christians Reach Out to Neighbors in Massachusetts and New Hampshire

ARTHUR DEWHURST, 430 Park St., North Reading, Mass.: A series of gospel meetings was started June 2 in Roxbury, Mass., in the heart of a Negro population. The Christians there are actively reaching out.

The outreach with the Gospel in New Hampshire goes on quietly but effectively, and fruit is seen especially from our efforts to build up the Christians. The Center Barnstead assembly has obtained the use of a building that is usually open only for summer services, for visitors in the Gilmanton area. A gospel service is now held there weekly.

A children's work conducted by a Christian lady in her home goes on well. This lady also promotes activities that have resulted in a couple's being added to the Center Barnstead assembly after learning more perfectly God's way of gathering.

Sunday School Attendance Doubles at Berean Tabernacle, Detroit

GRANT LOVE, 20031 Monte Vista, Detroit 21, Mich.: Our Sunday school attendance has more than doubled since we moved into our new building. The Lord is occasionally saving an adult.

In addition to ministry in the Tabernacle, I have visited hundreds of neighborhood homes and distributed many tracts. Where the doors are open, I give a personal witness for Christ and His saving power. Pray much for three alcoholics whom I am trying to lead to Christ.

We are preparing for six weeks at camp this year. Last season God gave us almost a full camp each week with several confessions for Christ.

Five Saved in Groton, Conn.

WELCOME DETWEILER, 415 N. Hyde Park Ave., Durham, N. C.: In Groton, Conn., where I preached during a two-weeks' series of gospel services, interest was excellent and five professed to trust the Saviour.

The Groton Gospel Chapel is on the edge of a huge government housing project. David Ward, his father and fellow elders make new contacts with families moving in daily. Many men stationed at Groton are in the submarine division of the armed forces, and the recent Thresher disaster may have awakened some to the uncertainty of this life.

Family Bible Hour Conducted in Basement Room

CHESTER DONALDSON, Box 1499, South Porcupine, Ont.: Thirty to thirty-eight people attend a family Bible hour each Sunday morning in a room which I have built in our basement. Earlier, at 9:45 a.m., eleven Christians remember the Lord Jesus in our living room.

South Porcupine is a mining town with a population of about 5,000. We have been able to develop a new work here while continuing to give help to the older assemblies in the area, for South Porcupine is in the vicinity of Timmins, Matheson, Montieith and Montrock where my wife and I have labored for the past fifteen years.

We expect to spend the two summer months again this year at the Northland Bible Camp, Wavell, Ont.

International Students Present a Challenge to U. S. Christians

JOHN HALLIDAY, 3907 E. Pasco Grande, Tucson, Ariz., May 3: I presented the Gospel to Oriental students last week. Many international students come to the University of Arizona and present a challenge to Christians, as they may be expected to occupy positions of prominence in their own countries upon return. I received an enquiry about literature for a couple from Iraq this week.

A father and son banquet, arranged by Mr. Kermit Oestreich, provided me with an excellent opportunity to reach some of the parents of Sunday school children with the Gospel. A mother and daughter banquet was arranged. This mushroomed with many more present than expected. About 200 heard the Gospel through a flannelgraph lesson I gave at our recent Sunday school picnic.

There has been a marked increase in attendance of children and adults at the Bible Chapel in Tucson. A large overflow crowd sat in the side auditorium last Sunday. And the radio broadcast of the Gospel continues.

A. J. Fields May Move to Toronto

ARCHIE J. FIELD, 274 Nelson St., Brantford, Ont.: Since our son drowned last year, my wife has lost 50 to 60 pounds. For her sake the doctors advise us to move to Toronto, where four of our married daughters reside, so we expect to move in August. This will mean leaving much of the work in Brantford, where fellowship and activities with the assemblies have been delightful. Please pray that I may find the sphere in Toronto where I can best exercise my teaching and pastoral ministry.

The last months in Larchwood, Westside, Toronto, Sarnia and Richvale, Ont., have been encouraging. I also enjoyed a profitable week-end conference shared with James Boswell at Tillsonberg, Ont.

My regular pastoral ministry for the Bethel Chapel and North Park Community Chapel assemblies in Brantford includes visiting aged, shut-in and sick Christians, following up all leads in testifying to unsaved, and teaching from the books of Ruth and Proverbs.

Two Mexican Fruit-pickers Receive Christ.

IRENE GALLAGHER, 353 Clela Ave., Los Angeles 22, Calif.: We have just heard that the Mexican men have returned to the fruit-pickers camp in Fullerton, and we hope to conduct gospel services for them again as we did last year. Two men from another fruit-pickers' camp visited by evangelists have written professing faith in Christ.

We are also praying that several non-Christians who listen to the Word of God may commit their lives to Christ. Few of these respond to the invitation to attend meetings, but they are hearing the Gospel in their homes and some in the hospital.

Owen Hoffman Receives Minor Surgery

OWEN HOFFMAN, Box 250, Washington, Ga., May 8: I return May 13 to the hospital in Augusta, Ga., to receive minor surgery on the 15th to see if further surgery is necessary. I hope to stay there for a week only. Our Bible schools and camps are scheduled as usual and we anticipate a busy summer.

Interest of Indian Believers in the Lord's Work Grows

JOSEPH PAULICK, Box 880, Flagstaff, Ariz.: Several Indian believers take greater interest in the Lord's work.

One Navajo boy of 20 at Red Lake fully trusted Christ as his Saviour after the prayer and Bible study meeting on my last visit there. Two boys in the Indian Hospital are greatly concerned about their souls.

E. B. Godfrey Visits Small Alberta Assemblies

E. B. GODFREY, 428 Edna Ave., Penticton, B. C., June 1: I am presently in Vermillion, Alta, a small town about 120 miles east of Edmonton, where there is an assembly with about fifteen to twenty in fellowship. Most of these Christians are farmers living in the surrounding district. Attendance through my week here has been good, and a few unsaved have come.



I am to go next to Paradise Valley where there is another small assembly. These people greatly appreciate a visit, and we feel that they need more help than we can give.

This picture of myself was taken on this trip. I will be 89 this month, but am still allowed to drive my car.

R. C. Marriage Rules Stop Attendance of Quebec Couple

WILLIAM LEAROYD, 8168 Birnam St., Montreal 16, Quebec: A young couple engaged to be married in the Catholic church faithfully came to meetings with their Bibles three or four times a week for several months. But at Easter they suddenly stopped. The reason seems to be that they have to be married in the Roman Catholic church or else the girl who is a minor cannot receive her parents' permission to marry; and as everything was all arranged she did not have the courage to wait. The young man seemed to be truly saved.

The wife of an active member of the assembly was led to the Lord while visiting Fernand St-Louis in Montmagny.

New Testimony Developing in Winston-Salem, N. C.

TOMMY STEELE, SR., P. O. Box 7472, Winston-Salem, N. C.: The Christians of the Glenn Avenue Gospel Chapel in Winston-Salem are progressing toward establishing another testimony on the other side of the city. Several improvements have been made at the chapel.

I expect to give a series of daily meetings in the Cherrydale Community Chapel at Arlington, Va., July 14-21. August 3-10 I will be at the Believers Bible Conference at Toccoa, Ga., as a convener. The remainder of July and August will be filled with activity in Winston-Salem.

Negro Work Beginning in Wichita, Kans.

LEONARD LINDSTED, 753 Chautauqua St., Wichita 11, Kans., May 6: I am helping a small group of Negroes in Wichita, where the Negro population is about 30,000. Attendance at recent children's meetings on the north side was so great that we had difficulty seating everyone.

New Christian Brings Another to Christ

FERNAND ST-LOUIS, C. P. 871, Montmagny, Quebec: A prominent leader in a secret French Canadian organization recently accepted Christ as his Saviour, and then promised to try to lead ten persons to the Lord in the following year. He has brought one person to Christ already.

I expect to work with youth at the French and English camps at Frontier Lodge, St. Hermenegilde, Quebec, and at Bethel Camp, Lennoxville, Quebec this summer.

Former Hospital Roommates Accept Christ

WALTER JENSEN, 361 Westfield Rd., Scotch Plains, N. J., May 1: I had the joy of pointing to Christ former hospital roommates of mine and my wife's. One of these was Jewish, and confessed Christ to his former rabbi. During the remaining week of his life he witnessed brightly to visitors. The lady, before she died, expressed concern that her children be brought to Christ and not waste their lives as she had wasted hers.



Some persons have been saved through local home Bible classes, and one trusted Christ at the close of the Worcester, Mass. conference where I shared the ministry with David Kirk.

My summer schedule is full, and includes a few camp and conference responsibilities.

Ray Zander Continues Preaching in Bahamas

RAY ZANDER, Marsh Harbour, Abaco, Bahamas, June 5: I am leading a series of gospel meetings at Green Turtle Cay, and while one can feel the Lord's presence each night, no one has professed faith in Christ. I have preached the Gospel on several of the out islands, and will stay here as the Lord leads. The Lord has given some fruit during recent months, but it appears that now is a time of plowing.

Twenty-two Accept Christ in Yonkers, N. Y.

WILLIAM MACKIE, 2424 Barth St., Flint 4, Mich., May 2: In children's services in Yonkers, N. Y., twenty children accepted Christ, as well as a young Roman Catholic woman who attended. A boy of fourteen also accepted Christ in Sunday school.



Mrs. Mackie and I hope to leave May 16 for Scotland, where we will visit my father who is 90 years old and not well. We expect to return by August 9.

Kosins Encouraged by Fellowship of West Coast Christians

WESLEY KOSIN, Box 338, Fort Washakie, Wyo.: We praise God for the gracious hospitality of the Christians we visited on the west coast, their earnest prayers, and their readiness to share in the ministry God has given us.

Several of the Shoshone's have expressed welcome as we have returned to them. Two Indian women who asked when we were coming to see them helped us before with the language work. Please continue to pray that God will give us a completely bilingual informant.

We appreciated the work of Jerry Taylor who continued the work at Fort Washakie in our absence.

Doctors are seeking a therapy to control my wife's rare type of tachycardia.

Several Unsaved Attend Small Gospel Meeting

FRED PEER, R. R. 10, Peterborough, Ont.: During the first three weeks of May I ministered at Lang, Ont., where about eleven break bread, 30 attend Sunday school, and twenty-five come to gospel meetings. One Sunday evening seven unsaved persons attended, as well as six who profess faith but have



not identified themselves with the assembly.

Isolated Christians and small assemblies in the Peterborough area appreciate help and encouragement, and I find enough to do here without going further afield.

Waialae Assembly Grows from 5 to 42

JOHN T. RAE, 1017 Makaiwa, Honolulu 16, Hawaii; writing from Canada: The assembly in Waialae, which once numbered five persons, now numbers 42. Six more are studying baptism and fellowship in a teen-agers' class ably led by Albert Araki. Mr. Araki has been saved for only four years but has made great progress in spiritual things. He also leads the Thursday evening discussion group at our home during my absence.

Growth Noted in Rural Virginia Assemblies

ERMAL ROBINSON, Etlan, Va.: A constant growth is displayed in rural Virginia meetings. All attendance records



were exceeded at a recent conference, and spiritual growth in Christians is apparent.

In July and August I expect to visit meetings at Harrisonburg, Va., and in Pennsylvania, to be at Pine Bush Bible Camp at Thompson Ridge, N. Y., and to visit meetings in White Plains, N. Y., and in South Norwalk, Conn., returning home August 18.

Itinerary for Robert Young

ROBERT YOUNG, 8300 Curbaril Ave., Atascadero Calif.: June 30 to July 28, Seattle Area Camp on Whidby Island, Wash.; July 28 to August 11, Camp Koinonia, Calif.; August 11-17, Sacramento Camp, Mission Pines, Calif.



Four Accept Christ in Bickerton West, N. S.

VERNON MARKLE, 59 Sheriff Ave., Sydney, N. S., May 30: Donald Carmichael of Baddick, N. S. and I are now in the sixth week of a gospel campaign in the fishing village of Bickerton West on the Atlantic coast, where there is a small assembly. A 53-year-old man, brother of the correspondent of the Sydney assembly, professed to be saved. This was after thirteen years of soul trouble, which began when his godly father died, and was intensified by the salvation of his brother, eleven years ago. The next night this man's uncle, a man of 70, professed faith, after hearing the Gospel for 40 years. The following week the first

man's wife and his niece both trusted Christ.

His twelve-year-old nephew seems to be under strong conviction. A young married man, whose parents are in the assembly, was under conviction for a time, but seems to have definitely rejected Christ since.

Roman Catholic Priests Discourage Attendance at Portales, N. M.

DAVID METLER, 1116 W. 3rd Street, Portales, N. M., May 6: Leo Vasquez, who was coming to all the meetings, started asking many questions and was seeking the Saviour. Last week his father informed me that they had sent Leo away so he could hear no more of the Gospel. Idols are everywhere in his parents' home, and a sister is a nun. The priests continue to warn the people against us, and fear is a great weapon of theirs.

Mrs. Arragon, who has a large family of her own, has started coming to the meetings, and has brought three daughters and one son with their large families. All continue to attend.

Over 100 parents, young people and children attended our Sunday school picnic last Saturday.

Used Christian Literature Appreciated

JAMES GIBB, 22 Ridge Rd., Belmont 78, Mass.: May 1 express to all my appreciation for the gospel and Christian papers passed on so that the men might have messages to read which are far better than the stuff often found for them on the ships.

Dr. Carl Armerding of Wheaton, Ill., taught for two weeks at the Countryside Bible Chapel in Lexington, Mass., on the second coming of Christ. The series had been publicized through the distribution of invitation cards and tracts to every home in the neighborhood, and many visitors and non-Christians were in the large audiences. Our Tract Band distributed invitation cards and tracts again to advertize our DVBS conducted June 24 through July 3.

CONFERENCE Near Paynesville, Minn., July 29 to August 4

Location: Lake Koronis Assembly Grounds, near Paynesville, Minn. Dates: July 29 to August 4. Expected speakers: William MacDonald and David Kirk, Leslie Rainey at the senior camp, Kenneth Baird at the junior camp.

Write to: Lloyd R. Parkin, 2905 31st Ave., N. E., Minneapolis 18, Minn.

With The Lord

Harold Harper Funeral Service

The service for Mr. Harold Harper, who went Home to be with Christ on May 16, was held on May 20, 1963, at the Norwood Gospel Chapel, Chicago, Ill. Mr. William MacDonald of Oak Park, Ill., read Scripture and the obituary; Peter Pell of Grand Rapids, Michigan, led in prayer; and Mr. John Bramhall of Charlotte, N. C., gave a memorial address. Many friends attended, including many Christians from assemblies across the country which the Lord had either started or built up through Mr. Harper's labors.

Mr. Harper is survived by his wife, Margaretha Righter Harper, sons Harold Jr., John and Robert, and daughters Ruth and Mrs. Betty Dunn, fifteen grandchildren, and three brothers and one sister.

Mrs. Arthur Christie

Mrs. Arthur Christie peacefully went to be with Christ on May 1, at the age of 70.

Early in life she and her late husband had settled in Miami, Florida, where they were both saved in 1937. They were baptized in the Atlantic at Miami Beach in 1938, and were received into fellowship in the 29th Street Gospel Hall. For a time they served the Lord fruitfully in New Brunswick, to which they moved in 1947. In 1950 they moved to Bristol, Va., and worked with the assembly there until Mr. Christie was called Home in 1952. Mrs. Christie went to the Gospel Home in Longport, N. J. in 1959. She will be remembered by many Christians, including preachers and missionaries, who enjoyed her hospitality when she had a home of her own.

Her funeral service was led by Mr. Oswald MacLeod of Hickory, N. C.

Mrs. James Crow

Mrs. James Crow, mother of Mrs. Karl J. Pfaff of Sioux City, Iowa, went to be with Christ on May 15.

Mrs. Crow, nee Dorris Hunt, trusted Christ in her teen-age years, and enjoyed fellowship with Christians at the Gospel Chapel in Washington, D. C., for over 40 years. She and James Crow were married in 1913, and had two children: Wallace, who lives in Washington, D. C.; and Alice, who is married to Karl J. Pfaff, a commended worker laboring in

Sioux City and the surrounding area. Mr. and Mrs. Crow kept their home open to the Lord's people, and gave hospitality to the Lord's servants until Mr. Crow was called Home in 1945.

John Lloyd gave a message at the funeral service, and Karl J. Pfaff closed with prayer at the grave.

Mrs. Charles S. Howard

On June 12 Mrs. Esther Howard was unexpectedly called Home to be with Christ after a brief illness, while she and her husband were visiting in the Chicago, Ill., area. Her husband is Charles W. Howard, writer of "The Local Church" column in Letters of Interest, who is himself still recovering from a recent heart attack.

The funeral service was conducted by John Phillips of Chicago at the Gospel Chapel in Lombard, Ill., on Saturday, June 15.

Mrs. Howard is the mother of Mrs. Robert Hansen (nee Florence Howard) of Federal Way, Wash., Mrs. Robert Hitchman (nee Edith Howard) of Des Moines, Wash., Mrs. Ronald Harris (nee Dorothy Howard) of Tehuacan, Mexico, and William and Russel Howard of Lombard, Ill. Correspondence may be sent in care of William C. Howard, 333 N. Craig, Lombard, Ill.

Mrs. William D. Hynd, Flint, Mich.

Mrs. Jean Hynd of Flint, Mich., passed into the presence of the Lord on Friday, May 17.

She was born in Scotland in 1912, and served her Lord faithfully since she was a young girl. Mr. and Mrs. William Hynd served the Lord together for several years as missionaries in Jamaica, B. W. I., returning to the U. S. about eight years ago for health reasons. Mrs. Hynd continued to witness as a Bible camp director and counselor, and as a speaker at numerous women's missionary conferences throughout the country.

Funeral services were held in Flint on Monday, May 20, with John Stadt of Dearborn, Mich., officiating.

Surviving Mrs. Hynd here are her husband; two daughters, Mrs. Virgil Bonet and Nancy Jean; and her father, Mr. Thomas Gordon; all of Flint. Correspondence may be sent to: William D. Hynd, 5702 Marja, Flint 5, Mich.

CAMPS and CONFERENCES

CAMPS

NEEDED, LIFEGUARD OR WATERFRONT INSTRUCTOR

A young man or woman with lifeguard qualifications or experience as water-front instructor is needed for a camp July 13 to 28 with a possible extension to August 4.

A Negro is preferred, or a person with experience with colored people. Experience as a counsellor or Sunday school teacher is preferred. A commendation from the local assembly would be appreciated. It may be possible to help with fare.

Write to: **Bethel Bible Camp, Middleton, N.S. Floyd Everett, Director.**

CAMP IMADENE, B.C., GAINS CONTROL OF MAPLE BAY

On Thursday, February 7, we learned that the property adjoining Camp Imadene on the south side was being put up for sale. On investigation we discovered that overtures were being made by an organization which would have a public wharf extending beyond the little island out into the bay beside our swimming area, a club house, bar, and parking within ten feet of the girls' and boys' sleeping cabins. If this group were to secure the property, it would be impossible for us to continue the work of Camp Imadene as formerly. We could not operate a girls' camp in such close proximity. We therefore sent a hurried call for prayer among the friends of the work.

On Sunday I received a call offering money to buy the property and hold title for a limited time until we were able to purchase and take transfer to title. I went to the office of the dealer on Monday morning to see if the property was still available. Ten minutes later the other party called. Only the fact that we were first, and that we were willing to pay all cash, made it possible for me to complete the purchase in the name of our benefactors.

We now completely control the bay on which Camp Imadene is established. Besides adding about an acre and a half to the camp site the purchase has now extended the site to a point where there

is no beach, thus insuring the privacy of our bay. We also hope to renovate a house on the property for a permanent residence for a married couple joining our work.

The asking price of the property was \$11,500, but because of our cash offer this was reduced to \$11,000. At the time of writing we have received gifts for this purchase amounting to \$6,372.08. We praise God for the way He has spoken to His servants in meeting this need.

Huron Sheppard, Director

Improvements Made at Bair Lake Camp, Michigan

Christian men from Detroit worked during the past winter months to improve accommodations at the Bair Lake Bible Camp, Jones, Michigan. Among improvements were new ceilings, insulation, and heaters in two cabins and washrooms, making the camp suitable for winter activities. The officers and business committee have decided to authorize additional improvements including a tennis court and a shuffleboard court in the recreational area.

The 1963 season is to be nine weeks long with additional time for Senior Boys and Girls' Junior Girls and a Family Week. The longer season will call for more workers and for additional strength for workers staying for the entire season.

NEW CAMP TO START NEAR CINCINNATI

The Christians at Bethany Chapel, Afton (suburb of Cincinnati), and the Northern Hills Chapel, Cincinnati, Ohio, announce Whitewater Bible Camp, a jointly sponsored camp for boys and girls at New Trenton, Indiana, 30 miles west of Cincinnati near Harrison, Ohio.

The primary objective of the camp is to present Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour to boys and girls, to instruct them in the Word of God, and inspire them to live useful, joyful Christian lives. A group health and accident insurance plan covers each camper for hospital care resulting from sickness or accident. Accommodations include eleven cabins housing eight to ten persons each, a bath house with hot and cold showers, a large swimming pool, and a large recreation building which will be used for services and for indoor games during bad weather.

The 1963 session will be from noon, August 26 to noon, August 30. Speaker: Fred Gladstone. Director: James Lee-man. Registrar: James McQuire, Rm. 147, L. B. Harrison Club, 2368 Victory Parkway, Cincinnati 6, Ohio.

CONFERENCES

Albuquerque, N. M., August 31 to September 2

Christians meeting at the Garfield Gospel Chapel, 2406 Garfield S. E., Albuquerque, N. M., expect to conduct their seventh annual conference on the Labor Day week end, August 31 through September 2, 1963. Speakers expected: John Walden and Harold Kessler.

Visitors from a distance will be accommodated in homes, and noon and evening meals will be served at the Chapel. Write to: Francis Delaney, 408 Amherst, S. E., Albuquerque 6, New Mexico.

N.W. Bible Camp, B. C., August 28 to September 1

The fourth annual Northwest Bible Camp is to be held August 26 to September 1 at the Fraser Valley Bible Camp grounds, Clayburn B. C., about two and one half miles northeast of Abbotsford, B. C. Family groups, as well as individual campers, are welcome. Cabins and trailer space will be available.

Morning discussion groups and ministry are scheduled daily for registered campers. Evening sessions will be open to the public, at 7:45 each day.

For additional information, write to camp director Mun Hope, Northwest Bible Camp, Box 115, North Surrey, B. C., or the Registrar, Miss Donna Egan, R.N., 13548 62nd Ave., North Surrey, B. C.

600 Attend Sunday School Teachers Conference

About 600 Christians attended the 40th Annual Sunday School Teachers Conference in St. Catharines, Ont., on May 11. This year's conference was considered especially helpful. Among the subjects discussed were "Teacher Training" and "Problems of the Adolescent," and several craft and Sunday school displays were on view.

Among those who participated were: J. Boyd Nicholson and Harry Morrison of London, Ont., Dr. Clifford Pitt, Dr. Paul Irwin, Robert Wick and Theodore Stainton of Toronto, Ont., Earl Clark of Rochester, N. Y., and Ronald Hawkins, William Hay and Arnot McIntee of St. Catharines.

A Sunday school superintendents' conference was proposed to be held in February, 1964. Interested persons may write

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Come and Visit the

CHRISTIAN SERVICEMEN'S CENTER



An invitation given to a passing serviceman.

A Serviceman Seeks a Friend

"I am a serviceman and that is lonely enough, but a serviceman without a friend is lonelier than you can imagine. I used to drift from bar to bar and from movie house to movie house, hoping to find someone else as lonely as I was. I would see many such people, but they only made me feel worse. People referred to me as the 'sarcastic bore.' I never agreed with anyone; even if I thought they were correct I would disagree just to be different.

"Then one morning a kid that worked with me told me of a center that had just opened, and how nice the people there were to him, and that he had the best hamburger in town there. So that evening I figured I would stop by the Christian Servicemen's Center and see what their angle was."

How the Work Began

In response to the need of many homesick young servicemen stationed in Key West, Florida, for the Gospel and Christian fellowship, Harry Gregory opened the Christian Servicemen's Center there about ten years ago. He directed it until his health failed two years ago. After that others managed it, but found it necessary to leave September 30, 1962.

In answer to Mrs. Gregory's appeal for help the Florida Gospel Pioneers assumed responsibility for the Center before September ended.

Persons who have been in the service know the loneliness of Christian boys

away from home, and of how Satan can take advantage of their separation from the fellowship of God's people. One of the most fruitful aspects of the work in the Center has been the provision of Christian fellowship for these boys. With the Cuban threat many servicemen are stationed or come to visit in Key West, which is daily becoming more important as a base. The U. S. O. there is crowded. The Key West bars take in more than \$1,000 each night, the estimated monthly cost of operating the Center.

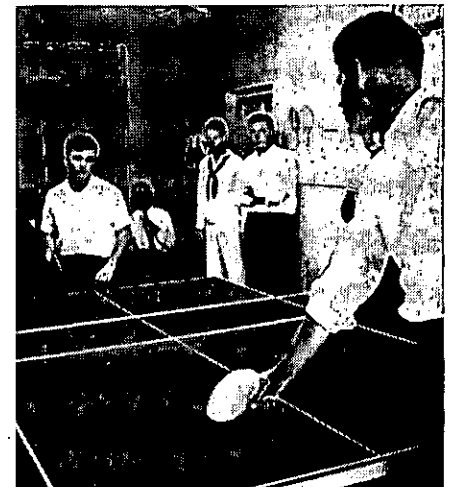
When the Florida Gospel Pioneers advertised the need for a couple to supervise the Center, the Lord led David Harris and his wife Lorraine, commended workers experienced in youth work, to the Center in December. Immediately Mr. Harris began directing the necessary remodeling and redecorating of the building.

As with the new assembly chapels sponsored by the FGP at West Hollywood, Eau Gallie, Orlando and North Palm Beach, so at Key West the FGP have no financial obligation to the workers. They look to the Lord and are supported in the same manner as other commended workers.

The Center Opens Again

In April, 1963 after many Christians all over the country had contributed toward the remodeling of the Center financially, materially, and some with

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"The ping pong room is never silent."



"Some help with physical work."

time and physical work, the Florida Gospel Pioneers were able to report as follows:

"The Center seems to be a success. Nearly 1,000 have signed the register as first-time visitors, and many of these have returned again and again—some are there every time the doors open.

"On the second floor are three apartments, on the third floor is a large dormitory with bunk beds for men who sometimes must sleep away from the base, and behind the building is a three-bedroom residence. The first floor is the Center. Here is the director's office, a lounge, a games room, ping pong room, exercise room, and snack bar.

"Several Christian servicemen make the Center their headquarters in Key West. Many of these, such as chaplains and men representing the service clubs and the ministerial association, carry much influence over the success or failure of the operation, and Mr. Harris needs much wisdom as the directors hold firm to the position of being gathered in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ alone.

"On Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings the Center is in use to capacity—about 40 men. These may all be between 18 and 22 years of age, mostly enlisted men and a few officers. A visitor might hear a quartet practicing for a planned visit to a church. Others will be writing letters, some reading, some just visiting. In the games room some play chess, checkers, darts, etc. The ping-pong room is never silent as long as the doors are open. The snack bar may be the main center of attraction, with packages of food, cold drink dispensers, ice cream and milk drinks on sale—the ladies are kept busy here.

"On Sunday evenings dinner is served free to all servicemen. After dinner comes an opportunity to speak to the men. At 9 o'clock the main room is filled for a singspiration. A prayer meeting and Bible study is conducted on Thursday evenings. On some Fridays a good movie is shown on the lawn.

"Mr. Harris gives much time counselling the men, and has led some to the Lord. On a recent Sunday evening 40 men were given their supper at the Center. One man professed faith as a result of the following service. A second man was led to know the Lord through a testimony time. And at midnight the buddy of one of the men who had given his testimony accepted Christ at the Naval Air Station. While much more has been spent on the Center than originally estimated, the results in salvation make it all worthwhile."

A Serviceman Finds a Friend

"I walked into a place that looked better than my own rooms back home; it was modern and clean and had rugs and little things that made a nice homey feeling.

"This place had everything a nice guy should have, but what about a guy who spent half his money drinking just to have a friend for an hour? But they asked my opinion about things—little things—but they made me feel that my advice was important. I went back a few times and they were still nice to me and they even remembered my name.

"Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, has many herdsmen, of whom Dave Harris is one. I was a lost sheep, and Dave showed me how I could be happy with the Lord and myself. He showed me how to love and honor Him through reading His Word. I took Jesus as my personal Saviour on the 7th of February, and from that day I have never been alone."

More Helpers Needed

The Center is open from 1 p.m. each day until 11 at night. David and Lorraine Harris are running it by themselves, and will not be able to keep up this schedule seven days a week. The need for another young worker is urgent, for the work requires a great deal of physical stamina. Any interested may write directly to Mr. David Harris, Servicemen's Center, 620 Southard St., Key West, Fla.

JESUS' LOVE IS THE SECRET OF HAPPINESS AND HARMONY

The life of Mr. St. John has been very uplifting to me. I remember that, on being asked once why he was always so radiantly happy, Mr. St. John answered, "If there is any reason it is this: Every morning before I leave my room I wrap myself in His steadfast love." When I was in my early twenties I heard a man remark to Mr. St. John, "Wonderful meeting this morning, but wasn't it a pity brother Jones gave out that hymn in the wrong place?" I see him now as his face lit up and he answered, "Oh did he? I am afraid my Lord and I were getting on so well together I didn't even notice it."

May many more such men be called to the work these days when the ranks are thinning; men filled with the Spirit and living in touch with the Lord, not merely professional preachers.

James Boswell

A FEW SEAMEN DECIDE FOR CHRIST

RALPH WEST, 97-46 93rd St., Ozone Park 16, N. Y.: Our work with seamen is primarily seed sowing, sharing the gospel message with the men through literature and personal talks; few make decisions for the Lord during our necessarily brief interviews. However, following are accounts of two or three who did trust in Christ.

A West Indian from Barbados astonished me by breaking down and confessing the Lord after I had talked and prayed with him. He explained that he was troubled about his sins and wanted to be saved. Through correspondence and several subsequent contacts I learned that he was growing spiritually, and came with his wife and family into fellowship in an assembly in his home town.

A German youth had been deeply embittered because his father had been captured by the Russians in 1945 and so passed out of contact with his family. He asked, "How can you say that God is love when He permits such things to happen?" But through several contacts over fifteen months, and through reading a German New Testament I had given him, this man was finally able to write that he had accepted the Lord.

During our second visit a Filippino officer confessed faith after a long talk and prayer. I am not sure of his salvation, but evidently the Lord was convicting him, and we expect him to return within a few months.

In our work we emphasize especially the authority and truth of the written Scriptures, since so many men come from Bibleless homes and some from Bibleless countries. We also endeavor to get men to read the Word with us, although we have to overcome some problems with different languages.

OLD EVANGELICAL FILMS REQUESTED

Evangelical motion picture films which have outworn their usefulness in the U.S. and Canada may continue to assist in bringing the Gospel message to people in Fiji, where Mr. and Mrs. J. Foster Crane have been working as full-time missionaries for the last 26 years. They have opportunity to show such films to the 300 children enrolled in their primary school, to the parents of these children, and to large numbers of young people in Fiji assemblies and at camps and rallies, as well as to share them with other workers in this part of the world. They are willing to purchase these films.

Those who have such films to offer or who know of a source from which they may be obtained, may write to: Mr. J. Foster Crane, 45 Nailuva Rd., Suva, Fiji.



Opening for Bookkeeper Stenographer at Adelaide Home Filled

Mrs. Louisa Ratcliff of Canoga Park, California, has joined the staff of the Adelaide Christian Home for Children in Culver City, Calif., as a well qualified bookkeeper stenographer. Mrs. Ratcliff was formerly in Des Moines, Iowa. She takes the place of Miss Elizabeth Brown, who retired April 15 after serving faithfully for more than four years.

Richard B. Matthews, Superintendent

Handy Men Invited to Vacation in Alaska

Anyone who is handy with tools and would be ready to spend at least part of a vacation in the North Country helping at the Valley Christian Home in Palmer, Alaska, would be welcomed. Room and board is furnished to all such persons. There is much maintenance work, and the McCormick house has never been completed. We would be glad to communicate with any who feel thus led of the Lord, and to answer any questions. Write to Harold Richards, Valley Christian Home, Wasilla Rd., Palmer Alaska.

Two of our older boys graduated from high school this spring and have left to get work elsewhere. One of these was saved about a year ago, and is planning to go to Bible school this fall. Our two newest boys, aged eight and ten, have never heard of God or Jesus Christ, and have no conception of spiritual matters; even though they have been raised in the city of Anchorage where there are at least 100 churches of all denominations, three radio stations and two television channels. They are very intelligent and are asking thoughtful questions and quickly memorizing scripture.

New children are coming into the home, and we pray that the Lord might direct the persons of His choice to work as houseparents.

Helen McPherson, who came to visit us two years ago and stayed to give much appreciated help, is returning to her home in Washington to work there for a while before going to Bible school.

Our teen-agers continue to show interest in our weekly Bible reading. We are now studying the Emmaus course, "Lessons for Christian Living."

The Bible camp at Chitina, which our children usually attend, will not operate this year due to construction on the only road into Chitina. Instead, we plan to conduct a youth conference at the home, to be held the end of August and over the Labor Day week end, before the new school term. Mr. Murdy Getty of Clover Bar, Alberta, is to be our speaker.

Harold Richards, Director

A CHAPLAIN CONFIDES

by Charles Peterson, Chaplain at Maynard Hospital, Seattle, Wash.

The surprises and disappointments we experience in our work as hospital chaplains repeatedly remind us that the act of bringing a person to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ is solely the work of the Holy Spirit. Because some patient initially gives a favorable response, we may go all out with much prayer, teaching the Word, and showing every courtesy and kindness, only to find in the end that we have not gotten through to him. Then we are taken by surprise when some patient whose belligerence and apparent indifference causes us to almost give him up, suddenly confesses that he wants to receive the Saviour. Because hospital personnel show habitual indifference, because the tone of coffee hour chats is light, or because we assume that religious differences preclude freedom in discussing Christianity, we neglect to present Christ's claims to them; and are surprised when a nurse timidly requests, "Chaplain, I want so much to own and learn to know the Bible—could you get one for me and teach me what it means?"

We have much to learn in the godly art of being a chaplain—placing ourselves under the command of the Holy Spirit to be led at the times and to the persons of His choosing, maintaining Spirit-controlled efficiency in meeting some of the needs of our thousands of patients as well as of our regular hospital personnel, and graciously meeting persons who have just been thrust into circumstances contrary to their liking. It can be frustrating to see only a few come to know the Lord, and to see few of the Christians who have been helped come into assembly fellowship.

Replacements will be needed for chaplains reaching retirement age. Whereas older men have no doubt been called to fill a temporary place in the chaplaincy, for a more consistent and accelerated program we should ask God to prepare and send some younger men.

Prayer for such work as ours is greatly appreciated.

PERSONAL WORK MAY BE DISAPPOINTING

by Douglas Ibbotson, Chaplain, Belmont Community Hospital, Chicago, Ill.

The true picture of personal work such as that done by hospital chaplains contains disappointment as well as the joy of reaping. Recently the family of a 78-year-old man called me to counsel with him, as he seemed near death. The family confided that he had lived for ungodliness of all kinds all his life, but that they hoped that he might be converted before he died. But the man was hardened by sin and unbelief, and whereas he expressed less indifference and ridicule during his two weeks in the hospital, I did not see him yield to the claims of Christ.

The chaplain is not always present during a patient's last hour, but we always hope that seed sown previously may bear fruit in a believing heart.

RADIO

Outreach of Harmony Inn Broadcasts Expanded

Harmony Inn continues to be aired over KBBI FM in Los Angeles 107.5 on the dial, at 6:30 p.m. each Saturday, with encouraging response from listeners in this area. The potential listening audience is over two million.

In mid November we began broadcasting over KPRL AM in Paso Robles, California (1230 on the dial, at 5 p.m. each Saturday). The Atascadero Assembly in this area help greatly to publicize the program, and are also able to announce their meetings each week following the broadcast. The station itself, as well as listeners, have responded very favorably. This outreach is sponsored by individuals in the Los Angeles area.

On January 13 the assembly in Grand Haven, Mich., began sponsoring the broadcast over station WGHM AM, 1370 on the dial, at 1 p.m. each Sunday. The assembly is publicizing the program and announce their meetings following each broadcast.

Audition tapes are available for any assembly or individual that desire to consider the possibility of sponsoring the broadcast in their own localities. Address requests to Harmony Inn, P. O. Box F, Culver City, California.

Dick Matthews

Two Attracted to Assembly by Radio

Mr. W. G. Harding continues his Sunday morning gospel service on the local New Smyrna Beach, Fla., radio sponsored by the assembly. Two among a group baptized on March 17 came to

the assembly as a result of hearing the broadcast. Harold Harper gave the message at this baptismal service, his last platform appearance.

Attendance at the new chapel has been well maintained and we are constantly seeing new faces. Philip Morgan presented gospel appeals and heart-searching ministry in recent studies in the life of David. This area has been called "The Cape Cod of Florida," and many come here for summer vacation both from inland Florida and other southern states. We are glad to have our air-conditioned chapel for visitors.

There are few children near the chapel, but several women conduct children's meetings in a home in another part of town. About 30 children have been registered, up to eight at each meeting. With no church or Sunday school in that section, the children seem eager for these mid-week meetings.

W. G. Harding

COMMENDATIONS

CHAPLAIN QUOTA FILLED, A. ROBERTSON TO BE IN RESERVE

The army chief of chaplains has announced that since the procurement program of the Department of the Army has recently been sharply curtailed, resulting in a reduction in the number of chaplains required this year, and since the "Plymouth Brethren Church" has filled its authorized quota of chaplains for the active army; the army must decline Arthur K. Robertson Jr.'s offer of active service as a chaplain at this time. However, provided it is determined upon receipt of his seminary transcript that he is fully qualified, the chaplain's department intends to recommend approval of his application for appointment as chaplain in the U. S. Army Reserve.

Peter Foggin

Christians meeting at the Westminster Gospel Chapel, New Westminster, B. C., and the Hilltop Gospel Chapel, White Rock, B. C., as well as fifteen other local assemblies, commend Peter Foggin to the work of the Lord in Quebec. Peter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Foggin, missionaries in Taiwan.

Mr. and Mrs. James Nichols

Mr. and Mrs. James Nichols of Anita, Iowa, have been commended to the Lord's work in Brazil by Christians meeting in the Berea Gospel Hall, Anita; Atlantic Gospel Chapel, Atlantic; Lyman Gospel Hall, Griswold; and Greenfield Gospel Chapel, Greenfield, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. David McIlvaine

The Christians who meet at the Meadowdale Gospel Chapel in Carpentersville, Ill., commend David McIlvaine and Mrs. McIlvaine (nee Patricia Ferguson) to the work of the Lord in Colombia, South America, where they hope to do language translation work among the Choco Indians.

Signed by three elders

COMMENDATION WITHDRAWN

Christians meeting at the Yakima Gospel Chapel in Yakima, Wash., who commended Ronald H. Gallop to the work of the Lord in November, 1961, have withdrawn their commendation; and Mr. Gallop has moved with his family to another state.

WORKERS' ADDRESS CHANGES

George Baldwin
319 Locust St.
Indiana, Penna.

George J. Pirie
Box 153, R. D. 1
Glenridge Road
Scotia 2, N. Y.
Effective August 6.

Robert Thrall
226 Rue St. Pierre
Cap de la Madeleine, Quebec

ADD TO WORKERS' LIST

David Adams
Coward's Route
Cullowhee, N. C.

Thomas Smith
5632 Yonge St., Apt. 207
Willowdale, Ontario

ASSEMBLY CHANGES

Phoenix Fellowship Assembly Phoenix, Arizona

Name changed to Palms Gospel Chapel, now at 1906 W. Orangewood Dr.; Order of meetings: breaking of bread, 9:30; family Bible hour, 11:15; gospel service, 7:30; prayer and Bible study, Wednesday, 7:30.

Bel Ridge, Bible Chapel Bel Ridge, suburb of St. Louis, Mo.

Correspondent: Festus F. Doyen, 7226 Princeton, St. Louis 30.

Westmount Gospel Hall Weston, Ontario

Tentative order of meetings (at least until September 2): breaking of bread 9:30; Sunday school and family Bible hour, 11:30; gospel meeting, 7:00.

BIBLE COURSE FOR JEWS Available from Moody

Approximately 45% of the world's population of Jews live in Canada and the United States, yet very little effort is being made by the Christian church to reach them as a people whom it is difficult to approach with conventional evangelistic methods.

A Trumpet in Zion is the general title of a correspondence course of five lessons, which Moody Bible Institute has produced especially for evangelizing the people of Israel. Two plans for use of the course are proposed.

Assemblies interested can obtain full information from the Correspondence School, Moody Bible Institute, 820 N. LaSalle St., Chicago 10, Illinois.

JEWISH MISSION LABORS IN TORONTO FOR 70 YEARS

After reading Mr. Hallett's letter published in the May issue of Letters of Interest about work among the Jews, the Superintendent of the Toronto Jewish Mission called our attention to the fact that the Toronto Jewish Mission is now in its 70th year as an organized testimony in Toronto. It has recently been able to move its headquarters to the center of a district into which large numbers of Jews have moved in recent years.

Ed.

Traveling, vacationing, or retiring believers; welcome to "The Maples"—cottages and cabins in the beautiful, high country of Sussex, N. J., beside High Point State Park. Write to Peter J. Meyer, "The Maples" Cabins, R. D. 1, Sussex, N. J.

COME TO BARNEGAT BAY

Vacationers at the lovely Barnegat Bay, N. J., find fellowship at the Lord's table every Sunday at 10:30 a.m., and at the prayer meeting every Thursday at 8 p.m. at the Christian Fellowship, Lower Shore Rd., Barnegat, N. J. Barnegat is easy to reach by bus or car via the New Jersey Turnpike or the Garden State Parkway.

Rooms for brothers and sisters and groups are available by notice. Rooms for missionaries and workers are free of charge.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP,
Lower Shore Rd., Barnegat, N. J.

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CONFERENCES

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to Mr. William J. Payne, 5 Wingrove Hill, Islington, Ont.

The Sunday school teachers conference is to be held in St. Catharines again in 1964, on the Saturday preceding Mother's Day.

YOUTH CONFERENCES

5th Young Men's Conference, Wisconsin, Deemed Most Profitable

Just over 100 Christians attended the Young Men's Fifth Annual Bible Conference at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, May 17 to 19. Of those who attended 87 per cent were between the ages of 18 and 30, 47 per cent between the ages of 31 and 45, and 16 per cent over 45. More than one half of those in attendance were from Illinois; others came from Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Missouri and Indiana.

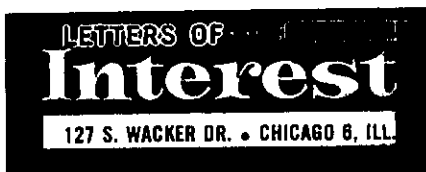
Ministering the Word were G. C. D. Howley of England, editor of the Witness, Walter Liefeld of New York, and John Smart of New Jersey, editor of The Fields. While the conference was open to men of all ages with preference for the limited facilities being given to younger men, a number of older men were especially invited to assist in the discussions which followed the talks given by the speakers.

It was generally agreed that the conference was the most profitable to date, and it is anticipated that the Sixth Annual Conference to be held in May, 1964, will require early reservations from those expecting to attend for the full period, as accommodations are limited.

The questions of whether to expand the limit and, because of the great interest of those in the middle age group, whether to allow the conference to develop into a general men's Bible conference, are now under discussion on the part of the committee, headed by Mr. Gerald Hawthorne. The overall theme for this year's conference was "Ministry in the Church." The committee will welcome suggestions for an overall topic for the 1964 conference. Such suggestions can be addressed to Mr. Hawthorne at 709 College Ave., Wheaton, Ill.

Piedmont, N. C. Youth Rally July 27

About 250 young people between the ages of 18 and 30, and representing thirteen assemblies, gathered in Durham, N. C., on April 27 for the tenth quarterly youth rally of the Piedmont assem-



blies. William Bryson from Philadelphia, Pa., gave the opening message; Reid Sandford from Greensboro was quiz master; and Woodrow Murphy and William McNeil directed the rally.

The eleventh quarterly rally is to be held in Burlington, N. C., July 27.

N.E. Young Adult Week, August 24-31

The New England Young People's Conference Committee plans its third annual young adult week for young people of post high school age, to be held August 24-31 at Camp Berea on Newfound Lake, N. H. Robert Little and Robert Constable of Chicago, Ill., will be the speakers. The implications of the theme, "Called to Walk Worthy," will be considered further through Bible study discussion groups, debates and forums. Recreational activities will be provided for in the program.

Accommodations are available for single persons and married couples, but not for children. Cost: \$30 plus \$2 registration fee. Write to:

Mr. Rodgers Close, 20 Beckford St., Beverly, Mass.

Lake Geneva Youth Conference, Wisconsin, August 25 to September 2

A conference for young people of high school and college ages is to be held at the Lake Geneva Youth Camp, Lake Geneva, Wis. August 25 to Labor Day, September 2. Speakers: Lesley Rainey of Augusta, Ga., and Henry Petersen of La Crescenta, Calif. Recreation is also planned for.

Young people with summer jobs are encouraged to plan to attend the conference before returning to school.

For additional information write to the Lake Geneva Young People's Conference, R. R. 3, Box 137, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

NEWS BITS

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In May TOM OLSON of Wawona, Calif., ministered in Salt Lake City, Utah, in Chicago, Ill., and Omaha and Lincoln, Neb.; and shared in the ministry of the Sioux City, Iowa conference.

DAVID PETHERICK gave a series of talks in Wallace Bridge, N. S., near Oxford where he lives, illustrated with his chart on the tabernacle.

WILLIAM RAE, now in Portland, Oregon, is recuperating slowly but well from recent eye surgery.

MRS. GEORGE RAINEY, of Sorento, Fla., continues to recover from the heart attack she suffered in January, but will be yet unable to accompany Mr. Rainey to Canada this summer.

MR. F. W. SCHWARTZ of Detroit, Mich. is to be in Burlington, N. C. for several weeks this summer.

TOMMY STEELE, JR., of Winston Salem, N. C., is to be at the Siler City Chapel in Siler City, N. C., all day Sunday, July 7.

MILO VANDE KROL of Oskaloosa, Iowa, will be working with several Bible schools this summer.

AUGUST VAN RYN, of Hialeah, Fla., returned June 3 from a ministry trip to the Bahamas, where he visited the town in which he and Mrs. Van Ryn had lived for fourteen years.

ELLIOT VAN RYN left the U. S. for a time in the Bahamas, June 6; and expects to work in the Hialeah, Fla. area after his return.

ERIC VETTERS of London, Ont., expects to work with the Strasbourg-Camp in Saskatchewan in July, and with the Faith Bible Camp in Manitoba in August.

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Sunday afternoon ministry meeting resumed each third Sunday of the month September through April.

CORRECTION

The editors apologize for the mistake in attributing the the last quotation in the letter, "A Reader Writes," on page 5 of the July-August issue of Letters of Interest, to Robert Thrall. The statement was made by Ronald Taylor.

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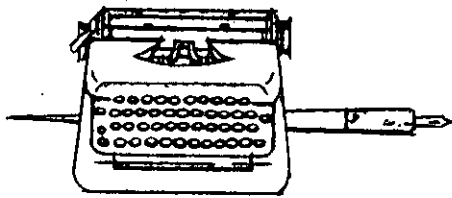
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Editors' Page

PESSIMISTIC OPTIMISM

When someone asks you for your opinion on world conditions, how do you answer? One suggestion is to tell him that you are a pessimistic optimist. This will increase interest, for it seems to be a direct contradiction. But such an attitude should be basic for every Christian, and helps eliminate the doubts and fears suffered by so many today.

Paul said in II Corinthians 4:18, "The things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." While we seek to be good citizens in this world, we do not pin our hopes and desires in the things that can be seen here, for they are fleeting. When one does not expect much one is not disappointed. Pessimism is our only outlook as far as this old world is concerned.

When we think of our future, however, joy wells in our hearts, a smile comes to our lips, and a spring into our step; for then we look into the realm of the unseen in the world to come, which is eternal.

How unlike our unsaved neighbors who put all of their hopes and energy in this world and who forget or fear what is beyond this brief span of life. Our job is to get their eyes off of this passing world and to direct their attention to the only one who gives real hope for the future, Jesus Christ our Lord. The believer's future is bright, so let us tell the Good News to everyone everywhere.

—Don Thomson

BARRIERS BETWEEN BRETHREN

Since the end of World War Two the world has become more or less hardened to the barriers which exist among nations. We read of the iron curtain, the bamboo curtain, the sugar cane curtain—and wonder how much longer these will last. The child of God can look forward and upward with certainty to the coming of the Lord, when all these things will be put right and world affairs will be adjusted to the complete satisfaction of Him whose right it is to reign.

Spiritual Christians can never become callous or hardened to any barrier which may arise between them individually or between groups of Christians gathered in the Lord's name. Regarding the individual the Scriptures are crystal clear as to the right procedure to effect a reconciliation (Matthew 5:23-24).

Barriers between assemblies are more involved and, to a large measure, man-made. Certain ministering brethren seem to lend their efforts to maintain these barriers. This is not only uncharitable and unscriptural, but is dishonoring to God as well. A case in point: in a southern state a newly formed small gathering will not receive anyone who has fellowshiped in any of the other assemblies in that state. This barrier surely does not have its support or sanction in Scripture. Instead, we are told to receive one another to the glory of God. It is tragic to see professing Christians practic-

ing sustained attitudes of unkindness and ill will toward one another.

Estrangement between Christians is calamitous, because it is fatal to Christian fellowship. Much of the power of the testimony of the early church lay in the fact that the love of the brethren for each other was clearly manifest to the world about them. Is not the world of our day less influenced by us because in many places love is lacking?

Much is said these days about revival, but no revival is more desperately needed than a revival of love for Christ, for His Word and for the brethren. It is futile to hope that we are going to see spiritual exploits in our gospel campaigns without first being thoroughly and honestly reconciled to our brethren. Where barriers exist, and they do, let us as individual Christians or assemblies face them and remove them; otherwise we can never expect the blessing of Heaven on our testimony.

—J. W. Kennedy

THE UNEMPLOYED

Labor statistics are of vital concern to our Federal Government. High levels of industrial activity and gross national product which result from maximum employment are among the goals sought by those who chart America's course. It is unfortunately true in any society that there is that group of people which does not enter enthusiastically into work for the betterment of the group or themselves. These people are among the UNEMPLOYED.

Unemployment, not of a secular but of a spiritual nature, may also be found in the assembly. Some professing Christians seem content to watch from the sidelines as others carry on the work of the assembly. It is paradoxical that some secularly unemployed are not so voluntarily, whereas most spiritually unemployed willingly choose that position. Or could it be that some Christians do not know how to be helpful in things of the Lord? The assembly elders, then, should be alert to the need to give suggestive guidance and training.

When writing to Timothy, Paul said, "A man... shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work." This instruction is not limited to Paul's son in the faith; it can be applied to all who are presently among the Christian unemployed. Sacred labor statistics are now being recorded in God's great book. The responsibility to be productive is charged to each of us. "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ" (Ephesians 4:11, 12).

How can we encourage Christians to transfer from the roll of the unemployed to that of the employed, to assist willingly and energetically in the work of the local assembly?

—James D. Kennedy

work with youth

The more we work with camp work, the more we are convinced that this is one of the most rewarding and profitable works that any Christian could engage in. Working with these young people is hard work, but nothing can compare with the joy of working as a team, beseeching the Lord to do a work among the campers, and then seeing how He grants our prayers night after night.

Martin Brown, Camp Manager,
Koinonia Conference Grounds,
Watsonville, California.

Five Baptized at Bethel Camp, Alta.

The two-day conference at Bethel Bible Camp, Westlock, Alta., was well attended from several assemblies. W. Murray, S. King, J. M. Sommacal, and W. Fairholm were the speakers. The family and youth camp week was also well attended, with more young people present than last year. The children's camp had a full house, but the boys' camp ran short of counsellors. Sundays were busy days for the cooks, an average of 200 sitting down for each meal. But the Lord provided all our needs.

Children professed faith in our Lord Jesus Christ; and five were baptized, two teen-agers and three men.

—Ben Lievers, Sec.

Northland Bible Camp, Ontario

Twenty-one children attended the first French camp at Northland Bible Camp on Butler Lake, Wavell, Ont., under the direction of Gaston Jolin of Rollet, Quebec.

Five Baptized at Strasbourg Bible Camp

Matthew Pollock, Eric Vettters, William West and Albert Graham gave practical and searching ministry at the adult and teen camps at Strasbourg, Sask. At the teen camp foundation truths were emphasized, and five young people were baptized following this camp.

Mr. West went on to the Crowsnest Camp, and Mr. Graham to Nut Mountain, leaving Messrs. Pollock, Vettters, Quark and Farquhar in charge of the children's camp which followed at Strasbourg. Numbers at Nut Mountain Camp and vacation Bible school were about the same as last year. One young boy and three girls professed faith in Christ.

—Albert Graham

Emmanuel Bible Camp, P. E. I.

ALLAN WEBER, Box 496, Montague, P. E. I.: About 118 campers including teens, intermediates and juniors attended the Emmanuel Bible Camp in Prince Edward Island. Some professed salvation, and others dedicated their lives to Christ for service.

Camp directors were Blake Mathews and James Stahr. Bob Sykes was the speaker, and W. Kimber spoke during a visit.

Thirty Profess Faith at Camp Li-Lo-Li

The camp director for the first two weeks of children's camp at Camp Li-Lo-Li, Red House, N. Y., James Bottomley, reports a good attendance of about 100 boys and girls, in the age group of nine through thirteen. About thirty professed faith in Christ. Each one of these was carefully interviewed by David Steifler in the hope that no one would leave camp resting on a false profession.

Schoolmates Invited to Camp—Several Trust Christ

We are amazed at the number of young people that attend our camps (Koinonia Conference Grounds, Watsonville, Calif.) who are not in our Sunday schools. Following is an example of how these come: Last year one of our Christian girls asked six of her schoolmates to come to our camps. This year at least fifteen from her school attended. Several of these schoolmates accepted the Lord.

Over 100 attend each of our six weeks of camp, including our staff. Three weeks are for the juniors, two for the junior high group, and one for the high school and college age group. Our speakers this year were Bill Bush, Bert Young, Dick Matthews, Jack Copeland and Art Schnabel. Several young people accepted the Lord as their Saviour each week, and the great majority of the Christian young people grew much closer to the Lord.

—Martin Brown

Many Saved At Washington Chapel Camp

OWEN HOFFMAN, Box 250, Washington, Ga.: Washington Chapel Camp has been held each summer at a state owned park in the mountains of northern Georgia. This camp is set up for 100 people, but we always manage to pack in 120. This year 60 were on the waiting list and could not get in since we had only a few dropouts. We long for a camp of our own.

We must carry all our provisions with us for the entire camp. We usually start stocking a few weeks before camp time. A local merchant lends a freezer, and we freeze all meats and other provisions that can be frozen.

Most of the staff are Christians from the Washington assembly. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mayer and Mr. William Nock of the Fanwood, N. J. assembly have helped us for several years. For the past two years Mrs. Robert Gray of the Marietta, Ga. assembly has acted as both nurse and life guard. Many other Christians have given their vacation time in the past years.

This year John Bramhall gave most of the ministry, with help from Mr. and Mrs. Mayer. Many lives were dedicated to Christ, and ten persons were saved; three were dealt with one morning during the breakfast hour. Many children all over this area owe their salvation to attendance at camp.

Chicago Negro Assemblies Conduct First Camp Session

Three assemblies of the Chicago area, pooling their young people and leaders, launched two weeks of camp using the facilities of Camp Sun-Chi-Win, Michigan. The Christians at Grace and Glory Chapel, South Side Gospel Assembly and Westlawn Gospel Chapel, catching the vision of James Humphrey of Chicago, appointed Hamlin Moseley, Howard Wood and Melvin Banks as an operating committee. We were later joined by the Lafflin Street Assembly.

Total attendance of campers was 138, and several young people professed faith in Christ. Our sights are now on the purchase of a facility which can be used not only for six to eight weeks of camp, but also for week-end retreats and conferences.

Melvin E. Banks, 1963 Director, Midwest Christian Youth Camp.

10th Camping Season Conducted at Smith's Creek, Michigan

GRANT LOVE, 20031 Monte Vista, Detroit 21, Mich.: Smith's Creek Bible Camp in Smith's Creek, Mich., is chiefly supported by six Detroit assemblies. Many have come into life during its ten years of operation.

Among the subjects taught this year was "Who Was Jesus Christ?" The seven miracles of the Gospel of John were discussed, showing how they proved that Jesus Christ was God's Son. Care was taken that decisions for Christ were made by the young people of their own free will in response to the working of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God.

Texas

In July twenty girls declared faith in Christ at a Texas camp near Dallas, where Herschel Martindale of Houston was ministering.

Several Saved at Southwest Bible Camp

RAYMOND MORRIS, Box 246, Winslow, Ariz.: Several boys professed to accept the Lord as Saviour at the Southwest Bible Camp in New Mexico, where John Walden was the main speaker.

We would like to see a camp of our own in Arizona in the near future, to help meet some of the great opportunities in this state.

18 Profess Faith at Grace Bible Camp, S. C.

A total of 139 campers attended over the four weeks at Grace Bible Camp in South Carolina, with nine staff workers each week. Eighteen made confessions of faith. About 70 visitors attended the closing gospel meeting, and nightly visitors came in good numbers. This camp made the deepest impact yet upon the neighborhood of St. Helena's Island. T. M. Flowers, Fred Gladstone, E. Choice, R. Burns and S. Edwards ministered the Word.

The camp has been able to accommodate up to 40 campers and ten workers, but it is felt that accommodations need to be doubled for next year.

—J. S. Dennis

16 Boys Profess Faith at Camp Berea, N. H.

DAVID WARD, 8 Watrous Ave., Mystic, Conn., July 30: Sixteen boys professed faith in Christ during the boys' camp at Camp Berea in Bristol, N. H., and some of these showed evidence of a good start in the Christian life. Participating enthusiastically in a program designed to develop them spiritually, over 60 per cent of the boys earned achievement patches. Each year the percentage of boys earning these patches has increased, and each year previous campers qualify as junior counsellors.

Ninety persons are registered for the youth week here.

After the camp season we expect to return for a varied pastoral work at Groton and special meetings in various eastern state assemblies.

140 Profess at Lake Geneva Youth Camp, Wisconsin

At the Youth Camp we had seven weeks of boys and girls camps, with a total of about 850 campers. About 140 made professions and several were helped with assurance of faith. Speakers during the seven weeks were Mrs. Fagerson, Mr. James Humphrey, Mr. Leonard Lindsted and Mr. Henry Petersen. The programs were directed by Miss Dora Carrera, John McCallum and Roger Hoffmann.

At the Conference Grounds we enjoyed the ministry of Robert Crawford from June 30 to July 7, on the book of

Philippians. Edgar Ainsley brought messages on the mysteries of the Bible during the week of July 7-13. A conference with missionary emphasis, sponsored by the Fields, was held July 13-21. John Smart of the Fields and H. G. Hewlett of the Witness ministered the Word. Several missionaries attended and presented the work in various corners of God's field. Among these were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dibble from Nigeria, Africa; Mr. and Mrs. William Rogers from the Chad Republic, Africa; Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Baehr from Taiwan, Free China; and Mr. and Mrs. James Hess, from Northern Rhodesia, Africa.

We thank God for stirring hearts of individuals to counsel, wash dishes, cook, mow grass and do the multitude of other jobs necessary for smoothly running camps and conferences. We praise Him for the boys and girls who openly confessed the Saviour at camp fires, and for the adults whose lives were deeply affected at conference meetings.

—Ray Routley, Director

35 Saved at Lakeside Bible Camp, Wash.

Over 300 boys and girls attended our four camps that started on June 28 and ended July 28. Robert Young of Atascadero, Calif., gave messages on Christian living at the morning services. The camp theme was "Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth" (Col. 3:2). Notebooks and scripture memorization were emphasized; at one camp over 1200 verses were learned. The evening services were evangelistic, and over 35 young people professed Christ as their Saviour. There was much evidence of His power at work in lives.

The camp was supported by prayer from the saints in the following chapels: Bremerton, Bellevue, Des Moines, James Street (Bellingham), Parkside (Everett), Northgate and Whitman (Seattle).

—Robert Hess

The following letters are typical of those sent from campers to camp directors:

"Camp meant more to me this year than ever before. The Lord showed His power in answering prayer by saving souls. He showed His wonderful love to me, and now instead of being someone way off in the distance, He is my constant guide and companion."

"Perhaps the greatest joy for a Christian is to see the face of a new Christian. At camp this year we had the tremendous joy of seeing new names written down in glory. They were wonderful examples of the power of prayer."

—submitted by Bob Hess

Graphite Lake, Ont.

Douglas Robinson of Bancroft, Ont., writes that a young boy was received into fellowship this year who was saved two years ago at the Graphite Lake, Ont., DVBS.

Session Split in Groton DVBS

DAVID WARD, 8 Watrous Ave., Mystic, Conn.: A daily average of 160 attended the vacation Bible school at Groton, Conn. Sessions were split, grammar school youngsters attending in the morning, teens and adults in the evening. New families attend the Family Bible Hour as a result of the vacation Bible school.

Many boys registered for Camp Berea, N. H., for the first time this year. Some of these came from non-Christian backgrounds. The spiritual growth evident in boys who had accepted the Lord in previous years was encouraging.

Evanston, Illinois

Attendance was good, and one girl professed faith in Christ, at the spring DVBS in Evanston, where Ernie Gross of Greenville, S. C., was the speaker.

Twelve Profess Faith in Lexington, Mass.

WILLIAM BROWN, 6790 N. W. 33rd St., West Hollywood, Fla.: Twelve boys and girls professed faith in Christ through the daily vacation Bible school in Lexington, Mass. More professed faith during a well-attended week's series of children's meetings in East Orange, N. J. I go to Lexington again in September to work for almost a month with the assembly there.

New Families Contacted in Rock, Mich.

The daily attendance at the Rock DVBS, held in the school building in early June this year, ranged from the sixties to the seventies. Many new homes were contacted, and a thirteen-year-old boy professed faith in Christ. Over 140, including many new parents, attended the closing program. The Sunday afterwards two new families came to the Bible hour.

—John Small

San Antonio, Texas

The DVBS attendance at the Capilla Evangelica in San Antonio averaged 35, and about half of this number confessed Christ as Saviour during the classes.

V. M. Rivera wrote that the DVBS attendance in the Mexican Gospel Chapel, San Antonio, reached a record, and that the wholehearted work of a consecrated staff produced fruit.

Nine Accept Christ in Baltimore DVBS

JAMES DUNKERTON, 3909 6th St., Baltimore, Md., 21225: I have been concentrating my efforts at Brooklyn Gospel Chapel and Goodview Community Church in the Baltimore area at their invitation. My wife and I live in an apartment just half a block from the Brooklyn Chapel so that we can have good contact with people in the immediate neighborhood.

Seven children about the ages of nine or ten accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour during the DVBS at the Goodview Community Church in Baltimore. Among the children attending were some from about 30 homes that we have never been able to reach in any other way. Christians from the Brooklyn and Loch Hill Chapels assisted. Although competing with our closing program was a baseball game between Baltimore and Chicago at Memorial Stadium, about 150 children and parents packed the chapel.

Now we face the responsibility and opportunity of the follow-up work.

Evening DVBS Conducted in Roanoke, Va.

WOODY MURPHY, Box 9, Siler City, N. C.: The daily vacation Bible school in Roanoke, Va. was conducted from 7 to 9 each evening, July 22-26, ending with a commencement program on Friday night. As I do each year, I advertized the school with a float in keeping with my theme, playing children's choruses and announcing the Bible school over a loud speaker while canvassing the community.

Several were saved in all the Bible schools we had this summer. We had schools in Siler City, Greensboro, Winston Salem and Piedmont, N. C., and in Newport News, Roanoke and Bristol, Va.

Appleton, Wisconsin

Three children, all over eleven, professed Christ as Saviour.

40 Profess Faith in Des Moines, Wash.

Every day but one children sought salvation during the daily vacation Bible school conducted by the assembly in the Des Moines Gospel Chapel, Washington, June 9-20; and it was evident that a permanent work was done in many of their hearts. About 40 professed faith in Christ.

The new educational wing on three floors was almost completed and we were able to make full use of it, thus gaining the advantage of individual classrooms. For the first time the school was fully departmentalized. More than 200 children between kindergarten and the seventh grade attended, a staff of 50 workers and teen-age helpers worked in unity,

and the high school department met in the evenings with about 35 present. The chapel was crowded for the closing program, after which the teachers served refreshments in their departmental auditoriums and met the parents around the excellent handcraft displays.

—Robert A. Hanson

Five Boys Confess Faith in Sea Cliff, N. Y.

WILLIAM OGLESBY, R. D. 1, Box 132, Victoria, Va.: Five boys confessed faith in Christ during a seven days' DVBS at the Sea Cliff Gospel Chapel in Sea Cliff, N. Y. Many parents and friends attended the closing program.

I am to be in Niagara Falls, N. Y., for children's meetings the week of September 22.

Danny LeFevre Decided in Time

Danny Le Fevre, twelve-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Le Fevre of the Casco, Wis. assembly, had been a steady Sunday school student, but accepted Christ in early July at the Upper Peninsula Bible Camp in Forsyth, Mich. At an evening camp fire he asked for a chance to give his testimony, and told how he had there been soundly saved. He was called to be with Christ suddenly on July 18, upon contact with an electric force.

About 125 persons, many unsaved, heard the Gospel clearly presented at the funeral service conducted by Abe Hartsema of Muskegon, Mich.

NEWS BITS

GEORGE BARTON has returned to his home in Orillia, Ont. from Newfoundland, where he cared for the work in the Bay de Verde District during Stanley Beasley's furlough. He is now seeking guidance for further movements.

VENUS BROOKS of Pembroke, N. C., continues to use all opportunities up to present physical limitations, and desires prayer.

The 11 a.m. Sunday services in Marion, Va., where FRANK DETWEILER assisted for about ten weeks, were broadcast during July.

JOSEPH DUGUID has returned to Montreal, Que., from a year of ministry in New Zealand, Australia and Tasmania; and expects to start meetings after the Labor Day Conference in New York.

Several persons reported that they had been helped, and some professed faith in Christ, through a two weeks' series of

ministry meetings conducted by WORTH ELLIS in May at the Grace Bible Chapel, Mishawaka, Ind., using the "Two Roads Chart."

One person professed to be restored to the Lord through the ministry of HENRY FLETCHER of Toronto at a conference in Galt, Ont.

NEIL FRASER of Eugene, Ore., is to be at the Emmaus Bible School in Oak Park, Ill., for the first semester of this school year.

During the summer GEORGE HOEKSTRA of Chicago, Ill., ministered to adults and children with much blessing in Black Cape, Quebec and along the coast, and conducted meetings in Belleville, Illinois.

EMMA JOHNSON of Boise, Idaho, was injured in an auto accident in the spring. She requests prayer for the Boise area, where false cults are taking over fast.

STANLEY LEDYARD received major surgery at Belmont Hospital in Chicago, Ill., in June. He has been recovering well, and is now convalescing at his home (Box 43, Nottawa, Mich.).

LEONARD LINDSTED of Wichita, Kans., and BEN TUININGA of Minneapolis, Minn., are to share a series of gospel meetings in Minneapolis early in September.

MRS. WILLIAM McCULLOCH, now 75, has been greatly weakened by her last stroke, and is unable to eat or walk much or to go out. She has been a Christian for 57 years, and is still happy in the Lord. Box 16, Stanley, N. C.

MRS. RAYMOND MORRIS of Winslow, Ariz., was to be through with a series of X-ray treatments in mid July, after which she and Mr. Morris were to go east for several weeks of much-needed rest.

During the summer itinerary of H. G. NEWELL of Pomona, Calif., a Roman Catholic woman was saved, her husband came under conviction, and four backsliders were restored to the Lord.

During the spring SYDNEY PORTEOUS of Allston, Mass., labored in north-eastern U.S. assemblies and in the Toronto, Ont., area. He has been seeking to stress teaching on the Lord's return and the reasons for assembly beliefs, in order to encourage a fruitful enthusiasm especially among young people.

EDWARD RICHMOND of Ocean City, N. J., who was near death in reaction to a sedative used in an operation in

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Some Things Absent From The Gospel of John

BAPTISM

By Donald M. Taylor

Not only does the Gospel of John contain no genealogy of our Lord Jesus Christ, and no account of His birth, as we have observed in previous articles in this series; it also does not mention His baptism. True, it records what happened at that baptism, and John the Baptist's reaction; but it makes no mention of the baptism.

The Import of the First Three Accounts

Matthew's account of the baptism tells us significantly that John objected when Jesus came to him for baptism, saying, "I have need to be baptized of Thee, and comest Thou to me?" Just prior to this John had warned the Pharisees and Sadducees that, in coming to him for baptism, they must show some evidences of repentance, implying that baptism was no empty rite, nor magical means of gaining favor with God. He warned them that he himself was but the forerunner, the herald, of One who would baptize with the Holy Spirit, and with fire (blessing for the Penitent, judgment on the obdurate). Now, having so scathingly denounced the religious leaders of the Jews, he sees coming to him One whom he knew but as a humble citizen of Nazareth, distantly related, and he says that he, John, not the coming candidate for baptism, is the one who needs to be baptized to express contrition. John, filled with the Holy Spirit from his mother's womb, discerns not who He is, but what He is.

But Jesus insists. As One born under the law He will fulfill all that God has prescribed for His people Israel; He will identify Himself with those whom He is to save from their sins; and—should we not say?—in baptism commit Himself to that task. The descending Holy Spirit and the Voice from heaven confirm John's appraisal of this life of obscurity—and more, but of that we are told by John's Gospel, not Matthew's.

In Mark's brief account of the baptism, the Voice from heaven says, "Thou art My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased;" not, "This is . . ." as in Matthew. Here baptism identifies Him with His work as the sin offering. In Luke His baptism identifies Him with the human race, into which He has come as the Son of man to take man's place; He the representative man, yet the perfect man, going to Golgotha's cross to die for sinful man.

The Consummation of John the Baptist's Ministry

But John does not mention His baptism at all; there is no need to symbolize His committal, and no point in identifying Him with His people, as in Matthew, or with mankind, as in Luke. Here He is exhibited as the Word come into the world, made flesh, to do a new work of creation, and His very coming commits Him to that task.

But what we do have in John—and it is connected with the occasion of His baptism—is the Baptist's consummation of the work he was sent to do. In Bethabara, beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing, and where priests and Levites sent by the Jews from Jerusalem questioned him as to his identity and his purpose in baptizing, he climaxes his unique career as a faithful servant of God. He sees Jesus coming to him and he exclaims: "Behold the Lamb of God, which takes away the sin of the world!" It was for this moment John lived his life entirely apart from his people, in the wilderness; entering not at all into their social, economic or religious life; neither wearing their clothing, nor eating their food. It was for this moment he stood apart from Israel, pointing at them the finger of accusation, calling them to repent to prepare the way for the coming One.

He reports: "This is He of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for He was before me. And I knew Him not: but that He should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water." Then he records what took place at His baptism: "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon Him. And I knew Him not: but He that sent me to baptize with water, the Same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, the Same is He which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God."

"I knew Him not," he says. And yet in Matthew he surely did know Him: that is, he knew the perfection of His life from infancy until now. In Luke the relationship of Mary the mother of Jesus and Elisabeth the mother of John is disclosed. Possibly, as some artists have de-

picted, they were together in childhood. He did certainly know Him as a person, exemplary in every phase of His life. But it was not until the Holy Spirit came upon Him as He came up from the waters of baptism that John knew Him to be the Son of God, and that He had come to be the Lamb of God.

Now the pieces all fall into place: John's embodiment of the spirit and power of Elijah (though John did no miracles), to make ready a people prepared for the Lord; the Old Testament prophecies of a suffering Messiah, together with the prophecies of Immanuel, Bethlehem, the virgin birth, Galilee, the obscure yet radiant life observed by John, and doubtless by many more, the baptism, the descending and abiding Holy Spirit as a dove, and the Voice from heaven, coupled with that which God had communicated to His servant by word and through meditation. John fits all together and in wonder and joy makes his declaration.

This is the consummation, truly. John the Baptist is forerunner to Him who is born King of the Jews, yet he is not to announce Him as such. He is forerunner to Him who is Jehovah's Son-Servant, yet he is not to so declare Him. He is a forerunner to the Son of man, yet he is not to so herald Him. He is forerunner to the Lamb of God, and that is how he is to proclaim Him; for only as such will His coming bring blessing, redemption and peace with God, rather than judgment.

The baptism of Matthew, Mark and Luke identified Him with the people. The interpretation in John by the Baptist of that which accompanied the baptism identifies the Son of God as the Lamb of God: the only hope of all mankind.

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May, wrote in August that he was feeling much better and had been able to carry on a full program for several weeks.

JOHN SPREEMAN of Albanel, Quebec, received requests for home visits from several persons who were receptive to the Word of life.

EDWARD SPRUNT of St. Catharines, Ont., conducted vacation Bible schools this summer in Willo Chapel, Cleveland, Ohio; Curtis Chapel, Detroit, Mich.; Westmount Hall, Toronto, Ont.; and in Westbrook, Me. Attendance in the Westmount Hall averaged 140 each morning.

TOMMY STEELE, Jr., of Winston-Salem, N. C., ministered during the summer in several Virginia assemblies, often using chalk talks with young people. He is to be at Gibsonville, N. C., all day September 8.

PRIMITIVE MISSION FIELD AT HOME

ARIZONA INDIANS

by John G. Everding

Shonto mission station. Note brush arbor for camp meeting.



Mutton stew and fry bread being prepared for camp meeting guests.



A typical hogan lived in by the more primitive of the Navajos.



This summer twelve young people from the Norwood and Union Ridge Chapels in Chicago, Ill., visited Arizona Indian Mission stations to broaden their missionary vision, to distribute gospel tracts among the Indians, and to help the missionaries there wherever they could. The work was primarily among the Navajo and Hopi Indians. Those who went were: Mr. and Mrs. John Everding and George Everding, Maxine Boughner, Steven Flint, Roger Hoffmann, Carol Lindahl, Ann Marcontoni, Judy Ramacitti, Willine Simpson, and Beth and Janis Wassman.

For several months prior to the tour they had been studying the Scriptures to see what God says about the lost, and to fill their hearts with the thoughts of God. They had read a chapter from the Bible each day, asking God to speak to them through it. Some of these chapters were: Romans 12, I Corinthians 13, Galatians 5, Ephesians 5, Philippians 2 and 4, II Timothy 2, and I Peter 4. They had also been able to contact a Christian Navajo girl in Chicago, who had taught them three choruses in Navajo, which they sang to the Indians wherever they went.

The young people first drove to Oklahoma City, where the Christians treated them royally. Then they went to work in Flagstaff and on the reservation with the Arizona Indian Mission in which Mr. and Mrs. George Baxter, Mr. Joe Paulick, Miss Betty Hollman, Mr. and Mrs. Minkler and Mr. and Mrs. Miner labor. They helped in daily vacation Bible school at the East Flagstaff Chapel, held gospel meetings for boys and girls in the evening, and distributed tracts from house to house.

They then went on to the Indian reservation where they stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Minkler at Red Lake. Here they roughed it with no plumbing or housing. Each town in the reservation is just a trading post, and they slept on the benches in the recently constructed Tonalea Bible Truth Chapel. They observed that Mr. Minkler does a good work there. (Earlier this year Mr. and Mrs. Minkler were hospitalized for a few weeks with hepatitis, but the Lord has restored them to health.)

The young people had special meetings with the Navajos, speaking through interpreters. They were able to go right into the hogans and see the women making rugs, tending sheep, etc.

After staying there for awhile they went to the mission station at Shonto Canyon where Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Miner and their family labor. Shonto Canyon is a long narrow canyon in one of the most remote parts of the reservation. A stream of water runs through it in the springtime, but there is not enough water to flow during the hot summer months. Here they enjoyed fellowship with the Baxters and Miners. They had a camp meeting, a conference to which all the Indians come and which may last for several days. All meetings are held outside under a brush arbor, and start early in the morning to continue through the day. One hundred to 150 people attended. All food was prepared at the camp meeting site, and the group had their first taste of mutton stew and Indian fry bread. Here again they slept in the almost completed chapel. They were pleased to learn that the ladies' missionary conference in Chicago had contributed generously toward the

building of this chapel.

From Shonto they drove to the Immanuel Mission in northern Arizona, where Mr. and Mrs. Donald Perrault and Robert Staley extended warm hospitality. Here the young people enjoyed the advantages of running water and shower facilities for the first time in almost a week. School was not in progress, but they saw the facilities the Lord has given the workers for accommodating the Indian children and teaching them the ABC's and the living Word of God, and the work that was being done to provide enough classroom space.

Throughout the trip they distributed hundreds of tracts. They came to know and love some of the Indian children. They were amazed to see people living in such primitive conditions in the United States, conditions which are said to be similar to those found in parts of Africa. The value of the trip to the group was expressed in the following terms by Judy Ramacitti:

First-hand observation of the missionaries at work helped them to know how to pray for them. The hardness briefly endured in rough sleeping accommodations, shortage of water and discomforts of travel was all outweighed by the value of lessons learned and fellowship enjoyed. The experience provided an opportunity to learn to be content in any state as they were advised in Philippians 4:11. To see Christian workers devotedly yielding their lives in service to the Lord in the face of language barriers and harsh living conditions was a challenge, whereas the apparent spiritual growth of the Indian Christians in response to the workers' trust in God was an encouragement.



Everett Bachelers to be on Furlough

EVERETT BACHELDER, Box 655, Nome, Alaska: We expect to leave Nome for a furlough before Christmas, and to visit Vancouver, B. C., then later travel east to Attleboro, Mass. Our departure is to be made possible by the coming of the Douglas Crabbs from Fairbanks to care for the work at Nome during our absence.

Five Baptized at Arizona Mission

GEORGE BAXTER, Box 141, Flagstaff, Ariz.: Thank the Lord with us for five believers on the reservation who were recently baptized, for the light plant established in Shonto, and for a large gift to keep us on the radio for a year and to help with the Shonto building.

Many tribes were represented at the all Indian conference at Flagstaff June 29 to July 7. Each afternoon the believers conducted a three-hour service and gave out tracts at the city park, where 50,000 people came to a Pow Wow put on by the city.

Pray for safe journeys as we go back and forth to Shonto with loads of building material. Because of limited time there and no skilled help the finishing of the building is prolonged. Mr. Baxter lifted too much and injured the hernia again.

Pray fervently against the power of Satan to break up the testimony at each station. There is much temptation, and heathen activities are rampant on the reservation.

Publications Chretiennes Considers New Distribution Project

NORMAN BUCHANAN, 243 St. Pierre St., Cap de la Madeleine, Quebec: We hope to finish the Every Home literature distribution campaign this year, and seek guidance as to whether we should work this winter on distributions around various assemblies to assist them in neighborhood outreach evangelism.

Prayer is desired that a way may be found to follow up those who have made favorable responses to our various mailing projects.

We have obtained more typesetting and printing equipment at very reasonable cost, and hope to put it into service by the time the fall rush begins.

Storeroom Rented for New York Spanish Work

PAUL BITLER, 1040 Evergreen Ave., Bronx 72, N. Y.: For the Spanish Manhattan work we have rented a storeroom on a busy street in the "Spanish Harlem" area. We had hoped to be able to buy a vacant lot or an old building at a reasonable price, but available buildings are scarce in Manhattan and prices are high.

The Spanish speaking population in New York City is about one million. Many came from Porto Rico after World War Two, and more are still coming from Santo Domingo and perhaps from Cuba.

Ladies' Projects Open Doors to the Gospel

ERVIN DRESCH, 817 Texas Ave., San Antonio 1, Tex.: The ladies of the Owosso, Mich. assembly supply us with wall mottoes by attaching pictures and Bible texts to colored construction paper. The sisters of the Arlington, Calif. assembly also supply us with round mottoes made by attaching pictures and gospel verses to carton covers and placing a hole in the rim of each for a ribbon hanger. These help to open doors for the Gospel in many homes. The sisters of the Appleton assembly in Wisconsin also mimeograph illustrated Bible texts for coloring, which are used in many Spanish DVBS classes. The hard work and expense in these projects is greatly appreciated.

Sunday school attendance at the Capilla Evangelica is between 60 and 90.

Itinerary for Henry Petersen

HENRY PETERSEN, 3227 Pontiac, La Crescenta, Calif.: I am to share the ministry at the young people's conference at Lake Geneva, Wis., over Labor Day. I shall then give a final week at the new chapel in La Grange, Ill., before returning to Inglewood, Calif. for the opening of the new chapel there and a survey and visitation effort by the whole assembly.

William Rae Is in 90th Year

WILLIAM RAE, 3067 N. E. Oregon St., Portland 12, Ore.: In the spring I visited Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, Spokane, Wash., and Trail and Penticton, B. C., thinking that this might be my last visit to these parts. I am now in my 90th year; but apart from impaired vision I am truly well in body, enjoyed greatly my visit in each place, and had strength to preach.

Mexican Fruitpickers Show Eager Interest in Gospel Services

IRENE GALLAGHER, 353 Clela Ave., Los Angeles 22, Calif.: For several Sunday nights we have brought to our evening service 80 men who are in Fullerton on contract from Mexico. Four cars have been used for this. Another car brings men from Cucamonga. Many of these men are hearing the Gospel for the first time, and



much more interest is shown this year than last. All eagerly accept New Testaments offered them. Two or three already know the Lord.

Through released time classes I have chosen eleven boys from Los Angeles and El Monte to attend an evangelical boys' camp, at which some of them have professed to be saved.

Louis Germain Does Visitation Again

LOUIS GERMAIN, 444 Bank St., Ottawa 4, Ont.: After two months of sickness from February 29 to the end of April, God gave me improvement and I began door-to-door visitation among the Mexicans. With His help I was able to visit hundreds of homes, giving gospels, tracts and calendars.

About 200,000 French Roman Catholics live in the Ottawa area, but very few are reached with the Gospel, due to a lack of workers.

Salvation and Growth Seen in Appleton, Wis.

ROBERT HARPER, 2121 N. Morrison, Appleton, Wis.: Three children were saved through our recent DVBS. A disillusioned Catholic family accepted Christ after attending Sunday school and the family Bible hour for three Sundays. Four couples have come to know the Lord since we came here; and in all 35 new people, parents and children, have come to the chapel.

A ladies' Bible class meets in Sheboygan each time I give one of my periodic visits to that community.

Persons Saved in W. Va. & Pa. Camps

WALTER JENSEN, 361 Westfield Rd., Scotch Plains, N. J., July 29: I spent a week at Bethel Bible Camp outside of Hinton, W. Va., and a week at Greenwood Hills, Pa. Souls were saved at both Hinton and Greenwood Hills.

I am to be in Mishawaka, Ind. in September.

Many Saved Through Work of Murdy Getty

MURDY GETTY, Clover Bar, Alta., June 21: We have had the joy of leading over 50 persons to Christ so far this year,



a number have seen the truth of baptism and church fellowship, and believers have been encouraged in the Christian walk.

Beginning in August I hope to preach the Gospel in Alaska for 45 days. I expect to

conduct meetings on the west coast in the fall.

Some in Fanwood, N. J., Profess Faith

ALFRED P. GIBBS, 738 Savannah Ave., Waynesboro, Ga.: During the past few months I have had meetings in some of the east coast cities. In Fanwood, N. J., a few professed to be saved.

I expect to be in Detroit, Mich. for three weeks in September; and then go to Winnipeg, Man. for their Thanksgiving conference around October 14, via Chicago, Ill.



Two Pittsboro Home Young People Receive Honors

W. EUGENE HOLLINGSWORTH, Box 187, Pittsboro, N. C.: Two of our young people received honors upon graduating from Pittsboro High School this spring. The boy had lived at the Home for almost eight years, the girl for almost six and one half. Another girl who has been with us for about three years expects to graduate this summer. The first young lady has been accepted by the Emmaus Bible School in Oak Park, Ill.; the young man wishes to fulfill his military obligation as soon as possible.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ridley and Miss Virginia White continue to serve the Lord faithfully here with us.

Six Children of Christians Saved

TOM WILKIE, Box 183, Forest, Ont.: Six of the Christians' children professed to be saved during a six weeks' series of gospel meetings Bob Booth and I shared in Grand Bend, Ont. Early in July seven persons were baptized. Fourteen visitors attended the gospel meeting in Forest on July 14.

New Chapel Built at Mission, B. C.

JOHN HUNT, 917 14th St., Bellingham,



Wash.: I enjoyed visiting at Mission, B. C., where interest and numbers increase. The Christians are building a new chapel, hoping to occupy it by this fall.

The Lord blessed our ministry at Rimrock Bible Camp, where Francis Abken and I were guest speakers. Our camp doctor, Harold Buckley of Wapato, and Brian Aggett of Bellingham also gave valued help in ministry.

Four Families Saved in Drummondville, Quebec

ROLAND LACOMBE, C. P. 191, Drummondville, P. Q.

June 24: Four families, totalling 35 persons, have been saved. Ten of these were baptized Saturday night, and several gave their testimony. A few unsaved people came out of curiosity, but were deeply impressed by the hymns, and the message on baptism showing the difference between the Scriptural baptism by immersion and the Catholic baptism.



449 Attend Bristol, Va. Conference

HAROLD MACKAY, 3714 Freeman Mill Rd., Greensboro, N. C.: I attended the Bristol, Va. conference, where by carefully husbanding my strength I could attend three services daily. Excellent ministry was given through Peter Pell and T. Ernest Wilson. The afternoon Bible readings, led by William McNeil, were most helpful. Children's services were conducted daily by Woody Murphy, and Jim Reading was in charge of singing, recreation and young people's activities. Welcome Detweiler was conference chairman.

The record total attendance was 449, and we heard of three adults and several children professing faith in Christ.

Testimony Grows in Goleta, Calif.

DAVID SHARP, 4040 State St., Santa Barbara, Calif., June 17: In Goleta we now hold meetings in two homes and conduct a Sunday school in a two-car garage. Eighteen believers remembered the Lord together last Sunday.

Gospel Boat Reaches Newfoundland Ports

VERNON MARKLE, 59 Sheriff Ave., Sydney, N. S.: I had a never-to-be-forgotten week on the Missionary Gospel Messenger boat just recently. We were fogged in for days, but had meetings each night in a community hall to overflow crowds—many standing and some sitting on the floor, until the local minister heard of it and we were refused permission for further use of the hall. Several were troubled, though none professed. Similar meetings were held in a theatre in Burnt Islands since I left, with about 100 present.

Many of the ports reached by this boat are inaccessible by road.

Recording Equipment Helps With Radio Program

THOMAS McCULLAGH, 411 E. Logan Ave., Guthrie, Okla.: Our radio work is carried on seven days a week. The station is increasing its watt power, thus enabling us to reach more people. I do thank all who had a part in giving me a new 601 Ampex recorder, speaker and mike. These assist greatly in the work, since I am away so much.

During three weeks in San Jose the Lord gave me several precious souls, and the Christians seemed greatly encouraged.

Eighteen Baptized in Cincinnati

JOHN McGEHEE, 467 Beechtree Dr., Cincinnati 24, Ohio: Eighteen persons were baptized at the Northern Hills Bible Chapel on July 7. At least five others were prevented from participating on that date by illness or absence from the city. More than half of these were adults who have trusted the Lord in recent months. With the exception of three or four children of parents in the assembly, the first contact made with most of them was through home Bible classes or by personal witnessing of individual Christians.

Two Receive Christ at Anchorage, Alaska

TOMMY THOMPSON, 2905 Eide St., Anchorage, Alaska: A man of 51 was saved while I was visiting, and a woman trusted Christ when I spoke in a three-days' series at a Slavic mission meeting in Homer, Alaska.



We recently received a new family into fellowship. Others are coming to meetings and show interest in gathering in the Lord's name.

Two Saved Through Interview With Priest

FERNAND ST-LOUIS, C. P. 871, Montmagny, Quebec: I recently accepted the invitation to discuss the Bible with a priest before a company of about six people. I asked the priest if he believed the Bible. He said he did. I asked if he relied on the philosophy and traditions of men. Again he said he did. So I asked him to read aloud Colossians 2:8: "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." He tried to find the passage in the Old Testament. After I told him that he would find it in the New Testament, he could not find it there either. The audience noticed with astonishment that their religious leader was not familiar enough with the Word of God to find a text in the New Testament. When I read the verse, it made an impact on the listeners, as well as on the priest, who did not know such a portion existed in the Bible.

Other such meetings were held from time to time, resulting in the salvation of a lady in her fifties and another lady, mother of two young children.

David Metler Injured in Fall

On July 28 Mrs. Metler wrote: My husband fractured his right shoulder and strained his back and hip when he stumbled and fell July 17. The doctor informed us that it would take 30 to 60 days before David's arm would heal, so this changes plans to go away this summer. Exhaustion may have caused the fall, for he does not remember stumbling.

We are thankful that this happened in front of our home instead of on the road, where it could have been more serious and involved many others. We were about to go to a gathering of assemblies in Griswold, Iowa.

On the night of the fall our fourteen-year-old daughter Diana told us she was saved the night before, and MaryBeth was saved that night and told us the next morning.

David Metler had written on the day before the accident: On Sunday mornings there is standing room only in the bus and at our home, and the other meetings are always full. One day we loaded the bus with parents and children and took them to a lake 70 miles away. Most of these people live a whole lifetime in a small area, so this was a big trip to them.

We are thinking of conducting a Bible camp next summer so that we can give these boys and girls a taste of clean living in a Christian atmosphere and teach them the Word of God.

Virginia and I are both very tired. We certainly could use help here, and have been praying that the Lord will send us a family. There are millions of Spanish Americans in our country, and yet only a few workers. Every false group has workers among them, and these lead them out of Catholicism into another lie.

DAVID METLER, 1116 W. 3rd St., Portales, N. M., 88130.

Several Saved in Brooklyn Area

LOUIS MONTALVO, 126-08 109th Ave., South Ozone Park 20, N. Y., July 17: Twenty-one youngsters professed to be saved during a campaign with Mel Wistner. A young lady was saved during our 29th conference, and has already asked for baptism. Several professed faith when Fernando Vangioni from the Argentine gave a week in the Evergreen Spanish Gospel Hall. Others profess salvation through the Emmaus gospel courses.

Henry Sanchez, one of our young men, is trying to spread the Gospel in Spain during the summer. He is interested in joining us in the work here.

Last Sunday I baptized seven young Italians in Long Branch, most of whom attended Sunday school since they were babes. May the Lord especially use them among their fellow Italians.

We are holding open-air meetings; these have proved very fruitful in the past.

Indian Prepares to Serve Among Navajos

HELEN MONTGOMERY, Box 218, Teec Nos Pos, Ariz.: A Navajo Bible school student, Jimmy Mexicano, has been doing camp visitation among his own people and at the same time was tutored in Navajo reading and English reading and Scripture memorization to fit him better to serve the Lord. Several of our co-workers attended Navajo language school from two to five weeks this summer.

Janet Nickel, commended to the work at Immanuel Mission for a year, arrived this summer. She expects to teach part time and help wherever else she can.

Rock Assembly Meets in New Chapel

JOHN SMALL, Box 183, Rock, Mich.: We have been meeting in the new Rock Bible Chapel since the week before Easter. As yet we have no piano or plumbing, but everything else is in. One assembly in Detroit sent fifty fine folding chairs, which were all filled last Sunday night, with many unsaved among the congregation.

Our assembly sponsored twenty-four faithful Sunday school pupils to the Upper Peninsula Bible Camp this summer.

Young People's Retreat Proves Successful

TOMMY STEELE, SR., P. O. Box 7472, Winston-Salem, N. C.: From June 22-23 we met at the New Life Camp near



Raleigh, N. C., for a young people's retreat, an activity which had been under consideration for some time. Fifty-seven attended in spite of short notice and many conflicting events. Messrs. H. G. Mackay and Hugh Morgan

were the speakers. Two teen-age girls were saved, and many other young people gave ringing testimonies at a campfire service. This venture was so successful that we hope to repeat it next year on a much larger scale.

Three have professed faith at Glenn Avenue Gospel Chapel. There seems to be renewed interest among the believers, and a precious unity continues to be evident among us.

Serviceman Saved in Augusta, Ga.

AUGUST VAN RYN, 390 W. 56th St., Hialeah, Fla.: I visited for a month at Augusta, Ga., where a good number of unsaved come to the Family Bible Hour, and the younger men actively seek to reach servicemen and bring them to the gospel services. One soldier was saved, and the Christians were encouraged.

I also spoke one evening each week at Aiken, S. C., where the Christians enjoy such encouragement and faithfully maintain a testimony for the Lord.

Everywhere we go, the need for earnest, loving prayer is evident, for Satan is ever busy to hinder the work.

I expect to be home for a few weeks before going to the Pennsylvania and New York area in the fall.

McAuley Mission Begins Regular Services

ERNEST WOODHOUSE, 243 Devon Rd., Washington Twp., Westwood, N. J., July 29: The first floor of the McAuley Water Street Mission was opened in late June for regular services and a limited program of feeding and assisting men. (A report on this mission was published in the March issue of LOI, page 2—Ed.) Housing for the men is not expected to begin until September.

One hundred thirty-five men came and heard the Gospel on July 28, and five sought help. So far eleven men have made definite professions of faith, and two show signs of genuine change. We are not in continual contact with the other nine, and until our facilities are complete, maintaining such contact is very difficult.

Itinerary for Ross Rainey

ROSS RAINEY, 7229 Boellner Dr., Hazelwood, Mo.: I have been asked to hold a series of children's meetings after the annual Sunday school picnic from the Hazelwood Bible Chapel on September 14. Most of November I expect to be in Ohio, giving most of the time at the Fair-lawn Bible Chapel in Akron, and concluding with a week-end visit at Gracemount Gospel Chapel in Cleveland.



I am preparing two courses—one of them "Ezekiel-Daniel"—which I will be teaching at the Emmaus Bible School upon joining their visiting faculty in January, 1964.

New Christian Opens Home to Gospel

ARNOLD J. M. REYNOLDS, 371 Normandie St., Sherbrooke, Quebec, July 26: A young man who received the Gospel elsewhere and professes to have put his trust in the Lord started coming to our French meetings in Sherbrooke. The last two Sunday evenings he brought his wife, and last Monday invited me to his house to meet some friends of his. His wife is neither deeply concerned nor openly rebellious; the others showed no concern for their souls. But we did present the Gospel to them, and pray that they may respond.

Mrs. Spacek Sr. Called Home

JOE SPACEK, 1027 Kukila St., Honolulu 18, Hawaii: My mother went Home to be with the Lord on May 21 after many months of declining health. We are especially grateful now for the time we were able to spend with her while on furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Kinoshita have both come to know the Lord and are in fellowship at Waiālae.

I would like to train one or two local people to assume the Emmaus correspondence course work.

FELLOWSHIP WITHDRAWN

For the care and guidance of the Lord's people throughout the country, the home assembly of Mr. B. B. Shelburne, who travels extensively, wishes it known that all fellowship with him has been withdrawn.

Roberts Memorial Gospel Hall
8600 South Bishop Street
Chicago 20, Illinois

RADIO

Following are three additional assembly radio programs not listed in the Radio Log of December, 1962:

Arizona

KTAN, Tucson (580)—Sun. 8:15 a.m.—Chapel Forum, Homer P. Grob.

Florida

WSBB, New Smyrna Beach (1230)—Sun. 8:30 a.m.—New Smyrna Bible Chapel program.

WEMD, Easton (1460)—9 a.m.—The Bible Hour.

OPPORTUNITIES

OPPORTUNITIES OPEN at Grace Home, Quebec

A full-time cook for about 40 people is immediately required by the Grace Christian Home for Senior Citizens in Huntingville, Quebec. Two additional workers and a nurse or nursing assistant are also needed. Please apply giving references to Miss Clair Bernard, Matron, Grace Christian Home, Box 700, Lennoxville, Quebec.

Nurses Needed in Nome, Alaska

Interested persons please write to
Everett Bachelder, Box 655,
Nome, Alaska,

or to

The Administrator, M. M. M. Hospital,
Nome, Alaska.

House Parents, Male Help Needed in Alaska Home

HAROLD RICHARDS, Valley Christian Home for Children, Inc., Wasilla Rd., Palmer, Alaska: We now have fifteen children including those of the staff, and are expecting four more soon and possibly four or five more again a little later. We still have no house parents or other much-needed man help. We also need temporary carpenters and painters, and the small house lost by fire a few winters ago has never been replaced and is needed. Mr. McCormick's time is taken up with the garden and livestock, and Mr. Richard's with the maintenance.

The Fish and Wild Life Department recently gave us 52 red salmon. We have been offered a net and fishing location for more salmon—if we just had the help to use it. A California school teacher gave much valuable and appreciated help during a month of her vacation.

NURSING OPPORTUNITIES

Positions available in 100 bed general hospital for qualified registered nurses. Excellent salaries and personnel benefits. For information please contact:

Miss Lois Horton, R.N.,
Director of Nursing
Bethesda Hospital
2451 West Howard Street
Chicago 45, Illinois

Cook Needed at Arizona Mission

As Evelyn Varder had to take a year off due to very poor health, a cook for this school year is needed at Immanuel Mission, Box 218, Teec Nos Pos, Arizona.

Christian Doctor Sought

An excellent opportunity for general practice is open in a Chicago suburban area. Contact Letters of Interest, 127 S. Wacker Dr., Chicago 6, Ill.

CHRISTIAN COUPLE NEEDED

An excellent opportunity for a Christian couple to serve the Lord and His people is offered by the Western Assemblies Home, Claremont, California; the husband to act as a maintenance man inside and outside the Home, and the wife to serve in one of the several capacities on the staff.

The Home is designed to provide the maximum in comfort and convenience for its thirty guests. A separate beautifully decorated and comfortable apartment on the upper level of the Home, complete with kitchen, will be furnished to this couple without charge, with meals and utilities. The work schedule provides alternately two days off per week and two weeks paid vacation per year. Claremont Gospel Chapel is one block away, and there are over twenty assemblies in the nearby Los Angeles area.

For further information regarding this vacancy write to Mr. J. O. Ross, Supt., Western Assemblies Home, 350 Berkeley Ave., Claremont, Calif.

PAPER ON TEACHER TRAINING AVAILABLE

A copy of a message by Mr. Harry Morrison of London, Ont., given at the 40th Annual Sunday School Teachers Conference in St. Catharines, Ont. on May 11, 1963, is available free upon request to: John Funk, 154 King St., St. Catharines, Ont.



Harold M. Harper

Harold M. Harper was born just a short time after his father's conversion. His parents dedicated him to the Lord for His service, but did not tell him about this until years later.

Harold was saved at sixteen years of age, and immediately started to testify at street meetings. A few years later, with several other young people, he spent many Saturday afternoons and evenings proclaiming the Gospel in all the towns around Rochester, N. Y. where he lived. In the afternoon they would distribute tracts all over town; after supper they would sing, and he would preach, often until 9 or 9:30 p.m.

He did not know that he was to deliver the evening message one Sunday until he heard it announced in the morning. All that afternoon he prepared his message, and considered it good. Confidently he ascended the platform, but when he got up there he forgot the entire message. He learned that day that self confidence was failure. He did not stop, however, but with his confidence now in the Lord kept on preaching and teaching the Word.

He was asked to help in a mission in Rochester, where he saw the first fruits of his work. John Bramhall was saved then, and soon gave much help. Eventually an assembly was formed, now meeting at the Congress Avenue Gospel Chapel, and this assembly later commended John Bramhall to the Lord's work.

Harold studied at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Ill. During his senior year he was asked to teach a neighborhood class for one night in a home in the Irving Park district. He was invited back many times after this. After graduation he and Edwin Gibbs had a tent in that area, where many were saved. When cold weather came they continued preaching in a store. This effort resulted in the beginning of the assembly at Irving Park, now meeting at the Portage Park Gospel Chapel. Years later some from this group built the Norwood Gospel Chapel in northwestern Chicago; and others started a Sunday school in the Union Ridge section of Chicago, from

HAROLD M. HARPER

A Servant of Jesus Christ

which another local testimony was established.

Mr. Harper knew from the beginning that the Lord wanted him in pioneer work. From Chicago many doors of service were opened to him. "Being in the way, the Lord led him." He was commended by the old Austin assembly in Chicago, now meeting at Woodside Bible Chapel in Maywood, Ill.

He married Margretta Righter, an M. B. I. graduate, in January, 1919. The Lord gave Harold and Margretta five children: Harold, Jr., John, Robert, Betty and Ruth. They lived in Rochester for the first two and a half years.

Harold was asked to give a series of meetings in a church in Erie, Pa., of which Mr. Hugh Kane was the pastor. The meetings resulted in Mr. and Mrs. Kane's leaving the church with a number of others to form the present Erie assembly. Mr. Kane labored among the various assemblies until his death.

During a six months' stay in Alexandria, Minn., he was invited to hold meetings in a Congregational church without a pastor. He was considered queer because he would not take a specified gift and would allow no collection taken for him, but many were saved.

In 1922 he was invited to Plumsteadville, Pa., for two weeks meetings in a school house. He spent about two years preaching in every available public building in the area. Twenty-two believers remembered the Lord for the first time in a home; this assembly now meets in a beautiful building at Curly Hill, Pa.

Sometime later he was asked to hold tent meetings in Winston-Salem, N. C., where a group had left a church and was hungry for teaching. Several were saved and started breaking bread in a sister's home. As the work grew, Mr. Harper asked Lester Wilson to give needed further shepherding to the Christians there. Through Mr. Wilson, a fine work was accomplished there, and a number of assemblies were established in the Piedmont, N. C. area.

Mr. and Mrs. Harper managed a servicemen's center near Camp Kilmer, N. J., for four years, and there led many to Christ. Many of these kept in touch with Mr. Harper through the years.

After this he went to direct Bethany House, a student center in Wheaton, Ill., and to counsel assembly students at Wheaton College. However, he was more used to help establish the assembly there for four years.

He was called Home to rest on May 16, 1963. To encourage young people to yield their lives to the Lord for His service was always his desire. Of those saved through his ministry, his son Robert was the nineteenth to go into full-time service before his death. Since then it has been discovered that two others are serving the Lord in special fields. Mr. Calvin Williams, recently commended with his wife by the Wheaton assembly to work in the Congo, is one of Mr. Harper's converts.

His life motto was 1 Samuel 2:30: "They that honor me, I will honor." He sought in everything to put the Lord first—in life, in service, and in material things; and the Lord did not fail to honor him.

Mrs. Margretta Harper

PUBLISHED,

Harold Harpers' Notes on Luke's Gospel

Friends of the late Harold M. Harper, Sr., who went to be with the Lord May 16, 1963, have published his sermon notes on the Gospel of Luke in loose-leaf form. The notes are printed, one side only, on 46 sheets of three-ring note paper, size 4¼ x 7¼. They can be obtained from Harper's Notes, P. O. Box 85, Florence, S. C. This is a non-profit venture, and all profits received from sale of the notes will go to reprinting these or other notes.

As these notes have been put out so hurriedly the editors can be excused for some typographical errors. Page 2 indexes the sermons of which there are eighteen in all. They should prove helpful to young men studying and preaching the Word.

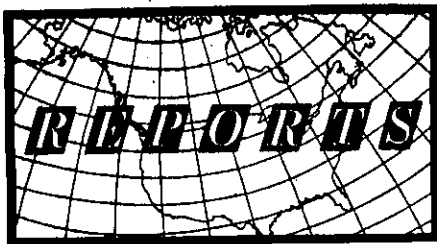
Bibles needed for distribution in personal work by Mr. H. G. Newell, in charge of spiritual needs of elderly people in Monrovia, California convalescent home and active in other personal work. Bibles in good condition may be sent to: Mr. H. G. Newell, 1151 E. Pasadena, Apt. 2, Pomona, Calif.

Lots on Ste Marys River for sale.

Also cottage for sale or rent. Secluded. Beautiful woods. C. L. Pearce, 316 Carrie St., Sault Ste Marie, Mich.

Small trailer needed by full-time worker.

Please send full details and price to Box A, Letters of Interest, 127 S. Wacker Dr., Chicago 6, Ill.



GOSPEL TENTS

Gospel tents among the assemblies are not as numerous as in former years. We mention a few that have come to our notice, and solicit a definite prayerful interest in the seed sown, that souls may be saved even now.

Herbert G. Dobson and James D. Lipke, at Lake Shore, Ont.

A. P. Klabunda and George Baldwin, at Steubenville, Ohio.

Louis Brandt and Henry Wahls, at Charles City, Iowa.

Walter Gustafson, at Wilson, Conn.

Stephen Mick, at Broadhead, Wis.

William Warke, at Cresco, Iowa.

New Hall Replaces Old in Calgary, Alta.

The North Hill Gospel Hall at 29th Ave., N. E. and Edmonton Trail, Calgary, Alta., replaces the Gospel Hall which used to stand at 106 6th Ave., N. E. The new hall was officially opened in December, 1962.

A young man received Christ during a gospel campaign in February conducted by Robert McClurkin, and has since been baptized and received into the assembly. Three new couples have identified themselves with this testimony. Literature has been systematically distributed from house to house in the neighborhood.

Small Assembly Meets in Castlegar, B. C.

An assembly of about 30 meets in Castlegar, B. C., Canada. This assembly was started in 1941 by three families meeting in a home. In 1951 the assembly rented a hall, and commenced gospel meetings and a Sunday school in addition to the breaking of bread. The group moved into their own hall, the Fifth and Elm Gospel Hall, in 1955. The schedule of meetings is as follows: Breaking of Bread, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11:30 p.m.; Gospel Meeting, 7:30 p.m. An open-air meeting in the town is conducted after the gospel meeting during the summer months.

Castlegar is one of the fastest growing towns in B. C. It is set in the central southeastern part of B. C., about 30 miles north of the U. S.-Canadian border. Commended ministering brethren moved by the Lord to visit this way will find that Castlegar is easily reached by air,

rail or bus. The Canadian Pacific Railroad and the South Provincial Highway pass through the town, and an airport served daily from east and west by the Canadian Pacific Airline adjoins it.

Address any correspondence to: Philip Toogood, General Delivery, Blueberry Creek, B. C.

Workers Sought for California Desert Campaign

The small assembly meeting at the Temescal Bible Chapel, Corona, Calif. has been given the opportunity to participate in a campaign in the California-Arizona desert, where small widely scattered groups are mostly unreached either by evangelical Christians or by false cults. Two aircraft already committed to this work by fellow saints will aid in overcoming distances and heat.

Since the assembly is too small to attempt this project alone, they are seeking for additional laborers. A three-phase program appears especially suitable for the campaign in this area: 1) Regularly scheduled gospel meetings and Sunday school classes, 2) Summer vacation Bible schools to reach both children and adults, 3) The establishment of meetings in which Christians gather to remember the Lord in the Lord's supper.

For further information write to Larry L. Larimer, 840 Bunker Hill Dr., San Bernardino, Calif.

Florida Vacationers Invited to Smyrna Bible Chapel

Vacationers to Daytona Beach or New Smyrna Beach, Florida: The Smyrna Bible Chapel at New Smyrna Beach, on Hester Ave. near Landis, is very easy to reach from either place, a short block from U. S. Route 1. Services are: Breaking of Bread, 9:30 a.m.; Family Bible Hour, 11:00 a.m.; Gospel Service, 7:30 p.m.; Prayer and Bible Study, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Visitors to Daytona Beach, telephone CL 3-6067. Visitors to New Smyrna Beach, telephone GA 8-2491.

New Testimony Begins in Decatur, Ill.

Attendance was small but steady, and interest was good, at a nine days' series of meetings conducted in the Decatur, Ill. Y. M. C. A. by Earl Miller of Frankfort, Ind. Bethany Bible Chapel is temporarily located in the Y. M. C. A., and regular meetings are now being conducted as follows: Family Bible Hour and Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Breaking of Bread, 7:30 p.m.; Prayer and Bible Study, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. The correspondent is Richard Plowman, 1380 Bowsheir, Decatur, Ill.

Sunday School Work Leads to New Chapel

The Westview Gospel Chapel, 311 Brunswick Pl., Victoria, B. C. has been built to accommodate an old Sunday school work started years ago by a Mr. Jones and Mr. L. Speller. It has been made possible through the practical fellowship of the Christians of the parent assembly, Victoria Gospel Hall, and further assisted by the Stewards Foundation.

The schedule of meetings here is: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Family Bible Hour, 11 a.m.; Breaking of Bread, 7 p.m.; Conversational Bible Reading, Wednesday, 8 p.m. Correspondent: J. Gilmour, 368 W. Gorge Rd., Victoria, B. C.

We send Christian greetings to all our fellow saints across the U. S. and Canada. Should any visit in this part of the vineyard, we would be most happy to receive you.

On behalf of the saints at Westview Chapel, /s/ J. Gilmour.

Markham Street Tabernacle Closed August 31, 1963

The Markham Street Tabernacle on Markham Street just north of Bloor Street, Toronto, is soon to be demolished to make way for the East-West subway rapid transit system.

Constructed in 1906, the building has been used as a center for gospel testimony in a district where the population origin is predominantly ethnic. God's Word has been faithfully proclaimed from this place, resulting in the salvation and building up of many in the faith. We regret having to close and move, but this is God's will for others as well as ourselves. We praise Him for His guidance in all and look forward to His using us as He directs.

-/s/ H. G. West, Secretary

Pioneer Campaign Conducted in Fountown, Minn.

Leonard De Bohr of Aplington, and Eric McCullough of Cedar Falls, Iowa, came to Fountown, Minn. at the suggestion of a young couple who were interested in penetrating the neighborhood with the Gospel using a tent. Unfavorable weather prevented the use of a tent, and they are now preaching in a community building instead. The attendance has reached as high as twenty-four.

While there are few true Christians there, Messrs. De Bohr and McCullough have already met some who were saved through a national radio broadcast. It is understood that the nearest assembly is over 150 miles distant. These men, as well as others who are in real pioneer fields, deserve the prayerful support of the Lord's people.

New Assembly Meets in Cedar Falls, Iowa

It was with joy that a number of Christians met to remember the Lord for the first time in Cedar Falls, Iowa on July 14. The work there was started by Leonard DeBohr and Eric McCullough in an empty church building two years ago, when some were saved. The brethren of the area continued conducting Sunday evening services and Sunday school classes. Later they purchased the building.

Prayer is requested that the assembly go on for God and prove a great blessing in the community.

B. M. Nottage is Ill.

Mr. B. M. Nottage had three weeks of hospitalization pending major surgery, but the operation was cancelled because a heart condition would threaten his survival. At present he is being treated at his home, 2984 Belvidere, Detroit 14, Mich. His wife is also unwell.

H. K. Downie's 80th Birthday Celebrated

About 150 of the Lord's people gathered in the Garfield Park Lodge in Grand Rapids, Mich., to celebrate the 80th birthday of Hugh K. Downie. Letters had poured in from the States, Canada and Britain, many of them telling of help received from Mr. Downie's ministry, oral and written.

The 147th Psalm was read, and we were reminded that this was really Mr. Downie's 147th birthday, since he was born August 9, 1883 and born again August 7, 1896. A beautiful cake was sent by the Pile family in Cleveland, Ohio, and one by Loizeaux Brothers Inc., publishers of Mr. Downie's book, *Harvest Festivals*.

Christians assembled from the Northwest and Eastern Ave. assemblies in Grand Rapids, and from Holland, Grand Haven, Muskegon and the Dexter assembly in Flint.

—William J. Pell

New Testimony Established in Minneapolis

A new testimony has been established in a new neighborhood about six miles north of the Northeast Bible Chapel in Minneapolis, Minn. The new Sunnyside Bible Chapel there is almost completed. More than 30 Christians from the Northeast Chapel felt led to identify themselves with this work, with which the Northeast assembly is in full fellowship. Prayer is asked that God will receive more than double honor from the two assemblies, and that gaps left by the transfer will be filled.

Contact with the new group may be made through Dexter Sederstrom, 2644 Ulysses St., N. E., Minneapolis 18, Minnesota.

Christians Should Have Wills Wisely Drawn, Often Reviewed

Recently a Christian on his death bed said he wanted to change his will so that his estate would go to the work of the Lord rather than largely to distant unsaved relatives, with whom he had evidently little contact and little in common. However, suffering intense pain, he was unable to concentrate and to accomplish the changeover before he went Home.

A few months ago the newspapers reported the probate of the estate of the widow of a great industrialist. Of some \$38,000,000 taxes took round \$27,000,000 or more. A little forethought would have made millions available for charity.

An elderly Christian couple who by diligent saving and wise investment had accumulated close to \$1,000,000 came to a devoted Christian who is also a successful businessman for help as to their estate. He gently proposed that they might well give some of their assets to the Lord's work while they were still alive. But they felt that they must not pass by some excellent opportunities to increase their holdings (which they must soon let loose), and would need to retain control of the assets in order to do this. Evidently they had traveled so long on the path of acquisition that it was very difficult to reverse the trend, even though they wanted their estate to be employed for spiritual ends.

Every Christian certainly ought to have a will, no matter how small may be his estate at the time he makes it. For through a variety of unforeseen events the estate might be much larger than he thought it would be. And that will ought to be reviewed every year or so to determine whether it should be revised to meet altered circumstances or changes in thought. Certainly every Christian's will should be drafted in the light of eternity. But also should we not all determine from time to time if we have assets that will not be needed to take care of our obligations which could be turned to use in the work of the Lord while we are still alive here.

BOOK EXCHANGE

BOOKS FOR SALE

Newberry Bible in fair condition. Mark These Men, and Studies in Problem Texts, by Sidlow Baxter; 9 Lectures on the First Epistle of John, by J. N. Darby; Genesis and Evolution, by DeHaan; Through Gates of Splendor, by Elizabeth Elliott; The Gospel Mystery of Sanctification, by Walter Marshall; Our Lord Prays for His Own, by Marcus Rainsford; From Eternity to Eternity, and The Triumph of the Crucified, by Erich Saur; The Christ of Christianity, by J. M. Stiffler; First the Rapture, and So Great Salvation, by J. F. Stromberg; Addresses on Romans, by L. T. Talbot. All above books like new.

The Ministry of the Spirit, by A. J. Gordon; Quiet Talks on Prayer, by S. D. Gordon; Kept for the Master's Use, and Royal Bounty or Evening Thoughts for the King's Guests, by F. R. Havergal; Bone of His Bones, and That Old Serpent the Devil, by F. J. Huegel; Notes on Exodus, by C. H. MacIntosh; The Ten Commandments, and The True Estimate of Life, by G. C. Morgan; The Epistle to the Romans, by J. M. Stiffler; St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans, by Griffith Thomas, chapters 6-11; George Muller, The Modern Apostle of Faith, by F. G.

Warne. All above in fair to good condition.

All above books including *Newberry Bible* for \$20; buyer to pay express or postage. Must sell. G. F. Newstrom, 16065 Iris Dr., Fontana, Calif.

Numerical Bible, F. W. Grant, 6 vol. set; *Handfuls on Purpose*, J. Smith & R. Lee, 13 vol. set; \$10 each set. Jim Townsend, 875 Birch St., Memphis, Tennessee.

BOOKS WANTED

Annotated Bible; *The Conflict of the Ages*; *Listen, God Speaks*. Edison Vedder, 1555 Helderberg, Ave., Schenectady 6, N. Y.

Doctrine of God, Herman Bavinck; *The Existence and Attributes of God*, Stephan Charnock; *Storms and Starlight*, V. R. Edman; *Modern Science and the Christian Faith*, F. A. Everest; *Luke in Greek New Testament*, Dean Farrar; *Studies in the Second Book of Moses and Exodus*, Keyser; *Crucified to live, and Lest We faint*, S. F. Logsdon; *Psalms*, W. G. Scroggie, vols. 3 & 4; *Names and Titles of the Triune God*, Herbert Stevenson. Jim Townsend, 875 Birch St., Memphis, Tennessee.

God's Masterpiece, Man's Body, by Dr. A. I. Brown. J. D. Ibbotson, c/o Belmont Community Hospital, 4058 Melrose St., Chicago 41, Ill.

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The Local CHURCH

by Charles S. Howard

Questions and Answers about problems regarding operation of local assembly testimony conducted by a well-known editor of this publication. Unless otherwise indicated the answers are Mr. Howard's personal views.

EDITOR'S COMMENT:

We have before us a printed paper called "An Observation #2" written by an honored servant of the Lord who has taken us to task about our answer to Question #42 in Letters of Interest (May issue). This paper has been circulated among numerous assemblies. We do not mind criticism—in fact we welcome it—but we would like to be fair and honest.

First of all let it be clearly understood that we have no desire to engage in controversy in this page of LOI. We answer questions in the fear of God and we trust always without malice.

Second, we admit an error in our answer caused by leaving out one word. In paragraph two we omitted the one word which makes a world of difference and made it possible for our brother to interpret the answer as he did. The second sentence should have read, "These have mostly to do with such matters as criticizing song leading, special music, etc." It was the practice of criticizing without Scriptural warrant that we were referring to.

The unfairness of such a paper lies in the matter of partial quotation. If paragraph three had been quoted in full, for instance, it would have shed a great deal of light on the substance of the answer. We are sure that those who read the question and answer in full will see that we have no malice, but are endeavoring to draw together God's people who are separated by other things than "thus saith the Lord."

Question 43. A. Is the title used on notice boards, etc.: "Christians gathered in the Name of the Lord," sectarian? B. Who is the judge, those who put up the sign, or the Lord? C. What is actually conveyed in the words, "Gathered together in my name" (Matthew 18:20)?

Answer—A. Whether it is sectarian depends on the attitude of the church behind the notice board. If the implication in their minds is that other groups of Christians, who may bear sectarian labels, do not have the Lord in their midst, then it is sectarian. B. Whether they are in reality gathered together in His name only the Lord can judge. C. However, the thought of Matthew 18:20 is that the little (or big) company has been brought together by love for and dedication to our Lord Jesus Christ; and if this is in reality the fact, then those around them will know that God is in them of a truth (1 Corinthians 14:25).

COMMENDATIONS

Janet Nickel

The assembly at Allentown, Pa., has commended Miss Janet Nickel to teach in the school at Immanuel Mission, Shiprock, N. M.

Address: Miss Janet Nickel, Box 218, Teec Nos Pos, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ferguson

The Christians at the Bible Truth Chapel of Murrysville, Pa., commend William and Elizabeth Ferguson to the work of the Lord in the Salamanca, N. Y. area. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson have helped to establish the assembly at Murrysville, and have been active in the work at Camp Li-Lo-Li at Red House, N. Y. in recent years. The commendation is signed by three elders.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Williams



The assembly at the Bethany Chapel, Wheaton, Ill., has commended Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Williams to establish a Christian junior high school at Nyan-kunde, Bunia, Republique de Congo. The commendation is signed by seven elders.

James E. Dunkerton

James Dunkerton has worked for several summers in daily vacation Bible school, in visitation and canvassing in the Brooklyn and Goodview Chapel areas, Baltimore, Md. The Christians meeting in the Brooklyn Gospel Chapel have commended him to full-time work in Baltimore. The commendation is signed by five elders.

Address: James E. Dunkerton, 3909 Sixth St., Baltimore 25, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. St-Louis

In June 1962 the assembly at the Chapelle Evangelique in Cap de la Madeleine, Quebec, gave a temporary letter of commendation to Fernand and Yolande St-Louis to work at Montmagny, Quebec. Now, as of June, 1963, they have given them full commendation to this work. This commendation is signed by ten elders.

WORKERS' ADDRESS CHANGES

John Y. M. Aitken
1553 Finlay Street
White Rock, B. C.

Neil M. Fraser
c/o Emmaus Bible School
156 N. Oak Park Ave.
Oak Park, Illinois

Sydney Maxwell
2162 East 53rd Ave.
Vancouver 16, B. C.

Donald B. Moffatt
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Hamilton, Ontario

George Rainey
Sorrento, Box 275
Lake County, Fla. 32776

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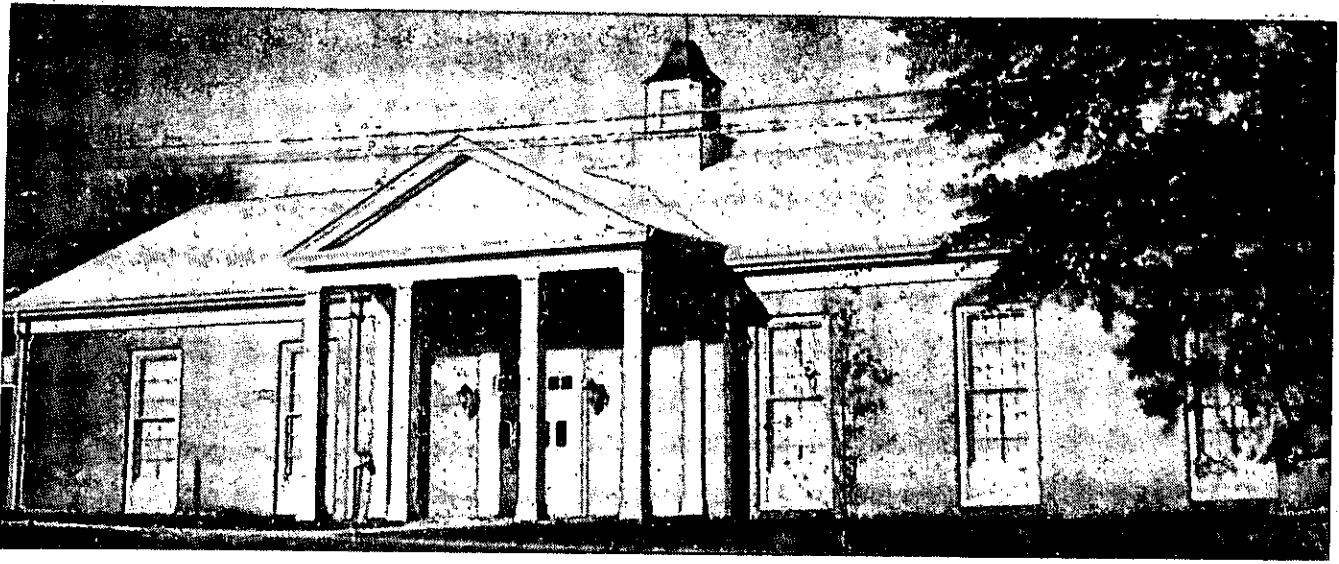
Ray M. Dell
717 S. W. K Street
Grants Pass, Oregon

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Harold Self
Palmer, Alaska

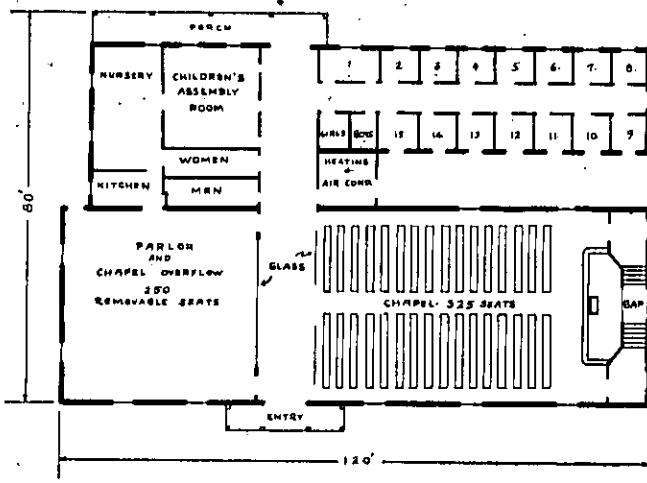
ADD TO WIDOWS' LIST

Mrs. Jean McCullough
190 Mount Pleasant
Stratford, Connecticut



FIRE LEADS TO BETTER BUILDINGS

Augusta, Georgia



Floor plan of the main building

A fire which destroyed the chapel forced the Augusta, Georgia assembly to move. As a result they built the new and attractive quarters illustrated in the accompanying sketch. They purchased a plot of ground 180' by 330', including a small residence which has been maintained, and added a 40' by 70' recreation building with an attractive kitchen. This was followed by the main chapel and Sunday school (above), which consists of the two wings shown on the sketch, joined together by a foyer and service building. The chapel seats 325 people plus an overflow of 250. Fifteen Sunday school rooms and an additional assembly room provide for the children. Twenty babies can be accommodated in the nursery.

All of this would seem to present an insurmountable financial burden, but by using Butler buildings throughout, all properly covered with brick, they erected both the recreation building and the Sunday school-chapel unit at a total cost of \$92,000 not including land.

This most desirable set of buildings enables the Christians to meet the needs of the community for assembly, gospel preaching, teaching and recreation. This work has been greatly blessed by the Lord.

—R. W. Mojonnier



The residence



The recreation building

With The Lord

Mrs. Sam McEwen

On June 5, 1963 Mrs. Sam McEwen, the widow of the well-known brother, was called Home to be with the Lord, in her 87th year.

She was saved early in life, during the pioneering days in Virginia, when Alexander Lamb, James M. Hamilton and William Beveridge were conducting meetings in Matoaca. A lover of hospitality, she entertained many of the Lord's people through several years. Mrs. McEwen is survived by four sons and three daughters.

The funeral service was led by Oswald MacLeod.

Arthur S. Bowman

Arthur Samuel Bowman, age 79, departed to be with Christ April 14, 1963.

He was a member of the Voices from the Vineyard Missionary Corporation, a trustee and a Vice President of the Julia Hasse Memorial Missionary Home, and member of Christian Missions in Many Lands, Ltd., New York.

In October 1914, he with others founded the assembly at Union City, N. J. He with others was at the point of setting up the corporate structure for the establishment of a home for aged Christians in the New York metropolitan area when serious illness hindered this most recent interest.

He is survived by his widowed sister, Mrs. Richard Eisele, a son-in-law and married daughter, Captain and Mrs. Donald Mehaffey and their son, Gregory.

At the service in his memory a fitting message was spoken by George T. Mortland, President of "Voices." Mr. Harold Brown and Mr. Fred Holst of the assembly prayed, Mr. Stanley Guttormsen sang, and Franklin E. Spangler expressed his appreciation for a long and happy association with brother Bowman.

Mrs. Rowland H. C. Hill

Mrs. Diana A. Hill passed away peacefully at her home in San Leandro, Calif. July 23.

A native of Malay States, she accepted the Lord early in her life, and then with her husband served Him for 32 years in India. Mr. and Mrs. Hill returned to the U. S. in 1952, and served the Lord for a year in Los Angeles and then for two years in Salt Lake City. Since then they have lived in the California Bay Area, meeting with the assembly at the Gospel Auditorium in Oakland. Mrs. Hill, always active and cheerful, won her way

into many hearts. She is survived by her husband, Rowland H. C. Hill, and one daughter, Mrs. Joan Gray.

Services, planned in accord with Mrs. Hill's personal requests, were conducted in Oakland July 25. Francis McKim sang "In the Land of Fadeless Day" and "The Twenty-third Psalm." George Arnerding spoke on the threefold blessedness of the occasion: blessedness for the Lord as He received one of His own to Himself, for Diana as she is welcomed into her Lord's presence, and for those who mourn as they are assured of His comfort. Interment was at Mountain View Cemetery in Oakland.

It is requested that any gifts in memory of Mrs. Hill be made to the Kollegal School in India. This may be done through Letters of Interest, 127 S. Wacker Dr., Chicago 6, Ill.

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Pittsburgh, Pa., September 27-29

Place: Gospel Hall, 4917 Friendship Ave., Pittsburgh 24, Pa. Dates: September 27-29. Schedule: Friday—Prayer, 8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday—Ministry, 10 a.m., and 2 and 7 p.m. Ministering Brethren Expected: James Boswell of London, Ont.; August Van Ryn of Hialeah, Fla.; and Ernest Woodhouse of the McAuley Water Street Mission, New York, N. Y. Truths for Consideration: Faith as a Principle for Holy Living, the Holy Spirit, Our Lord's Imminent Return.

Write to: John S. Martin, 8767 Sunset Dr., Munhall, Pa.

Goodland, Kansas; October 5-6

Place: Goodland Gospel Chapel, 225 W. 16th St., Goodland, Kans. Dates: October 5 and 6, preceded by a prayer meeting at 7:30 Mountain Standard Time October 4. Those who feel led by the Lord to come and minister are welcomed. Persons coming from a distance will be freely accommodated.

Floyd M. Kemp, Correspondent, Ruleton, Kansas.

Hamilton, Ont., October 12-14

The 88th annual conference sponsored by the MacNab Street and Queensdale Avenue assemblies is to be held October 13 and 14 at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, preceded by a prayer meeting at the MacNab Street Gospel Hall, 140 MacNab St., N., Hamilton, Ont., on Saturday, October 12, at 7:30 p.m. (all hours Daylight Saving time). Schedule: Sunday and Monday—10 a.m., and 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Write to: G. P. Cesar, 124 Wentworth St., S., Hamilton, Ont.; and R. J. North, 17 King's Forest Dr., Hamilton, Ontario.

Toronto Sisters' Conference in New Location

The Sisters' Missionary Conference, which has been held annually in the Markham Street Tabernacle, Toronto, is to be held in the Central Gospel Hall this year, 25 Charles S. E., Toronto, Ont., on Saturday, September 28. Meetings will be held at 2:45 and 6:45 p.m., with supper served at 5 o'clock.

S. S. Teachers and Youth Workers, Lombard, Ill., September 28

The Chicago area annual conference for Sunday School teachers is to be held at the Lombard Gospel Chapel, 369 Stewart Ave., Lombard, Ill., on Saturday, September 28. The 3:45 p.m. session is to consist of three workshops: 1) Song Leading and Sunday School Music, 2) Use of Visual Aids, and 3) Teaching Techniques. Supper is to be served at 5:15. Departmental workshops are to be conducted during the first part of the evening session, beginning at 7. Robert J. Little is to give the closing message.

All young people's workers are urged to attend.

Robert W. Logan, Sec.

Chicago Bible Conference, Oct. 25-27

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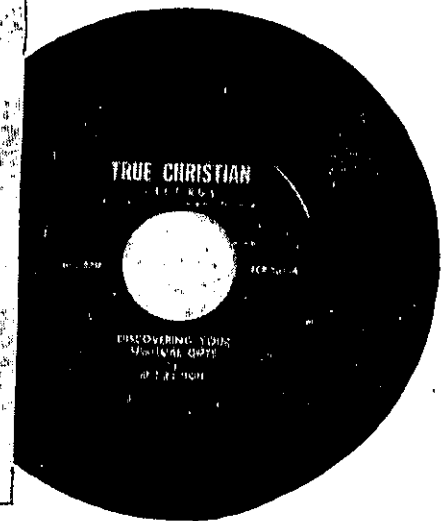
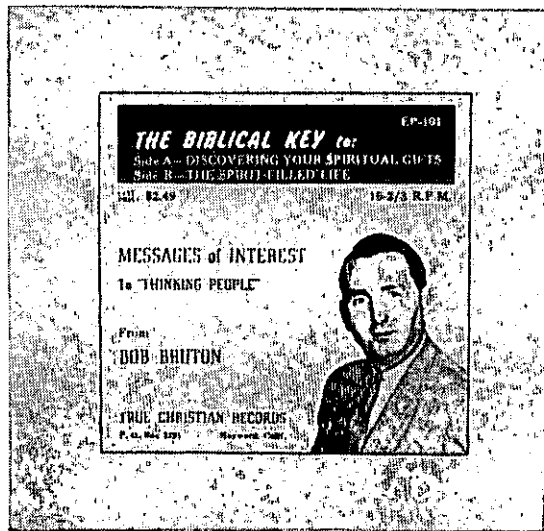
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Atlantic, Iowa; September 7-8

Sponsors: assemblies of Lyman and Atlantic, Iowa. Place: Community Building, 4H Fairgrounds, 700 block on West 10th St., Atlantic. Dates: September 7 and 8, preceded by a prayer meeting in the evening of September 6. Several gifted speakers have been invited.

Write to: Harold W. Meyer, Route 1, Cumberland, Iowa; or Orville Eshelman, 10 E. 13th St., Atlantic, Iowa.

Waterloo Missionary Conference, September 13-15

Place: Downing Avenue Gospel Chapel, 1645 Downing Ave., Waterloo, Iowa. Dates: September 13-15, opening with prayer at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, September 13. Expected Speakers: John Smart of The Fields, New York, N. Y., and H. C. Hewlett of The Witness, London, England. Meals and accommodations will be provided.

Write to: Dr. Albert Nesbit, 2101 Falls Ave., Waterloo, Iowa.

Women to Meet at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, September 20-21

The Fourth Annual Midwestern Women's Conference is to be held at the Lake Geneva Conference Grounds, Lake Geneva, Wis., on Friday and Saturday, September 20 and 21. An interesting program has been arranged, with Mrs. Jean Tuininga as the main speaker.

For further details contact: Mrs. John Everding, 928 Florence, Park Ridge, Illinois.

Davenport, Iowa; September 21-22

The annual conference at the Harrison Gospel Chapel, 3025 Harrison St., Davenport, Iowa, is to convene September 21 and 22, preceded by a prayer meeting on Friday, September 20. John Phillips of Chicago, Ill., Dr. Will Miller and other speakers have been invited.

A. T. Livingston, 3019 Harrison St., Davenport, Iowa.

Ladies to Meet in Des Moines, Iowa, October 17

The annual Des Moines area Ladies Missionary Conference is to be held at the Central Gospel Chapel, 3200 Lincoln Ave., Des Moines, Iowa, October 17, 1963.

For further details write to: Mrs. Bill Green, 675 64th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

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For information regarding the conference write to:

Mr. William Murray
c/o Stuart C. Wilson
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Canada

For information regarding accommodations write to:

Mr. George B. Grimm
Route 1, Box 142
Great Falls, Va.
(Phone 759-2633)

Burlington, Colo., October 11-13

Place: Burlington Gospel Chapel, 314 12th St., Burlington, Colo. Dates: October 11-13, 1963, preceded by a prayer meeting October 10 at 8 p.m. Speakers expected: Joseph Balsan, Des Moines, Iowa; Harold Kesler, Arlington, Calif.; O. E. Magee, Minneapolis, Minn. Richard Burson of Hutchinson, Kans., and Milo Vande Krol of Oskaloosa, Iowa are to be in charge of children's meetings. Meals and accommodation will be furnished for those coming from a distance.

Address correspondence to: Sam Morrow, Kanorado, Kansas.

Women's Missionary Projects to be Displayed at Ohio Conference

The fifth annual Ladies Missionary Conference, sponsored by the Gracemount, Willo and Fairlawn Gospel Chapel assemblies, is to be held on Saturday, September 21, at Gracemount Gospel Chapel, 2285 Noble Rd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio. Meetings are scheduled for 2:30 and 7 p.m., with supper to be served between sessions. Those planning to attend are invited to bring samples for project displays. Accommodations will be provided for those remaining overnight.

Write to Miss Carol Samf, 8400 Russell Le. #65, Cleveland 9, Ohio.

Detroit, Mich., September 27-29

Place: Curtis Gospel Chapel, corner of Curtis and Lenore Streets, Detroit, Mich. Dates: September 28 and 29, preceded by a prayer meeting Friday, September 27, at 7:30 p.m. Schedule: Saturday—Ministry, 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday—Breaking of Bread, 9:15 a.m.; Family Bible Hour and Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Ministry, 2:30 p.m., Gospel Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Several of the Lord's servants are expected to be present to minister. Meals are to be served between sessions on Saturday and Sunday, and accommodations will be available for visitors.

Write to Claude H. Simms, 470 Louis Ave., Cherry Beach, Marine City, Mich.

Omaha, Nebraska; October 12-13

Place: Omaha Gospel Chapel, 45th and Hamilton Streets, Omaha, Nebr. Dates: October 12 and 13, preceded by a prayer meeting the evening of October 11. Accommodations will be provided for those coming from a distance.

Write to: William R. Jones, 4359 Hamilton St., Omaha, Nebr. 68131.

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ANNUAL READER SURVEY

A most important part of this work is the annual survey. Our mailing list must be kept up to date so that none of our readers will miss a copy. And we take your comments and suggestions into serious consideration as we plan future issues of LOI. To make your part in this survey convenient, a special envelope is stapled into this issue at page 9. Your early response will be appreciated.

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HELP NEEDED IN COMPILING ASSEMBLY RADIO LOG

The editors plan to publish an up-to-date list of assembly radio programs in the December issue of Letters of Interest. This seems far from October, but the truth is that information must be in the Letters of Interest office not later than November 5 if it is to be sure to be included in the December magazine.

All directors of programs or correspondents of assemblies sponsoring programs are hereby requested to give the following information where applicable, and to send it to the Letters of Interest

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CORRECTIONS

The editors regret the error in introducing Mr. H. C. Hewlett as representing *The Witness* in London England (September issue, page 20, column 1). Mr. Hewlett is the editor of *The Treasury* in New Zealand.

The U.S.A. Stewardship for publication and expense reported for the month of July is corrected to read as follows:

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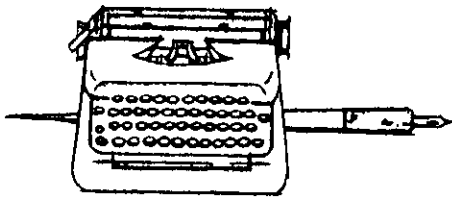
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Editors' Page

OUR HIGH PRIEST

When others seek to help us in our inner difficulties, a common reaction to their well-meant efforts is to feel that they just do not understand—their sympathetic endeavors just do not reach our needs. For as human beings we are limited in experience. We cannot fully share what someone else goes through. None of us are perfect either, and therefore we do not have the complete sympathy which full understanding gives.

Not so with the Lord Jesus, for in Hebrews 4:15 we read, "For we have not an High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities." In all of history He stands as the only one who has known the grief and suffering that touches every human heart. He has felt the full force of temptation without sin. Hence he can truly represent us before God as our High Priest. As the infinitely righteous one, our Lord has infinite love and pity. We can all be assured that somebody cares when sorrow crosses our paths and our hearts ache.

He cares perfectly. He is able to help you. Whatever your concern, tell it to Jesus today.

—J. W. Kennedy

HOMEWARD BOUND

At the close of World War II our troop-laden transports came streaming back to west coast harbors from far-off Pacific areas. Many ships headed for San Francisco Bay, and as their long voyages neared an end the Golden Gate Bridge loomed up into view, and erected high on the nearby shore appeared the message, "Welcome Home, Well Done!" What moving words to greet one at the end of a long and hard journey, with mission accomplished and home just ahead.

But if the words of men can so move us, how much more should each Christian be stirred by the prospect of hearing the words of the Lord at the end of his earthly journey, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:23).

It is easy—very easy—for us to have our eyes fixed only

on the circumstances around us. But no matter how troubled the waters that our course passes through, let us remember that we too are homeward bound. As we continue day by day on this journey may we seek to have our sense of values formed, not by that which we see around us, but by that which lies ahead; not looking for acclaim from men but for the reward that truly counts. May it be the desire of our hearts to so live for the Lord that at the end of our journey we may hear His words to us, "Well done."

—Neil M. Glass

MEMBERSHIP

"For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ" (I Corinthians 12:12).

There is much talk today about membership in this and that organization; and the people of God need to be reminded that as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ we are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

It is not a question of our joining any organization and being added to their list of membership, but we are joined together into one body by the Spirit of God. A person can drop his membership in an organization, but believers in Christ are likened to the members of our human body, each of which is nourished and aided by each other.

Each member of our physical body must function in its normal capacity to maintain the body in health; and so each of us in the body of Christ should function and work together for the edifying of the body.

The term "member" denotes more than association with, but rather a living link and integral part thereof. It is for this reason that when one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or when one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. All the members are necessary and have their function to perform. God help us each one to know that function and perform it with lowliness and grace, to the honor of our Head in heaven.

—Ernest T. Sandeen

Buffalo Assembly Moves Into Cold Spring Bible Chapel

Over five years ago the brethren of the Elmwood Avenue Gospel Chapel, Buffalo, N. Y., considered the concern of Otis and Geraldine Tillman about the need for a work in Buffalo among the Negro people. With over 70,000 Negroes in the city Mr. Tillman heard the call to start a work among them. He rented a vacant store and began Sunday school and gospel meetings. In the years following their efforts bore fruit, and in November, 1961, eleven were baptized. A nucleus began breaking bread each Sunday as an assembly.

In September 1962 the Buffalo area

assemblies agreed that this assembly should have more suitable quarters for its meetings. They found an attractive but simple building, formerly a Lutheran church, of yellow brick construction and seating about 100. The basement can be divided into convenient Sunday school rooms, and also contains a well arranged kitchen. The building is at 96 Northland Ave., two blocks from Main Street. With help from Stewards Foundation and gifts from other Christians the building was purchased this summer and some needed restoration was begun. This chapel is called the Cold Spring Bible Chapel, and was pictured on the cover of the September issue of Letters of Interest.

About 200 guests came to participate in the dedication service on August 18.

In addition to a good group from each of the three Buffalo area assemblies, Jamaica, the Bahamas, Barbados, and the Philippines were represented, as well as Toronto, Ont., Rochester, N. Y., Indiana, and Cleveland, Ohio. Messrs. Mel Northrup, T. B. Nottage and Ray Russell spoke. One visitor declared, "The only thing wrong was the service was not long enough."

In the first two weeks after the opening of the new building Sunday school attendance doubled; and several visitors came, some to return. Impressed by the way in which the worship service is conducted, one man said, "I thought I had seen just about everything as far as church is concerned, but this is the finest I have ever seen!"

CONFERENCES

Guelph Conference Grounds Prepared for Winter Retreats

At the annual meeting of the Guelph Bible Conference and the Women's Auxiliary, it was reported that the amount of winterized accommodation had been increased so that large groups can be accepted. The new Fellowship Lounge makes it unnecessary to conduct the sessions of off-season conferences in the dining hall. The lounge was used for the evening services during the summer.

Centerville, Iowa, October 5-6

Place: Gospel Chapel, 828 S. 12th, Centerville, Iowa. Dates: October 5 and 6. A hearty invitation is extended to all. For further information write to Mr. P. E. Norris, P. O. Box 325, Centerville.

Flint, Michigan, October 12-13

The annual conference at the Pasadena Avenue Gospel Chapel, 601 E. Pasadena Ave., Flint, Mich., is to be held October 12-13. Schedule of meetings: Saturday—3 p.m. in the Chapel; 7 p.m. in the Emerson Junior High School auditorium, two blocks west on Pasadena; Sunday—2:45 p.m. in the Chapel. Speakers expected: Robert Little and Paul Flint of the Emmaus Bible School.

We extend a hearty welcome to all our Christian friends who will be in the area on this week end. Meals will be served at the Chapel on Saturday evening, and any wishing to stay overnight will be happily accommodated. For information and accommodations contact: Mr. Robert Black, 1721 Roselawn, Flint Michigan 48505.

New England Women, October 26

The New England Womens Missionary Conference is to be held on Saturday, October 26, in the Andover High School, Shawsheen Rd., Andover, Mass. The women of the Methuen Gospel Chapel are to be the hostesses. Meetings will be conducted at 2 and 6 p.m. Some of the speakers expected: Mrs. Betty Elliot of Ecuador; Grace Crawford from Sakeji School, N. Rhodesia, Africa; Mrs. Milton Haack from the Philippines; and Mrs. Paul Gross of Nigeria, Africa.

For further information please contact: Eileen Dewhurst (Mrs. Wm.), 697 Waverly Rd., North Andover, Mass.

Elm Springs, Kansas, October 19-20

The twenty-fifth annual Bible conference at the Elm Springs Bible Hall is to be held October 19-20, preceded by a prayer meeting at 8 p.m. October 18. Some able speakers have been invited. Accommodations will be provided for those coming from a distance.

The Bible Hall is ten miles west and one mile north of Tampa, Kans., five miles east and one mile north of Roxbury, Kans.

*Arvid N. Johnson, Correspondent,
R. 1, Gypsum, Kans.*

Thirteen Assemblies Cooperate in Toronto Gospel Campaign

Word has been received that thirteen of the assemblies in Toronto have acquired the Queen Elizabeth building in the C. N. E. Park for nightly meetings from October 20 through November 10, and have invited Messrs. Sydney Maxwell and James Hutchinson as speakers. The meetings will be held at 7:45 p.m.

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New England Young People, November 1-3

The seventh annual New England Young People's Conference is to be held November 2-3 on the campus of Boston University, on Commonwealth Avenue in downtown Boston, Mass. Speakers: William Anderson of Emmaus Bible School, Chicago, Ill.; and Walter Jensen of Scotch Plains, N. J. The theme: "Free in Deed or Free Indeed." Plans are to begin the conference on Friday evening with a prayer and ministry session in a local assembly; all conference sessions on Saturday and Sunday are to be held in the brand new George Sherman Student Union building.

All out of town guests planning to stay for the week end are invited to contact Hospitality Chairman Dale Kutz, 12 Procter St., Natick, Mass. For further information write to the 1963 Conference General Chairman, William Armerding, 7 Savin St., Burlington, Massachusetts.

Men Invited to Attend Des Moines, Iowa Area Retreat

A men's retreat for the Des Moines, Iowa area is to be held Friday evening and all day Saturday, October 25-26, at the 4-H camp on Des Moines River near Madrid, Iowa. Assemblies as far away as Minneapolis, Sioux City, Waterloo, Omaha and Lincoln express much interest in such retreats. The invitation to attend includes young men from senior high schools, as well as any other brother who desires to come. Registration fee is only \$5 per person.

For further information contact Mr. James S. Green, 2819 Capitol Ave., Des Moines, Iowa, 50317.

Westbrook, Maine, November 16-17

A cordial invitation is extended to all the Lord's people to attend the fifth annual Bible conference of the Spring Hill assembly, 225 Spring St., Westbrook, Me., November 16-17. Schedule of meetings: Saturday—Prayer and Ministry, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday—Breaking of Bread, 10:30; Ministry, 2:30; Gospel Meeting, 7. Expected speakers: James Gunn of Midland, Ont.; and Robert Crawford of Malvern, Pa. All who come will be freely accommodated.

*Charles R. Grob, Correspondent, 107
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4-5925.*

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Fourth Annual FBH Radio Conference

The fourth annual Radio Conference sponsored by the Family Bible Hour Broadcast is to be held at West Toronto Gospel Hall, 425 Pacific Ave., Toronto, Ont., on Saturday, October 26, at 2 p.m. All who are interested in propagating the Gospel by means of radio are invited to attend.

John Funk, 11 Parklane Cresc., St. Catharines, Ont.

Warwick, R. I., November 9-11

Place: Buttonwoods Gospel Chapel, 311 Buttonwoods Ave., Warwick, R. I. Dates: November 9-11. Schedule of Meetings: Saturday, Sunday and Mondays—3 and 6:30 p.m.; Sunday—Worship and Remembrance, 9:15; Family Bible Hour, 11 a.m. Speakers expected: John Bramhall of Charlotte, N. C.; and Walter Jense of Scotch Plains, N. J. Mr. Jense is expected to remain for a two-weeks' evangelistic effort following the conference.

John Farrell, 1 Sandro Circle, Warwick, R. I. (TU 4-5940).

Tillsonburg, Ont., November 15-17

The 69th annual conference is to be held at the Gospel Hall, Harvey St., Tillsonburg, Ont., November 15-17. Order of meetings: Friday—Prayer, 8 p.m.; Saturday—Ministry, 10:30 a.m., and 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday—Breaking of Bread, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 1:30; Ministry, 2:30; Gospel Meeting, 7 p.m.

Visitors will be accommodated as in past years.

Ivor Conod, R.R. 5, Tillsonburg, Ont.

Youth Conference to be at Hiram House Camp, Ohio

The eighth annual Young People's Bible Conference sponsored by the Gracemount assembly in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, is to be held at Thanksgiving time, beginning with registration Friday evening, November 29, and ending with the noon meal on Sunday, December 1. Hiram House Camp, with a heated lodge and winterized cabins on 200 acres of woodlands, has been reserved again for this popular fall conference. Group discussions on practical problems facing the youth of today are planned. Speakers expected are William MacDonald and Russell Van Ryn.

Because the camp is restricted to about 200 overnight guests, the conference will be limited to the high school and college age groups, and early reserva-

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ANNUAL SURVEY

For the completion of another year of service to the assemblies of the Lord's people in the U. S. and Canada, we raise our Ebenezer—"Hitherto hath the Lord blessed us." Relying upon His continued blessing, we seek to go forward in the power of His strength. We thank all who have written us, expressing their appreciation for the magazine and giving us their suggestions.

We still would like to hear from many thousands more. To this end we offer the "Annual Survey" method; attention is called to the enclosed self-addressed prepaid envelope for your convenience in replying. We trust all readers will act promptly (see page 9).

As we have stated many times before, we want all readers to answer the survey, whether they have

*an address change to report,
a criticism to convey,
a comment to make, or
a contribution to give to the work.*

These are the things that keep an editor not only on his toes but also on his knees.

"As workers together with God" we are expecting a large return of the survey envelopes, that you may again share with us an expression of your interest in "Eternal things."

The Staff

tions are recommended. Write to: Don Johnson, Gracemount Chapel, 2285 Noble Rd., Cleveland Heights 21, Ohio.

ASSEMBLY CHANGES

**Gospel Hall
Medicine Hat, Alta.**

New correspondent: Mr. J. Read,
Box 94, Redcliffe, Alta.

**Pinewoods Gospel Chapel
Angus, Ontario**

Correspondent, Wallace Cudmore,
now at 161 Brian St., Box 365, Angus.
Phone 449-5933.

**Local Evangelico (Spanish)
Chicago, Illinois**

Moved to 912-920 N. LaSalle Street
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**Eastern Gospel Hall
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New correspondent: James A. Young,
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Sunday school session has been ad-
vanced from 9:45 to 9:30 a.m.

**Loch Hill Chapel
Baltimore, Md.**

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**Gospel Hall
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Gospel Hall, 400 Lonsdale Ave., Paw-
tucket, R. I.

**Buttonwoods Gospel Chapel
Warwick, Rhode Island**

Mid-week service (Prayer and Bible
Study) changed from Wednesday to
Thursday at 8 p.m.

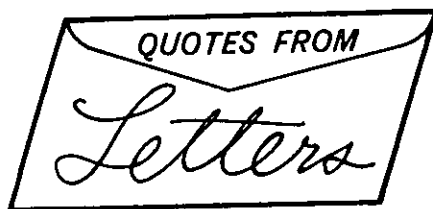
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Ocean Vessels Assist in Gospel Float Work

EVERETT BACHELDER, Box 655, Nome, Alaska: The Destroyer Savage was here from Pearl Harbor in July, and the captain took on board 400 gospel floats to drop between here and Tokyo. He also had us place gospel books and magazines in the ship's library, and gospel stationery in the writing room. Later the coast Guard icebreaker "Northwind" came and took on board another 400 to drop in the Arctic. The skipper is especially interested in this float work because he is trying to trace currents; he mentioned that a ship wrecked near Nome has now been located on the shores of Greenland.

Mr. George Phillips, the bottle evangelist from Tacoma, Wash., is now too elderly to be able to answer letters, and has asked us to carry on the correspondence. We have been mailing gospels of John, Alexander Marshall's "God's Way of Salvation," and other gospel portions in many different languages. Some have written telling that the Lord spoke to their hearts through these booklets or portions about receiving Christ as personal Saviour.

Some Saved in Gospel Tent, Gore Bay

ROBERT BOOTH, 23 Parkcrest Dr., Scarborough, Ont.: We took the tent in Gore Bay down for another year. While the meetings were not as large as last year, God gave a little blessing in the Gospel, and we trust that others will yet be gathered in. We appreciate all who stood with us in prayer.

I expect to return later for further meetings, as the Lord may lead.

Will Miller Ministers in Southern California

WILL T. MILLER, 10144 Haines Canyon Ave., Tujunga, Calif., August 29: For September and October I have committed myself to the work in southern California, where a full program of meetings has been arranged, mainly in the Los Angeles area. My address until at least early November will be as above.

The Lord gave us evidence of blessing at Hawthorne Bible Convention, Word of Life Camp and Guelph Bible Conference during the summer, and we enjoyed the time spent with the assembly at the Leaside Bible Chapel, Toronto.

James Boswell Returns to Fruitful Work in the U. S. and Canada

JAMES BOSWELL, 344 Burlington Cresc., London, Ont.: Since returning from Britain, where we had a fruitful and happy season, many of the smaller assemblies in the London area have been visited, some have been saved and the Christians have been encouraged. Door-to-door visitation, personal contact and systematic visitation in hospitals have yielded much fruit. The Lord also blessed in young people's services.



Several have been added to the little assembly in Silver Lake, Ohio, and they have much to encourage.

Mrs. Boswell has finished her public health nursing, and is joining me in the work. She is kept active in the work among women and girls.

Chun Young Chang Visits Pembroke, N. C.

VENUS BROOKS, P. O. Box 215-N, Pembroke, N. C.: Mr. Chun, Young Chang visited us for the second time, and was encouraged by the interest shown by the Christians in the Korean work, an interest which we trust will be abiding.

The ministries of Worth Ellis of Durham and John Mills of Goldsboro have been immensely appreciated.

Wallace Cudmores Move to Angus, Ont.

WALLACE CUDMORE, 111 Drury Le., Barrie, Ont.: We are moving to Angus where our work is. Since we started there two years ago fifteen have professed faith in Christ, besides a number of children. The work is growing.

Angus is the gateway to Camp Borden, fifteen minutes from Barrie on Highway 90. Any Christians stationed at Camp Borden will receive a hearty welcome at Pinewoods Gospel Chapel, as well as in our home.

Montmagny Meeting Is Outgrowing Apartment

FERNAND ST-LOUIS, C. P. 871, Montmagny, Quebec: Eight people, their ages varying from 9 to 60, were baptized August 4. Eleven people have confessed Jesus Christ through baptism since March. Our apartment is almost too small for the Sunday meetings, to which 26 adults and children come regularly.

The new converts are going through some tribulation from relatives and even employers.

Small Assembly Meets at Grants Pass, Oregon

RAYMOND DELL, 717 S. W. K St., Grants Pass, Ore.: Since coming to Grants Pass in August, 1962 a small assembly has been formed and meets in a home with evident blessing. Four families and one individual are in fellowship, and we are seeking guidance as to a larger meeting place more suitable for conducting a public testimony.

We cordially invite any of the Lord's people traveling in this vicinity to have fellowship with us, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sackett, 1307 S. E. Perry, Grants Pass. Schedule of meetings: Breaking of Bread, 10:30 a.m.; Bible Study, 8 p.m.; Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, Thursday, 8 p.m.

Some Convicted in Gospel Tent in Spruce, Michigan

AUBREY DELLANDREA, 247 Greenhill Ave., North Bay, Ont., August 21: Ray Fox and I are preaching under canvas in Spruce, Mich. The tent is pitched on an old ball diamond in the center of the village. Attendance has been very encouraging, with many unsaved coming in. There are signs of the Spirit of God at work in a few hearts. A woman who was a Mormon told us that she wants to be saved, and a man whose father was a Mormon is also concerned about his soul.

The little assembly in Spruce, commenced last fall, goes on faithfully, and the meetings provide encouragement to the Christians.

Hopi Priests Attribute Rain to the God of the Underworld

GEORGE BAXTER, P. O. Box 141, Flagstaff, Ariz.: July is over and the rain has started. We thank the Lord for bringing the needed moisture. The Hopi priests of the snake clan claim that they caused it to rain as they have their snake dances in this month, when it rains if it ever does on the desert. Their belief is that if they are good to the snakes (rattlers), dance with them in their mouths, fondle them, put the sacred white corn meal on them, then turn them loose they will go to the man of the underworld and he will send the rain. Their hearts are deeply hardened and it is hard to win them to the Lord.

During the six weeks of Bible school and two week ends of camp meetings in July, souls were saved and Christians were encouraged. The Indian preachers gave His Word with zeal and power, holding interest with their preaching even until 12 o'clock at night. Satan gave us a battle, but the Lord overcame. The liquor problem is terrible here.

One woman's father hates the Chris-

tians, and told her that if she became one the snakes would eat her up as that is what will happen to all the Christians. In face of this threat she came trembling with fear to the Lord, and was so happy. Pray for her and others that have much persecution when they come to the Lord.

We covet prayer for the winter classes, that persons will come to know Him and Christians will be built up with the Word.

Mr. Baxter is to have another operation in October. He is trying to finish the chapel at Shonto before this. The Chapel looks nice now, and we thank the Lord for all who have helped with it in so many ways.

Tucson Chapel Space Enlarged

JOHN HALLIDAY, 3907 E. Paseo Grande, Tucson, Ariz.: Attendance of adults and children at the Tucson Bible Chapel has been encouraging, and now the Sunday school space is being enlarged, in addition to the purchase of the neighboring house for classes.

We have had three farewells for young people leaving for Emmaus Bible School. Two had already been there last year, and another has left to join them.

Thomas Lyttle Ministers in Ontario, New York & New Jersey

THOMAS LYTTLE, Box 229, Port Jervis, N. Y.: We had some times of refreshing in parts of Ontario. In London the saints acknowledged having been helped. I ministered in various gatherings in New York City, where there was warm interest in the word of the Lord. We had a two-week period in Pine Bush Bible Camp, N. Y. All the believers said this session was most uplifting to them. We are now preaching in New York and New Jersey, and concentrating on radio work.

A 35-year-old brother in the Barryville, N. Y. assembly passed away on August 14. The day he died his eldest daughter came to Christ.

Many Attend Peterborough Drive-in Meetings

FRED PEER, R. R. 10, Peterborough, Ont.: The McDonnell Street, Auburn and Braidwood assemblies in Peterborough united this summer in an open-air drive-in effort in the Exhibition Park. It is reported that as many as 128 cars have gathered. We now trust that the seed sown will produce life in hearts through the work of the Holy Spirit.

Negro Testimony Develops in Wichita, Kans.

LEONARD LINDSTED, 753 Chautauqua St., Wichita 11, Kans., August 30: For about a week and a half, through his vacation time, Mr. David Woods of Richmond Heights, Mo., labored with his wife, preaching the Gospel and teaching Christians in a Negro neighborhood in Wichita. Mr. and Mrs. Woods did much visitation in the neighborhood during the day. One person professed faith in Christ, and three believers expressed a desire to be baptized.

The response of the believers toward various phases of assembly testimony is encouraging. The building is well located, and there is a good Sunday school. We anticipate further work among the younger folk this fall.

By presenting the Word of God faithfully and waiting on God to make His truths practice, we hope to see a sound and stable assembly built up in this city among the Negroes, of whom there are 30,000. As yet the little group has not had a remembrance meeting, but this meeting may be observed in a week or two after the baptism. We have not pushed this meeting, but are waiting on God to move the hearts of His own to do as He requested, for Him and not for man.

Eleven Baptized in Belle Chasse, La.

VERNON SCHLIEF, Schlieff Dr., Box 340, Belle Chasse, La.: Recently we baptized eleven persons, most of them new converts from Roman Catholicism, all giving good evidence of salvation.

The Children's Home, now completed, has been filled to capacity for the past year with boys and girls ranging in age from four to eleven. It is rated tops in the state and we have received highest compliments on its operation.

In addition to entertaining Christian servicemen and civilian travelers, we now have four meetings for various age groups on Saturdays alone.

During the New Orleans Home Show we sponsored a booth and gave out over 18,000 tracts. Some persons contacted wrote requesting literature.

A couple, the John Barbours, have been giving valuable assistance in the work since April. We had prayed for the salvation of John Barbour for thirteen years.

In Winnsboro, La., where we recently had some meetings, two gifted men carry on a good work, having regular meetings, Sunday school, etc. in the Town Hall. In Lafayette, La., the Lord has provided a better place in which to meet until a new chapel is built. The testimony is going on in Jackson, Miss., Mobile, Ala., and Linden, Ala.

Spanish Program Broadcast from New York City

LOUIS MONTALVO, 126-03 109th Ave., South Ozone Park, N. Y.: After praying for a long time for a radio program to reach the many Puerto Ricans in New York City and in the surrounding states, we commenced broadcasting "The Great Message for the Moment" on August 4, over station WBNX, 1380 on the dial. This program is heard in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Connecticut. We are also announcing the Emmaus gospel courses in the program. This effort is done in complete dependence on God; radio time is very expensive in New York City and is hard to get.

Evelyn Varder Recovering from Eye Surgery

EVELYN VARDER, Box 208, Teec Nos Pos, Ariz., September 9: I have been in the Belmont Hospital in Chicago, Ill., for ten days for eye surgery, and expect to be released shortly with rigid restrictions for several weeks. I shall be unable to use my eyes for reading or writing, and trust my many friends to whom I owe letters will be understanding and patient. The doctors say it will be six months before I will have normal corrected vision.

Itinerary for Melvin Wistner

MELVIN WISTNER, 525 Terrill Rd., Fanwood, N. J.: I expect to work in children's series in Baltimore, Md., September 30 to October 6; Rochester, N. Y., October 13-18; and Bellville, Ont., October 20-25.

In November I am to be in Greenwood Hills, Pa., Nov. 3-8; Pottstown, Pa., Nov. 10-15; Chambersburg, Pa., Nov. 17-22; and then with the new assembly of Berkeley Heights, N. J. for two weeks November 24 to December 6.

In December I am to be in Collingdale, Pa., the 8th to the 13th; and with the assembly in Tenaflly, N. J. for the last three Sundays of the month.

Albany, Ga. Assembly Grows Despite Losses

LESTER WILSON, 1303 8th Ave., Albany, Ga.: During the early summer the Lord saved two young couples and two fine teen-agers. We baptized seven persons on July 28. Thirty families, mainly of air force men, have moved away or been transferred during the past seven years, to be witnesses elsewhere; and yet we grow here.



The Local Church

by Charles S. Howard

Questions and Answers about problems regarding operation of local assembly testimony conducted by a well-known editor of this publication. Unless otherwise indicated the answers are Mr. Howard's personal views.

Question 44. What is the difference between a woman singing a solo in a gospel meeting and a woman praying audibly or speaking in a meeting when both men and women are present?

Answer—In I Corinthians 14:34 the woman is commanded to refrain from speaking; this of course has to do with the subjects discussed in the former part of the chapter. I Timothy 2:12 forbids a woman to teach in the presence of men. The same chapter, verse 8, commands the men (literally males) to pray everywhere and thus by implication forbids the woman to pray publicly. The question of a woman's singing a solo is not so clearly defined. If the words "silence" and "speak" are carried to the extreme of their literal meaning we can reduce the idea to an absurdity. They would, for instance, forbid a woman to take part in congregational singing. The elders in an assembly must decide this matter before the Lord. We have heard many a solo sung by a woman with a humble, spiritual grace which has moved an audience and been helpful in preparing hearts for the message.

Question 45. Any consideration of the emblems which we use at the Lord's Supper should never be permitted to displace our occupation with the blessed One whom they represent. Nevertheless when we have a choice, should we not use the more suitable? From Deuteronomy 16:1-4 and Exodus 13:7 we learn that our Lord used unleavened bread when He instituted the feast. He could not deviate from that which God had ordained. But more important would seem to be the fact that leaven in Scripture always symbolizes evil. Is it not, therefore, more appropriate to use unleavened bread to represent His pure, sinless body?

Answer—There could be no justifiable quarrel with a company of Christians

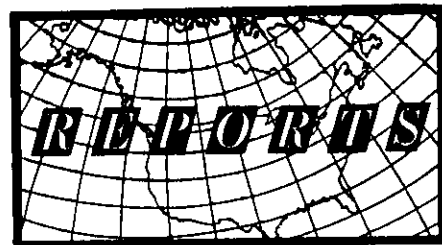
using unleavened bread at the Lord's Supper. However, it would seem that if this is necessary the Lord Jesus, either Himself or through one of the writers of the New Testament, would have given instructions as to the nature of the loaf. Both the loaf and the cup are given that we may see our Lord Jesus Christ; this is the all important matter of the feast.

Question 46. Is there any precedent or passage in the Bible that would support the common practice that the Lord's servant must be invited before going to minister in a recognized assembly? If he is truly trusting the Lord and looking to Him for guidance, would He not direct him to go where needed regardless of the location or size of the assembly, all apart from an invitation?

As it is, many of the assemblies are favored with gifted men's ministry, while many of the smaller ones where the need is greater are neglected. A small meeting will hesitate to invite a servant of the Lord as they feel they are so few and also may not be able to give him a large gift, or perhaps feel he may not care to come to a small assembly.

In past days some of the Lord's servants seemed to follow Paul's example more closely, as when he said to Barnabas: "Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do." He did not wait for an invitation. He served God and he knew He would care for him in one way or another. No doubt if he did not receive ministry from one, the Lord would see to it that he did from another, and thus the Word would be ministered to all and the whole Body of Christ would be edified. Could not this principle still be followed in this 20th century?

Answer—We wonder if it is really a "common practice" for most of the Lord's servants to go only to places to which they are invited. We think not. On the contrary, there are some who to our own knowledge still follow the practice of Paul the Apostle. However, we also know that there is a tendency on the part of others to follow a different path, and we must bear in mind that a servant of the Lord is responsible only to his Lord (Romans 14:4). It would be well, however, for such men to seriously consider the matter raised by our questioner. There are numerous small and weak assemblies which could be helped and perhaps saved from extinction if they were visited now and again by a servant of the Lord. Large assemblies also should be concerned about this matter, and ones with an over-abundance of gift should see that help is given to smaller places near at hand.



Nine Profess Faith in Hollywood, Fla., Youth Crusade

The annual Youth Crusade at the Hollywood Gospel Chapel, Hollywood, Fla., was held in August. Don Gustafson was the speaker; Mrs. David E. Harris took charge of the younger children. The average nightly attendance was 225. Nine professed faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We believe that these results are due to prayerful planning and united effort by all the assembly. Mr. Gustafson was supported by a song leader, counselors, ushers, bus drivers, and others.

We pray that these just saved will grow in grace and knowledge, and that the seed sown will bear fruit in the salvation of others who heard the Gospel at the Crusade.

—Lyndon C. Conlon

Forest Park, Ga. Assembly Moves to Jonesboro

Through the past two years and more a nucleus of Christians has developed in the South Atlanta area, and a good Sunday school work has been established. Now the Lord has led us to property and a new location. Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Huston are building a new home on the land adjoining the chapel property and have planned a large room to be used by the assembly until the Christians can go ahead with a building.

The assembly used to meet in the Berea Bible Chapel, Forest Park, Ga. The new location is Middlebrook Bible Chapel, 116 Middlebrooks Rd., Jonesboro, Ga. This is in a rapidly growing suburban area that has no churches as yet.

"Prayer for the work of the Christians here is valued.

Franklin Huston

Crisis Successfully Met at Bethel Bible School

The staff of the Bethel Bible School in Lennoxville, Quebec, reports that the crisis for which prayer was requested in the July August issue of LOI has been completely met, and express their deep gratitude to the Lord and to all who prayed and who gave sacrificially.

The school is full this fall, with 30 students in attendance. By late August the new building was almost completed, but funds were needed to complete the heating arrangements. More than the full amount needed was given before the

end of the month; the rest was applied to the completion of the building. The completion of the heating system was necessary for the opening of school since the old building was given to the farm family, and colder weather begins to be felt toward the end of September.

—Arthur C. Hill

New Assembly Meets in Omaha

A new assembly testimony has been begun in Omaha, because of the following considerations: (1) The assembly meeting in the Omaha Gospel Chapel had outgrown the building; (2) Because of numbers, little opportunity was afforded for the development of gift among the younger men; (3) and a city of this size should be better represented in assembly testimony.

The new assembly is meeting in Gospel Chapel-West now in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Angster, 4940 N. 93rd Ave., Omaha, for most of the meetings, including a children's meeting each Friday evening. On alternate Monday evenings gospel meetings are held in this home and that of Capt. and Mrs. R. W. Woodford, 7608 Sunset Dr., Ralston.

The correspondent is Mr. A. O. Nelson, 3209 N. 60th St., Omaha.

Signed on behalf of the two assemblies by eight elders.

Several Saved In Chicago Spanish Assembly

Several have been saved during 1963, six within the past three weeks. Three boys who were saved at the Lake Geneva Camp this summer have been telling me how much they liked the camp and how hard they are going to work to win the contest that will enable them to go again next year. Joe Irizarry has taken charge of instructing these boys further in the things of the Lord, and is also helping them learn practical ways to be helpful at home.

A Mexican couple who were saved recently are under strong persecution from a Catholic institution that helps them financially. They desire to keep faithful to the Lord, but are afraid to come to the meetings at the present time.

Some young Christians whom we have been instructing with the Emmaus course, "Buried With Christ," as well as lectures on other subjects, expect to be baptized September 29. They represent three different nationalities, typical of the varied backgrounds of the Spanish speaking people among whom we work. Mr. Ian Rathie from Vancouver is to speak at the special meetings on the baptism day.

Peter Hocking and Henry Sanchez, who had been helping us, left this summer. Peter has gone as a missionary to Peru, and Henry has been engaged in

literature distribution in Spain. However, Drs. Nasralla (husband and wife) moved to Chicago to share with us the responsibilities in the Spanish assembly.

Recently one of our elders, Howard Rickenbrode Jr., married Opal Snyder. Opal has been librarian for the Emmaus Bible School and a consecrated co-worker among the Spanish people.

—Mariano Gonzalez

Paul Leonard to Assist in Evangelistic Effort at N. Y. Fair

Last January Paul Leonard and his wife Carol were commended to the work of the Lord in the area of the Oak Lawn Bible Chapel, Oak Lawn, Ill. At that

time their plans were, D. V., to go abroad this fall so that Paul could continue his studies. However, in the spring Dan Piatt of the Billy Graham Team requested the Leonards' help in a new undertaking. At the New York World's Fair in 1964 and 1965 there is to be a Billy Graham Pavillion at which the Gospel will be proclaimed. Mr. Piatt will be responsible for the administration of this venture, and asked Paul to aid particularly in counselor recruiting and training. After much prayer, the Leonards believed that this was the Lord's will for them, and in this they have the confidence of the Christians of the Oak Lawn Bible Chapel.

With The Lord

Mrs. William Gibson

Grace Louise Gibson, the wife of William Gibson, born October 23, 1899 in London, England, entered into rest on August 27, 1963.

At the age of seven she was taken to Canada by her parents, James and Ada Lawson. She was saved in March, 1913, and was in assembly fellowship for fifty years. On July 30, 1920 she was married to William Gibson in British Guiana, South America, where both served as missionaries for almost five years. Afterwards they labored together in Jamaica, W. I., from 1925 to 1963.

She is survived by her husband, who returned to Jamaica on September 10; by three sons—Dr. William H. Gibson of Appleton, Wis., David of Villa Park, Ill., and Joseph of Covina, Calif.; and ten grandchildren. One sister and one brother live in Ontario, Canada. She was a devoted wife, a wonderful mother, and a true servant of Jesus Christ. Her memory will be cherished by all who knew her for a long time to come.

—William Gibson

John Mackay

On August 21, just four days before his 89th birthday, John Mackay passed peacefully into the presence of the Lord from the Longport Gospel Hall Home for Aged Christians, Longport, N. J. He had known the Lord for over 70 years. Associated with assemblies all his Christian life, he was known to many who enjoyed the hospitality of his home in Galt, Ont., Canada. For many years he was an elder in the Galt assembly and served as treasurer. His later years held a great deal of sickness and suffering, but he left a fragrant testimony for patient contentment with the will of God.

He is survived by his son, Harold G. Mackay of Greensboro, N. C.

Mr. George Shivas

Mr. George Shivas suffered a heart attack and went to be with the Lord on August 24. Funeral services were held August 27 in his home assembly at South River, Ont. These were shared by Messrs. A. W. Joyce and Stanley Simms.

Mr. Shivas was a unique preacher of the Gospel, and labored mostly in Ontario, occasionally visiting the midwestern states.

Prayer is requested for his invalid wife. She may be reached in care of Milton Gospel Hall, Milton, Ontario.

David Lawrence

David Lawrence of Centerville, Iowa, died suddenly of a heart attack on August 3, at the age of 68.



He was born in Terherbert, Wales, July 22, 1895, and was saved at the age of nineteen in the Khondla Valley, Wales.

During World War I he served in the Royal Medical Corps with the British Army. For ten

years following the war he served with a group of Christian Evangelists known as "The Pilgrim Preachers," who toured the Isles.

He came to the United States in 1927, and married Edna Norris in 1929. They lived in Centerville, Iowa for 30 years. During World War 2 he worked in Christian canteens for servicemen in various cities of the United States. From 1947 through 1950 he led a group of young pioneer preachers known as "The Gospel Messengers on Tour." He had charge of a radio program, "The Gospel Hour," broadcast over station KCOG in Centerville, for fourteen and one half years.

Christians came from several states to

pay tribute to this beloved brother at his funeral, one of the largest ever conducted in Centerville. A number of full-time Christian workers attended, several taking part. In his opening prayer George T. Pinches lifted the group into the presence of the Lord. David S. Horn, John A. Horn and Dr. Tom Lawrence, his brother gave brief messages from the Word of God. Bill Morgan, Willard Rodgers and Milo Vande Krol took part in the graveside service.

David Lawrence will be missed here by his wife, two sisters and a brother, and other relatives, besides many friends in the U. S. and abroad.

Dr. F. F. Bruce is New Editor of the New International Commentary on the New Testament.

Dr. F. F. Bruce, Professor of Biblical Criticism and Exegesis at the University of Manchester, England, has accepted the General Editorship of *The New International Commentary on the New Testament*, published by the Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company of Grand Rapids, Mich. He thereby succeeds the late Dr. Ned B. Stonehouse who had advanced this commentary series beyond its halfway point before his death in November, 1962.

Highly respected and widely known among Christians for his untiring labors and distinguished career as scholar, teacher and author, Dr. Bruce is the author of many volumes in the field of New Testament, the Dead Sea Scrolls, and the English Bible. He is also the editor-in-chief of Eerdmans new multiple volume series of church history entitled *The Advance of Christianity Through the Centuries*, of which he is the author of the first volume entitled *The Spreading Flame*. The first volume to appear under Dr. Bruce's editorship will be his own work, *The Epistle to the Hebrews*, which he has been preparing for several years.

BOOK EXCHANGE

BOOKS WANTED

Types of Genesis, by Andrew Jukes; published about 1898.

The Bible Scholar, a monthly publication edited by the late Harold St. John and published by Francis Emory Fitch of New York about 1900-1940. Details of any available, bound or unbound, would be very welcome. Mr. W. J. Burrows, 137 Somerfield St., Christchurch 2, New Zealand.

Lectures on Philippians and Colossians, Exposition of the Epistle of John, and Exposition of John, by William Kelly, William Kusche, Jefferson Le., Bedford Village, N. Y. 10506.

A Meditation on the Epistle to the Philippians

MEETING THE PERILS OF THE CHRISTIAN PATH

By August Van Ryn

Of the three epistles of Paul addressed not to "church" or "churches," but to "saints" individually, Philippians stands alone; for the Ephesian epistle, focusing on the church as the "body of Christ," and the Colossian epistle, presenting Christ as the "head," together set forth the glorious doctrines of Christ and His church. The epistle to the Philippians is unique in stressing the individual life of the believer, with the Lord Jesus Christ ever before him as the One to whom he is to be conformed.

It has been said that chapter 1 presents Christ as the believer's Life; chapter 2, Christ as the believer's Pattern; chapter 3, Christ as the believer's Object or Goal; and chapter 4, Christ as the believer's Strength. Or one might put it this way: Chapter 1, the believer captured; chapter 2, the believer conquered; chapter 3, the believer captivated; chapter 4, the believer controlled.

We want to confine our study in this article to the first three verses of chapter 3, with the prayer that the Lord will use it to stir our hearts, causing us to yield our lives more wholly to His service, for His glory. Let us read together those three verses:

"Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe. Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision. For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh."

I believe that in this wonderful third chapter of Philippians we have our attention called to the "perils, the passion, the purpose, the path and the prospect" of the believer who means business for Christ. Our opening portion brings into view the perils of the Christian's path.

Rejoice

The chapter opens with the exhortation to "rejoice." Joy is the keynote of this letter, being mentioned some eighteen times. A happy Christian is a powerful testimony to the grace of God. It does not simply tell us to rejoice, but to rejoice "in the Lord." Not merely to re-

joice in the rich truths God has revealed to us; nor to rejoice only in the propitious circumstances we may find ourselves in at any time, for when such change for the worse, our joy would go with them. No, we are to rejoice in the Lord for, praise God, while all things change, HE changes not. He is ever the same. If our joy is in Him, then we shall be happy no matter how great or how many may be our trials; then alone shall we be able to demonstrate to men about us that Christ is real. Then, as our brother Peter writes, though passing through the fiery trial of faith we can, believing, rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory. Paul repeats this exhortation in the fourth chapter, adding the word "always." "Rejoice in the Lord always," and the way to attain this constant joy is to let one's yieldingness be made known to all men and one's requests, with thanksgiving, be made known to God.

Beware

Satan would ever rob the believer of his joy (he knows he cannot rob him of his salvation) and I believe the second verse of our chapter indicates the various tactics he employs to attain his purpose; hence three times over we are told to "beware."

"Beware of dogs, of evil workers, of the concision." In these three perils we see how the devil would use the world, use himself and use the flesh (the Christian's three traditional enemies) to vitiate the believer's usefulness in the service of his God.

1. Beware of dogs. When we see a sign on a fence to beware of the dog, we know it means to be on the lookout that he does not bite us. A dog's bite is apt to induce hydrophobia. Needless to say the apostle Paul is not speaking here of animal dogs; he is using them as a simile of the danger to avoid when men like dogs might bite. In Scripture the term dog was generally applied to Gentiles by the Jews, and for us now they would speak of men who are unclean, unsaved; in other words, they represent the world in its sin and uncleanness. A believer bitten by this world would acquire spiritual hydrophobia. Hydrophobia is a peculiar affliction which is noted for the fact that its victims turn away from water, while

at the same time having a great craving for it. So the worldling has a craving for something to satisfy his soul thirst but turns away from the only "water"—the Word of God—which can meet his need. One bitten by a dog is one who turns from the Word of God, and that is exactly the result in the experience of a worldly believer. The first result of the virus of worldliness is a turning away from the Word of God. Therefore, in this warning against dogs, the danger warned against is "worldliness."

2. Beware of evil workers. Here Satan is prominent and the believer is warned against his wiles. II Corinthians 11:13 has an identical expression, where it calls Satan's ministers "deceitful workers," as they seek to lead the soul astray by false doctrines. How many false cults with their evil dope there are today! The servant of Christ should acquaint himself thoroughly with his Bible, so that he will instantly know every voice that is not the Shepherd's voice. Here we see the devil, as we see the world in No. 1; here the snare is wickedness, as it was worldliness in No. 1.

3. Beware of the concision. This is the more subtle of the three and introduces the "flesh" (the inner enemy who would always open the gate to the enemy without.) Concision falls far short of circumcision. Circumcision means the total cutting-off of the flesh—the setting aside of self altogether. Concision is a word Paul coins, suggesting not the complete crucifixion of self—of the old man—but merely a lopping off of this thing or the other, but keeping *self* whole. Concision is like cutting off the branches instead of cutting down the tree. It is like as with Peter, who thought others might deny the Lord, but he was too good for such a crime. He did not know then how completely good for nothing self is. One who wishes to serve the Lord truly must fully realize and act upon the truth of Romans 7:20 that "in me, that is my flesh, dwells no good thing." King Saul of old killed the bad, but kept the best of the cattle, etc. God wants us to know that all that belongs to Amalek—the flesh—is bad; self must be practically and totally crucified, as it was judicially crucified on the cross. Thus here worthlessness is in view, as wickedness and worldliness in the other two.

Surrender

But, says Paul, we are the circumcision. True surrender to Christ is marked by three things, as set forth in the third verse of our text:

1. We worship God in the spirit.
 2. We rejoice (the word is "boast") in Christ Jesus.
 3. We have no confidence in the flesh.
- These three give us the exact reverse

of the perils in verse 2. We worship God in the spirit. The word "worship" here means to "serve," being the same word as in Romans 12:1 where we yield our bodies a living sacrifice, which is our intelligent service. It is a service that is worship at the same time. As we turn away from the "dogs" and make the precious things of Christ, through the Word of God, our food and our drink, the result will be a life of devoted service to Him, by the power of the Spirit of God. It is absolutely necessary to be saturated with the Word if our service for Him is to be fragrant and fruitful.

We boast in Christ Jesus. Evil workers, by their false teachings, ever turn the heart away from Christ; they always defame Him and rob Him of His glory, most if not all of them denying His very Deity. But the believer who knows his Lord ever boasts in Him; it is his delight to exalt Him by his life and with his lips.

We have no confidence in the flesh. This is in direct contrast to the closing statement of verse 2. "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." A thorough realization of one's total nothingness makes the power of God available and effective; He has put this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellency of the power may be of Him, and not of us.

Teacher Honored For Scholarship and Character

Mr. Gerald F. Hawthorne, who worships with Christians at the La Grange Gospel Chapel in La Grange, Ill., and is Assistant Professor of Greek at Wheaton College, was honored as the junior teacher of the year by an anonymous committee of the college faculty with the concurrence of the college president and the academic dean. (Each year a senior teacher of the year award is made to an associate or full professor, and a junior teacher of the year award to an assistant professor or instructor.)

His colleagues selected him in recognition of his effective and scholarly interest and poise maintained in the classroom. He earned both his B.A. degree in Greek and an M.A. degree in theology at Wheaton College, and is presently taking graduate study toward a Ph.D. degree at the University of Chicago in addition to his teaching duties in Wheaton.

"He is respected by students and his colleagues for his genuine interest in people, and gives of his time gladly and unstintingly to students who freely seek his counsel and advice."

From The Daily Journal, Wheaton

EMMAUS WORK GROWS IN AUSTRALIA

Emmaus work in Australia started ten years ago, following a visit by Dr. R. E. Harlow to make known the work begun earlier in Canada and the U. S. and to seek its development in Australia. Initially, the work in Australia centered around the Bible Correspondence Courses, under the direction of the late Gordon Blair. Mr. Blair initiated interest in establishing a resident Bible school, and his memory is perpetuated in the fine project at Epping, New South Wales, named "The Gordon L. Blair Memorial Emmaus Bible School."

This school, providing for two-year full-time courses, opened in February, 1959. The present principal is Mr. Ian McDowell, B.A., B.Sc. The school accommodated twenty-one first-year and twenty-two second-year students in 1962. All of the class of '62 are active in Christian work, about half of them full-time in Australian or foreign missionary work.

Meanwhile the Correspondence School has expanded, and Mr. Colin B. C. Tilsley has become its Manager. In 1962, 10,241 correspondence courses were dis-

tributed in Australia and it is known that at least twenty persons were led to trust Christ through the course, "What the Bible Teaches." Five regional directors assist in the distribution of these courses.

From the early years in Wembley House, Sydney, where the work of duplicating, collating and mailing correspondence courses was accomplished with difficulty, the Emmaus work has expanded into all the states of the Australian Commonwealth. In addition to the Correspondence and Resident Schools, the work now includes short-term evangelistic and Bible schools, city evening classes, and Bible study camps and missionary conventions.

From the E. B. S. Australia, Annual Report—1962

DON'T

work with youth

Boys and Girls Saved at Plover Lake Bible Camp

At Plover Lake Bible Camp Mr. Bill Jackson of Lac La Biche, Alta., gave a series of talks on the journey to Canaan. After each talk each cabin group retired to their cabin for further discussion. In the evenings Matthew Pollock of Vancouver showed slides and gave helpful ministry. He brought an added feature in the singing of scripture verses, and scripture memorization. The daily memory verse added five points to the ten regularly given for cabin inspection. Children responded very well to this, and several confessed faith in our Lord Jesus.

During the teen camp Mr. Pollock spoke each morning from the 119th Psalm, and in the evening gave varied good ministry in word and song. Christian campers were encouraged to take part in each class, boys opening with songs and in prayer, girls helping as organists and in special singing. In this camp also several confessed faith in the Lord Jesus.

Full-time workers besides Mr. W. Gurnett, the director, were: Mr. and Mrs. Pollock, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Roberts, Bill Jackson, George Gowanlock, Dallas Roberts, and Mary Taylor. The unselfish labor and gracious example of these, and of others who came as counsellors, cooks, etc., is much appreciated.

Prayer is especially needed for young folk returning to ungodly, and in some cases also broken, homes.

Leslie McKellar

Montreal Couple Gives Part of Vacation to DVBS Work

A young couple came to the Spring Hill Gospel Hall, Westbrook, Me., to give able assistance in a good week of DVBS. This was conducted by Ernest Sprunt of St. Catharines, Ont. For the closing program on Friday night children and parents filled up the Hall.

Greenwood Colleagues Available for Rallies

As noted in the May issue of LOI, the Greenwood Congress Colleagues has been formed to channel some "ten-and-twenty" talent into effective service for Christ. Any youth group leader who would like the Colleagues to present a Saturday evening rally should write to Jim Dunkerton, 3909 Sixth St., Baltimore 25, Md., at least one month in advance.

Youth Bible Fellowship Gets "New Look"

Many assemblies in the metropolitan Toronto area have participated in or been host to Youth Bible Fellowship rallies during the past three years. These Saturday evening rallies were originally planned to fill a need at a time when little else was being done specifically for assembly young people. They catered to the spiritual needs of youth, with a strong emphasis on ministry, and the rallies proved successful.

It is apparent that many local young people's groups have developed to the point where they can care for the spiritual needs of their own young people. At a special meeting attended by twenty-eight representatives from eighteen assemblies, it was suggested that the rallies have a more evangelistic emphasis, and that arrangements be made so that more assemblies might participate. Acting on suggestions made at this meeting, the Y.B.F. executive committee approved the following changes:

NEW NAME: Christian Youth Advance,

NEW FREQUENCY: Monthly, the first Saturday of each month,

NEW LOCATION: Armour Heights Public School Auditorium, on Wilson Ave. at Avenue Rd.,

NEW TIME: 8 p.m.

Christian young people will be encouraged to invite their unsaved friends, and greater use will be made of contemporary promotional methods such as spot radio announcements.

A "Launching Banquet" on September 7 was planned to commence the season's activities.

First Bible Camp Held in Guelph, Ont.

A Bible camp was conducted at the Guelph Bible Conference Grounds for the first time this year, in July. Mr. Lionel Hunt, children's evangelist, was used of God during both camp periods.

Eighty-seven boys registered for the

RELIGIOUS GOBBLEDEGOOK

by William MacDonald

Judging from the current tenor of evangelical magazines, Christianity is no longer for the average citizen. If you are just a simple believer with a normal education, you will have a hard time understanding what is going on.

Recently I thumbed through several of the better known magazines to get my soul fed or my heart warmed with some fresh article on the Scriptures. But what did I find?

I read about someone who favored demythologizing the New Testament and preaching the pure, powerful gospel of Heidegger's existentialism. The article was continued on page 99. Maybe I got the wrong continuation, but the author said he was using normative datum of a trans-historical category. He said his work was not eclectic but had existential relevance. Man was interpreted not along a historical, horizontal continuum but in a vertical continuum of consciousness. It was a rational reconstruction of the facts and processes of nature into a technological product.

Well, now that I had that all clear in my mind, I turned to another article. Here I learned that indeterminacy threatens classical causality only at the extreme limits of measurement. On the whole, such cause-effect terminology is applied most significantly at the qualitative macro-level. Whatever the author was talking about had nothing to do with

post-apostolic Christianity with its moralizing and legalistic distortions of the canonical language of affirmation.

The next article was a review of a book on the coming of Christ. By now, my hopes were high. I was in the mood for something good. What did I learn? I was told that in order to preserve imminency, we should adopt post-tribulationism with potentially present antecedents.

By this time, my nerves were slightly jangled so it was logical that I should read the latest on Christian psychiatry. I learned that the mode of integration implicit in psycho-analysis and actually furthered, to some extent, in successful therapy is a mode which tends, not to subjective civil war, but to the greater harmonization of the total personality, through the development of a higher degree of psychological reality-sense and ego-tolerance of hitherto intolerable components of the psyche.

When I finished, I prayed earnestly that our Emmaus students might never become peddlers of religious gobbledegook, that they might never lose the simplicity that is in Christ, that they might never obscure the glorious message under a welter of words.

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep," not "Choke my sheep."

Reprinted from the June-July, 1963 issue of Emmaus Bible School bulletin.

boys' camp, and twenty-two filled out decision cards and handed them in. Counsellors for boys' camp were hard to find, but those who came loved the boys and gave generously of their time and energy.

Ninety-four girls registered for the girls' camp, and 27 handed in decision cards. Counsellors for this camp were also dedicated to the work of the Lord and loved the campers.

Follow-up is now being done.

Mary G. Round

Several Saved in Imadene Senior Camps

HURON SHEPPARD, P. O. Box 758, Duncan, B. C.: During the senior girls camp at Camp Imadene, B. C., the Lord used Neil Fraser's messages to the salvation of several. During senior boys camp two boys from a Roman Catholic family came to know the Lord. Among others, two who were in trouble and were sent to us sought salvation.



Opportunities for Children's Work Open in North Bay, Ont., Area

CLARA SUCHARD (Miss), 1715 Cassell St., North Bay, Ont.: At the time of my commendation to full-time service (February, 1963) an open door to teach the Word of God to children in public schools had already been given. In the fall of 1961 I followed the Lord's leading through Colin Anderson of Markham, Ont., which definitely pointed to North Bay. I made application to teach Religious Instruction in the schools to the Widdifield Township School Board, and after waiting from November to January, permission to teach for three months on a trial basis was granted. At the end of that time, since I was not asked to discontinue, I kept on till school closed in June. When I asked if I could continue when school resumed in the fall, permission was given without hesitation.

I'm reaching about 600 children weekly with a Bible lesson. One half hour is given me in each classroom from grades one to eight during regular school hours.

This year I was exercised further in reaching out to the children beyond the confines of the school work. Again the Lord opened doors, and with the help of a very able sister from the North Bay assembly, Mrs. Florence Donaldson, we held a vacation Bible school in two other places: Redbridge, a small community fifteen miles north of North Bay; and Wasi Falls, a small community a little south of Callander. In each place the

Women's Institute gave us the use of their Community Hall. The children responded with very good attendance and marked attention throughout.

Now the prayers of the Lord's people are earnestly desired as the fall term of school work begins again.

New Carlisle DVBS, Quebec, Contacts Many from Pagan Homes

GEORGE A. CAMPBELL, Box 42, New Carlisle, Quebec: Since returning from New Mexico in May, we have been working with the local assembly and helping in other assemblies along the Gaspé coast.

In our two weeks' Bible school in early August we contacted 90 boys and 98 girls. Our highest daily attendance was 173, our average attendance, 150. Many of these young people came from homes where they receive no spiritual instruction. In age they ranged from four to seventeen years. Mr. W. A. McLellan of Detroit labored with us. We count on God to save and mould the lives of these young people for His glory.

Two Adults Saved at Lake Koronis, Minn.

KENNETH BAIRD, 1077 9th St., Boulder, Colo.: During the large camp and conference at Lake Koronis, Minn., the Lord saved several boys and girls and even two persons in the adult conference.

On the second day of the two weeks DVBS at the Northeast Bible Chapel in Minneapolis so many children filled the auditorium that we questioned what to do should more children come. But we like to try to cope with problems of this kind.



Power of Prayer Demonstrated at Camp Berea, N. H.

DAVID WARD, 8 Watrous Ave., Mystic, Conn. 06355: Our boys camp at Berea, N. H. was outstanding. Not only was a nice number saved, but many of the Christian boys made new strides in the Christian life. We had a fine staff of workers, and I am sure there were many praying for the work.

Several Saved at Piedmont Camp

CLARENCE LOW, P. O. Box 511, Sanford, N. C.: The summer months have been fruitful, especially in young people's work. My wife and I assisted in three vacation Bible schools in North Carolina. For three weeks in August I assisted at the Piedmont Assemblies Bible Camp for boys and girls, where a good number were saved.



Much Fruit Produced in Manitoba Camp and Bible Schools

ELSIE DAVEY & GRACE ROACH, 390 King Edward St., St. James, Man.: The Lord has saved souls, and children have been built up through camp and vacation Bible school in northern Manitoba. The five of us were insufficient to care for 40 girls at the July camp and teach them about Christ; but the Lord was our sufficiency. The Chapel there had been finished just in time. The girls came from all kinds of homes, but all with spiritual needs. As the Christian girls and leaders prayed, one after another came wishing to be saved.



Though Jane has a Christian mother, she did not know Christ when she came to camp. A great change was seen in her when she trusted Him.

A girl of sixteen came from a lumberman's shack, a family of fourteen. She said she came to camp to invite the Lord into her heart, and one night as she went to bed she did trust Him. "It's going to be hard at home, but I'm not going back on Him," were her words as she left.

Mary writes saying she is reading her Bible every day. She is happy to know that her sins were all forgiven at camp.

We will all remember the testimony meeting when some told of trusting the

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DRUGS DESTROY

JESUS GIVES LIFE

"In twenty minutes to a couple of hours you can lead a soul to Christ, but it takes from twenty weeks to a couple of years to get him on the road to maturity, victorious over the sins, and the recurring problems that come along. When you get a man you have doubled your ministry and then he teaches others."

Dawson Troutman in "Born to Reproduce"

The following testimony of Marty Ramirez, who lived with Mrs. Petrale for seven weeks with prayer unceasing and many tears shed, tells of the desperate battle the devil gives one and the struggle between the flesh and the Spirit, the Lord eventually being the one who gives the faith necessary for moment by moment surrender.

"Who can know the torments, conflicts, tensions, overwhelming power of evil spirits in a drug addict's life? The sufferings endured by the families, running from the police, beatings received by narcotics detectives for not giving the name of your pusher, the everyday hustle to get enough money for a fix, the tension of getting it into your veins before the police catch you, sleeping on roof tops, not wanting to use any money on food or lodging, being disowned by your families because you constantly robbed them, losing jobs because of suspicion of robbery, being late, acting foolishly under the influence of drugs, going in and out of hospitals for cures that never last, the psychiatrists that treat without God, seeing a beautiful young wife in a mental hospital because of suicide attempts—these are but a few of the aspects of my life before I allowed God to take over.

"One day as I was being taken to court I fled from the moving car. Having no home, I knocked at the door of a friend, Henry. He and I had been the forerunners of the dope addiction in this neighborhood. Henry was glad to see me. But he told me that he had accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour, was going to church regularly, worked regularly, and had found peace in Jesus. Thunder-struck, I took him out into the hall away from his mother, and asked for the true story. He reaffirmed what he had said. He told me about Mrs. Petrale, searching the Bible for the truth, the counselling, and the fellowship with young people.

"I had taken a shot before I got to Henry's house, and depression was setting in. They made me sleep in their best bed, and in the morning Mrs. Petrale

awakened me and offered me breakfast. Mrs. Rodriguez had given her the key to the house so that she could bring the Word of God to me. I got up reluctantly, and found breakfast and the Bible waiting. Mrs. Petrale explained the way of salvation from the Bible. I knelt on Henry's kitchen floor, confessed my sins, repented, and accepted the Lord.

"Then came all the hard things to do, giving myself up to the warrant squad (who told me to wait till I was notified), going to tell my family that I was sorry for the past, and testifying of my salvation. Some said nothing, some said 'We'll see' and others mocked. My wife had already received her annulment, and she said many months would have to pass for her to be sure that I had changed. The two-year-old baby came often to spend a few days with me, and I prayed with her, took her to Sunday school, and taught her to sit quietly in meetings.

"Mrs. Petrale had immediately invited me to stay at her house to be grounded in the Word and to look for a job. Seven weeks passed, learning the Word, praying, trying to get clothes together; and with more confidence I began looking for work. My brother offered me the relief job of maintenance man for the summer in his apartment house. I had faithfully gone to the Bible Chapel and attended all the group Bible studies I could. Yet, with all the fellowship, many praying, and my 'quiet time,' depression would set in about my personal problems, and I would be overwhelmed by an evil spirit with a craving for the drug. When I succumbed it would be worse, for then I wanted to die with regret and sorrow for having grieved the Lord. My Bible study was especially suited to my needs, yet I did not have victory. We had taken my wife to meetings and had explained the way of salvation; but although she made a decision for Christ she seemed discouraged.

"The second and third week on the job were night shifts with little church fellowship, and even though prayer kept up I began to have less and less victory. Finally Mrs. Petrale and I asked God

definitely what to do. With Al Dasburg's and Jack Wyrzten's permission, she drove me to the Word of Life Island, where after a day and a half of mental and physical sickness I recovered completely. The food was so good, and the spiritual food, speakers and counsellors were tops. By the middle of the week I dedicated my life to the Lord and testified about the wonderful things He had done for me. Although I had given out gospels and witnessed to people before, only now did I realize what it meant to really yield. The Lord took even the smoking away, and I enjoy everything here.

"I was overwhelmed with joy when they offered me a job for the summer, for I had not dreamed it was possible for me to stay longer. I cannot thank the Lord enough for the wonderful people I've met. Dr. Woodbridge made everything simple, and for the first time in my life I can truly appreciate the meaning of Romans 8:1-3."

HELEN PETRALE of New York City writes further:

Bunny, an eighteen-year-old drug addict with a habit of \$25 a day, came to daily vacation Bible school, sat in my class, raised her hand at the invitation to accept Christ, and we prayed collectively for her afterwards. I took her home to dinner, called and begged her parents to let her stay with me to "kick" the habit for four days at least (during which I would not let her out of my house to reach a supply), and then send her out of town. The parents said, "No," clinic and court appearances and family troubles would not allow this—perhaps later.

George, seventeen years old, came up for prayer, on one bag of heroin a day. He told of his suffering and his inability to even come to the meeting until he had his "fix."

Pray for Eusebia, off drugs for six months, now in worse condition than ever. Ronnie, now working, has gone twice for cures in hospitals, but is still on it. Lefty, aged seventeen, was caught in a burglary in which a man was killed, was released on a technicality and is back on drugs. Vincent—a \$9 mugging while on probation, taking drugs, three years in Elmira.

For such teen-agers we need a building where they can stay under Christian supervision, and a Christian center or farm for further strengthening or training in a short-term Bible school. Personal work, having them with us, inviting them to meetings, praying with them, sending some to camp, are not enough. A twenty-four hour day supervision over a period of months is required, a new nature in Christ, and a long follow-up with spiritual therapy and Christian psychiatry.

Lord in years past and how they had proved Him. One told how she had been saved that week.

Since camp we have visited the homes of these girls. Learning of the wickedness around them, we realize what a privilege we had to have them in our care for a week, to lead them to the Lord and to teach them.

After camp three of us conducted fourteen Bible schools around Swan River, most of these two weeks long. We rejoice to see the children's interest in the Scriptures and to see those who have trusted Christ going on.

NEWS BITS

WALTER JENSEN of Scotch Plains, N. J., is to minister this month in a three weeks' gospel campaign in the Grove Street Chapel, Plainfield, N. J.

GEORGE LANDIS of Fayetteville, Pa., ministered in Winnipeg and Fortier, Man. and in Regina, Sask. in August, then in Calgary, Alta.; after which he began five weeks of ministry in Edmonton, Alberta.

After returning home from a summer of gospel work in northern Minnesota, ERIC S. McCULLOUGH suffered a gall bladder attack which required immediate surgery. According to the last news received, he was progressing favorably in the hospital. 3415 Dallas Dr., Cedar Falls, Iowa.

After giving a two weeks' series on the Tabernacle in Joy Camp, Bancroft, Ont., PETER PELL of Grand Rapids, Mich. went to the week-end Labor Day conference in Guelph, Ont., expecting to use his model of the Tabernacle next in Groton, Connecticut.

The Christians of the Sanford assembly, Sanford, N. C., are anticipating meetings to be held October 6-20 with HARRY PILKINGTON from West Virginia.

On August 30 LESLIE RAINEY of Augusta, Ga. wrote that at Camp Li-Li God had saved three girls, one with a German background, one Korean, and one from Canada. At Lake Geneva, Wis., God had touched one young man, and it was hoped that others would be helped.

Led from the ORIENT to MONTREAL

By Peter Foggin

As I was raised as a part of a missionary family in the Orient, the great commission has always had a prominent place in my thinking. But for some time after I was born again, I had plans of my own for my career. However, about seven years ago the Lord began to press home to me His absolute claims on my life, and three years ago it became clearly apparent that He was speaking to me about full-time missionary service. I asked Him for a tangible sign in addition to the concern which He had put in my heart. Would He, even while I held a full-time high school teaching position, demonstrate His readiness to provide in some miraculous way?

This request did not make sense to me, and so for some time I dismissed it from my mind. But a year later, while I was still teaching, the Lord led me into evangelistic radio work in Vancouver, B. C. When I stood aside after a year of broadcasting, taking inventory of all that God had done, I realized that month after month He had provided as much for this radio work as would have been needed to support a missionary in the same period of time. He had given the sign for which I had asked.

Now that the personal "Go ye" had come very definitely, it remained to determine *where* the Lord wanted me. I had been making extensive enquiries with regard to several fields in the Far East, but had peace about none of them. Then last fall the Lord brought to my attention the summer issue of *News of Quebec*, strongly reviving a long-standing interest in His work in this needy province. For some time I prayed, "Lord, is it to be East Asia, or Quebec?" One evening, as this prayer dominated my thoughts, I read Acts 16:6 in the course of

my Bible reading—"They were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the Word in Asia." Although taken out of context, I am convinced that the Lord used that scripture as one of the steps in making His will known to me. A strange, settled peace came over me then, a peace which has continued as an indication that He is saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it."

Later, at a crucial time of decision, just when the enemy brought a moment of doubt, the Lord encouraged me most remarkably with these scriptures: "Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful more me..." (Ps. 139:5, 6); "And when he putteth forth his own sheep he goeth before them..." (Jn. 10:4).

Many subsequent events make it clear that the Lord wants me in this needy city of Montreal, at least for the present time. At the time of writing I am studying French at the summer school of McGill University, with the Lord's help. I may have to spend at least a year concentrating on the language, most likely making use of the courses and language lab facilities available at McGill.

If the Lord wills and enables, we shall continue to send recorded "Faith for Our Times" programs to be broadcast weekly over the four radio stations in British Columbia. Some of the workers here are praying that the Lord might open up a way to send out the Gospel in separate French and English broadcasts in the Montreal area. Relatively little of this nature is done here at present, particularly in French. For an effective radio ministry, we must obtain suitable and consecrated talent from among the French Canadian Christians, and are praying much about all that is involved.

DON'T FORGET THE SURVEY ENVELOPES

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Japan, land of the rising sun, eighteen years ago lay destroyed and defeated. The mighty armies of the West dealt her a crushing blow when the atomic bomb exploded first on Hiroshima and three days later on Nagasaki. In the past two decades, Japan has made an economic recovery that has dazzled the world.

Tokyo, Japan's capital, is the world's largest city. 10,000,000 people live in this "hub of the nation," and 300,000 new residents are added each year.

For more than one hundred years, Christian missionaries have labored tirelessly in Japan. Yet today less than one-half of one per cent of the 95,000,000 Japanese are even nominally Protestant. The vast majority are held in the shackles of Shintoism, the bondage of Buddhism, or the slavery of skepticism.

Literature Crusades is planning a giant distribution

program in Tokyo during the Olympic Games next year. 500,000 portions of God's Word have been ordered from the Japan Bible Society. Each Gospel will be printed with a special souvenir Olympic cover. One million tracts presenting the testimonies of two born-again Olympic stars will be printed. Emmaus correspondence courses will be offered. Special Gospel meetings conducted by Japanese-commended evangelists are anticipated.

The Asia Literature Crusade team and Japanese nationals will engage in consecutive distribution beginning in June. They will be joined by twenty business men who will travel to Japan at their own expense to assist in the climactic days of the Olympic Crusade. Asia team members and assembly missionaries will engage in a follow-up program after the campaign.

The proposed Tokyo Crusade will be larger than the crusades in India, Pakistan, Singapore, Malaya, Thailand, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay and Chile all combined. This enormous undertaking could be a mighty triumph for the Gospel of Christ in Japan.

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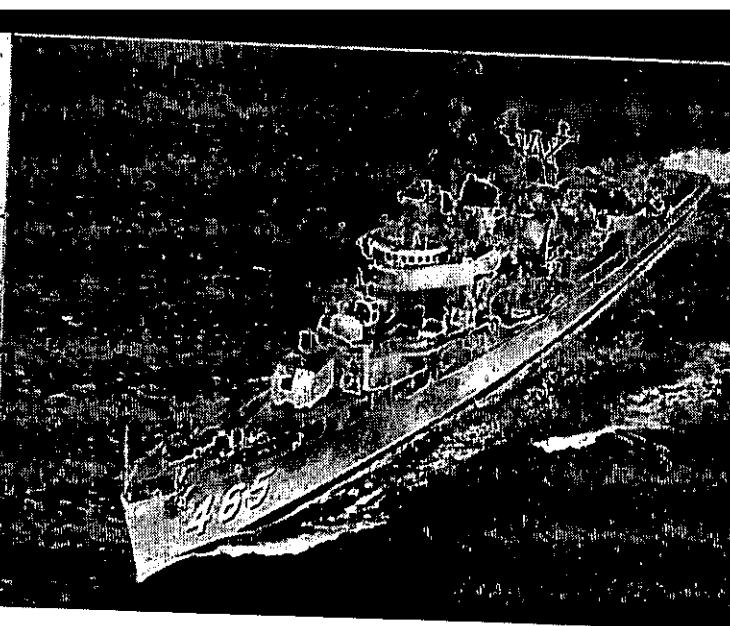
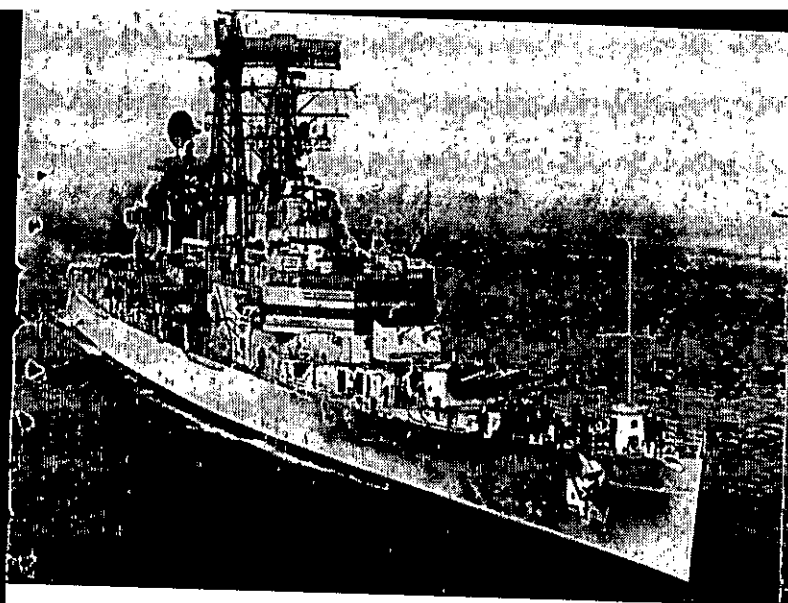
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TOBAGO CHRISTIANS NEED HELP IN WAKE OF HURRICANE

Most LOI readers will have already heard or read news reports of the death and devastation in Tobago, Central America, brought by hurricane "Flora." A report from Henry Spencer, missionary in nearby Trinidad, tells that the homes of several of the Tobago Christians are complete wrecks, and that several assembly halls have suffered serious damage.

An appeal is made to Christians here to take early advantage of this opportunity to "do good especially to them who are of the household of faith" in Tobago. Clothing, blankets, sheets, towels, etc. will all be most welcome. Contributions may be sent to, and further information obtained from, Mr. Henry Spencer, 84, Maraval Rd., Port of Spain, Trinidad.

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WALTERICK TAKES OVER MacDONALD BOOK TITLES

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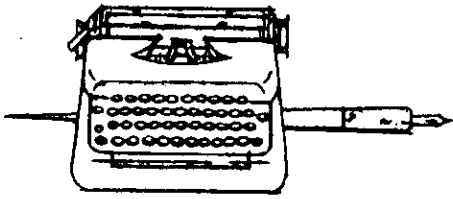
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Gift Deductible—We wish to inform our readers that gifts from individuals sent to "Letters of Interest" for expense, come within the contributions classification of the income tax returns.

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Editors' Page

HAVE YOU A THANKSGIVING DAY?

Canada has a Thanksgiving Day—October 14 this year. The United States has a Thanksgiving Day—November 28 this year. Do you have a Thanksgiving Day? You may answer, "Every day is Thanksgiving Day with me." Good. These are days full of pressures and problems, and one cannot do better than to follow Paul's admonition to the Philippians and to us: "In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." For then the peace of God, beyond all comprehension, will garbison our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

But do you have a Thanksgiving Day? That is, a day especially devoted to giving thanks to God. We are to pray without ceasing; yet we also have special occasions for prayer, and we become most urgent in prayer at crucial times in our lives. We also are admonished to give thanks always in all things. But should we not also have special seasons when we devote ourselves specifically to thanksgiving?

If we pause to consider the mercies and blessings our Father has so freely provided for each one of us, and all He is constantly showering on us, and all His thoughts and plans for our temporal and eternal good, we will with the psalmist find the sum of them too great to number. Why not then for one day concentrate on the giving of thanks? We would not, like Darius the Mede, prohibit petitions in that period, but we would make thanksgiving the major occasion for approach to the throne of grace.

How frequently should one observe his personal Thanksgiving Day? That, each reader must decide for himself, whether it should be annually, quarterly, monthly, or weekly. But surely the more we meditate on causes for thanksgiving, the more our giving of thanks will grow.

—Donald M. Taylor

FULL-TIME PASTOR OR FULL-TIME CHURCH

Paul was much disturbed as he penned the first letter to the church in Corinth. Its members were young in the faith and seemed to have succumbed to an evil which is still prevalent today—following the leader. By the time, however, that he sent his second communication to them, they seem to have matured greatly, through the discipline of repentance and restoration, so that he was able to give them a noble treatise on their varied ministries.

In this heart warming epistle, he reminds them of the ministries of: our manner of life in the Word, gospel preach-

ing (Chapter 1); preaching the new covenant in the Spirit, practicing righteousness, reflecting the glory of Christ (Chapter 3); truthfulness, preaching Christ, living a godly life, giving thanks (Chapter 4); laboring for the Lord, being ambassadors for Christ (Chapter 5); being workers together, living consistent lives, separated lives (Chapter 6); comforting others (Chapter 7); giving liberally (Chapters 8 and 9); encouraging the weak, taking the Gospel to the regions beyond (Chapter 10); discerning bad doctrine, adapting to circumstances (Chapter 11); suffering for Christ's glory, spending for the love of others (Chapter 12); and the ministry of lives lived for the Lord (Chapter 13).

In Paul's first letter he had reminded them that "the body is not one member, but many," and now he explains to them the fact that it is not possible to confine the ministries of a properly functioning body to a single person. If each one of us will perform that ministry which the Lord has laid upon his heart, then we will have New Testament assemblies operating according to God's pattern.

No longer will we be looking around for some sound go-ahead evangelical church to imitate, but rather we will be finding our instructions daily in God's Holy Word. And then, too, it will be evident to other Christians that scriptural principles do work today, and that God's order is not just a full-time pastor, but a full-time church.

R. W. Mojonnier

IN DARK DAYS

We will observe "Armistice Day" November 11. The first Armistice Day brought joy to millions of people. It also brought sadness and broken hearts to many homes as a result of World War I. Conditions in the world are very similar today to conditions prevailing before Armistice Day. We are living in dark and uncertain days. Men everywhere are becoming more serious.

But although gloomy forebodings are not lacking, we are counselled in Nehemiah 8:10, "Neither be ye sorry, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." As Christians we have every reason to be hopeful and to be of good cheer. God is still on the throne. "The joy of the Lord is your strength."

We can still have faith in God. He never changes. He remains forever faithful. His promises stand forever.

We Christians, indeed, have something in which we may rejoice. As individuals and assemblies let us show this great joy to the world.

J. W. Kennedy

BE A LOOKER OVER,

NOT AN OVER LOOKER

LOI's Annual Survey is not so much LOI surveying its readership as it is asking its readers to survey the magazine. Look it over, recall what you have read in its pages during the past twelve months, what you have found interesting, helpful in your Christian life; what you have agreed with and what has disagreed with you. Then use the envelope at page 10 to tell us what you think. Tell us how to improve

LOI, and about any address change. And if you want to help with the cost of publication and the other services LOI provides without charge you are welcome to do so.

In brief: use a little ink to tell us what you think. Be a helpful surveyor, a looker over who reports what he finds; not an over looker who neglects to mail the self-addressed, postage paid envelope at page 10.



A NAVY CHAPLAIN'S PARISH

by Lt. Commander Albert Otto

from one ship to another (cover picture —Ed.). On three recent occasions I have been able to invite missionaries aboard to preach and to give these young men a firsthand report of the mission field in the Mediterranean area. Already one sailor hopes to return to Italy as a youth worker.

This year the Little Rock will have visited the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Jamaica, Spain, France, Italy, Yugoslavia, Greece, Turkey, and Lebanon. For me the highlight of this cruise was a flight from Beirut, Lebanon to Jerusalem, Jordan for a nine hour tour of Bethlehem and Old Jerusalem. The flight itself over Damascus and the mountains of Lebanon was very enlightening. In the near future the ship will be visiting in the vicinity of Ephesus in Turkey.

As chaplains we are invited to speak at P. T. A. meetings, scout camps, high schools, Bible institutes, colleges, home Bible classes, Youth for Christ meetings, youth camps, retreats, and mission stations. At shore stations there are usually Sunday schools, vacation Bible schools,

Sunday evening and mid-week services, and young people's meetings as part of the program. There are always new challenges to face. My second Sunday in the Mediterranean I was asked to assist in setting up an entirely new Sunday school on the beach for dependents of military personnel. I was able to obtain teachers from missionaries working with Trans-World Radio in Monte Carlo. Attendance at this Sunday school has been averaging about 80 each week, with souls getting saved. The large adult class has been most encouraging. The Lord willing this Sunday school could continue for many years among military families.

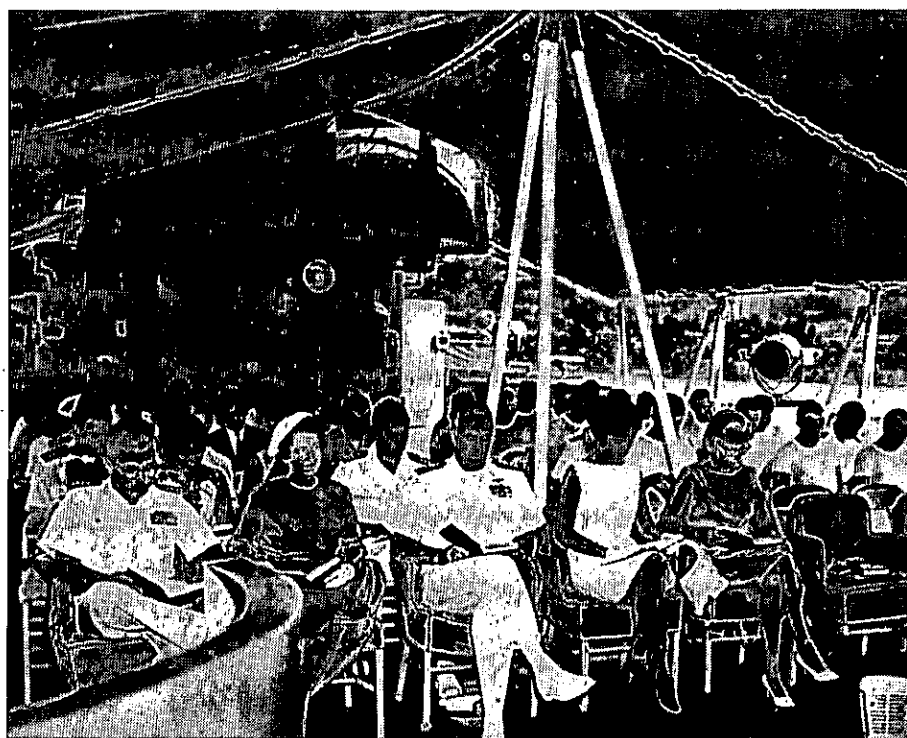
As chaplains this type of service that is seeking to cooperate with other Christian groups and sharing avenues of service with them, is one of our greatest opportunities. Through the years it has been a joy to work with the Gideons, American Bible Society, Moody Science Films, Officers Christian Union, and especially Christian servicemen's centers. I believe that the servicemen's centers are making the greatest spiritual impact

In August 1963 I completed ten years of active duty as a Navy chaplain. I have been stationed mainly on the east coast. At present I am aboard the USS Little Rock, which is now the Sixth Fleet Flagship in the Mediterranean.

My assignments as a chaplain have varied tremendously, including duty in a naval hospital, an aircraft carrier, a marine recruit camp, circuit riding on supply ships, a navy recruit camp, destroyer circuit riding, a navy brig, and a guided missile cruiser. It has been my rewarding privilege to preach the Gospel to over 70,000 sailors and marines on 80 different ships and shore stations. Most of these young men have been presented New Testaments or Gospels of John.

All of my Navy duty has been good duty; but hospital, recruit training, and brig duties have been the most satisfying spiritually. These were on shore stations. Sea duty has always been more challenging and difficult due to the nature of ships and the restless sea. However, my present sea duty aboard a light cruiser is almost perfect for a chaplain because of its size and the many opportunities for contact with the men. I am the only chaplain aboard with over 1,200 officers and men. Having relieved a Catholic chaplain, I am the first Protestant chaplain to serve aboard the Little Rock. My first Sunday only four sailors showed up for the morning service, but recently attendance has been averaging better than 70 each Sunday. There are about 45 men who never miss a Sunday service, including several high ranking officers. When the ship is in port, wives and children are welcome to attend the services also.

Most Sundays I am able to preach aboard one or two other ships of the Fleet. To do this, it is often necessary to use the helicopter for transportation



Typical Sunday in Mediterranean port. Commanding Officer and Commander Sixth Fleet are in front: Capt. and Mrs. Payne and Vice Adm. Gentner, daughter Barbara, and Mrs. Gentner.

in really reaching servicemen for Christ.

Aboard the Little Rock we have two Bible study classes a week, one conducted by the men and one by the chaplain. One of the Bible study leaders received his first Emmaus correspondence course from Mr. John Smart. One of the most satisfying experiences of my time in the chaplaincy has been meeting and working with literally hundreds of outstanding sailors who are witnessing and living for the Lord while in uniform.

1963 has been difficult from the standpoint of normal family life since the Little Rock will have spent two months in the Caribbean and nearly eight months in the Mediterranean, leaving only a few weeks in our home port of Norfolk, Va. In the Navy we have moved twelve times and have found that the housing is usually of poor quality but expensive. Our happiest family experience was the three months spent in San Juan, Puerto Rico where we enjoyed almost daily fellowship with the young missionary, the late Colin Caldwell and his family. During this Mediterranean cruise my family is living in Miami with my wife's parents.

I heartily recommend the military chaplaincy to young men as a harvest field for missionary service. The chaplain has complete liberty to preach the Gospel and to fully honor and serve the Lord. The good results of this wonderful opportunity are limited by one's own shortcomings. Personally I shall be eternally grateful to the Dallas assembly and to Letters of Interest for their prayerful encouragement in enabling me and others to make application to the military chaplaincy. The Lord willing I can look forward to ten more years in His service as a navy chaplain.

My last letter to Letters of Interest immediately overwhelmed me with replies with names of servicemen which I deeply appreciated. I am still waiting for an



Larry Goering, GM-3, second man in chowline; conducts weekly Bible study and hopes to attend Emmaus Bible school.

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opportunity to contact many of them, but I would welcome the names of others stationed in the Norfolk area since I hope to be there early in 1964.

The Lord has abundantly blessed me with liberty in preaching the Gospel to many needy hearts and also in leading

souls to the Lord through personal work. The continued prayers of the Lord's people are greatly coveted for all chaplains and servicemen. "Finally, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified even as it is with you."

NEWS BITS

After laboring in various places in Quebec, Vermont, New York State, Ontario and Alberta during the summer, JOHN Y. M. AITKEN of White Rock, B. C. now expects to work in British Columbia and Washington State until the end of this year.

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE BARTON, who recently returned to Orillia, Ont., from a period of service in Newfoundland, have been assisting in the small country assemblies around Orillia, and have experienced blessing and encouragement in this work.

JOHN BRAMHALL of Charlotte, N. C. writes that additional Sunday school rooms are being added to the Bethel Chapel in Charlotte.

DAVID KIRK of Hamilton, Ont. was expected to leave for Bermuda early in October for a month of gospel meetings there.

MALCOLM MACJANNET of Houston, Tex. noted increase in numbers and evidence of spiritual growth in assemblies in Florida which he visited after a fifteen years' interval.

More on page 19, column 2.



Florence, Italy: "Cares" Home for Boys, opening Navy Project Handclasp packages.

BE A LOOKER OVER, NOT AN OVER LOOKER

The Ecumenical Church

by Tom M. Olson

The Ecumenical Council

The big and difficult-to-pronounce word "ecumenical" means "universal." The Bible predicts a universal, or world church; but does not use the word "ecumenical." Pope John 23 made the word popular by calling his council an "Ecumenical Council." And the present pope, Paul 6, will increase the popularity of the word, as he has announced his determination to follow in the steps of his predecessor.

Ecumenical Councils—assemblies of all the bishops of the church—are subordinate to the pope. Only the pope has the right to summon such a council and direct its discussions. And council decisions are binding only if confirmed and proclaimed by the Pontiff.

The thought has been expressed that Pope John 23 summoned the Ecumenical Council to air his liberal views to the bishops, and to the religious world at large. It was such a great success that a second session of it is being held this year. More than 2,500 bishops and other prelates are gathering in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, to discuss among other subjects, "Missions," "Matrimony," and "The Sacraments."

The formal discussion of the first session was limited to the Christian reunion of the Catholic-Orthodox division; but it is expected that at the current session, Catholic-Protestant relations will be discussed.

What the World Plans

The 1910 Edinburgh Conference laid the foundation for the formation of the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam, in 1948. And the International Missionary Council integrated with the World Council of Churches at New Delhi, in 1961. The avowed intention of most of the leaders of this Council of Churches is to establish one visible world church.

It should not be too difficult to unite the Catholic and Protestant ecumenical movements into one World Church, especially since it is predicted that "in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils" (1 Timothy 4:1). Who can deny that even now there are some who have turned away from the faith about which they formerly sang:

"Faith of our fathers! living still
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy
When'er we hear that glorious word!
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee til death!"

Indeed there are many religious leaders who even deny that all Scripture is God-breathed (II Timothy 3:16), and that God was manifest in flesh (I Timothy 3:16); and that all have sinned (Romans 3:23); and that the Lord Jesus was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification (Romans 4:25); and that salvation is by grace, through faith, without works (Ephesians 2:8-9); and that some shall go away into everlasting punishment (Matthew 25:46).

Many denominations today aim at forming and maintaining a unity on the irreducible minimum of belief: "There is a God!"

We agree with Dr. William Ward Ayer, who wrote: "The nations of the world are working feverishly on a universal program for an amalgamation of the world's nations, races, and religions. It's the most idealistic program unregenerated men have produced thus far, but it is completely foreign to God's revealed purpose for the nations. The United Nations Assembly is the proposed instrument for the national amalgamation, while the World Council of Churches, with other religious organizations is the religious instrument that seeks to bring all the religious thinking and practice of the world's peoples into one world-wide completely uniform religious amalgamation. And it will be accomplished one day, and when it is, the judgment of a Holy God will fall upon it."

What the Bible Says

The signs are crystal clear that the ecumenists will proceed at all costs to establish their Ecumenical Church. One is reminded of what the Lord said about the builders of the tower of Babel: "and this they begin to do: and nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do" (Genesis 11:6). In the appointed time "Mystery Babylon The Great, The Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth" shall be fully revealed with her names of blasphemy.

Arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, and holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication, and drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus, she shall be revealed as the head of all false and empty religions—yea, the head of the Ecumenical Church—the woman who took leaven and hid it in the meal, till the whole was leavened! (Matthew 13:33).

This unholy woman is pictured in Revelation as riding the scarlet colored beast which has seven heads and ten horns. We understand this to mean that the future One World Religion shall dominate the coming Federated, or United States of Europe. She makes the inhabitants of the earth drunk with the wine from her golden cup!

Her time of universal admiration and worship will be brief; for the coming Man of Sin, called the "Beast" (Revelation 13:4), will become the head of the revived Roman Empire. He and his associates will hate her and debase her and destroy her (Revelation 17:16); then the Beast will demand universal worship. This Man of Sin will exalt himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped, so that he as God sits in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God (II Thessalonians 2:4). He will have a false prophet working with him. Satan will give to these two evil characters power to perform signs and lying wonders with all deceivableness of unrighteousness. Then shall this Man of Sin be worshipped by all that dwell on the earth "whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Revelation 13:8).

Students of prophecy are aware that the full development of the Ecumenical Church, as predicted in Revelation 17, will not be manifest until after the completion and translation of the true Church, the final chapter of which is written in Revelation 3. (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18)

It should never be forgotten that in the interim the Lord commands His disciples to "go into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." When the Church, which He is pleased to call "My Church" (Matthew 16:18) is completed, it will have in it representatives of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation (Revelation 5:9). In that sense the true Church, the Bride of the Lamb, is an "Ecumenical Church."

Its members are not instructed to create a unity, but are exhorted to "endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in

the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:3).

Praise God for all who can sing with the spirit and with the understanding concerning this true Church:

"Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth,
One lovely Name she blesses,
Partakes one holy Food,
And to one hope she presses
With every grace endued."

CONFERENCES

No Conference at Troost Avenue Hall

The brethren meeting at the Troost Avenue Gospel Hall in Kansas City, Mo. announce that the assembly has decided not to conduct a conference there this year as in former years.

—Robert McGowan, Correspondent

250 Attend Mid-South Conference

About 250 people gathered from over fifteen states for the 1963 Mid-South Bible Conference held at Montgomery Bell State Park in middle Tennessee, to enjoy the profitable ministry of Messrs. William MacDonald, Walter Jensen, T. B. Gilbert, Hal Greene and Dan Smith. Mr. Greene ministered primarily to the teen-agers, and Mr. Smith directed the camp for the boys and girls.

The sudden sickness of Mr. Smith's little daughter was the cause of much intercessory prayer. Her fast and miraculous recovery likewise was the cause of much prayerful rejoicing.

Many attending responded enthusiastically by registering for the 1964 conference; over two thirds of the accommodations were reserved for 1964 by October.

Eddie Schwartz and John Phelan, Co-Directors

Westbrook, Maine, November 16-17

A cordial invitation is extended to all the Lord's people to attend the fifth annual Bible conference of the Spring Hill assembly, 225 Spring St., Westbrook, Me., November 16-17. Schedule of meetings: Saturday—Prayer and Ministry, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday—Breaking of Bread, 10:30; Ministry, 2:30; Gospel Meeting, 7. Expected speakers: James Gunn of Midland, Ont.; and Robert Crawford of Malvern, Pa. All who come will be freely accommodated.

Charles R. Grob, Correspondent, 107 Lamb St., Westbrook, Me., Phone UL 4-5925.

170 Attend Virginia Youth Conference

The 28th quarterly Virginia Youth Conference was planned for Criglerville, Va., on October 26 after 170 had attended a successful youth conference in Nokesville, Va. in July. The theme of the July conference was "The Pre-eminence of Christ." The speaker was Walter Jensen from Scotch Plains, N. J.

Barry Lumsden was the speaker selected for the Criglerville conference.

Thirteen Assemblies Cooperate in Toronto Gospel Campaign

Thirteen Toronto, Ontario assemblies began conducting nightly meetings October 20 in the Queen Elizabeth building in the C. N. E. Park. The meetings, which are to continue through November 10, begin at 7:45 p.m. Speakers are Messrs. Sydney Maxwell and James Hutchinson.

Warwick, R. I., November 9-11

Place: Buttonwoods Gospel Chapel, 311 Buttonwoods Ave., Warwick, R. I. Dates: November 9-11. Schedule of Meetings: Saturday, Sunday and Mondays—3 and 6:30 p.m.; Sunday—Worship and Remembrance, 9:15; Family Bible Hour, 11 a.m. Speakers expected: John Bramhall of Charlotte, N. C.; and Walter Jense of Scotch Plains, N. J. Mr. Jensen is expected to remain for a two-weeks' evangelistic effort following the conference.

John Farrell, 1 Sandro Circle, Warwick, R. I. (TU 4-5940).

Tillsonburg, Ont., November 15-17

The 69th annual conference is to be held at the Gospel Hall, Harvey St., Tillsonburg, Ont., November 15-17. Order of meetings: Friday—Prayer, 8 p.m.; Saturday—Ministry, 10:30 a.m., and 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday—Breaking of Bread, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 1:30; Ministry, 2:30; Gospel Meeting, 7 p.m.

Visitors will be accommodated as in past years.

Ivor Conod, R.R. 5, Tillsonburg, Ont.

Reunion of Christians in New York City

The 88th annual Reunion of Christians in New York City is to be held on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, in the Metropolitan-Duane Church, 13th St. and 7th Ave., at 4 and 7 p.m. Expected speakers: George M. Landis of Fayetteville, Pa., and T. Ernest Wilson of Sea Girt, N. J. Special services for children will be conducted concurrent with the adult services. Refreshments will be served between sessions.

Please come and bring the family with you! —The conference committee

Greenwood Hills, Pa., Thanksgiving Day

Place: Greenwood Hills Chapel, on the Lincoln Highway, two miles east of Fayetteville, Pa. Date: November 28. Speakers expected: George T. Mortland of Ridgefield, N. J., and Robert A. Crawford of Malvern, Pa. Program: 10 a.m., Ministry of the Word; 12:15, Dinner; 2:30, Singspiration; 3-5, Ministry of the Word; 5:15, Supper; 7 p.m., Gospel Meeting. Dinner and supper served free in the Chapel.

For further information contact Mr. R. C. McIntire, 131 S. 6th St., Chambersburg, Pa. (264-5815).

Youth Conference to be at Hiram House Camp, Ohio

The eighth annual Young People's Bible Conference sponsored by the Gracemount assembly in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, is to be held at Thanksgiving time, beginning with registration Friday evening, November 29, and ending with the noon meal on Sunday, December 1. Hiram House Camp, with a heated lodge and winterized cabins on 200 acres of woodlands, has been reserved again for this popular fall conference. Group discussions on practical problems facing the youth of today are planned. Speakers expected are William MacDonald and Russell Van Ryn.

Because the camp is restricted to about 200 overnight guests, the conference will be limited to the high school and college age groups, and early reservations are recommended. Write to: Don Johnson, Gracemount Chapel, 2285 Noble Rd., Cleveland Heights 21, Ohio.

COMMENDATION

David A. Nelson

Three years ago Mr. and Mrs. David A. Nelson, after years of missionary service in the Congo, returned home for the education of their older children. Since then Mr. Nelson has served the Lord in the Portland, Oregon area. He now believes that the Lord wants him to labor in other parts of the country until the way may open for his return to Africa, and for the present time to help in the evangelization and Bible teaching of Indian tribes in Arizona.

The Christians who meet at the Grace and Truth Chapel in Portland commend Mr. Nelson as worthy of the support of the Lord's people. The commendation is signed by seven elders.

The Gaspé Peninsula, Quebec

French and English Speaking Laborers Needed in Changing Communities

by Arnold Reynolds
and Leslie Russell

In the late summer we visited briefly with some of the assemblies on the Gaspé coast of Quebec. This area lies about 500 miles northeast of the English assemblies in the Montreal and Eastern Townships areas of the Province, but is much closer to English assemblies in New Brunswick. Like most parts of Quebec that were once settled by English-speaking people, this district has experienced an extensive population change in the last half century. The older means of livelihood will not provide for today's living standards, and many of the English speaking young people have left for other areas. In even greater numbers, French speaking Roman Catholics have moved in.

Christian assemblies were started here about 50 years ago; once there were eight, and another one at nearby Campbellton in New Brunswick. Gospel radio broadcasts have been a feature of the work; and George Campbell still preaches over the air every Sunday, as he has for many years.

The population change has made serious breaches in the testimony. Of the nine assemblies mentioned above, only four still function, while occasional meetings are held in one of the other gospel halls. The former assemblies have not been replaced by other evangelical efforts; yet there is still a considerable English population to evangelize, besides the growing French population. The great need is for spiritual men gifted to take the responsibility for the work.

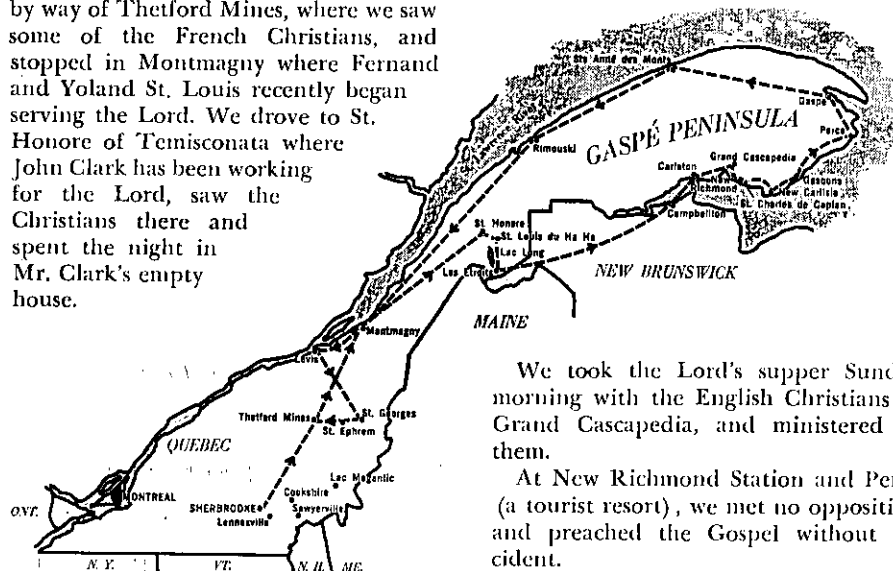
Besides George Campbell of New Carlisle, who now gives full time to the Lord's work, Alex Irvine and Victor Harrington also give full time at Black Capes and Grand Cascadepia respectively. These men report good contacts with unsaved people in their areas, both Protestant and Roman Catholic, as well as opportunities to help the Christians in their personal walk and in maintaining their corporate testimony.

We were impressed with the faithful service of these men, the missionary nature of their work, the opportunities for more laborers, and the need for the sustaining prayers of the Lord's people elsewhere.

Team Conducts Preaching Tour with Campaigners' Van

by Cyril Shontoff

This summer I journeyed around the Gaspé coast with the French Open-Air Campaigners' van, accompanied by two French Christians: Gerard Marcel who came on the trip last year (then newly saved), and Arthur Thiffault (at the time an elder in the Sherbrooke French assembly, now moved to Montreal). We started from Sherbrooke July 9, going by way of Thetford Mines, where we saw some of the French Christians, and stopped in Montmagny where Fernand and Yoland St. Louis recently began serving the Lord. We drove to St. Honore of Temiscanata where John Clark has been working for the Lord, saw the Christians there and spent the night in Mr. Clark's empty house.



The next morning we stopped just past St. Louis du Ha Ha and had our first open-air meeting in a field where about twenty French Catholics were gathering strawberries. This meeting broke us in and gave us the boldness to meet future difficulties on the trip.

We visited Christians in Pied du Lac briefly.

At Les Etroits, 50 attended our meeting with good attention and no violence, and we preached the Gospel freely. We heard remarks such as, "It's the truth," "I remember these fellows from before," etc. One man confessed publicly that he had been a believer for four years. Another also confessed that he believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour.

The next day (after visiting the Christians—four families) we left by way of New Brunswick and travelled north towards Campbellton, and held a bilingual meeting at a beach. After that my voice gave out for two or three days, so the

French men preached alone, and I played the accordion.

At St. Jules (near Grand Cascadepia) we preached and sang to one family, for no one else was around.

Our fifth meeting was at a beach at St. Charles de Caplan. The all French audience of about 50 was orderly and showed good interest and attention, until we started to give out literature. Then one man who had had a little to drink said, "If I had just one more glass of beer I'd turn that thing over." This sort of statement is enough to stir up a crowd, but the Lord withstood them and they did not try to turn the van over. They kept checking the New Testaments to make sure they contained the Catholic "imprimatur." One man said, "We're not Protestants; we're not Jehovah's Witnesses; we're not Christians; we're Catholics, understand—Catholics."

We took the Lord's supper Sunday morning with the English Christians at Grand Cascadepia, and ministered to them.

At New Richmond Station and Perce (a tourist resort), we met no opposition and preached the Gospel without incident.

At Gascons West a group of young people gathered, and a discussion which lasted about 45 minutes followed the meeting. Literature was given to all.

We conducted two meetings at Pointe a la Frigate, where there was a picnic stop for visitors. The crowd was changing, and we could have preached there continuously every 60 minutes or so.

On our return we followed the northwest coast of the Gaspé peninsula through Montmagny, visiting a couple of other places on the way back to Sherbrooke. Other French open-air meetings were held this summer in Cookshire, Sawyerville and Lac Megantic, and near Lennoxville and Huntingville. I am sure an assembly could soon be formed in Lac Megantic if a worker were to settle there.

During the rest of our time in Quebec we visited the French Christians and new converts. A young Canadian couple came to the Lord, largely as a result of Mr. Marcel's efforts.



Several Hundred Hear Gospel at Funeral Service

VENUS BROOKS, P. O. Box 215-N, Pembroke, N. C.: I conducted the funeral of the wife of a county rural policeman, with the county sheriff and most of his police force attending. Three state highway patrolmen and several other county officials were also in the audience of several hundred. There is no lack of opportunity in the area, and the Lord sustains us so that the ministry entrusted to us may be fulfilled.

We have cordial relations with a local radio station with wide coverage, and broadcast a week of daily devotional programs several times each year.

Orlando, Florida Assembly Grows Numerically & Spiritually

SVEND CHRISTENSEN, 1920 Hiawassa Rd., Orlando, Fla.: Since we came to Florida from the Maritime Provinces of Canada two years ago, 50 believers have been baptized, and about 100 have been received into fellowship (some had been baptized before coming to the assembly).

For some months we used our home as a Sunday school annex. Seven classes held their opening in our double garage, then divided up for classes in the kitchen, office, dining room, study, and bedrooms. Now a new Sunday school building, 98' x 30', provides space for sixteen classrooms. On many Saturdays some of us men worked on the completion of parts of the construction that we could do ourselves. We have been using the building even though it was not completed.

The assembly has also matured spiritually and developed gift. It is not uncommon to hear a dozen men take part at the Lord's Supper. Several men are developing good platform ability. The brethren take the odd Family Bible Hour and many ministry meetings, and various ones open up the Bible study, which is followed by a conversational discussion. The general business meeting for all the men has been replaced with elders looking after the spiritual aspect of the assembly. Qualified deacons are looking

after the material needs, and have a monthly business meeting.

Rhoda (my wife) very often entertains new people, as well as the assembly family. Her hospitality has contributed to the progress of the work. We have folks home for dinner nearly every Sunday, and often invite the assembly up for fellowship after the Sunday night ministry meeting.

As more people are contacted the need for visitation and follow up increases. Besides this, I try to visit new homes each week. Recently a lady contacted in this way was saved.

Each week three Bible classes are held in different homes. Some of those who attend go to modernistic churches and have much hunger for the Word of God. Several have been saved through these classes.

We have had a little share in starting a new assembly in Clermont, 25 miles west of Orlando. A brother from Groton, Conn., has moved to Clermont to give his full time to building up the work. Four families of the Orlando assembly, three of whom live in the Clermont area, form the nucleus of the new testimony.

On September 1 we commenced a weekly radio broadcast, "Bible Truth for Today," over radio station WXIV. We are giving a verse by verse exposition of 1 Corinthians.

Twenty-six Accept Christ at Pine Bush Camp, N. Y.

A. JAMES DAVIES, 533 Gilmour St., Peterborough, Ont.: I completed two weeks at Pine Bush Bible Camp, Thompson Ridge, N. Y., where 26 boys and girls accepted the Lord, most of them ten years of age or over. I had the wonderful help of godly young counsellors behind me.

I was hanging out the fleece, as I wondered if my mike might hinder*. I am now praying that doors may open where I can again launch into children's work, with ministry.

* (Due to a throat weakness which developed two or three years ago, Mr. Davies cannot speak above conversational volume, and sometimes conducts meetings with his own transistor PA system.)

Children's Meetings Well Attended in New Bedford, Massachusetts

MELVIN WISTNER, 525 Terrill Rd., Fanwood, N. J.: For the third year running we had children's meetings at the High Street Chapel in New Bedford, Mass. Interest and attendance have increased from year to year, and many of those who have professed to be saved have continued and grown spiritually.

New Bedford is a strongly Roman Catholic city, which makes it hard going for the work of the assembly and the individual Christians.

Bob Clark Sees Young People Saved Through Summer Work

ROBERT CLARK, R.D. 1, Box 56, Claysburg, Pa.: God graciously allowed me to hear several young people profess



faith in our Saviour during a few vacation Bible schools, children's camps and special meetings. We give Him thanks and rejoice for those who sowed and watered in prayer.

The Lord has roused warm interest among the Christians and has brought some friends from the neighborhood into meetings. We ask for prayer as we use radio, personal testimony and public meetings to reach saved and unsaved through His Word.

J. T. Dickson Visits Former Field of Labor

JOHN DICKSON, 110 Forrest Lake Dr., Atlanta, Ga., 30305: More than 50 years ago I came to labor in Nova Scotia. I have greatly enjoyed ministering the Word for several weeks in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and meeting again the fruit of former labors, now families grown up, saved and in assembly fellowship.

Louis Germain Encouraged in Evangelism by Mail

LOUIS GERMAIN, 444 Bank St., Ottawa 4, Ont.: Several letters have come showing that God has blessed the reading matter sent away, as well as the personal letters written to individuals. One of the native workers in Haiti to whom I have been sending New Testaments and tracts has asked me for 5,000 tracts and 200 New Testaments.

Preston Keith Considers a Traveling Ministry

PRESTON KEITH, R. 1, Zebulon, N. C.: For ten years my efforts have been mainly in the coastal plains of North Carolina; five and a half years while still in secular work, and the last four and one half years as a commended worker from Durham. Now as assemblies in other areas express desire for help, I hope to be able to fit in with their plans in evangelism, ministry of the Word, children's or youth meetings, or song leading, as the Lord may lead.

I expect to devote the balance of my time to this area, particularly to Goldsboro. I am laboring in Goldsboro again after a happy and fruitful summer in DVBS and camp work.

The Gospel Offered to Many at New Hampshire Fairs

ARTHUR DEWHURST, 430 Park St., North Reading, Mass., 01864, October 6: Our summer labor is confined to tract distribution at fairs, particularly in New Hampshire. With the Christians from Center Barnstead we have worked hard to reach many who might otherwise never be confronted with eternal issues. When we cannot obtain space in the fair grounds we pay the admission fee and work through the crowds of fair goers with tracts and other gospel literature. Help received at times from others has always been most welcome.

At present we have our small tent and chart set up at the four-way Cheshire Fair near Keene. We plan to work at the last fair of the season at Center Sandwich on October 12. We have just returned from Richmond, Va., where we helped the two Richmond assemblies maintain a gospel witness at the Virginia State Fair. Preparation for the fair's opening date and getting back home took sixteen days, but many thousands of tracts and other Bible centered pieces of literature were given to the estimated half million people attending the fair. We had an attractive booth indoors, and all workers from both assemblies cooperated in happy service and fellowship.

George Landis Finds Assembly Testimonies Encouraging

GEORGE LANDIS, R. 2, Box 79, Fayetteville, Pa.: On August 2 we left home, and spent a week end in Beechwood Chapel, Pittsburgh. From there we went to the Northern Peninsula Bible Camp, Forsyth, Mich., and spent six days at the Young People's Conference, where a splendid work was carried on. We also spent a Sunday evening in the new chapel in Rock, Mich. Here is a most encouraging work in a place where many would be discouraged. We spent one night with the little assembly at Marquette, Mich., where a few are seeking to carry on for the Lord, and where help is appreciated.



We went to Winnipeg, Man., and ministered in the St. James, St. Vital and Ebenezer chapels. Attendance was good in spite of the vacation season. At Fortier, Man., we found a hearty group going on for God on the prairie—another place where help is appreciated.

We spent three days in Regina, Sask., where the assembly is encouraging. We

gave one evening in the Moose Jaw, Sask. assembly, where ministry is appreciated.

We went to Calgary, Alta., for a week end in Bethany Chapel and one evening in the North Hill Gospel Hall. New and enlarged buildings show that the work here is growing. For two weeks I gave expository messages on the first eight chapters of Romans in Bethel Chapel, Edmonton, Alta. Attendance was quite encouraging. I gave ministry on the Church for a week in Westlock, Alta., where there is a bright active assembly.

On the whole I would say that attendance is good. Sunday evening services have been very well attended, with the buildings generally comfortably filled. Interest in the exposition of the Word seems to be good. Some of the small meetings on the prairies need and appreciate help; here is a field for self-sacrificing young men who desire to work for the Lord.

The A. J. Fields Move to Scarborough

ARCHIE J. FIELD, 10 Clifford Ct., Scarborough, Ont.: I have moved from Brantford to Scarborough and am finding open doors all over Toronto for my teaching and pastoral ministry. I also intend to keep in touch with the assemblies and shut-ins in Brantford as much as I can.



During the summer my wife and I helped at the Mini-Yo-We-Camp in Ontario. Young fellows confessed Christ there, and some who had been saved the year before were back and showed positive evidence of going on with God. One of them told that since his conversion both his father and sister had been saved.

Gospel Meetings Conducted in Loves Park, Illinois

STEPHEN MICK, 1514 Wisconsin Ave., Boscobel, Wis.: For the past two years I tried to get into Loves Park, Ill. with the Gospel, but was unable to because of the high rent. But recently some of the Christians bought a church building, so I had ministry and prayer meetings there for one week, and preached the Gospel the second week. A school teacher who attended regularly seemed to be under conviction.

There are many Christians here who at one time were in fellowship in assemblies. Five of these promised to attend our meetings. We hope that it will be the will of the Lord to start an assembly in Loves Park.

Hamden, Conn. Assembly Leaves School for New Chapel

JOSEPH GIORDANO, 65 Side Hill Rd., Hamden, Conn. 06517, September 16: On Sunday we met for the last time in the



elementary school building where we have been meeting for two years. Meeting in the school has not hindered progress in the new location because we have built the chapel on land adjoining the school property. The attend-

ance doubled in the last two years; and the Christians believe that there will be much blessing in the future.

After fifteen summers of VBS and camp work, we felt a need for a change, and accepted an invitation from the assembly meeting in North Palm Beach, Fla., to live and serve in the Lord's work there for the summer while Mr. C. Ernest Tatham was directing the Guelph Conference Grounds in Ontario. The North Palm Beach assembly is warm, hospitable and spiritual, and the Christians love the Book.

Many Attend Drive-In Meeting in Hawkesville, Ontario

ALLAN WEBER, Box 8, Hawkesville, Ont.: Many people drove to the drive-in Gospel meetings conducted by the brethren of Hawkesville. These meetings opened many doors to follow-up work in visitation.

The men of the Hawkesville assembly asked us to consider helping them for a year or so in visitation work. Believing that God was leading us to Hawkesville, we left Prince Edward Island late in August.

Piedmont Area Assemblies Cooperate in Mountaintop Youth Camp

HAROLD MACKAY, 3714 Freeman Mill Rd., Greensboro, N. C.: The Piedmont assemblies cooperated in conducting the Mountaintop Youth Camp atop Sauratown Mountain north of Winston Salem. About twenty-five teen-age fellows gathered for recreation and Bible study. Of course appetites for eating also were sharpened by the brisk mountain air.

On Labor Day about 200 Christians gathered there for a family style picnic, and a service was held in the partially completed lodge.

There are now twelve assemblies in the area, plus a children's home, a service-men's canteen, summer children's camps, and a Bible conference, as well as the Mountaintop Youth Camp.

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The Local CHURCH

by Charles S. Howard
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Questions and Answers about problems regarding operation of local assembly testimony conducted by a well-known editor of this publication. Unless otherwise indicated the answers are Mr. Howard's personal views.

Question 47a. Please enlarge on the word "local" used currently among assemblies. I do not find anything in Scripture linking the two words "local" and "church."

Answer—The adjective "local" may not be used in Scripture, but when, for instance, a letter is addressed "to the church of God which is at Corinth," this certainly identifies such a church as being local.

Question 47b. I live in a town with no local assembly but many fundamental churches. The nearest assembly is 28 miles away, and is a small one that welcomes fellowship and where the fellowship is very sweet. Should I consider having fellowship with Christians in my town with a view to introducing the New Testament principles of gathering, or should I go to the next town where these principles are already in practice?

Answer—We would say that 28 miles is not a great distance if one has a car. We remember when most folk in the assembly had no cars, and spent from half an hour to more than an hour using public transportation, with a walk at both ends of the journey. We considered this a small price to pay for sweet fellowship with like-minded believers seeking to carry out what we believed were scriptural principles.

Fellowship with local Christians should also be sought, and Bible reading begun with the view to having a local assembly started eventually. One need not compromise principles by joining a denominational church in order to be used by God if one has a heart to lead others into what he believes to be the truth of God.

Question 48a. If a man's wife definitely refuses to have any fellowship with the people in the local assembly, what should their attitude be (a) toward the man, (b) toward his wife, and what action should be expected?

Answer—(a) The only action the assembly should take in either case would be to show sincere love at every opportunity and in every possible way. It has no jurisdiction over the wife because she is not in the fellowship, and unless the husband is guilty of wrongdoing which causes the wife's attitude, it is in no wise responsible to interfere.

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Question 48b. Should a man leave his wife all day each Sunday to have fellowship with this assembly, which is several miles away from the home town?

Answer—We are not wise enough to give an answer to this problem, which is a very serious one in our judgment. Having had 43 years of perfect harmony in our family life we have never been faced with such a situation. We can only with sympathy commend the questioner to God and His Word. Perhaps some wiser and more deeply taught brother would supply an answer we could publish.

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Question 49. Is there any Scripture in the New Testament for two or three couples from an assembly, who have gone on an outing over the week end, to observe the Lord's Supper? Does not the New Testament imply that the Lord's Supper is a function of the local assembly as a unit? Do not the following passages imply this? Acts 2:42; 20:7; I Corinthians 10:16, 17; 11:17, 18 and 14:23.

Answer—Scripture seems to indicate quite clearly that the Lord's Supper is a church function. The verses cited in the question are well chosen to prove this point. We must bear in mind, however, that there is no teaching in the New Testament regarding a "place" for the Lord's people to worship such as was mandatory for the people of Israel. John 4:24 shows clearly this fact. For Israel there was one place only where the Lord placed His Name; while for the Church period no place is indicated, but worship of God is to be "in spirit and in truth" independent of locality. While we believe it to be true as first stated that the Lord's Supper is primarily a church function, we can see nothing in Scripture which would prevent a group or family, separated temporarily from the local assembly, from keeping this precious feast of remembrance if it is done with a deep and earnest desire to "see Him" and not merely to keep up a formal habit.

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Christian Young People Nurtured at Bair Lake Bible Camp

ROBERT HARPER, 2121 N. Morrison, Appleton, Wis., September 23: For five weeks I sought to give a lift to my brother John's burden of running the Bair Lake Bible Camp in Michigan, serving as head counselor, speaker and general all-around man. Several boys and girls professed Christ as personal Lord and Saviour. However, it seemed that the Lord sent more Christian young people to us, many of whom had personal problems which kept me busy most afternoons during the Youth Week. I was even able to counsel with some of the counselors. A number of those we counseled with personally have written since camp to tell how the Lord is enabling them to go on in a closer relationship with Him.

I am starting a new believers' Bible class in Appleton this Thursday.

Several Trust Christ at New Jersey Beach Mission

LIONEL HUNT, 17 Thursfield Cresc., Toronto 17, Ont.: Following ministry at the new Bible Camp at Guelph, Ont., we helped at a Scripture Union beach mission in New Jersey, my wife cooking for the team of twenty-five. Two missions were operated simultaneously, one at Ship Bottom and the other at Surf City. About 75 children attended daily, several trusting the Lord.

Commitments for the fall and winter include children's crusades or adult ministry at Bethany, Hilltop and Doncaster Chapels in Toronto, and some further afield. I am also planning to make more tapes on Sunday school methods. (As stated in the April issue of LOI, these tapes are available for short periods to any assembly—Ed.) For U. S. A. assemblies wishing to borrow these tapes without customs difficulties, Edward V. Auer, 300 N. Broadway, Yonkers 3, N. Y., has made copies and has offered to send them out. Present tapes include one on soul-winning in the Sunday school, one on discipline, and one giving four talks on the value and method of reaching children.

Mr. and Mrs. William Oglesby Assisted in Albany, Georgia

LESTER WILSON, 1303 8th Ave., Albany, Ga.: Mr. and Mrs. William Oglesby of Victoria, Va., assisted much in the Albany, Ga. assembly, especially with the DVBS, while I was in the North for a month. Two or three children and two adults professed. The Christians enjoyed the Oglesbys' help and fellowship.

Sickness Strikes Both Mr. and Mrs. Kosin

WESLEY KOSIN, P. O. Box 338, Fort Washakie, Wyo., September 19: My wife Gladys was hospitalized for four days in Grand Forks, N. D. God then gave us a safe journey to Hurdsville, where He had prepared a place for her to rest for a few days, and where I had the privilege to minister and enjoy the fellowship of the saints; though I had Shingles at the same time. Gladys is now up and about, and hopes to consult a cardiologist in the Chicago area next month. God has also given me relief from the severe pain caused by the shingles. We praise Him for these experiences in the assurance that all these things work together for good to us. We seek prayer that we shall be pliable for our perfect Master to mold and make us after His will.

We continue meetings at the jail and in Indian homes, and pray for greater progress in the language so that each will hear the Gospel preached in a language he can comprehend as well as in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Italian Conference Conducted in Waterbury, Conn.

CESARE PATRIZIO, 224 W. Loudon St., Philadelphia, Pa., 19120: The annual Italian conference, conducted in Waterbury, Conn. from August 30 through September 2, was one of the best and largest of the 34 such conferences held thus far. One person was saved on Sunday evening.

We left September 7 for Canada again, to continue house-to-house visitation among the Italians, especially in Toronto where the Lord saved a few persons through the visitation we did there during the summer. Many doors are open for us to visit there.

Earl Miller Ministered in Mid-western States

EARL MILLER, 702 W. Barner, Lot 14, Frankfort, Ind.: After an absence of over ten years, I had series of meetings in several places in Midwestern states. It was good to meet the Christians and minister to them again, and to see them going on faithfully for the Lord. I would have liked to visit other assemblies there, but was scheduled for the October Workers Conference in Virginia as well as other series of meetings in the Washington, D. C. area, so could stay not longer in the West.



Betty McGehee Is Recovering From Recent Illness

JOHN McGEHEE, 467 Beechtree Dr., Cincinnati, Ohio, 45224: My wife Betty was released from Belmont Community Hospital in Chicago on September 3, and came home by air the same day. During five weeks of tests the doctors had finally diagnosed her trouble as an infection in her right lung. The prescribed medication has apparently brought the infection under control, and her strength is gradually building up. She has been instructed, however, to return to Belmont Hospital within three months for further X-rays of her lung. In the meantime she is encouraged to be as active as she feels like being. We are deeply grateful to the Lord and the skill of the doctors for the measure of improvement in her health. We are praying that, if it please the Lord, she may make a full recovery without having to undergo an operation.



Lot Given for Chapel in Marmora, N. J.

EDWARD RICHMOND, Box 298, Ocean City, N. J.: We are having excellent children's meetings in Marmora, N. J., and are greatly encouraged. Since starting the work there over one year ago we have prayed about having a building of our own such as we have in the Dover, Del., work, where we began with nothing and where



the Christians now have a fine building. The latter is now paid for, and the assembly there goes on well. Marmora offers a golden opportunity for gospel work and testimony.

There was a good lot for a building in the heart of the town, on the corner a few hundred feet from the V. F. W. building which we have been using. We wondered if it would be possible to get this lot, and how we could pay for it if the owner would sell it. The value would be about \$1,700. We learned that the owner was a fine Christian whose son has been coming to our Friday night meetings since we started. We told him the story of our work and of our desire to put up a suitable building. A short time later he told me, "If you want that lot for your work for the Lord it is yours at no cost."

Now we hope to put up a place about

30' by 50', doing most of the work ourselves when the Lord enables us to get the materials. Pray for this project, please.

500 Attend Atlantic Conference

PETER PELL, 1117 Courtney St., N. W., Grand Rapids, Mich., 49504, September 24: I just returned from the Atlantic, Iowa conference, where over 500 of the Lord's people enjoyed a time of happy fellowship together.

From there I went to Minneapolis for twelve meetings on prophecy, using A. E. Booth's chart, "Eternity to Eternity." These were very well attended, and the half hour question period was enjoyed by many more than the lesson period. You get such a variety of things never touched on in the message.

Siler City, N. C., Arlington and Newport News, Va., are on the list for October and November.

Thirteen Persons Baptized in Winston-Salem, N. C.

TOMMY STEELE, Sr., P. O. Box 7472, Winston-Salem, N. C.: Thirteen persons were baptized on a recent Sunday at the Glen Avenue Gospel Chapel, among them twin boys, two brothers from another family, a brother and sister, and a married couple.

John Milton Mills of Goldsboro ministered here for almost two weeks in September. His ministry was greatly appreciated by the Christians, and gave evidence of his years of diligent application to searching the Scriptures.

We expect Worth Ellis of Durham to be in Winston-Salem November 10-17. I am to undertake some gospel meetings in Fayetteville November 17-24. On November 10 I am to be with the Christians in Columbia, S. C.

Bible Classes Taught for Korean and Japanese Women

GRACE WATSON, 17 Belle Aire Rd., Colorado Springs, Colo.: Bible classes for Korean and Japanese ladies and their children continue here. Many have moved away with their husbands who are in the armed forces, but some are having Bible classes in their homes in Hawaii, Japan and Junction City, Kansas. Two ladies were saved recently after their Japanese friends had witnessed to them of the power of Christ to redeem.

Friday night children's classes have begun again with a larger attendance than when we finished last spring. We are especially thankful for more workers this year. It is hoped that parents will be reached through a Bible centered child training program with a definite gospel emphasis.

Twenty-one Profess Faith at Iowa Bible Camp

KARL PFAFF, 2613 S. Martha, Sioux City, Iowa, 51106, September 23: I was privileged to spend two weeks at Camp Elim in Colorado, more than a week at Kansas Bible Camp, and one week at a camp near Sioux City. At the Iowa Bible Camp we reached the greatest number in the seven years we have been in operation. Two hundred, twenty-four registered. Twenty-four of these were counselors and staff members. Seventy-seven had not attended the camp before, and twenty-one made professions of faith in Christ. We have since been hearing of some who are making good progress in the Christian life. In the fall youth camp a good number expressed desire for a longer week end for this conference.

In the Sioux City assembly, one of the Sunday school girls was brought to Christ last week. She had wanted to be saved for some time.

The weekly meeting for children began last week, with very good response. We trust it will build up to what we saw last year when many more attended than in previous years.

There is much to be done here, particularly in visiting; and we desire guidance and direction from the Lord, that in all things He will have the pre-eminence.

Midwestern Conferences Well Attended

F. W. SCHWARTZ, 14283 Terry St., Detroit, Mich., 48227: At the conference at Atlantic, Iowa, the ministry was shared by Peter Pell, O. E. Magee, Leonard Lindsted, Joseph Balsan, H. G. Hewlett and myself. It was a time of happy fellowship and much profit. Following the conference I had a few nights each in Atchison and Kansas City, and a week in Guthrie, Okla. Attendance in each place was encouraging, and we look to see the Lord working. Thomas McCullagh's daily radio program from Guthrie seems to get good interest.



Young People in Palmer, Alaska, Respond to the Lordship of Christ

HAROLD RICHARDS, Valley Christian Home, Wasilla Rd., Palmer, Alaska: A conference for young Christians was conducted at the Home August 26-30, followed by an all-day conference on Labor Day. Nineteen young people enrolled. Murdy Getty from Clover Bar, Alta., and Tommy Thompson of Anchorage,

Alaska were the speakers. In the morning ministry of the Word was given, followed by an open forum of questions and answers which proved to be very profitable. The lordship of Christ was stressed. The Gospel was preached each night; the highest evening attendance was 94. People admitted being convicted during these meetings.

Six young people openly yielded to the lordship of Christ. Many proved their own salvation. One girl professed faith in Christ the day before the conference.

Much prayer is needed as these young people are now tried and tested at school and work, and that their lives may not be confused and stumbled by inconsistent older Christians.

George Pinches Recalls Over 60 Years of Service

GEORGE PINCHES, 1013 Main St., Pella, Iowa, 50219: At 85, I look back to a long period of service for our Lord. I



labored in the Gospel and the ministry of the Word for more than 60 years without a break through sickness. I am now restricted to ministry on Sunday mornings.

I have served the Lord in the U. S. A., Canada and the British Isles, seeing my most triumphant fruit in the Isles through a period of eight visits, preaching in the big tents and ministering to assemblies. All the strength and blessings were of God, who has done more than we asked, giving souls to Christ and helping saints on the journey home. For which His unworthy servant offers praise and gives all the glory.

Children of Montmagny Christians Must Attend Roman Catholic Schools

FERNAND ST-LOUIS, C. P. 871, Montmagny, Quebec: There are no Protestant schools at Montmagny, either English or French—only French Catholic schools. The nearest Protestant English school is about 50 miles away, and the nearest Protestant French school, 100 miles away. However, the Catholic authorities answered favorably to our request that the catechism and religious teaching not be taught to our children. But some psychological pressure is still being put on our young children; e.g.,

one teacher asked the class to make a "conscience test" while she enumerated several sins in order to help the pupils think. She said, "Confess to God that you have attended Protestant meetings;" and afterward took the Christian girl to church for confession although our request had been legally accepted. We called up the Catholic authorities again in order that they might respect their word.

Many Saved at McAuley Mission

ERNEST WOODHOUSE, 243 Devon Rd., Washington Tp., Westwood, N. J., September: Attendance, general interest, and response have been most encouraging during our twelve weeks of operation in the new McAuley Water Street Mission. Although we have been limited to a one floor operation (our basement and second floor are not yet in use) and so have been without kitchen facilities, we have served 10,430 sandwiches. Our attendance at the services has totaled 10,859 over the ten-week period; and there have been, we believe, numerous conversions among the 120 who have responded. The first of six radio programs is to go over the air October 7.

About 86 articles of clothing have been distributed since the Mission opened. Our stock of used men's clothing needs constant replenishment. We are currently providing temporary employment for six men already in the process of rehabilitation. A real change has been observed in each life.

The city of New York was represented at our first week-night service by two probation officers. Their office has been sufficiently impressed by the work to channel need in our direction.

Very soon we expect to take over our new kitchen and dining rooms, in the basement, and to open our dormitory and medical clinic on the second floor. Our first medical clinic is planned for the evening of October 8. We are now in earnest prayer about finishing the third floor dormitory.

Thirty-six Attend Ladies' Bible Class in North Palm Beach, Florida

C. ERNEST TATHAM, 737 Teal Way, North Palm Beach, Fla.: After directing the Bible conferences at Guelph, Ont., for about ten weeks, I am back in the North Palm Beach area to stay for the next few months.

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BE A LOOKER OVER, NOT AN OVER LOOKER



By H. G. MAC KAY

The Lamp of Prophecy

The Purpose and Profit of Prophetic Study

The prophetic element in Scripture is both interesting and important, but it presents two inherent dangers. First, there is the danger of the motive for study becoming carnal curiosity rather than spiritual exercise. A second danger lies in the interpretation of prophecy. It is imperative to be on guard lest an unbridled imagination usurp the role of the illuminating Spirit of Truth. Yet these dangers—real though they be—must not be allowed to deter us from a careful examination of the Prophetic Word, lest we miss the blessing promised to “him that readeth, and them that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein” (Revelation 1:3).

Some may question the value of such a study. “Would it not be more profitable to concentrate on the present with its many problems and perplexities, and to seek scriptural solutions to them, rather than to attempt to probe into the future?” In answer, the following reasons for prophetic study are advanced.

1. Prophecy is described as a light in a dark place to which we are exhorted to give heed.

We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place (II Peter 1:19).

The darker the night, the brighter this prophetic lamp shines, and the greater need there is for heeding its cheering, guiding message.

2. Prophecy magnifies Christ.

The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy (Rev. 19:10).

Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into

all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will show you things to come. He shall glorify me: for He shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you (John 16:13, 14).

The central theme of the entire Bible is Christ. “In the volume of the book it is written of Me” (Hebrews 10:7). The prophetic Scriptures sob with the sufferings of the Saviour and scintillate with His glory.

...the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow (I Peter 1:10, 11).

Anything that increases our knowledge of our blessed Lord should be given careful consideration.

3. Prophecy enlightens us as to God's program.

This is extremely important. When we understand what God is now doing and what His plans for the future are, we are preserved from being sidetracked. Much conscientious labor could have been more wisely expended if there had been a better insight into “things to come” (John 16:13; Rev. 4:1). James's use of the prophetic program of God affords us a helpful example of its practical value:

And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me: Simon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for His name. And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of

David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: that the residue of men might seek after the Lord; and all the Gentiles, upon whom my Name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things. Known unto God are all His works from the beginning of the world. Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God (Acts 15:13-18).

4. Prophecy dispels discouragement.

The abounding sin and increasing God-forgiveness of our days can beget discouragement and defeatism in the child of God. To offset this there need to be large doses of the tonic of prophetic encouragement. It has been wisely said, “When discouraged or disheartened climb the golden staircase of prophecy and look ahead.” The Apostle Paul, after penning his great Spirit-given disclosure of the coming of Christ for His own, concludes: “Wherefore comfort one another with these words” (I Thessalonians 4:18). The prophetic Scriptures reveal the ultimate triumph of God and Christ.

And when all things shall be subdued unto Him, then shall the Son also Himself be subject unto Him that put all things under Him, that God may be all in all (I Corinthians 15:28).

5. Prophecy is a powerful incentive to holy living.

There is nothing impractical nor visionary about biblical prophecy; it is decidedly practical, and can exert a tremendous influence for godliness.

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in Him

purifieth himself, even as He is pure (1 John 3:2, 3).

Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of Him in peace, without spot, and blameless (11 Peter 3:11-14).

6. Prophecy is a constant stimulus to abounding service for the Lord.

Paul concludes his remarks on the coming of Christ, the resurrection of the righteous dead, and the rapture of the saints, with the stirring exhortation:

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord (1 Cor. 15:58).

7. Fulfilled prophecy is a strong proof of the inspiration of the Scriptures.

Many prophecies have already been fulfilled, and fulfilled in such a literal and detailed fashion as to preclude all thought of coincidence as an explanation. This becomes a powerful argument for the inspiration of the Scriptures; and in a day when the authenticity of the Bible is being assailed, such a vindication of inspiration is invaluable.

Next article: The Prominence of Prophecy in the Bible

LETTERS

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The Lord gave us much encouragement at Guelph, and the spiritual atmosphere seemed excellent. The attendance was high, and hit a record at some of the conferences. Best of all, we saw the Spirit of God at work in the lives of His children. A splendid spirit of unity prevails between the Committee and the Staff, and we all look back over the past 30 years at Guelph with genuine thanksgiving to God.

In the North Palm Beach area, the Bible classes are now in full swing. Besides evening meetings, I am again conducting four morning Ladies' "Coffees." Thirty-six women came to the first of these, most of them from the neighboring church groups.

In late November I go to Durham, N. C., for special meetings.

Over 60 Profess Faith at Graphite Day Camp, Ont.

DOUGLAS ROBINSON, R. R. 2, Bancroft, Ont.: During this third year of day camp at Graphite, Ont., over 60 boys and girls professed faith in Christ. Thus more than 180 have professed in these three years. Again over 700 children attended, and many who had made professions before testified that they were still going on for the Lord.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert McLaren, Sr., were with us again, and their untiring work of love was very much appreciated. My brother Iner Robinson also helped us, and has since moved to Arnprior, Ont., to work with the Christians there.

For much of our time we help in the local assemblies and follow up our day campers with correspondence courses.

Many Trust Christ at Pine Bush Camp, N. Y.

FRANKLIN SPANGLER, Julia Hasse Memorial Missionary Home, 201 3rd St., Union City, N. J.: I understand that sixty



sixty persons professed faith in Christ at Pine Bush Bible Camp, N. Y., this summer. I spent two weeks there, ministering to adults and seeking to help teenagers. Messrs. Alfred Gibbs and Robert Clark were also at

camp each of these weeks.

Since my ministry is largely to the missionaries and workers in connection with "Voices From the Vineyard" and the Missionary Home, my movements are somewhat confined to the metropolitan areas of New Jersey and New York. My home assembly also keeps me busy, and several times each month it is my privilege to visit other assemblies within a twenty-five mile radius to teach and preach.

New Visitation Program Begun in Hialeah, Florida Assembly

ELLIOT VAN RYN, 340 W. 56th St., Hialeah, Fla.: On September 17 we began a new visitation program. Six young men in the assembly go out each Tuesday evening in pairs, each pair to visit two families by previous appointment. They read a portion of the Word of God, pray,

and otherwise try to help those they visit. I continue to do much other visitation.

Several of these men have confessed that they went fearfully to try to help, and were blessed themselves instead. Said one, "How can we get discouraged, when we get such a blessing in doing it?"

A weekly ladies' Bible class in our home is studying Emmaus courses. In my judgment, there are three in the local assembly today who would not be there were it not for this class, coupled with visitation.

We conduct a weekly radio program, and when Dad is not here I do the speaking.

A few of the young men brought five-minute messages at the Labor Day Youth Conference in Augusta, Ga., where I shared the ministry with Dan Smith of Emmaus Bible School and Lester Wilson of Albany, Ga. The Lord gave us a profitable time.

Six persons were baptized in mid September: two boys aged nine, a girl of seventeen, a young married lady, and a married couple over 60. The young married lady's husband is not saved.

Attendance Grows in Tucson Assembly

JOHN HALLIDAY, 3907 E. Paseo Grande, Tucson, Ariz.: The excellent attendance of adults and children at the Bible Chapel has shown a marked increase over last year. A new extension to the building has just been completed under the excellent direction of Mr. Kermit C. Oestreich, who knows about construction in addition to being an electrical contractor. One room was extended to make a fine meeting room for the young people and to be available for crafts.

The high school class has grown much. We have welcomed the assistance of earnest Christian servicemen from a local air base, where a good work has been going on for God. The radio broadcast goes on, as well as the local home visitation which has been very rewarding.

Attracted to Christ by Radio Program

THOMAS McCULLAGH, 411 E. Logan Ave., Guthrie, Okla., 73055: A young man who lives in the country started coming to the chapel here through hearing our daily fifteen-minute radio program. He asked many questions, had them answered through the Word, and now loves the Lord, is in happy fellowship, and is bringing many others to the meetings.

One couple with their two children have left for Heath, Ohio, where there is no meeting, as the man was transferred there by his air base.

In mid November I expect to conduct gospel meetings in Denver, Colo.

NORTH AMERICAN IMPRESSIONS

by G. C. D. Howley

Editor of the Witness, British Isles

It is always good to visit old friends to see how they do, and there is double pleasure when in doing so one makes new friends. As I crossed the North Pole in a jet plane of Scandinavian Airlines en route for Alaska, I rejoiced in the knowledge of true friends I would meet in the United States and in Canada—and I was not disappointed. But perhaps I anticipate; I wish to record my impressions under three categories:

(1) Places. From Anchorage to Fairbanks: thence British Columbia, California, Chicago, Grand Rapids, Detroit, Cleveland, Durham (N. C.), Baltimore, New York, Toronto, Montreal...so lay my itinerary. It involved my visiting the most northerly point of my experience when in Alaska, as well as experiencing a heat wave in New York and Toronto.

It was clear that Alaska is a strategic area for Christian work, owing to its growing population and importance. It was encouraging to find there a small but seemingly thriving assembly work in both Anchorage and Fairbanks. Going from there to British Columbia, I moved among valued friends in Vancouver, having most encouraging meetings over two weeks at Granville Chapel. This included the Easter week end when Mr. Peter Pell and I shared responsibility for the ministry. It was delightful to visit Victoria again, and a few days at Quadra Bible Chapel served to renew contacts in that lovely city.

California is an attractive state. My two weeks there were spent in Oakland and Los Angeles, and in each city I found active and spiritual assemblies. This I felt to be true also of the fine work at San Diego, where I had one evening. There was a rustling of expectancy in Los Angeles, when I was there, with preparations for the Billy Graham Crusade; and keen interest was being shown in many places at that early stage. One useful evening was spent in that city at a downtown dinner with brethren, followed by a talk and discussion. This was the sort of opportunity that gave time for reflection on matters of importance in regard to our church testimony, and occurred a number of times during my journeyings.

A fine Missionary Study Class session in Chicago was followed by an encouraging series of meetings at La Grange and Woodside, besides the most valuable young men's week end at Lake Geneva,

Wis. Two days in Grand Rapids gave me the privilege of becoming acquainted with the Pell family; and it was a joy to return there the following week for the conference on Decoration Day, when Messrs. J. M. Davies, Peter Pell, William Pell and I took part in the ministry. One Sunday at Pembroke Chapel, Detroit, gave me a closer contact with that fine work, and the following days spent in and around the city demonstrated the extent and variety of assembly witness in the area.

Gracemount Chapel, Cleveland, is certainly an assembly with its own distinctive character; and this, being my third visit there, was a return amongst friends which I appreciated very much. From there I went to Durham, N. C., where the warmth and love of the Christians was seen again in the enjoyable Southern informality and hospitality. From there to Baltimore, for yet another return visit to Loch Hill Chapel; thence to Glen Head assembly, Long Island, for a week end; closing my U. S. visit with the most cheering experiences, a night each at the Kenilworth and Belmar assemblies, New Jersey.

Toronto is a city truly representative of the expanding economy of Canada, and therefore a place to "possess for Christ." Sundays at Leaside and Hilltop chapels gave me personally much to encourage. One can but admire the vision and imagination that has gone into the spiritual church-building at Hilltop—and this applies to much more than their unique chapel building. Bendale's young work seems to enjoy the good hand of God upon it, and the enthusiasm there was a tonic; while the older work at Bedford Park moves quietly forward in its maintenance of the true spirit of early brethren. St. Catharine's Bethany, and Hamilton (at both of which I spent an evening) also indicated progress in the life of the churches.

My last stop in Canada was at Montreal, where a full week end gave my first real insight into the Lord's work in Quebec, and where it was a joy to meet more old friends, besides enjoying the warm hospitality of new ones. A day was given to visiting Dr. Arthur Hill at Sherbrooke, and this was something to which I had looked forward. It was good to see Dr. Hill so well after his accident of some months back. A final dinner with a group of brethren at the Montreal air-

port restaurant, with an interesting discussion, closed my four-month period on the North American continent, and I arrived home on the morning of July 17.

(2) Personnel. My esteem for the leadership in many parts of the U. S. A. and Canada, from earlier visits, was confirmed by this visit. It was a privilege to meet—and in some cases to stay with—elders in the churches who were men of thoughtfulness and vision. There were contacts made with young men who are leaders in their spheres, some of them pioneers in new church development as in the case of a fine group of men in the Oakland area. I found Youth Fellowships that also enjoyed fine leadership, and had some interesting experiences with some of them, notably, perhaps, a banquet at Palo Alto, California.

It is an education to get to know missionaries and to learn about their work; and getting to know of the work done by Mr. T. J. Thompson in Anchorage, and Mr. Ernest Crabb in Fairbanks, impressed me with the potential of growing communities like those Alaskan cities, and the value of a virile local church witness against that background. This was furthered by conversations with Mr. Don Sauer (with whom I stayed in Fairbanks); and—for quite a different area of the world—with Mr. John Munday who serves the Lord in Ecuador, whom I met in Vancouver.

It is usually God's way to raise up someone to pioneer a work in its early stages, and one rejoices at the vision marking Dr. Hill, and the result of the work he and his colleagues have developed in Quebec. To develop without unnecessary inhibitions will mean advance in the Gospel, and this seems a characteristic element of evangelism in P. Q. Many of us could learn valuable lessons, in other parts of the world, from the work these dedicated men are doing. Another aspect of service was touched in lunches with the brethren in New York of "The Fields," and the Missionary Service Committee in Toronto. Here are two groups of brethren who are rendering a notable service to the missionary cause in their regular and systematic ministry, assisted by their respective office staffs.

Little will be done for God without some degree of warmth; and one example of warmth of spirit I was delighted to meet was during my few days in Peterborough, Ont., where the three assemblies united for the meetings; and where there seems to be a steady development in their witness. Zeal for the Lord was also in evidence in visiting groups of young people, as when I spoke at devotional services at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, at Wheaton College, and at some Inter-Varsity groups.

(3) Prospects. The past years have seen considerable growth in the assembly

work in Canada and the United States. The whole set-up seems, to an Englishman, to be first class; the fine chapels and halls, the camps and conference grounds, and the many people of all ages who are so ready to serve, provide grounds for hopes for the future. With this, there are now a greater number of men who are engaging in Bible and theological training, which will equip them additionally for the work of God in coming days. Many young men whom I met were thoughtful, serious minded, while yet entering into the current activities in very practical ways.

In every work for God there come times for reflection and stock-taking, and assembly work is no exception to this. Amongst the many in North America who are spiritual leaders there are not lacking those who see the great possibilities of the coming days and who are preparing in their local areas to respond to the challenge of today. The prospect is bright where this attitude prevails—and it has been an enrichment to see so much that is calculated to stimulate true devotion to Christ and the Gospel.

Hospital Chaplain Ministers to Old and Young

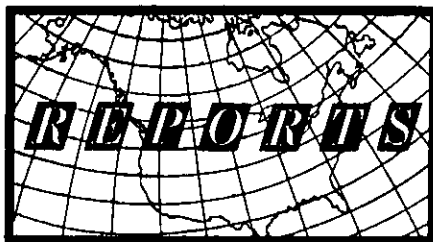
ROBERT ARTHUR, R. 2, Box 606E, Tacoma, Wash. 98422: I have ministered to several aged patients, who enjoy having the Word of God read to them. Now a junior high school girl, who has had no background in the things of God, seems to respond to daily contacts and the reading of Christian literature. Would that she might be as some of the high school campers who yielded their hearts to Christ at Eagle Fern Camp, Oregon, this summer.

With The Lord

Mrs. William McCulloch

Mrs. William McCulloch of Stanley, N. C. went to be with the Lord on September 4 after a prolonged illness.

She was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and found the Lord as her Saviour there. After her marriage, she and her husband were commended to the Lord's work from the assembly in Pasadena, Calif. in 1930. They served the Lord together in Jamaica for twelve years, and the Lord honored their labor there with precious souls. In recent years, due to her illness, they have lived in Stanley, N. C. seeking to serve the Lord in the assembly there. Mr. McCulloch survives his wife and continues laboring at Stanley.



Workers Needed at Milnes Landing, B. C.

Work continues at Sooke Gospel Hall in Milnes Landing, B. C., but this country place must cope with many changes due to the movement of the population to others places of employment. Workers are needed to live here where there are many opportunities for service among both children and adults.

In view of some current teachings on the Gift of Tongues, Mr. J. M. Davies of India gave a much appreciated series of talks on this subject at the Victoria Gospel Hall, Victoria, B. C. during September. An encouraging aspect of these meetings was the spirit of fellowship from all six Victoria assemblies, who cancelled their week night meetings to participate in this ministry.

The ministry of Robert McClurkin September 21-27 was practical and uplifting, and was also much appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Shantz Confined to Home

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Shantz of Peterborough, Ont., are both greatly limited in their activity by illness: Mrs. Shantz by Parkinson's Disease from which she has suffered for many years, Mr. Shantz by arthritis. Advanced age adds its limitations, and they are confined to their home most of the time. Whereas their daughter and son-in-law give much love and consideration to them, the support of other Christians in prayer and friendship would be much appreciated.

William Cummings is Missed

We bid farewell to a much loved elder and Christian businessman, William Cummings, when he went to be with his Lord on June 18. He is missed not only by us, but also by many he aided spiritually on his business trips, and by several missionaries who were encouraged by his letters. As believers, his wife, his four sons and his daughter all find cheer in the expectation of seeing him again.

L. R. Richmond, Correspondent, Sixteenth and MacDonald Gospel Hall, Vancouver, B. C.

Former Mining Camp Worker Called Home

Neal De Young, who used to work with Lloyd Ballhagen in mining camps near Tylertown, Miss., passed into the presence of His Lord August 9, 1963. Messrs De Young and Ballhagen also visited public schools with the Gospel and distributed Christian literature.

New Assembly Forming in Toronto Subdivision

For some time a group of Christians in the Toronto area have been praying together and investigating the possibility of establishing a local church in the northeast section of Toronto. A group has formed and purchased property in the heart of Don Valley Village, a large new subdivision. A children's work has been begun in a new school close to the property, and Sunday meetings are being held in homes for the time being.

It is expected that several thousand people will be living within walking distance of the chapel site within a year. Prayer is requested as we seek to meet this challenge and opportunity in God's wisdom and strength.

—Dr. R. O. Stephens, Secretary

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Write us something with your pen.

Christians Asked to Consider Needs of Los Angeles

In the July-August edition of Letters of Interest, David T. Harvey called attention to the great need in our exploding population, and asked what plans are being made to help meet this need. We heartily agree with this timely reminder, and have begun putting into operation some of the plans already made.

Massive needs confront us in California, which has become the most populous state in the nation. We understand that in Los Angeles alone there are about 1,000,000 Mexican people and over 700,000 Negroes, among whom we began to labor seventeen years ago. Look on the fields. Look on Los Angeles. Look at the great need all around the Southside Gospel Hall.

Edwin Carey, correspondent for the Southside Gospel Hall, Los Angeles

Floods Break Dams at Tonalea, Arizona

Claude Minkler, who works among the Navajos in the Tonalea, Arizona area, reports that there has been so much rain on the Navajo reservation that several earthen dams in the area have been washed out, releasing their contents into Red Lake and forcing the Minkler family to higher ground.

A school boy was saved on his way to boarding school at Tonalea. As in former years, the Minklers have resumed conducting release time classes for the Tonalea school children.

Thirteen Trust Christ at Ohio Assemblies Camp

The Afton and Cincinnati, Ohio assemblies rented the Y.W.C.A. facilities on the Whitewater River near New Trenton, Ind., for the period of August 26-30. Eighty-three campers were enrolled. Jim Leeman of the Afton assembly was camp director, and Christians from both assemblies served as counselors and leaders. Fred Gladstone of Savannah, Ga., was special speaker. Thirteen youngsters trusted the Lord, and most of these gave good testimonies at the Thursday night camp fire.

Spiritual growth also took place in the counselors and leaders, through the course of study they finished and their participation in camp work. Several of these had themselves trusted the Lord only in the last three or four years.

The Camp Committee voted unanimously to conduct another camp next year, for a longer period if possible. Should the facilities be available we may run a week of camp for children, followed by another week for young people.

—John McGehee

New Assembly Meets in Orlando, Fla.

A group of Christians in Orlando, Fla. have rented rooms in the Dover Shores Elementary School at Gaston Foster below Lake Underhill Rd., near the Orlando airport. Eighteen participated in their first Remembrance Feast on Sunday, May 26. Schedule of meetings: Sunday — Remembrance Feast, 9:45 a.m., Family Bible Hour and Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Wednesday—Prayer and Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.

Christians from other assemblies visiting Orlando will be welcome to have fellowship with us.

J. George Anderson, Correspondent, 3900 Harbour Dr., Orlando, Fla.

Literature in Many Languages Distributed in Boston Port

In his efforts to reach seamen in port at Boston, Mr. James Gibb gives tracts, gospels, New Testaments and Bibles in many languages. In one month he used literature in all the following languages: Chinese, Hebrew, Dutch, Spanish, Swedish, Japanese, Yugoslavian, and Arabic.

When he has a good opening for discussion of spiritual things, Mr. Gibb gives the seaman the address of a Christian worker in his home port, recommending that he see this person. He also writes to the worker suggesting that he endeavor to follow up the seaman. He had such an opportunity with the Dutch radio operator on a Greek ship, but knew of no worker in his home city of Rotterdam, Holland to whom to refer him. If any reader knows of such a worker in Rotterdam, Mr. Gibb would appreciate receiving the worker's name and address. Write to Mr. James Gibb, 22 Ridge Road, Belmont 78, Mass.

New Chapel Replaces Old in Chicago

The Washington Heights assembly has moved one block from the Washington Heights Bible Chapel to their new Beverly Bible Chapel at 1415 W. 104th St., Chicago. Last November a group of local investors made us a very attractive offer for our old building, and with it a very good corner lot. We accepted the offer, and the new building has just been completed.

The Beverly Bible Chapel was dedicated on Sunday, September 22. The bank president, architect, contractor, and many of the building tradesmen were present, as well as a good number of neighbors. Mr. Welcome Detweiler of Durham, N. C., gave the dedication message to a capacity audience.

He followed this with two weeks of meetings, using the chart, "Two Roads and Two Destinies." The Christians had visited over 150 homes and canvassed 1,500 homes with invitations; as a result

some visitors attended every night. Mr. Detweiler carried on a full schedule of visitation each day, and was of great spiritual help to many neighborhood families. At least four professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and many others were definitely converted. Some visiting Christians attended almost every evening, and expressed that they were greatly helped by the messages.

Pray with us that all of these things will work together for an increase of blessing in our midst. We express our sincere gratitude to Mr. Detweiler for his complete cooperation and help during these two wonderful weeks, and wish him God's richest blessing in the future.

Donald J. Thomson, Correspondent, Beverly Bible Chapel.

Counselors Sought for Pine Bush, New York

At least 46 campers received Christ as Saviour at Pine Bush Bible Camp, in Orange County, N. Y. Many others were spiritually enriched and have determined to put Christ first in the coming year. Emmaus Bible Correspondence Courses were available for all who desired to learn more about God's Word and to prepare themselves better for His service.

The Lord supplied excellent counselors, and a good spirit of cooperation was evident throughout the summer. But more counselors are always needed; we are always looking for godly, mature young Christians with a deep concern for the souls of young people, who will give a week or more at camp.

During the teen-age week the Holy Spirit did vital work in the lives of many, and others took Christ as their personal Saviour.

Two new cabins were added to the growing number of buildings. The new chapel, completed last season, provided improved facilities for speakers and children. There is always plenty of work at Pine Bush. People wishing to help are welcome to come on Saturdays in the fall and spring. Carpenters, plumbers, mechanics, gardeners and other craftsmen are especially needed.

Two Couples Break Bread in Wichita Falls, Texas

In Wichita Falls, Tex., two couples meet for the Lord's Supper whenever possible. They would greatly enjoy having fellowship with any Christians visiting their area, and would welcome the opportunity to remember the Lord with them. Persons expecting to travel to this city and desiring to meet Christians there should write for information to Mr. David Silver, 4405 McCrory, Wichita Falls, Tex.

Berkeley Heights Assembly Hopes to Build Chapel

The Mountain Ridge Bible Chapel assembly had been meeting in Berkeley Heights, N. J., for a year by September. The Christians, originally coming from several other local assemblies, have become closer knit together and have experienced blessing and refreshment as they have gathered around the Word of God and have had fellowship with each other.

Sunday services have been held in a local school auditorium, the Lord's Supper at 9:30 a.m. and a combined Family Bible Hour and Sunday School at 11 a.m. Invitations in print and by personal visitation have not succeeded in bringing adults into the school; distinterest may be due to aversion to attending services there. Thirty adults are in fellowship, and about 55 persons, on an average, attend the combined Bible Hour and Sunday School. Most encouraging has been a Friday night children's hour held in a home, and attended by as many as 44 interested boys and girls. We hope to have a two weeks' children's series this fall with Mel Wistner of Plainfield.

After much prayer for guidance, the assembly has purchased a two and one-fourth acre plot of land on a main street, on which to build a chapel.

Christians visiting in this area are welcome to have fellowship with us, at the Mountain Park Elementary School.

—Edward D. Whittle, Correspondent

History Reviewed at Dedication of La Grange, Ill. Chapel

About six months ago the assembly in La Grange, Ill., began meeting in their new chapel at 6425 Willow Springs Rd., La Grange. On September 22 they met to formally dedicate the chapel to the service of the Lord. A brief history of the development of their testimony was printed on the dedication programs.

The work began in La Grange in 1949 as the result of a weekly Bible study taught by Messrs J. Milford Wittkamper and W. G. McCartney. Some time later the Christians rented the La Grange Masonic Temple and began to break bread there, as well as to conduct a Family Bible Hour, evangelistic services, and Friday evening children's programs which were enthusiastically attended. They purchased valuable property on the corner of La Grange Rd. and Harding Ave. in La Grange Park, but the Lord never allowed them to build on it. Instead it proved to be an investment for the future.

Later the assembly moved to the American Legion Hall in Western Springs, and

with the new location came new families to help in the work.

Before the property on Willow Springs Rd. was purchased the La Grange Rd. property was sold and the money for it applied to the new land and toward part of the building costs. A loan from Stewards Foundation also helped with the cost of constructing the new chapel.

As the Christians recalled the events of the last fourteen years, they rejoiced to see how the Lord had led from one step to another, so that they now had a new building of their own and many more persons to help in the work.

Mr. Theo. McCully gave an apt dedication message based on Haggai 1:1-8 and 13-15. Others who took part in the program were Messrs James D. Kennedy, Roy Chapman, Albert G. Ceren, Gerald F. Hawthorne, Jack Gawley, John Straumann, and Miss Beth McGeehee; as well as many others who assisted in preparing and serving the fellowship tea following the service and otherwise helped to make the occasion memorable.

NEWS BITS

Continued from page 5

THOMAS McCULLAGH of Guthrie, Okla., expects to conduct gospel meetings in Denver, Colo., in mid November.

MR. A. A. McLAUGHLIN has begun to work again in New York City and surrounding areas after recovering from a winter of illness.

MR. W. ARCHIE McLELLAN of Detroit labored for two months on the Gaspé Coast, Quebec, before returning to Michigan in the late summer. Some of his work in Quebec and Michigan was with Daily Vacation Bible Schools.

DAVID METLER of Portales, N. M., who injured his arm in a fall in July, writes that the arm, though still sore, is healing well.

J. PHILIP MORGAN writes that the work at New Smyrna Beach, Fla. is progressing wonderfully well. In recent weeks new children started coming into the Sunday school, where growth had been the slowest.

MR. R. PEACOCK of Vancouver has had good response recently among Roman Catholics as he has preached the Gospel publicly and worked in house-to-house visitation in British Columbia.

DONALD PERRAULT and his wife are caring for 42 Navajo children this year from six to eighteen years old, in the Immanuel Mission, Tucco Nos Pos, Ariz. This group includes seven little beginners.

In the early fall GEORGE RAINEY of Sorento, Fla. ministered in several Ontario towns, and took the gospel message from farm to farm.

ERNEST SPRUNT of St. Catharines, Ont. and GORDON REAGER of Rosemont, Pa. were to conduct a two week's gospel campaign in Harrisburg, Pa., after which they purposed to preach the Gospel and minister the Word of God in Alaska until early in December.

TOMMY STEELE Jr. of Winston-Salem, N. C. continues to minister effectively to young people, using chalk talks with black lighting as well as preaching the Gospel and ministering the Word of God.

MARY TAYLOR of Westlock, Alta. assisted at the Bethel Bible Camp and Plover Lake Bible Camp during the summer, and is now teaching Bible classes again in the schools in her neighborhood.

AUGUST VAN RYN of Hialeah, Fla. ministered for a week to the assembly in Murrysville, Pa.; and wrote that the Christians there, though a small group, love the Bible and maintain a fine testimony in their neighborhood.

CHARLES VAN RYN took Sunday meetings for ten weeks at Harbour Springs, Mich.; and has been able to take Sunday meetings and a few week-night meetings since moving to Muskegon, Mich. in the spring. He is not physically able to carry a heavier work load.

BOOK EXCHANGE

WANTED

Montague Goodman's books on personal work with young people, Box 11, Letters of Interest, 127 S. Wacker Dr., Chicago, Ill. 60606.

The Gospel in the Stars, J. A. Seiss; Edmund Hammer Broadbent (biography), The Epistle to the Hebrews, The Histories and Prophecies of David, History and Diaries of an Indian Christian, The Revelation of Jesus Christ, World Chaos—Its Root and Remedy, by G. H. Lang; A History of the Plymouth Brethren, by W. B. Neatby; Darbyism, Its Rise and Development, by Groves. M. C. Porter, 322 Brookline St., Cambridge 39, Mass.

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ASSEMBLY CHANGES

Glebe Mount Gospel Chapel Toronto, Ontario

Correspondent, Wilfred P. Houghton,
now at 8 Tidendale Dr., Agincourt, Ontario.

La Brea Gospel Chapel Los Angeles, California

Now the Ladera Bible Chapel at 1437
Centinella Ave. in Inglewood, Calif.
The time of the Lord's Supper has
been changed from 9:30 to 9:15 a.m.

Westwood Gospel Chapel Hamden, Connecticut

Moved to 165 Hillfield Road.

New Assembly in Orlando, Florida

Meets at the Dover Shores Elementary
School. See report, p. 18.

Bethany Gospel Chapel Swansea, Massachusetts

Correspondent, William Horner, at 50
Fairhaven Ave., Swansea, Mass.

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at Box 131, Richmond Hill, N. Y.,
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Northern Hills Bible Chapel Cincinnati, Ohio

New correspondent: Dr. T. D. Parks,
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Gospel Chapel Guthrie, Okla.

New correspondent: Herbert C. O'-
Brannon, 419 E. Cleveland, Guthrie;
telephone 282-4862. Time of Wednes-
day Prayer and Bible Study hour
changed from 7:45 to 7:30 p.m.

Willamette Gospel Chapel Eugene, Oregon

Correspondent, Michael J. Keefe, now
at 783 W. 19th Ave., Eugene.

Colorado Home Ministers to 54 Young People

Our population at the Christian Home
for Children in Colorado Springs, Colo.,
is down to 32 boys and girls (40 reported
December 1962—Ed.), while we have six-
teen in Christian foster homes and six
boarding at Christian high schools.
(With the secularization of our public
schools, and because we want our teen-
agers to get a Christian education, we
have sent six to Christian high schools in
other states.)

Since June 30 workers Gil and Thelma
Hernandez and Marlys Anderson have
left us, Gil and Thelma to take up Bible
correspondence work in Mexico, and
Marlys Anderson to attend the Bible
Institute of Los Angeles. Miss Evelyn
Taylor has come to take Marlys' respon-
sibilities. Jack Hardwick (who was on
our staff several years ago) is helping
temporarily with some of Gil's and Thel-
ma's responsibilities, and is helping with
Mrs. Elsie Fredell's group while she is
convalescing in the hospital from a seri-
ous kidney infection. All of the workers
are now looking to the Lord for our

needs, and we share only in gifts which
are specified for the workers.

We ended our fiscal year with total
assets in the general fund of \$96,539, and
no liabilities. Cash receipts for the year
were \$37,989, including \$4,517 from as-
semblies and \$30,349 from individuals.
Our total disbursements of \$38,317 were
several thousand dollars under those for
the previous year. Considering that we
averaged about 54 children, both in
foster homes and at the Home here, it
cost a little less than \$60 per month to
maintain each youngster.

About \$2,000 less was spent on grocer-
ies than in the previous fiscal year, for the
following reasons: we received more out-
right gifts of food for which no receipts
were required; we had fewer youngsters
at the Home and proportionately more
in Christian foster homes; and our cooks,
Miss Letizia Trulli and Mrs. Eva Armit-
age effected economies in food prepara-
tion without sacrificing either the nutri-
tional value or tastiness of the meals.

With total assets in the building fund
of \$19,327 at the end of this fiscal year,
we believe that God would have us do
something very soon, and would value
prayers for His guidance.

—Robert Sawyer, Superintendent

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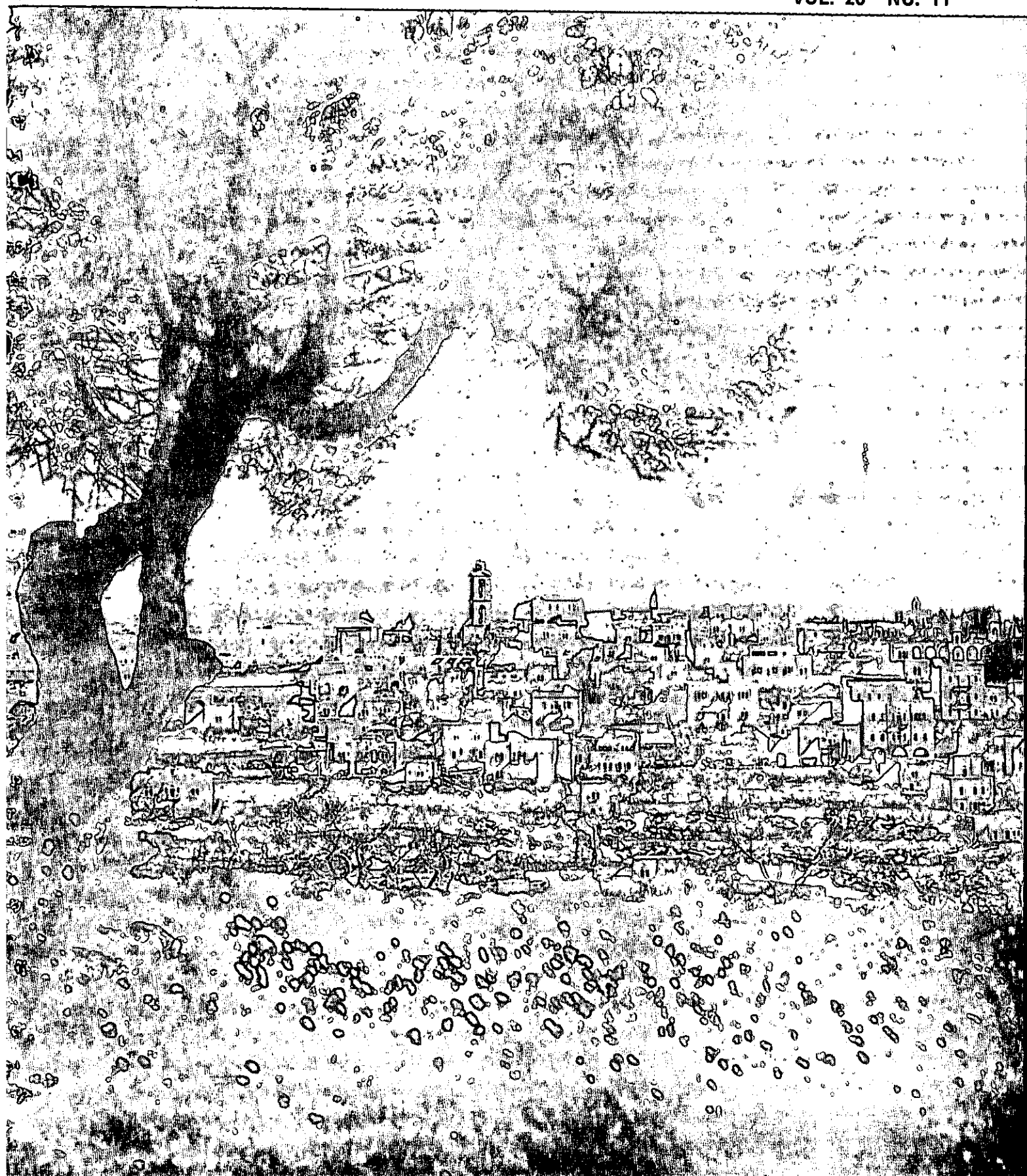
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A monthly magazine devoted especially to the promotion and encouragement of pioneer work in the United States and Canada in connection with assemblies.

A Message

From an Old Bible Wallet

by C. E. Tatham

Last week I "pensioned off" my old worn Bible wallet.

This black, three-compartment brief case was given to me some twenty-five years ago by an esteemed friend, Mr. Walter J. Florence, of the Dearborn Chapel assembly, Detroit, Mich. And ever since it has travelled with me up and down the country, from coast to coast, and even overseas. On such travels it has carried not only my Bible, but also notes, stationery, and other small commodities. It thus became part of my essential traveling equipment; in fact, it was almost part of me.

But a few evenings ago, at the close of a Christian banquet where I was speaking, a leading brother came up to me and eyed—rather critically, I felt—my leather traveling companion. Picking it up, he inspected it unsympathetically. I noticed that he didn't miss the smudges, the tears and the obvious re-stitchings. And as I too looked I could only secretly agree that it *did* look pretty battered. But still I loved it!

"Is this the best you have?" he asked with a twinkle. "Don't you think that it is about time that you got a new one?"

He was right, of course. And as I later checked it more carefully I discovered that the leather was actually rotten, and would tear apart under little pressure. And so I have taken his advice. And now I am using a new and larger brief case that a dear friend gave me recently.

But that old wallet seemed to speak to me as it closed its more than twenty-five years of service. It whispered that at the Judgment Seat of Christ its owner would not be inspected for names and labels, but rather for rips and scars! The Lord will not ask, "How much traveling did you do, how many countries did you visit and how many times were you appreciated and congratulated?" But He will look for scars, tears and rips. His searching question will be, "How much did you suffer for My sake?" . . . And I'm just afraid that my face is going to be pretty red.

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4. As a service to the Lord's people, to forward gifts to laborers in the Gospel as specified by the giver, and to distribute without partiality gifts which are not earmarked for specific workers.
5. To be of service generally to the Lord's people.

Addresses shown with workers' letters are their home addresses, not the places from which the letters may have been written.

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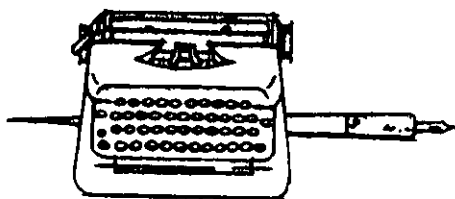
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Editors' Page

ABSENTEEISM

Losses in industry because of absenteeism are estimated to cost millions of dollars each year. Personnel specialists give much attention to seeking ways to reduce labor absence and thus increase business profits.

Absenteeism can also be a major problem in the local assembly. Most Christians attend the Lord's Supper, the Family Bible Hour and Sunday evening teaching or preaching service with enthusiasm. But in many places only a fraction of those who come on Sunday manifest enough interest or allegiance to be present for assembly prayer and Bible study.

One has stated:

"If you attend the Lord's Supper, you love the Lord.

"If you attend the evening service, you also love His Word.

"If you attend the prayer meeting, you love the Lord and His Word and His people as well."

Perhaps the author of Hebrews recognized a similar problem when he wrote, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more as ye see the day approaching."

John writes in his first epistle, "...truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ... But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another...."

Should our Lord be deprived of our prayers?

Should our souls be deprived of His Word?

Should His people be deprived of our fellowship?

To the reader the challenge is issued: Do you want spiritual losses, due to absenteeism in the assembly, to be reduced? Do you want spiritual profits to be increased?

—James D. Kennedy

ABEL OFFERINGS IN THE SPIRIT OF CAIN

As those who are redeemed by the precious blood of Christ from a vain course of life, it is possible for us to please God always, not alone with the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name, but also with the work of our hands. Abel no less than Cain brought to God the fruit of his labor, for while Cain was a tiller of the ground, Abel was a keeper of sheep. The Lord respected Abel as well as his offering, for his blood sacrifice was offered in a humble spirit. The Lord rejected Cain and his offering because not only was the sacrifice unbloody, but the spirit was unbowed. Certainly in subsequent times the Israelites were commanded to bring to God their first ripe grains, fruits, produce, such even as Cain's rejected offering.

Consequently, if as a child of God I offer to Him the building of a chapel, the writing of an exposition of Scripture, the preaching of a gospel sermon, a contribution of money for His work, or the routine of my daily life, it all depends on the spirit of the offering as to whether or not it is acceptable.

So it is possible that I, redeemed by that precious blood which Abel's sacrifice foreshadowed, may yet present the work of my hands or the fruit of my lips in the spirit of Cain, and find my offering rejected. Or I may offer in

the humble, contrite spirit of Abel, acknowledging that I have nothing which I did not receive by His grace, and have my offering graciously accepted.

To every child of God belongs the privilege of priesthood, but, as Peter tells us, it is only when we lay aside all malice, all guile, hypocrisies, envies, and all evil speakings, feeding on the Word of God as newborn babes and growing thereby, that we are built up a holy priesthood, able to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

—Donald M. Taylor

THE LAND TO WHICH YOU GO

These words were spoken to the Israelites as they approached the Promised Land, in the time of Moses. To assure them of the Lord's presence, Moses comforted them also with the words, "The eyes of the Lord thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year" (Deut. 11:11, 12). His eyes are still on that land. "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. They shall prosper that love thee."

As we draw near to the close of 1963 and approach a new year, it is good to know that we have a loving and kind God watching over our land as well as over us individuals. We also can raise our "Ebenezer" and say, "Hitherto hath the Lord blessed us." As this year comes to a close, meditate if you will on the words, "the eyes of the Lord." Our blessed Lord is saying to us today, "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go, I will guide thee with mine eye."

As Israel moved out of Egypt toward the land flowing with milk and honey, so we can leave 1963 with all of its failure, and move with the Lord into the blessings that He has in store in 1964 for those who love Him. We can depend on the eyes of the Lord "from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year." Because "He that keepeth thee will not slumber."

—J. W. Kennedy

NOBODY SEEMS TO NOTICE

Robert J. Little recently made a statement that is worth passing on to the readers of Letters of Interest. He said that one of the highest compliments that can be paid to any one, and one most difficult to take, is to be taken for granted. In other words, if one can be depended on, people just expect him to go on doing a good job and do not think too much about it.

Many dedicated elders, Sunday school teachers, and other assembly workers carry on faithfully year after year without any apparent recognition from others; yet this is, in reality, a great compliment to their ability.

So don't be discouraged in your service for the Lord when others do not seem to notice. Nothing escapes His gaze, and He has promised to reward His own for their faithfulness. With this in mind we should never be disheartened, but should be thrilled to think that we can be a blessing to the Lord and His people. Your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

—Donald Thomson

CONFERENCES

REPORT FROM ANNUAL WORKERS CONFERENCE

New Year Conference, Tampa, Fla.

The assembly meeting in the Central Gospel Hall in Tampa, Fla., is to conduct their annual conference January 1, at the Seminole Gospel Auditorium, 5103 Florida Ave. Schedule of meetings: 10 a.m., and 2:30, 5, and 7 to 8:15 p.m., with an interval for prayer before each service. Lunch and supper will be served. Speakers: George Walker, August Van Ryn, and others. Mr. Van Ryn is to continue with us through January 7.

—F. C. Thisse, Correspondent

New Year Conference, Pottstown, Pa.

All are are invited to the annual New Year's Day Conference sponsored by Christians meeting at the Hillside Gospel Chapel in Pottstown, Pa., to be held on Wednesday, January 1. Meetings are to be held in the Pottstown Youth Center building on Firestone Drive, at the east end of town and a few hundred feet off High Street (Route 422).

Schedule: 10 a.m., and 2:30 and 7 p.m.; meals will be served between meetings. Speakers: Robert Crawford of Malvern; Robert J. Little of Chicago, Ill.; and Welcome Detweiler, of Durham, N. Carolina.

Prayer is requested that these meetings will be to the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.

More than 75 men interested in the work of the Lord met in conference October 22-24 at the Cherrydale Community Chapel in Arlington, Va. Some who took part were: Edwin Fesche—who acted as chairman, Ben Tuininga, T. B. Gilbert, Donald L. Norbie, T. James Lyttle, N. Nazarian, George Hoekstra, Tommy Steele, Jr., Shockley Few, James W. Gibb. Many other servants of the Lord were present. Some attended this conference for the first time; others were there who have attended these conferences regularly for years.

The words of veteran worker John T. Dickson stirred and encouraged us, and veteran missionary Robert S. McLaren reminded us of the sacrifice mandatory for producing fruit in service for the Lord. Two men from the French speaking province of Quebec were present. Arnold Reynolds gave an able appraisal of the needs of the work in Quebec.

Before the conference some brethren expressed the opinion that the matters to be discussed were of a routine nature; but before long we were all convinced that they were of paramount importance.

The first theme considered was "Heresies,"—how they start, how to identify them, how to avert them, and how to cure them. Among a partial list of heresies suggested for consideration were the Tongues movement, the Honor Oak movement, and other related movements which have sprung up in this generation. It was reported that some among assemblies, including some men well known in certain parts of the country, have been tripped up by some of these teachings.

It was pointed out that heresies divide the flock and promote factionalism. "God has not given us His doctrinal statements in the form of a creed," it was said. "Rather, they are beaten out on the anvil

of controversy against the dark background of error." Each generation must think through the truth for itself and new heresies are often a rehash of those of former years. The present Tongues movement is an instance of this; it is a revival of teaching and practice that had considerable impact a generation ago. Now it is sweeping through some large denominational bodies.

The discussion that seemed to stir us most was that of the need for revival in our gospel outreach. To this end an appeal to unite in prayer was drawn up, to be sent to all assemblies of Christians meeting in a simple manner on the North American continent. The time suggested is the first full week of January, 1964—the 6th to the 10th; but no restriction is intended. This is simply an invitation from brethren who are concerned about the need for revival among us, the need for a return to spiritual efforts and for deliverance from false movements that seem to offer freedom and power, but instead tend to enslavement and division. (See page 12).

The sisters of the Arlington, Va. and Washington, D. C. assemblies cared for us nobly in preparing and serving meals, and in accommodating visitors in their homes.

A harmonious spirit and a loving deference to all prevailed throughout, even when difference of opinion was expressed. No jarring clashes of personalities were evident but rather a humble dependence on the Lord for help and wisdom.

It is hoped that the 1964 Workers' Conference may be at Winston Salem, N. C. However, plans for this await confirmation; and details will be announced in due course.

—William Murray, Secretary



Some of the men and women who met in Arlington, Va. for the annual workers' conference.

26th ANNUAL WORKERS' CONFERENCE 1963

To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who gather in His Name on the North American Continent and elsewhere.

Beloved brethren and sisters,

A group of brethren serving our Lord among us have met together in conference at Arlington, Va.

One specific burden pressed upon us was the need for a revival in our Gospel preaching, that souls will be effectively reached with the Gospel; not that the message will be changed in character, but that it be in very truth proclaimed in such a manner that through it souls shall be brought to a knowledge of God, being born of the Spirit through the Word preached.

The great need for effective and fervent prayer for souls was also brought before us, first that those who preach the Gospel will spend more time in prayer about the messages given, and also that the saints will join together in prevailing prayer both before the gospel meetings and during the week.

Another need made clear was that of believers becoming burdened for the souls of the lost, to the extent of trying to bring some friends or neighbors under the sound of the Gospel that they might be saved. Thus the great need for revival is actually threefold: first that the Gospel will be preached in renewed power of the Spirit of God, second that effectual prayer will ascend to God continually, and third that believers will seek afresh to reach others for the Lord by bringing them under the sound of the Gospel message.

It was suggested that we invite you all as assemblies of Christians to set aside the first full week of January 1964, the 6th to the 10th, for a SEASON OF UNITED PRAYER TO GOD. Brethren and sisters, we do need this revival; but do we really desire it? If so, this may be the time God is waiting for in order to bless us; for He has said, "Call unto Me and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." God is unchanged; He still hears the cry of the needy. "Then shall ye call upon Me, and ye shall go and pray unto Me, AND I WILL HEARKEN UNTO YOU. And ye shall seek Me and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart."

If this particular week is deemed as not suitable, please meet for prayer at a time more convenient to all; but we beseech of you, pray, brethren, pray. MAY MANY SAINTS RESPOND TO THIS INVITATION TO PRAY.

Yours on the behalf of those gathered,

William Murray (secretary)



William Murray

New Year Conference, Sacramento, Calif.

All the Lord's people are invited to attend the twelfth annual New Year's Conference sponsored by the three Sacramento area assemblies, and to be held in the Twelfth Avenue Gospel Chapel at 3601 Twelfth Ave., Sacramento, Calif. The sponsoring assemblies meet in the Bible Chapel and Twelfth Avenue Gospel Chapel in Sacramento, and the Loomis Gospel Chapel in nearby Loomis. The conference is to start with a watch night service at 8:30 on Tuesday, December 31. A light refreshment will be served later by the young people of the area. On New Year's Day ministry

and missionary services are to be held at 2 and 7 p.m. A dinner is to be served at 5 o'clock by the women of the assemblies. Speakers invited are: Rowland H. C. Hill, Bible teacher from Oakland, Calif., and formerly a missionary to India for over 32 years; and Neil B. Weir, missionary on furlough from Peru.

The chapel can be reached by car from the South Sacramento Freeway (US 50-99) by turning east on the Twelfth Avenue off-ramp and going three blocks to the chapel. Telephone 457-6065 (Chapel); if no answer, call 443-8385.

—Ronald A. Warford, Publicity Chairman.

Married Couples' Winter Holiday

Place: Lake Geneva Conference Grounds, Lake Geneva, Wis. Dates: Friday evening and Saturday, January 17 and 18, 1964. Speaker: Mr. Dan Smith. Cost per couple: \$12. FOR ADULTS ONLY.

For further information, or registration, write to: Lake Geneva Conference Grounds, R. 3, Box 187, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

470 Break Bread at Edmonton Conference

Many persons remarked that they had been helped at the eighth annual conference of Edmonton, Alta. assemblies, which was held Sunday and Monday, October 13 and 14. Four hundred and seventy-five met to break bread, and many believers from many parts of Western Canada, as well as some from more distant areas attended the meetings following.

Mr. George Landis of Fayetteville, Pa. (who had been ministering in Edmonton for five weeks prior to the conference) shared the ministry with G. Harold German of Aberdeen, Scotland, and Robert Arthur of Tacoma, Wash. A Sunday school rally for children conducted at the same time as the Sunday afternoon meeting, and an illustrated talk by Mr. Landis at the Sunday evening Fireside Hour, were among special features.

After the conference Mr. German remained in Edmonton for a gospel campaign at Bethel Chapel.

—N. C. Penman

Chicago Bible Conference

The Christians who attended the 81st annual Chicago Bible Conference, held October 25-27, were well rewarded for coming. The conference was conducted at the Emmaus Bible School, whose facilities were taxed during some sessions. Messrs. Conrad Baehr, John Bramhall and Neil Fraser ministered well to the hearts of the Lord's people, while William Morgan presented the Gospel to the grade school children. Some blessing was reported in the teen-age group.

Cooperative Meetings in Toronto

The special gospel meetings held in the Queen Elizabeth Building in the C. N. E. Park, Toronto, Ont. from October 20 to November 10 were very good. Solemnity, sincerity and godly fear characterized the gatherings. Thirty-two to 35 professed salvation and four backsliders were restored to the Lord.

Brethren James Hutchison and Sydney Maxwell received much help from God in preaching to the large audiences. Continue in prayer for the seed sown at these meetings.



Leaders at the youth conference in Southern California. L. to R.: Ward Gasque, Maurice Hanna, Donald Tinder, Dick Vesperman, Dr. William T. Miller.

Southern California Youth Conference

Over two hundred young people attended the third annual Southern California youth conference, conducted October 5 and 6 at Grace Bible Chapel in Fullerton, and many were spiritually helped. The speakers discussed the doctrines on the nature and attributes of God, and emphasized the practical implications of these doctrines for daily Christian living.

Dr. William T. Miller (who was visiting in the area shortly before returning to New Zealand) spoke on the holiness, power and love of God. Mr. Maurice Hanna, a young evangelist from the Middle East, gave messages on God as Spirit, Person and Trinity; at the special evening service in a nearby park he spoke on the deity of Christ. Mr. Donald Tinder, a student at Fuller Theological Seminary, spoke on the greatness of God and the humanity of Christ, and on our role as ambassadors for Christ. Ward Gasque served as conference chairman and music was under the direction of Dick Vesperman.

Friendship Avenue Pittsburgh Conference

Christians from many places shared sweet fellowship at the annual conference of Christians at the Friendship Avenue Gospel Hall in Pittsburgh, Pa., September 27-29. Saturday's ministry on faith and the Holy Spirit set the spiritual tone for the Sunday meetings, in which heartening ministry was given on our Lord's imminent return. Messrs. August Van Ryn and Ernest Woodhouse were the speakers.

Woman Saved at Hamilton Conference

The conference held in Hamilton, Ont. at the Canadian Thanksgiving time proved a season of much blessing. The Lord's people were refreshed through the ministry of the Word, and a young woman professed salvation as a result of the preaching of the Gospel. Those present who shared in the spoken word were Messrs. Blackwood, Boswell, Beasley, Crawford, P. J. Pell, Smith, Wilkie and T. E. Wilson. It is the opinion of many that the conference will be long remembered as one of the best.

Twelve Assemblies Represented at Piedmont Conference

Ladies from twelve Piedmont area assemblies attended the twelfth annual Ladies Missionary Conference, held October 5 in Greensboro, N. C. They were encouraged to live in faith rather than in fear, and were inspired to pray, give and work for the spread of the Gospel at home and overseas, through the messages given by Mrs. Conrad Baehr, from Formosa.

GRACE & GLORY GOSPEL CHAPEL 7708 S. Indiana, Chicago, Illinois

Celebrating its third anniversary in its own building, this assembly scheduled services for Sunday, November 24, at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. with a fellowship supper at 5:30 p.m. Speakers were from Grace & Glory and other assemblies in the Chicago area.

GORDON REAGER 8 Lowrys Lane, Rosemont, Pa. ERNEST B. SPRUNT, 55 Wakelin Terrace, St. Catharines, Ont.

These two brethren were starting a series of six weeks of meetings in Alaska on November 1. Their schedule to December 1 ran: Fairbanks 11/1 to 10; Mentasta 11 to 18; Palmer 15 to 16; Anchorage 17 to December 1. From there they were to go to Ketchikan and other localities in lower Alaska.

DAVID KIRK 171 Laurier Ave., Hamilton, Ontario

The meetings at Paget, Bermuda, (commenced Sunday, October 6,) have been blessed of the Lord, and to date (October 25) four souls have professed faith in Christ: two young men, and two young married women. The weather, unfortunately for Bermudians, has been very wet. In spite of that every night strangers and unsaved have been present.

I suggested to the brethren that we finish with three weeks, but they insisted I go on for another (D.V.). Six radio broadcasts a week may have helped bring many to the chapel who never came before.

I leave for home Monday, November 4, and after about two weeks with the family go east until Christmas.

ELSIE DAVEY and GRACE ROACH 390 King Edward St., St. James, Man.

"While in Winnipeg I heard of a splendid work being done by Miss Grace Roach and Miss Elsie Davey, who were commended from St. James Gospel Chapel. They specialize in work with the young, among the somewhat poor farmers about 400 miles north of Winnipeg, and have meetings each night in various school houses through the winter. During the summer they conduct as many as fourteen DVBS schools, one each morning and one each night, thus reaching hundreds of children with the Gospel. They also run a girl's camp at 75c per head per day! They have been working for some years in that little known field, and are true pioneers. Their old car has gone the way of all cars, and is of no use whatever."

—Alfred P. Gibbs

Divide 423 Into \$126,373

This is the month when traffic in the LOI channel for distribution of gifts to workers is especially heavy. And that delights our hearts, because we like to see support funds flowing to those ministers of the Gospel in the United States and Canada who look to the Lord alone for their financial needs.

A current count of the workers in this vast field whose names have been given to us totals 423. Last year's gifts channelled through LOI totaled \$126,373. Divide that by 423 and you arrive at an average of just under \$300 per worker per annum. Reduce the sum further by such gifts as are designated for overseas and for assembly projects, and the average per worker will fall quite a bit lower.

While it is true that LOI is primarily a channel for information rather than for distribution of gifts, and consequently is used by assemblies and individuals as a source of data on which very much more in gifts is sent directly to workers, yet we would like to see a great increase of gifts flowing through this channel regularly to those workers for whose support the Lord looks to those in whose fellowship they labor.

Consider this: if every LOI reader family would send just \$10 for American workers this month we would have about \$460 to send to each. Treasurer Kennedy and his aides would be swamped. But we would enjoy seeing them swimming in a sea of \$10 checks and money orders. And think what encouragement this would be to these 423 ministers of the Word. Remember, the expenses of LOI are met solely by gifts earmarked for expenses. Not one cent is deducted from those gifts which are designated as fellowship for those who labor in the Word and doctrine.

RADIO

RADIO LOG POSTPONED

The editors regret any disappointment caused by the absence of the radio log promised for this issue. We hope to have it available in another month or so.

Meanwhile, directors and sponsors of assembly radio programs are requested to send us complete information as requested on page 2 of the October issue of Letters of Interest, if they have not yet done so.

Radio Conference, Toronto, Ontario

The radio conference held in the West Toronto Gospel Hall on October 26 was well attended. Besides the reports on various phases of the radio ministry, slides of the work of the Far East Broadcasting Company were shown, and a tape report given from Chester Donaldson of northern Ontario. Ministry of the Word was shared by Messrs. Heidman, Nicholson, T. E. Wilson and Moffat. Favorite stories given over the Family Bible Hour are now in booklet form and may be secured at 15c each or \$1 for eight copies by contacting: Family Bible Hour, Box 51, Toronto, Ont.

Gospel Broadcast from Montreal, Quebec

PETER FOGGIN, P. O. Box 10, Sta. B., Montreal 2, Quebec: For many years there has been relatively little opportunity for radio evangelism in this vast metropolis of Montreal. Eighty per cent of the people here speak French as their native tongue, yet in the whole city there are only three fifteen-minute gospel broadcasts going out each week in that language. One of these is the French version of Faith for Our Times ("La Foi Vivifiante"), started here this fall; and, like the other two, the time allotted is not the best.

Special prayer is requested: (1) that our dominantly R. C. audience might grow; (2) that the Lord will bless Fernand St. Louis, our French Canadian radio evangelist; (3) that we might be given a better time on the CFMB program schedule (at present it is 7:15 a.m., which is early, but is heard by many preparing for the 8 o'clock mass); (4) that the Lord will enable us to maintain high standards of music and production.

In addition, Faith for Our Times goes out at 4:30 p.m. Sundays in English over CFMB (which is a multi-lingual, 10,000 watt station). The broadcast also continues over two British Columbia stations

—CFJC in Kamloops, and CKLN in Nelson.

Please pray for me as I continue my French language study here, and as I seek to preach the Gospel each week on the English program. As far as French is concerned, I feel that the Lord has been giving progress and I have been encouraged recently with several opportunities to witness for the Saviour to French speaking Canadians.

Coverage of Glad Tidings Crusaders Broadcasts Expands

ROBERT McLAREN, 35 Campbell Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.: This year two new French broadcasts and one new English station have been added to the Glad Tidings Crusaders programs (headquarters in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.—Ed.). Very shortly we expect to be broadcasting on a powerful station in Alaska which will cover three-fourths of the population.

We are also praying much about a possible take over of French stations in central and eastern Quebec from the Back to the Bible people. This is still in the state of negotiation. We would value prayer.

READER REPERCUSSIONS

We appreciate your up-to-date coverage of the Lord's work and His workers. ...Don't print notices of events which are already over by the time "Letters" reaches the people.

Your variety of material is very good. ...Editor's page could be enlarged to pages...Editorials provocative and appreciated....I would like to see more published on the return of Christ....De-

tailed, "inside" stories of challenging evangelistic efforts are heart-warming. ...It would be nice to have some guest editorials....Why not a section on personal work?...More papers on vital subjects.

I appreciate your interest in Negro testimonies....We rejoice to read of the Lord's raising up those to work among the Negroes....Enjoy articles about the work among the French Canadians....Let us have more letters about the Spanish assemblies.

Enjoy Question and Answer page—wish for more of the same. (Send your questions—we shall try to answer them—Ed.)

Could be larger. Good to see what is going on in other places and with other Christians....Would appreciate news coverage of each assembly at least once a year. The Lord's people could pray more intelligently and perhaps move to areas of need if they were informed. (Assembly correspondents, please write—Ed.)

Leave ministry to others for the most part....Pleased to see the trend toward more editorial and devotional articles....Would like more Scripture explanation. Perhaps a daily devotional section....Enjoy articles by guest contributors. Would like more....We like a good lengthy sermon like August Van Ryn's....Back to the simplicity of God's Word, please.

I like your effort to end super isolation in some assemblies....Your publication should have a uniting effect among assemblies, and we trust that this might be accomplished in a large measure.

In these days of extremes I pray you will be kept moderate without becoming modern, and practical without partiality.

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A Looker Upper

One has said, "If the outlook is dark, try the uplook." You have already been urged to be a looker over. We want you to scrutinize the magazine well, and advise us where we can improve it and increase our service. And while engaged in looking up, remember Letters of Interest especially, for we seek to do our work:

Impartially,
In fellowship with God,
For the furtherance of the Gospel,
For the strengthening of assembly testimony.

To assist us to attain these goals, be sure to use the Annual Survey envelope stapled at page 10.

The Local CHURCH

by Charles S. Howard

Box 147

Lombard, Ill.

Questions and Answers about problems regarding operation of local assembly testimony conducted by a well-known editor of this publication. Unless otherwise indicated the answers are Mr. Howard's personal views.

Question 50. Please explain what significance, if any, is attached to the name "Plymouth Brethren," and if it could possibly be referred to as denominational.

Answer—Apparently the name "Plymouth Brethren" was given many years ago because, when Christians going from Plymouth, England to other towns were asked who they were, they said simply, "We are some brethren from Plymouth." Notice the small "b." The phrase "brethren from Plymouth" became twisted around into "Plymouth Brethren."

This name has not been adopted (or should not be) by the assemblies. If it is used to identify us as a group it will surely classify us as a denomination, and thus would contradict all we have stood for since the first assembly was formed. We must maintain our status as individual companies of Christians taking no separating names but affirming the oneness of the body of Christ.

During the first world war the U. S. Government demanded that we register under some name because many men among us claimed exemption from military service as conscientious objectors, and the name "Plymouth Brethren" was given without the advice and consent of numerous assemblies, and in no wise makes it incumbent on us to accept the name or its denominational implications. Each company of Christians should still remain a group who acknowledge the Lordship of Christ and receive others who also own Him as Lord.

Question 51. Should more care be taken over the reception of a casual visitor or over a person who, it is hoped, will be a regular attender at the assembly?

Answer—There should be no difference in either case. The scripture bearing on this would be Romans 15:7: "Wherefore receive ye one another as Christ also received us to the glory of God." Also see Romans 14:1-3 and Philipians 2:29.

Question 52. In the New Testament we find that the apostles, or those commissioned by them, appointed elders. As there are no longer any apostles, there is no one to appoint elders. Does this mean that there can no longer be true elders in assemblies today?

Answer—By no means. In Acts 20:28 we read, "Take heed... to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God." These words were spoken to the Elders of verse 17, so we see that overseers and elders are one and the same. Notice carefully that it was the Holy Spirit who made the elders. The word "ordained" in Acts 14:23 means indicated by stretching out the hand. This was done on the return journey of Paul and Barnabas, the interval having given time for some men in the various churches to grow in grace and knowledge so that the apostles could discern their maturity and confirm it to the body of believers. Thus in every newborn assembly time will show those who have the desire and ability given by the Holy Spirit to "do the work of an elder."

Question 53. How can young men best be encouraged to take an active part in assembly meetings?

Answer—The writer can thank God that he was baptized and received into fellowship in an assembly where the men desired to see the younger men take an active part in assembly work. First they encouraged us to pray publicly, then to start preaching the Gospel in outdoor meetings, and to share in Sunday evening gospel meetings. In recent times we have been with two assemblies where the younger men are given an opportunity to share in the ministry at the mid-week service; a young man is given a subject or portion to expound as well as he can, and an experienced man is ready to take up where he stops. This method has also had a surprising effect on the attendance at this meeting.

Question 54. (a) Is there any scripture in the New Testament to endorse full-time workers?

(b) Are we out of the will of God in having a full-time worker in a local assembly? Should such a man be an elder

in that local church?

(c) Should the support for a full-time worker be a salary or stipend, as in the New English Bible?

Answer—(a) I Corinthians 9:7-14 shows very clearly the propriety of so-called full-time workers being supported in their work.

(b) Happy indeed is that assembly which has an elder who spends his time doing pastoral work in and around the assembly. I Timothy 5:17-18 teaches that such a man should be supported as the need might indicate.

(c) In whatever way fellowship is given, will it not be the same in the end? Some may prefer support to be given periodically with no specified amount, feeling this is more in keeping with a life of faith.

Question 55. What action should be taken by an assembly before commending any person to full-time work?

Answer—The elders in the assembly have a very solemn responsibility here. The matter requires deep exercise before the Lord, and there should be oneness of mind before any action is taken. The person seeking the commendation should have certain qualifications. We can mention only a few of these. In Acts 16:1-2 we learn that Timothy was "well reported of by the brethren that were at Lystra and Iconium." He had made his mark in public service for the Lord. According to II Timothy 3:15 he was also well taught in the Holy Scriptures." II Timothy 2:2 reveals that he was able to teach the Word. Other qualifications, such as good moral character, good business judgment, and—very important—a willingness to work well with others and a truly humble spirit, are essential.

The question of commendation should not be decided hastily, for it is most vital to the individual concerned, to the present workers in the field, and—most of all—to the glory of God.

Question 56. Should assembly funds be given only to workers working in fellowship with assemblies, or should they also be given to interdenominational societies?

Answer—If the questioner refers to the distribution of regular offerings, we would say that all such funds should be for assembly workers and activities, for those who give this money usually expect it to be distributed thus.

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PRAY FOR THE SICK

Mrs. James Gunn of Midland, Ont., suffered a broken ankle as a result of a fall recently.

Mrs. Robert McClurkin of Galt, Ont., has been ill from an unknown cause. She was taken from her home to the St. Mary's Hospital in Kitchener, Ont. for further tests and study. Her husband, a well-known servant of the Lord, returned from meetings in Vancouver where the Lord was blessing.

On November 4 Mr. A. James Davies wrote from his wife's bedside in the hospital at Peterborough, Ont., that she had been there for two weeks, and was still very ill, having undergone major surgery for the second time in twelve months. Mr. Davies had cancelled nearly all meetings for the last twelve weeks of the year, and would value prayers for vital days ahead.

New Testimony Grows in Hopedale, Ont.

"Where there is no vision, the people perish." With this scripture in mind, a few Christians from an Oakville, Ont. assembly felt led to open a Sunday school work in a thickly populated area on the west side of the city, near a large new plaza called Hopedale. They rented a school and systematically canvassed homes, street by street. On the first Sunday in March, 1962, 30 children attended.

Since then the work has grown and the response from the parents has been splendid. It was felt that a family Bible hour would be acceptable. On October 20, after the children had been asked to invite their parents, over twenty came to hear the Gospel, and the total attendance was 140.

Children have been clamoring for Bibles of their own, so 100 Bibles have been purchased at a great reduction. These are now the property of the girls and boys, who carry them each Sunday. The great majority of the children are from non-Christian homes; their parents drive them over and come later for them.

This testimony is known as the Hopedale Bible Chapel, emphasis being placed on the Bible as God's Holy Word and

our only authority. It is incorporated under the laws of Ontario. We now need teachers and more space. We are buying a property next to the school, and expect to build as soon as funds are available. This work offers a great opportunity to anyone who would like to help. We desire your earnest prayer. Address: Hopedale Bible Chapel, 497 Trillium Dr., Oakville, Ont.

—George McAllister

Many Persons Saved in Harold Wildish Campaign, London, Ont.

When Christians in London, Ont. learned some time ago that Mr. Harold Wildish was available for a longer period than the Thanksgiving week-end conference, they came together for prayer. Then, being certain of the Lord's leading, they went ahead with months of preparation for a gospel campaign, to be held October 5-13. For this they engaged a central auditorium seating 1,600. Homes were opened for prayer at different times of the day, while the assemblies continued with special prayer and preparatory ministry. Interest deepened and vision became wider and clearer, until a holy glow of optimism filled the hearts of all. Special counselling classes proved a great asset and blessing. These were all well attended, and those responsible for them saw much to encourage. Counsellors were busy every evening during the campaign.

Various committees worked hard and in harmonious relationship:

Publicity: This group was amazed by the sympathy and generosity of the businessmen and corporations who helped in many ways to make the campaign known.

Singing: The choral group of 80 voices was trained and conducted in a masterly manner by Jim Wilson of Hamilton. We know of one who was deeply convicted as they sang, "Nothing but the Blood," and was later converted. The Kings Messengers, the Girls Trio, and special soloist Jerry Barnes of Indianapolis were used of God to prepare hearts for the messages.

During the day the team held various types of meetings, among them high school assemblies, television appearances, C.B.M.C. meetings, and special meetings for ministers. Many of the keen local evangelical groups took an active part in the campaign and received much blessing.

The numbers attending the campaign

increased each night, until the place was filled on the last night. Many came from all around the city. Mr. Wildish preached with clarity, simplicity and power, and many passing through the enquiry room had been saved already during the service. Although we believe that many more were dealt with by the Holy Spirit, we know of twenty-one who came out for salvation, ten for restoration and several for consecration.

Two weeks after the campaign we had a united meeting at the Egerton Street Chapel, which was packed to capacity. Many who were saved during the campaign were present and were rejoicing in their new-found life in Christ. The warmth of sweet fellowship enjoyed by the assemblies bespeaks a mighty outpouring of spiritual blessing and fruit for God's glory. We were humbled by the Lord's goodness, and all we can say is: "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

James Boswell

Montreal Bible School Is Reopened

The Montreal week-end Bible School has been reopened, motivated by the need for Christians to be equipped to present the Gospel in English and in French at the 1967 World's Fair to be held in Montreal. Courses, offered for both French and English speaking people, are designed to give thorough training in the Word of God and in methods of reaching others for Christ.

Instructors are: A. J. Reynolds, J. Dawson, R. Lacombe, H. Ralston, D. McCormick, J.-P. Berney, P. Foggin, J. Ross, R. L. Thrall, J. Anderson, L. R. Russell, and others.

Inquiries should be sent to: Montreal Bible School, Box 10, Sta. B, Montreal 2, Quebec.

Los Angeles LaBrea Assembly Becomes Ladera, Inglewood

After meeting for fifteen years in the LaBrea Gospel Chapel at LaBrea and Jefferson Blvd., Los Angeles, the LaBrea assembly has acquired a new location in Inglewood, a suburb of 65,000 people. The need for expansion, better facilities and closer proximity to many of the Christians who had moved into that area prompted the change.

Meeting originally with the believers at the Goodyear Gospel Hall (now Normandie), a number became exercised about starting a work, especially among children, in the West Adams district; an assembly was formed there shortly there-

Did you pray for LOI today?

after. Later, a large upper room was rented on West Adams Blvd. and Orange Ave., and meetings continued there for several years.

In September, 1948 the new LaBrea Gospel Chapel was opened. During the fifteen years of our stay there several additions became necessary to accommodate the growth. Additional parking space was also required. It eventually became apparent that a new site must be obtained.

After months of searching it was learned that a large restaurant in Inglewood had been closed because of gambling and was up for sale. After careful inquiry, the Christians purchased the valuable property at a price considerably below its estimated value. It has parking space for 100 cars. In addition there is a single family residence and two storage buildings. The main building has 6,580 square feet. The overall area is 41,566 square feet.

Under the skillful direction of two architects in the assembly, voluntary workers have transformed the "House of Feasting" into a "House of Worship." The saving in labor is estimated at fifteen to twenty thousand dollars.

The new Ladera Bible Chapel at 1437 Centinella Ave., Inglewood, has a fine auditorium which accommodates about 250, and a side auditorium for the Sun-

day school which can seat several hundred more. The "Ambassadors," a teenage group, now have a Fireside Room which can seat about 80. Besides a modern kitchen and sewing room there are Sunday school class rooms on the main floor and in the basement, as well as four restrooms and a nursery. A large and attractive circular foyer serves as an entry to the main auditorium.

A survey of about 2,600 homes in the area is being taken over two week ends by about thirty workers. Many prospects have been found and these are to be followed up in the days ahead.

We are deeply grateful to God for these splendid facilities close to main arteries of transportation and in a community that holds much promise for both evangelistic and Bible teaching ministry. We covet the prayers of God's people as we enter into this challenging new field.

Schedule of meetings: Breaking of Bread, 9:15; Sunday School and Family Bible Hour, 11; Youth Groups, 5:45; Evening Service, 7; Ladies' Coffee Hour, Tuesday, 11 a.m.; Bible Teaching and Prayer, Wednesday, 7:45.

—William R. Simpson

Gospel Suppers Served in Jacksonville, Fla.

On October 26 Christians at the Dean Road Chapel in Jacksonville, Fla., served the first of a series of "Gospel Suppers,"

free suppers with all the trimmings to which the public is invited. Each supper is followed by a gospel meeting. Twenty-five to thirty visitors came for the first supper. Christians from the Beaches Gospel Center also participated. The next supper was planned for Saturday, November 23.

The ministry at the chapel of Edward Wilson from Boston, Mass., was edifying and strengthening the Christians and encouraging them in their service for the Lord.

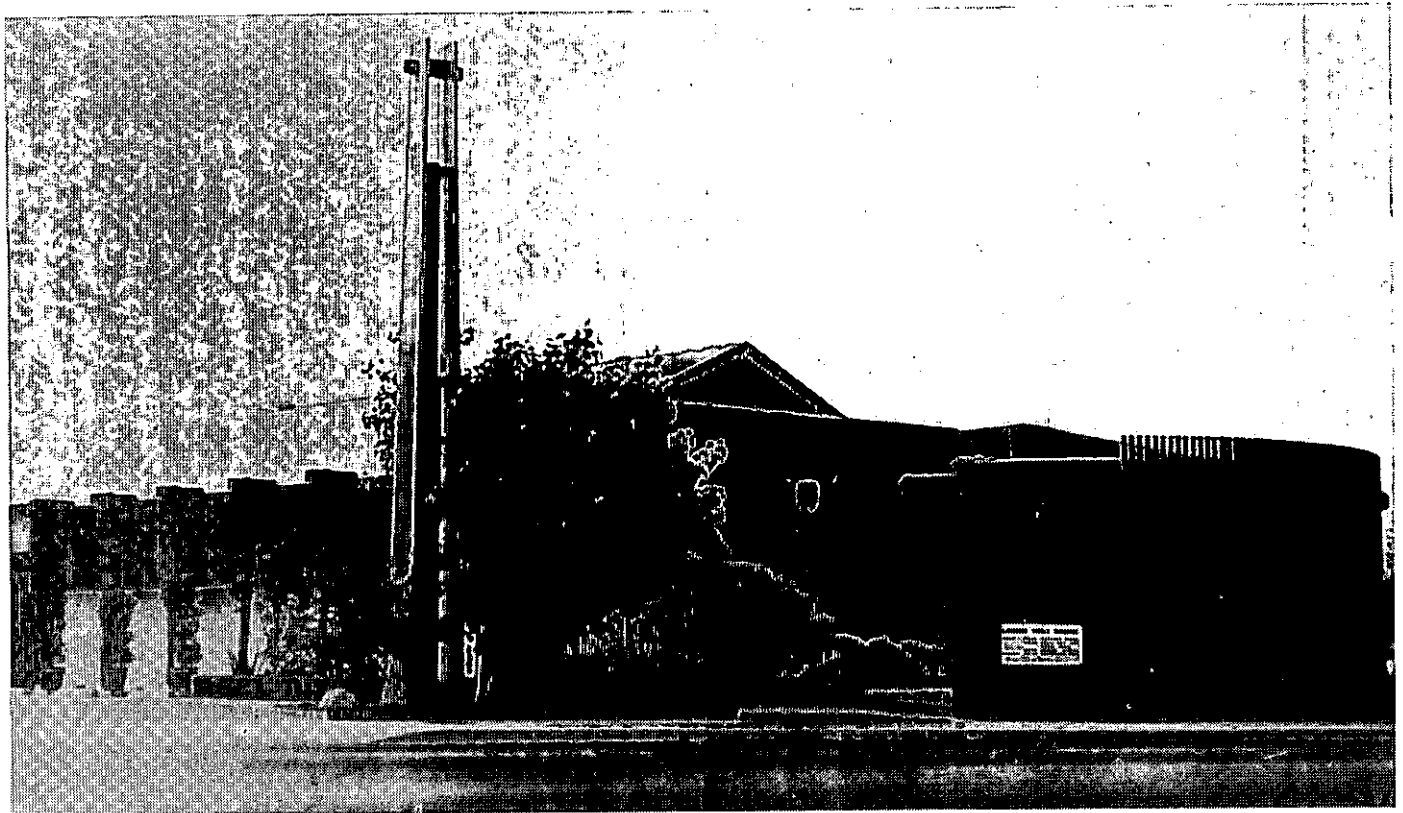
G. M. Lester, Correspondent

Christians Invited to Winter in Lakeland, Florida

Christians meeting at the Lakeland Gospel Chapel, 2118 S. Crystal Lake Dr., Lakeland, Fla., would remind their brothers and sisters in Christ that Lakeland is a good place to go to in the winter months. The schedule of meetings there is: Breaking of Bread, 9:30; Family Bible Hour and Sunday School, 11; Prayer and Bible Study, Wednesday, 7:30. The invitation to fellowship in Lakeland is given on behalf of the assembly by the correspondent, Allen W. Miller.

Children's Meetings in LaGrange, Ill.

In October William Morgan of Atlantic, Iowa, gave a ten-day series of children's meetings at the new chapel in La Grange, Ill. He presented film strip



A former restaurant in Inglewood, Calif., remodelled as the Ladera Bible Chapel.

stories on the lives of Joseph and Moses. Up to 52 children attended. One mother expressed interest in knowing the Lord, at the closing Family Night, and it is believed that the seed of the Word will produce fruit in the hearts of others in the future.

J. D. Kennedy

About Twenty Christians Meet in New Orlando, Fla. Assembly

Twenty to twenty-five Christians now meet every Sunday to break bread in the Dover Shores Elementary School, on Gaston Foster Rd. near Lake Underhill in Orlando, Fla.

The ministry of Ross Rainey of St. Louis, Mo. on a recent visit was greatly appreciated.

—J. George Anderson, Correspondent

Seven Baptized in St. Louis, Mo.

Seven persons were baptized at the South Side Bible Chapel in St. Louis, Mo., on Sunday, October 20. They were one couple with their teen-aged daughter, another couple recently saved, and a man and a young woman. It has been found that Sunday evening baptisms attract visitors to the gospel service—attendance on this Sunday was very good.

—C. F. Henrich, Correspondent

Virginia Michon Returns to the Congo

Mrs. Virginia Michon planned to return to her former field of service at Mulongo, Manono, Republique du Congo, on November 4, 1968, with the approval of the Christians at the Bethany Chapel in Yonkers, N. Y., from which she was originally commended.

Workers Invited to Anderson, S. C.

Anderson, S. C. is an open field for a servant of the Lord who is passing through or who may come to labor for the Lord here.

Mr. Laurence Chambers of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. gave two weeks of studies at Bethany Chapel on the Tabernacle in October. Though the assembly is small, the work is encouraging.

—George R. Shore, Correspondent

Eleven Persons Baptized in Cincinnati

Gordon Sweemer and James Leeman baptized eleven persons from Bethany Chapel, Batavia, Ohio, at the Northern Hills Bible Chapel, Cincinnati, in September. Several of these had been saved at the Whitewater Bible Camp conducted by the assemblies for the first time this summer at New Trenton, Ind. Most of them asked to participate at the Lord's

Table, were gladly received, and are developing a deepening appreciation for the remembrance feast.

The Bethany Chapel assembly now owns a bus, and the Sunday school is growing. Mr. Abbott conducts a young men's Bible class each Saturday evening. Some of the younger men are growing well in Christ. A systematic visitation program has been started.

—James E. Leeman, Correspondent

The Tom Smiths Move to San Antonio

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Smith, formerly of Cuba, are now residing in San Antonio, Tex. They hope to take up radio work in Spanish, in cooperation with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Darling, who also were forced out of Cuba. Earnest prayer for this effort will be valued.

The Smith's new address is: P. O. Box 12269, San Antonio, Tex. 78212.

ASSEMBLY CHANGES

Bethel Chapel Brantford, Ont.

Situated at 192 Darling St., not at 142.

Egerton Gospel Chapel London, Ontario

New correspondent: V. C. Northy, 342 Hale St., London, Ont., telephone 451-5425.

Hopedale Bible Chapel Oakville, Ontario

New testimony. Address: 497 Trillium Drive. (Report on page 9)

Tillsonburg Gospel Hall Tillsonburg, Ontario

New correspondent: Douglas F. Truman, 26 Lindsey St.

Glendale Gospel Chapel Glendale, California

New correspondent: Frank S. Chaplin, 240 N. Reno St., Los Angeles, Calif. 90026. Telephone 385-2626.

Lakeland Gospel Chapel Lakeland, Florida

New correspondent: Allen W. Miller, 741 Lebanon Rd. Phone 686-2877.

Clermont & Groveland Assembly, Fla.

Branch-off of the Hiawassa Hills assembly in Orlando, Fla. Order of services: Sunday School, 9:45; Family

Bible Hour, 11; at the Clermont Community Building. Evening Service, 7:30, at the Groveland Community Building. Prayer is requested for this new work.

Bethany Chapel by the Sea Satellite Beach (Eau-Gallie), Fla.

New correspondent: E. Victor Irvine, Box 787, Melbourne Beach, Fla. 23951. Phone 723-4629.

Gospel Meeting House Knox, Indiana

New correspondent: Howard Taylor, R. R. 4, Knox.

The Bible Chapel Virginia, Minnesota

New correspondent: Raymond H. Anderson, 1120 S. 19th St., Virginia. Telephone 741-8627.

Friendship Avenue Gospel Hall Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

New correspondent: John Duff, 741 Revenue St., P. O. Box 192, Homestead, Pa. Telephone 461-1300.

MacGregor Bible Chapel Houston, Texas

New correspondent: Irvin E. Headley, 4519 N. Roseneath Dr., Houston, Tex. 77021.

COMMENDATIONS

Robert A. Bruton

Christians meeting in the Forest Avenue Tabernacle in Greensboro, N. C., have commended Robert A. Bruton to the Lord's work. The commendation is signed by eight elders.

Victor Harrington

Christians meeting at the McDonnell Street and the Auburn Gospel Chapels in Peterborough, Ont., have commended Mr. Victor Harrington to the work of the Lord in Quebec. Mr. Harrington has been laboring for the past year in Grand Casapedia, Quebec. The commendation is signed by four elders from each assembly.

Have you sent us a report of gospel work in your district?

The New Gift of Tongues

by Neil M. Fraser

There has been a recent resurgence of "the gift of tongues," as it is called, all over the nation. From one or two magazines that come to us, we note that conventions are being held in all our principal cities for the movement. Large hotels are utilized and for several days large crowds gather for mutual testimony and inspiration. The emphasis is almost always upon speaking in tongues. In the absence of any recognition of any known language, the utterances are referred to as a "heavenly language."

The movement, strange to say, has been noted among Anglican ministers and churches, the most formal and staid of Protestant denominations. At these conventions, Christians of many sects are represented, and addresses are given by clergymen and laymen, and by "priests" of the Anglican Church. These men tell of amazing spiritual results seen in their personal lives and in their churches. Long dead, these churches are awakening to new life and testimony. Miraculous healings in response to the prayer of faith are claimed.

What is most important to readers of Letters of Interest, is that some of our assembly people are attending these gatherings, and a few have spoken in the "heavenly language." They report, as do the others, that great spiritual joy is the result, and an increased desire to witness to others about Christ. The deadness which we often deplore in our assemblies is, we are told, because we need just such a blessing of the Holy Spirit, and ought to seek it. What we need to do is to forget our isolated position outside these denominations, and join them in these demonstrations of ecstatic joy and unity.

We need to enquire therefore if this is indeed a blessing of the Spirit of God for these last days. Is it something we are neglecting to our loss? If this were not of God would Satan lead people to praise God more, and make them more desirous to extend the kingdom of Christ?

On the other hand, is there any real difference between the utterances of this new movement and the confusion of Babel sounds that we have been familiar with in the excesses of certain Pentecostal bodies for a half a century? Above all, what does Scripture say about tongues? What place do "tongues" have in the New Testament?

1. It is surprising to see that only two of the New Testament books specifically mention tongues. While it might be argued that the New Testament is never guilty of mere redundancy, it is also true that if speaking in tongues were a normal practice in the churches, it would have received much greater place than is given. Only in Acts where we have the historical mention of them in Jerusalem, Caesarea, and Ephesus, and in 1 Corinthians 12-14 where we have their relative importance and regulations for their exercise, are they mentioned. We might well infer that if tongues were the normal manifestation of the Holy Spirit in power and blessing among the churches, we should find Paul so stating in such epistles as to Ephesus, Colosse, and Philippi, and in the pastoral letters to Timothy and Titus. In these communications our conduct as members of the Body of Christ is emphasized.

2. In the list of the gifts of the Church where "tongues" are mentioned, twice in 1 Corinthians 12 this gift is mentioned last. It is important to note in the second listing that Paul is evidently mentioning gifts in the order of their importance when he says, "first," "secondarily," "thirdly," and "after that." Tongues and their interpretation come last. It is clear in chapter 14, vv. 6-19, Paul minimizes the importance of these utterances, particularly v. 19, when he says that he would rather speak five words with his understanding than ten thousand words in a tongue. The Corinthians in their carnality (ch. 3:1-3) were giving a place to these tongue manifestations that was not merited. It was overemphasized and unregulated. They were exalting something that was relatively unimportant. Judged by this standard these modern movements, if their magazines be a criterion, must be blame-worthy. The great desideratum of these conventions is to learn to speak in tongues.

3. We want to note that in the New Testament, tongues were prominent in an assembly which Paul condemned as carnal and not spiritual. And this, in particular, because of the sectarian names they were adopting. See chapters 1 and 3. The first thing Paul sought to correct was not the gross immorality of some, or the drunkenness of others at the Lord's Table, but the sectarianism developing among them, some saying, "I'm of Paul, I'm of Apollos, I'm of Cephas,

I'm of Christ." "Ye are yet carnal, for there is among you envying and strife and division. Are ye not carnal and walk as men?"

Tongues were flourishing in a church condemned as carnal and not spiritual.

We cannot help but note in the magazines referred to, organs of the new movement, that sectarian names are also flourishing. Those giving testimony are telling us they belong to established sects. Sometimes they are called "priests" of their order, and "fathers." We ask, "What would Paul have said about these names that divide Christ? Is Christ divided? What would he have said about these titles given men to offices not contemplated in the New Testament Church? Would they be classed as spiritual or carnal?" Speaking in tongues must not therefore be taken as a token of spirituality at all. It may be carnality.

4. The word "unknown" used in the A. V. of 1 Corinthians 14 is in italics and forms no part of the text. The word "tongue" is no different from that used in Acts 2 where it is clear that a known language is indicated. The use of "unknown" in this chapter leads some to say that this modern gift is the same as in Corinth, where the language was not known and therefore unintelligible. The word "unknown" must be deleted.

5. In our chapter, 1 Corinthians 14, regulations are given as to the control of this gift of tongues as exercised in the assembly. The reality of the gift was not denied; it was to be regulated. In v. 27 it was to be exercised by no more than two or three, and by one at a time. One was to interpret. Silence was enjoined when no interpreter was present. If there was no interpreter present there was to be no practice of the gift. Women were not to exercise the gift in the church. Neither a public teaching ministry nor speaking in tongues was permitted. Silence was enjoined upon them. The women had priority in sin but not in creation (1 Timothy 2:12-14).

6. Paul states that the gift of tongues was a sign, and that for unbelievers (1 Cor. 14:22). Just as the miracles recorded in the Gospel of John were signs to prove that Jesus was the Son of God and that by believing on Him people would have life everlasting, so tongues were a sign authenticating the new movement of the Church. It is sometimes stated today that

this modern gift is a sign to the believer that he has been baptized by the Holy Ghost, but this is manifestly erroneous, for all the Corinthians were baptized by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:13). Yet the apostle makes it clear that all do not speak with tongues (Ch. 12:29-30). The answer is "No," to all seven questions in the passage.

The passage in 1 Corinthians 14:21-22 seems to suggest that this sign was for the Jew, "this people." It is significant therefore that in the historical references to tongues in Acts 2, Acts 10, and Acts 18, the sign is preeminently to them. It was to the "whole house of Israel" in Acts 2; it was in a city where large numbers of Jews were living, Acts 18—Corinth; and in Acts 10 the speaking in tongues was the sign to those who believed that Jesus was the Christ, but who were "faithless" as to the propriety of bringing in Gentiles as fellow-heirs of divine things.

In 1 Corinthians 13 Paul indicated that tongues would cease when "that which was perfect would come." The word "that" does not denote a person, being in the neuter gender, but seems to denote the completed Scriptures. The "knowing" was in part and the "prophesying" was in part, and the tongues were the authentication to their ministry, to cease when the canon of the Scripture was complete.

7. Coming to the present movement, let us ask these questions:

- a. Are there any indications that these "tongues" are recognized languages or are they ecstatic noises, a kind of gibberish; even though termed "heavenly language"?
- b. Is anyone edified by it?
- c. Is it profitable?
- d. Is it regulated as indicated in 1 Corinthians 14?
- e. Is it used by women publicly in the church?

f. Is it used extensively among people who because of their denominational condition (which is maintained) are confessedly carnal and not spiritual?

The answer to these questions will help us to make an appraisal of the movement. Even apart from the possibility of a seducing spirit when we are clamoring for something not promised us, there are the complexities of our physical constitution which are apt to run riot under psychological pressure. Abnormal physiological functioning is the result of a psychological build-up. We were grieved recently, to learn of a beloved brother who is in an institution today as a result of the ordeal of "receiving the blessing." Let us put the emphasis where it belongs, and note that whatever Paul wrote as to conduct in the church, whether to men or to women, are "the commandments of the Lord" (1 Cor. 14:37).

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Chaplain Ministers to the Bereaved

ROBERT ARTHUR, R. 2, Box 1415, Tacoma, Wash. 98422: I have just come in, a bit tired, from visiting a family where death has come twice in one week. Last Saturday I conducted the funeral of the husband (a man of full years whose grandchildren had come to the Des Moines Sunday school), and today his wife passed into eternity.

Today began with a call in the early morning to stand where death seemed near (another person unrelated to the one mentioned above). The day also held a "Coffee Hour" ministry to a group of 45 women, a return to the Hospital, and finally the trip this evening which included the home of the bereaved and the undertaker.

An auto accident victim in his thirties reads everything I can supply for him, and seems to be near to the kingdom. An older man (executive type and hard to reach), surprisingly gripped my hand with a long firm clasp as he left the hospital, as though to express some appreciation for the values we had sought to communicate. His departure is only temporary, for his case is terminal. A woman who is an avowed agnostic was impressed by the fact that I "had no axes to grind" save a concern for her relationship to Christ.

Itinerary for James Boswell

JAMES BOSWELL, 344 Burlington Cresc., London, Ont.; October 28: After the first week in December, when we will be in Detroit for a special effort and a young people's rally in the Curtis Chapel, I expect to continue follow-up work for those contacted through the Harold Wildish Campaign (held in London, October 5-13; see page 9—Ed.).

This month has been full with activity as well as blessing and fruit. On the Lord's Day at Guelph for their family Bible hour, then back to Egerton Street Chapel in London for the gospel service. Tuesdays at Guelph for their Bible studies in Philippians. Wednesdays at Egerton Street for studies in "Growing Up," geared for those saved in the Wildish mission. We are also engaged now in the follow up work for this mission.

November: the family Bible hour at Bethel Chapel for three Lord's days; the fourth back to Guelph for a broadcast service from the chapel, the Gospel at

Egerton Street, also Wednesdays for Ministry. Tuesdays at Hamilton Road Chapel for Bible study in the Acts. Thursdays at Tillsonburg, Ont.; also for their conference (November 15-17). Fridays and Saturdays, young people's meetings or rallies.

C. O. Bowen Ministers to Isolated Believers

C. O. BOWEN, "Malverne," 5040 Boundary Rd., Vancouver 16, B. C.: Since we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary



on March 6, I have been in several places in Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, "with signs following" (as in Mark 16:20). Several persons have yielded to Christ and obeyed the Lord in baptism. I

have looked up isolated believers, and here and there have held meetings in their homes to encourage and help them. This type of work is full of encouragement to the worker.

In Alberta I met three who had been saved many years before as a result of meetings held in the District School House, cases I did not know about till this year. Each of these persons had developed into a solid, useful Christian. I have noticed other cases where men and women who have been saved in remote places, where there are no other Christians to help them, have taken root and grown sturdily in the faith.

We go on quietly as we are able, and appreciate the prayers of the Lord's people.

Many Gospel Portions Accepted at Washington State Fair

O. W. ELDER, 306 S. Naches Ave., Yakima, Wash.: At the Central Washington State Fair September 25-29 we gave away thousands of gospel portions which were well received. Roman Catholic people were entirely courteous and stopped to listen. Those who refused were very rude. One day so many asked for spiritual help that we call it "the day of tears." Wonderful cooperation from Christians in other groups. Please pray for all the people mentioned above.

Three Persons Saved While Alone

JOSEPH DARLING, 1892 St. Laurent, Shawinigan Falls, Quebec: At the beginning of the school year four children were enrolled in the Protestant school whose mother professed getting saved last spring while alone in her home. She had heard the Gospel from Christian friends,

besides in meetings in the hall.

Recently two lumbermen who worked this past summer as fire guards told me of having received assurance of salvation while alone in the forest, isolated with only their Bible which they often discussed between themselves. One read in secret while the other was above in the tower. The other had left his Bible in the open purposely, and could see his friend in the cabin below with a pair of field glasses. One has asked about baptism, and gives evidence of an awakened conscience regarding the past, with assurance of forgiveness through the atoning death of Christ.

Three Confess Faith at Sunny Slope, Ontario

AUBREY DELLANDREA, 247 Greenhill Ave., North Bay, Ont., October 15: For three weeks meetings in the Sunny Slope, Ont. school house were well attended, with a good number of unsaved in every night. Three confessed faith in Christ, and one man who had been saved years ago was restored to the Lord. The Christians of the little assembly (which meets in a home) worked well to invite and bring unsaved folk to the meetings. Also, a number of believers not in the assembly were fully behind the effort. For this we are deeply thankful to the Lord.

A Sunday school will be convened in the school house each Sunday afternoon by the believers in the area; who have been stirred about their responsibility to get the Gospel to the children. We thank the Lord for this fruit from the campaign as well.

In North Bay recently Mrs. Dellandrea and I had the joy of pointing to Christ a woman about 40 years of age, who manifests a sincere desire to live for the Lord.

R. T. Halliday Recovers from Illness

ROBERT HALLIDAY, P. O. Box 12, Port Orange, Fla., October 25: I just got out of the hospital after receiving blood transfusions for pernicious anemia. I am now making a rapid recovery, and expect to leave Monday for San Antonio, as my young Mexican converts are like sheep without a shepherd.

W. D. Fergusons Labor Among Seneca Indians

WILLIAM D. FERGUSON, Red House, N. Y. 14773: We are walking very slowly and cautiously here on the Allegany Reservation of Senecas. There is much for us to learn, and we pray that we may learn quickly so that the Lord may use us to win many of the Senecas to Himself. It is real blessing to us to have

been received by a lovely group of Christians in the Red House Indian Church. Their hunger for the Word of God and their desire to evangelize others of their countrymen is wonderful to see. Do pray for them and for us that together we might learn much concerning our Lord Jesus Christ, and that many of the Senecas might come to know Him as personal Saviour.

Recently we began a fifteen-minute radio program every Sunday morning. Many doors are closed to us on the Reservation because we have a "white man's religion." We trust that through radio we will be able to get into their homes anyway. May the Lord give us the wisdom and the opportunity to show them that we definitely do not have a white man's religion, but rather something far better—a Living Saviour.

Evangelical Luncheons Resumed in Tucson, Arizona

JOHN HALLIDAY, 3907 E. Pasco Grande, Tucson, Ariz.: Brethren here have started the winter luncheon meetings for men, at a high class motel; and the speaker at the first meeting, a Christian from Phoenix, was excellent. Careful planning goes into these meetings, and I felt that the man whom I brought with me could hardly help but be impressed.

On October 27 three were baptized at the Bible Chapel here after the Family Bible Hour, at which I had the privilege of speaking. Attendance of both adults and children was high.

Please pray for the work as a whole, as well as for my wife and myself.

David Harris Serves in New Capacity

DAVID HARRIS, 2070 W. Acapulco Dr., Hollywood, Fla.: In 1961 my wife and I were commended to the Lord's work by Christians meeting at the Hollywood Gospel Chapel, Hollywood, Fla. Since then we have spent much of our time in children's and youth work, and more recently we have been serving the Lord at the Christian Servicemen's Center in Key West.

Shortly I will be joining the staff of the Coral Ridge Enquire Hotel in Fort Lauderdale on a full-time basis. For this reason I have returned my letter of commendation and have notified all endorsing assemblies of my change of status.

We would appreciate the continued prayerful interest of the Lord's people as we seek to serve Him in this new capacity. The Coral Ridge Enquire Hotel has a two-fold aim: to reach the Florida vacationer with the Gospel, and to provide a Christian atmosphere for the Lord's people visiting Florida. It is

owned by Mr. C. A. Pitts, a Canadian building contractor who accepted Christ at a Billy Graham Crusade meeting in Toronto a few years ago. Following his conversion he changed the name of the hotel from "Esquire" to "Enquire," and established a no liquor policy. The hotel is sponsored by the World Evangelization Foundation established by Mr. Pitts. (See ad on page 13).

Prayer Requested for Salvation Among Shoshone Indians

WESLEY KOSIN, P. O. Box 338, Fort Washakie, Wyo. 82514: Our labors here seem to show very little outward fruit at present, though God encourages us with the attention being given at our jail meetings and at the Indian homes. However, we pray yearningly for conversions to Christ. Many of the Indians are friendly toward Christianity because they do not understand that true disciples are those who turn to God from idols. They have just added some of the elements of Christianity to their own eclectic religion. Please pray that we shall walk in newness of life (the life of Christ by the Holy Spirit) so that these precious souls will be drawn to our lovely Saviour and sovereign Master.

Mr. Mackie Ministered to American Soldiers in France

WILLIAM MACKIE, 2424 Barth St., Flint Mich. 48504: During the past summer Mrs. Mackie and I had the privilege of spending three months in Europe. Our time was divided with Scotland, England and France. In France we ministered the Word to American soldiers stationed in Orleans.

All of December I am to be at Flint, and in January at Owosso, Mich.

Spanish Neighbors Discuss Gospel in Informal Visits

DAVID METLER, 1116 W. 3rd St., Portales, N. M. 88130: Spanish families come to visit us sometimes on their days off, and we share coffee and refreshments and visit with them. This is when they ask questions about the Bible and are open with us. We know that in time the truth will come to these and they will be saved. We have often helped them when trouble has come upon them, and they seem to sense when we are in need and all bring food to us; and as poor as they are, some even give a few dollars. Some of the men cannot read or write,

yet they have learned to find all the books of the Bible and follow along and are learning words by this method. We suffer reproach for the Spanish people, for they are looked down upon, and we are too for associating with them.

The meetings are in full swing since I am now able to drive the bus, with the much appreciated help of Manuel Martinez. Our children have gone into the fields on Saturday to work along with the Spanish people to help meet the expense of operating the bus.

Since the Sunday school runs over the lunch hour, we try to have cookies or candy to give out to all on the return trip to Clovis. The Safeway manager gave us twenty-four bags of candy and a big bag of bubble gum last week to give to the Spanish folk.

During our five years here we have seen some of these children change into teenagers, and pray that they will be kept from evil as they are allowed to date. A nineteen year old girl, Santana, who lives too far away to get to meetings, is still unmarried because she will not marry a fellow who drinks and does not work steadily. She has two sisters who married heavy drinkers; and their lives are full of sorrow. Pray for Dolores, Dorothy and Teresa who are now in a home in Albuquerque, having run away from their home where their mother lives in deep sin and they could not stand it any longer. Hers is the sad end of ones who hear the Gospel and reject it.

Itinerary for W. A. McLellan

W. A. McLELLAN, 21415 Santa Clara, Detroit, Mich. 48219: I expect to be in Trenton, Ont. for December, after spending November in the Detroit area.

I had the privilege of attending the Thanksgiving conference at Cascapedia, Quebec, on the Gaspé Coast, going from there to Port Howe, N. S., and the Fairview Chapel in the Halifax area, visiting isolated Christians in many areas along the way.

A. A. McLaughlin to Winter in Jamaica

A. A. McLAUGHLIN, 1027 Longfellow, Bronx, N. Y. 10459, October 28: I have been sick since October and was confined at home most of the time, but through the mercies of God and the prayers of the saints I am again able to take part in ministry and gospel preaching in the

Have you told others about this magazine?

New York, Brooklyn and White Plains, N. Y. area. I have also been enabled to visit the saints in Baltimore and Philadelphia.

My doctor and the saints at Grace Chapel have advised me to go to the tropics, so on Wednesday, October 30 I hope to leave New York for Jamaica for the duration of the winter, returning D. V. April, 1964.

Radio Work in Greensboro Proves Fruitful

HAROLD MACKAY, 3714 Freeman Mill Rd., Greensboro, N. C.: I keep busy daily in the work close to home, and there is more than enough to do. The radio provides the widest outlet and we are much encouraged in this ministry. There have also been some conversions and restorations in the local work. The Greensboro assembly has commended its third full-time worker to the Lord's service (See P. 11—Ed.).



Several Baptized in Brooklyn Spanish Assembly

LOUIS MONTALVO, Box 131, Richmond Hill, N. Y., 11418: I baptized several believers in the Evergreen Avenue Chapel, Brooklyn. We are already receiving letters from those who are profiting by the radio program we began on August 4. Henry Sanchez has returned from Spain (where he was spreading the Gospel during the summer—Ed.), and is helping substantially in the work here. He desires to devote his whole life to the work of the Lord, especially among Spanish speaking people.

I am still taking treatments for my back, and my wife has not been so well. However, the Lord gives us strength to go on.

The Will T. Millers Returned to New Zealand

WILL T. MILLER, c/o Mr. L. B. Clarke, 308, Riddell Rd., Glendowie, Auckland, N. Z., October 15: I will be returning to New Zealand by the S. S. "Arcades" on November 5 from Long Beach. My wife and family are already on their way back by another ship.

During the two years that it has been our privilege to be in the U. S. and Canada we have greatly appreciated the warm fellowship and great kindness of the North American Christians, and it is with real regret that we bid farewell to our many friends here.

I am returning to New Zealand in response to a cordial invitation to direct the work of the Every Boy's and Every Girls' Rallies throughout the country. About 10,000 young people are enrolled in this movement in New Zealand, and more than 1,000 of our young brothers and sisters are serving as group leaders. The Lord has greatly blessed this work in the salvation of souls and in additions to the assemblies.

Indian Assists in Evangelism of Navajos

DONALD PERRAULT, Immanuel Mission, Box 218, Teec Nos Pos, Ariz.: We are happy to have Jimmy Mexicano (a Navajo youth studying in preparation for the Lord's service—Ed.) flown in on the week ends to do hogan visitation on Saturdays and to preach the Gospel on Sundays in the Navajo tongue. We covet your prayers for this gospel effort; and also ask you to remember our Navajo family of 42, that all these Indian boys and girls may come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour. We see some evidences of fruit in the lives of older school girls, and pray that they will continue to grow in the knowledge of Him.

Testimony Grows in New Smyrna Beach, Florida

J. PHILIP MORGAN, 118 Carolyn Ter., Daytona Beach, Fla.: We continue to praise God for the growing work in New Smyrna Beach. Continue to pray for the Sunday school there.



We had a blessed time ministering at Bethany Chapel in Columbia, S. C. on September 29 and in a meeting in Waynesville, N. C. on October 3, held

in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Davis where a fine young people's group meets every Sunday evening.

Qualified Help Volunteered for Marmora, N. J. Building

EDWARD RICHMOND, Box 298, Ocean City, N. J. October 9: Four of the children in the Friday night meetings in Marmora have Christian fathers, and all of these, when they heard of our desire to build, offered their services free. One is an electrician, one a jeweler—who is going to give whatever clocks we need, one a surveyor, and another is able to dig the basement and put in the septic tank. I am sure that as an outcome of our labors an assembly will be planted

there. I am now undertaking this task alone and again God must make it possible. The basement is to be dug the last of this week or the first of next week.

The Gospel Was Broadcast in Siler City, N. C. in October

WOODY MURPHY, Box 9, Siler City, N. C., October 8: We are broadcasting over the radio each Sunday this month from 11 to 12 o'clock, and feel that much is accomplished through this effort.



I recently pointed a young married woman to Christ, who had professed in a revival meeting but did not have the assurance that

she was truly saved.

I am to preach the Gospel in Hinton, W. Va., November 5 through 17, using my chart on the second coming of Christ.

We expect 250 to 300 teen-agers to attend the quarterly youth rally in Siler City October 26. Peter Pell is to speak at the rally, and also October 27 through November 1.

Thessalon, Ont. Assembly Enlarges Chapel

HAROLD WAGLER, Thessalon, Ont.: Attendance and interest at most of the meetings here is very good, especially at the Family Bible Hour. This "Thessalonian" assembly is presently enlarging the chapel. The auditorium will be one third larger, and there will be two more Sunday school rooms (making eight altogether), two cloak rooms, another wash room and a mother's room.

The last week of September I had a happy week of children's meetings in the Maple Ridge Chapel at Sault Ste Marie. Total attendance for the five nights was over 600, with 150 in one night.

Eleven in Augusta, Ga., Profess Faith

LESTER WILSON, 1303 8th Ave., Albany, Ga.: On the 20th of October we concluded a two-week gospel series in Augusta, Ga. Eleven professed. Attendance was up to 300 some week nights.

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The Lamp of Prophecy

The Prominence of Prophecy in the Bible

"How important is prophecy?" This can be answered by asking another question, "How prominent is it in the Word of God?" One method of determining the importance of a biblical doctrine is to note the amount of space assigned to it in the Scriptures by the Spirit of God. When this rule is applied to prophecy its importance is immediately recognizable. Prophecy is prominent throughout both Old and New Testaments, as even a cursory reading of the Bible will reveal. The words "prophet," "prophecy," etc., alone appear over 400 times.

From the opening book of Genesis—which is usually considered as history—to that great capstone of Scripture, the book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ, the sacred pages abound with prophetic utterances. Sixteen books in the Old Testament (cf. Luke 24:44) and one in the New (Rev. 1:3) are usually classified as prophecy. Certain chapters stand out as prophetic mountain peaks on the scriptural horizon; e.g., Psalm 2; Isaiah 53; Jeremiah 31; Ezekiel 37, 38; Daniel 2, 7; Zechariah 14; Matthew 24; Romans 11; II Thessalonians 1; Revelation 7, 13, 17, 19, etc. Some of the best known and most loved verses in the Bible are prophetic in character: e.g., Isaiah 7:14; 9:6, 7; 53:5, 6; John 14:1-3; I Corinthians 15:51-57; I Thessalonians 4:13-17; Revelation 22:20; etc.

Prophecy in the Old Testament

It is not difficult to discern a strong prophetic element in the opening book, Genesis, from the initial Messianic prophecy in 3:15 to aged Jacob's last words to his sons concerning "that which shall befall you in the last days" (Gen. 49).

The promises of the Abrahamic covenant, later confirmed to Isaac and to Jacob, contain many prophetic declarations regarding Abraham's seed, both Messianic and national. (Gen. 12:1-3,

13:14-17, 15:12-21, 22:15-18, 26:3-5, 28:13-14).

Many historical events, types, and biographies have strong prophetic undertones, e.g., the six days of creation and the sabbath, the flood, Enoch's translation, the call of Rebekah, the life of Joseph, etc. In such, the prophetic element is implicit; in the promises, it is explicit.

The last four books of the Pentateuch, and the twelve historical ones, follow much the same pattern as Genesis, some to a greater, some to a lesser degree. "The prophets" (Isaiah to Malachi) are filled with prophecies concerning Israel and the nations, interspersed with Messianic gems.

The poetic portion of the Old Testament might be expected to be an exception to this prophetic trend. But not so. The Psalms abound in weighty prophetic utterances. Psalms 2, 8, 16, 22, 40, 41, 45, 72, 118 are usually recognized as Messianic. The future of Israel and the nations is dealt with in various psalms. It is claimed that there are 300 predictions concerning Messiah alone in the Old Testament, so that it can be correctly stated that the Old Testament is one vast prophecy.

Prophecy in the New Testament

Coming to the new Testament we find the Gospels interlaced with references to the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies and new forecasts of the future, particularly in relation to the Church. Matthew sets the pattern for this, and the others follow.

Not only was our Lord's entire life a fulfillment of prophecy, but He predicted His own death, burial and resurrection (Matt. 16:21, etc.), and spoke often of His second coming and related events (Matt. 24, John 14:3, etc.). The epistles speak often of Christ's second coming, both to the air and to the earth, and of future events preceding and following His advent.

It is claimed that, on an average, one out of every twenty verses in the New Testament refers to the return of the Lord. Add to these the predictions concerning the Church, the individual believers, Israel and the nations, and one is surely convinced of the prominence of prophecy in the New Testament. Lest we should have overlooked this prophetic message—impossible though that seems—God has crowned His Word with the incomparable book of the Revelation, in which all the predictive trends converge and are tied together.

Prophecy Reveals God's Character

The large place accorded prophecy in the Bible should occasion no surprise; rather its absence would be suspect in a Book that claims to come from a God who challenges the false gods to reveal the future, and advances His own ability to do so as undeniable evidence of His truth and supremacy.

Produce your cause, saith the Lord; bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob. Let them bring them forth, and show us what shall happen: Let them show the former things, what they be, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come. Show the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods.

And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for Me, since I appointed the ancient people? And the things that are coming, and shall come, let them show unto them.

Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? Have not I the Lord? And there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.

Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none

like me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand and I will do all my pleasure: Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it; I will also do it.

(Isaiah 41:21-23, 44:7, 45:21, 46:9-11).

God Alone Can Reveal the Future

God alone, in His omniscience, knows the end from the beginning, and, in prophecy, He has graciously lifted a corner of the veil that hangs over the future and permitted us to look ahead. How grateful we should be, and how gladly should we avail ourselves of the privilege of doing so! In a day when false cults and false prophets lay claim to occult power, we carry in our hands the only Book whose light shines unerringly ahead.

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Repercussions—Continued from page 7
Christian magazines sway Christians' thinking for good or evil.

Have always appreciated the grace in evidence in LOI.

I see that I have some of my pension money left that I haven't given away and it just came to mind that I haven't sent you anything for sending me Letters of Interest this year. I thank you for sending it to me as it is improving some. . . . I am 83 years old and a widow, but I read every word of LOI and pray for the workers. . . . I'm sorry I cannot contribute. I can only pray. (Omit "only." Readers' prayers are a most valuable contribution—Ed.)

We read practically every jot and tittle of LOI. (Calls for good proofreading—Ed.) . . . LOI is one of the few publications I find time to read in my taxing schedule as an attorney at law. . . . I can hardly wait to read it. . . . I usually sit down and read LOI from cover to cover without stopping.

LOI enjoyed by all the family. . . . We try to see that all who break bread regularly are placed on the subscription list. . . . I even send it to Scotland sometimes. . . . I am isolated, and look forward to receiving each issue. . . . I am a shut-in, and LOI keeps me in touch with the Lord's people.

The Local Church

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Question 57. Under what circumstances is a sister permitted by scripture to pray or preach?

Answer—A sound rule for understanding Scripture is that we should never allow an obscure statement to supplement a clear one. We have two passages of Scripture that are very clear and emphatic on the question of women keeping silent in the church: I Corinthians 14:34 and I Timothy 2:11-15. The passage in I Corinthians 11:5 is obscure and requires explanation. Here we have difficulty and many good men have differed. Our understanding is that a woman may teach when no men are present.

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Question 58. I would appreciate your views on instrumental music in this dispensation. Assemblies are almost divided on this point; I do not think it should be carried that far.

Answer—The matter of using musical instruments must be decided by the elders of each assembly. There is no mention either for or against them in the New Testament as far as we know. Those who are opposed to their use make much of the fact that they are not mentioned. If this is a valid reason, however, think of the many other matters common among us which are not mentioned either. The building of a hall or a chapel or gospel center is not mentioned. The saints gathered in the temple and in houses; the only other meeting places are listed as the "church which is in his (or their) house." Sunday schools, treats, picnics, children's meetings and many other things would have to be discontinued if this rule were followed consistently. Things are not necessarily unscriptural when they are not mentioned in Scripture.

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Question 59. What things should be mentioned in a letter of commendation given to a member of an assembly who is visiting another area on holiday or on business? Is a printed form with spaces for name, signatures, etc., adequate for all cases, or should an individual letter be written to give guidance to the as-

semblies being visited as to ability in ministry, gospel preaching, etc.?

Answer—The letter should contain the essential facts of the visiting person's being in fellowship with the commending assembly. Also if a brother is gifted this should be mentioned, as it might be useful to the visited assembly. We think a printed form is a very cold substitute for a warm letter of love to another assembly.

NEWS BITS

GEORGE BAXTER of Flagstaff, Ariz., writes that the chapel in Shonto has been completed, and a dedication service was planned for October 27. He thanks the Christians for their prayers and gifts, and requests further prayer that many will hear the Gospel and some will be saved.

ROCCO CAPPIELLO of New Haven, Conn., has recovered from a two months' illness and resumed ministry in the New York City-New Jersey area.

WALLACE CUDMORE, who moved to Angus, Ont., recently, writes that work there is encouraging as it continues to grow and become more established.

ERNEST GROSS of Greenville, S. C. reports that several professed faith in Christ during a two weeks' effort for young folk in Champaign, Ill.

GEORGE HEIDMAN of Pubinco, N. S. and CLARK McCLELLAND of Westbrook, Me., were to start a series of gospel meetings in the Queenstown Street Gospel Hall, St. Catharines, Ont., October 20.

The assembly in Camden, N. J. expected LORNE McBAIN of Jackson, Mich. and ERIC McCULLOUGH of Cedar Falls, Iowa, to start gospel meetings there October 22.

Did you use the Annual Survey envelope yet?
Many hundreds have,
See page 10 Thank you.

HOMES

ANNUAL REPORT: ELIM HOMES

July 1, 1963

The first formal effort to establish Elim Homes was made in a hotel room in the city of Toronto, Ont. Elim Homes was actually born there when five men poured out their hearts to the Lord.

On May 4, 1945 Letters Patent were granted by the Ontario Government and the Corporation of Elim Homes was brought into existence.

July 1, 1945 is remembered as the date of the official opening. A very simple service to which interested Christians were invited was held. There was a review of the spiritual exercise thus consummated; there was suitable ministry from the Word of God, and much thanksgiving and prayer. The entire project was solemnly dedicated to the Lord, and three sisters were admitted.

The many varied services at Elim have included housekeeping, cooking, laundering, and nursing; but more than these, they have included the handling of trust funds, the making of wills, the execution of small estates, and the giving of assistance in the disposition of properties—in fact, they have included anything that was conducive to the help, health, and happiness of the residents who enjoy the security and shelter of the Home.

As applications continued to increase, it became obvious that available space was insufficient to cope with the need; therefore, the brethren responsible for the work purchased part of a one story barracks in Ajax, Ont. This was divided into sections and moved to Waubesa, there to become the material for what is now known as the south wing.

Throughout the eighteen years, the Home has been honored by the presence of the widows of some of the Lord's servants, and by ex-missionaries. For a number of years there resided at Elim a sister who had spent twenty years in China. There also was for some time a distinguished British missionary who, with her husband, spent 50 years in the Lord's service in India. She was reputed to be the first woman to penetrate with the Gospel that land of mystery, Tibet.

The exercise relative to elderly brethren and elderly couples has come to fruition; a new section has been built especially for their care. The structure is now raised and the lower floor is ready for occupancy. The second floor is to be finished at a later date, in the will of the Lord.

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The brief review of the eighteen years that are passed bows the heart of each Director before the Lord. It is with profound gratitude to Him and to His beloved children that the financial statement for the fiscal year that closed June 30, 1963, is now submitted.

Income: Offerings from Residents,
Assemblies, Individuals, and be-
quests from Estates: \$27,081.03

Interest Earned—

Bonds: \$ 761.05
\$27,842.08

Expenses: \$22,881.24

Net income for the year: \$ 4,960.84

James Gunn

NINE IN ADELAIDE HOME PROFESS FAITH

RICHARD MATTHEWS, c/o Adelaide Christian Home for Children, 5441 Overland Ave., Culver City, Calif.: Nine children have professed faith in Christ in recent months, some showing signs of new life. Please continue to pray that the Lord will honor His Word in their hearts, and encourage and bless those who are giving their lives to help them.

Twenty-eight children are now in residence at the Home; this number is near the capacity of the Home. Twenty boys are in the main building, four boys in one cottage, and four girls in the other. The children's ages range from six to fifteen years, and when necessary we may keep them through high school.



The new Beverly Bible Chapel which replaced the old Washington Heights Chapel in Chicago, Ill. Report in November LOI, page 18, column 2, item 3.