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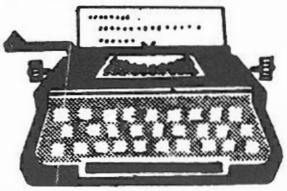

EDITORIAL COMMENT---

God's Estimate of Easter

"And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses" (Acts 3:15).

WITH many the observance of Easter has degenerated to a pagan festival of easter bunnies and colored eggs. Others think of it only in terms of a holiday weekend, or their semi-annual visit to church. Even among evangelical Christians there is a tendency to relegate Christ's death, burial and ressurrection to merely an historic fact, outstanding though it may be. This means that the true spiritual and moral significance is either neglected or excluded from the Christian's thinking and living.

While the historicity of Christ's bodily ressurrection from the dead is well established, we must move from the position of mere mental assent of facts, to full appropriation and appreciation of the divine estimate of Christ's sacrifice on our behalf. If all that we could read in the Scriptures were simply statements regarding the fact of Christ's suffering and death, we would have no basis for the exercise of saving faith.

It is not enough to read that *"Christ died."* We must have God's evaluation of that death, *"Christ died FOR OUR SINS"* (1 Corinthians 15:3). It is not enough to read that He *"was raised again"* from the dead. We must have the divine appraisal of His resurrection, He *"was raised again FOR OUR JUSTIFICATION"* (Romans 4:25). This alone gives us a premise for personal faith in a personal Saviour Who died and rose again for us. This is the divine meaning and magnitude of the Easter message.

The Easter story reflects the consuming purpose of our Saviour's coming into this world and being identified with the human race. He came, *"to seek and to save that which was lost"* (Luke 19:10). He came to suffer for our sins, *"the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God"* (1 Peter 3:18). He came to *"taste death for every man"* (Hebrews 2:9). He came to *"bare our sins in his own body on the tree"* (1 Peter 2:24). He came to be *"made . . . sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him"* (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Knowing God's estimate of Easter brings with it the moral responsibility of sharing the "good news" with others. Do not take for granted that all who look at a picture of Christ on the Cross, or all who have heard of the death of our Lord Jesus Christ, also know that He rose again from the dead. Without such knowledge of and belief in the bodily resurrection of Christ there can be no salvation from sin.

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be SAVED" (Romans 10:9).

You can know the joy of sins forgiven and the blessedness of peace with God at this Easter season, if you will only believe that Christ died and rose again for you. Do it now.

— Irvin W. Ellis

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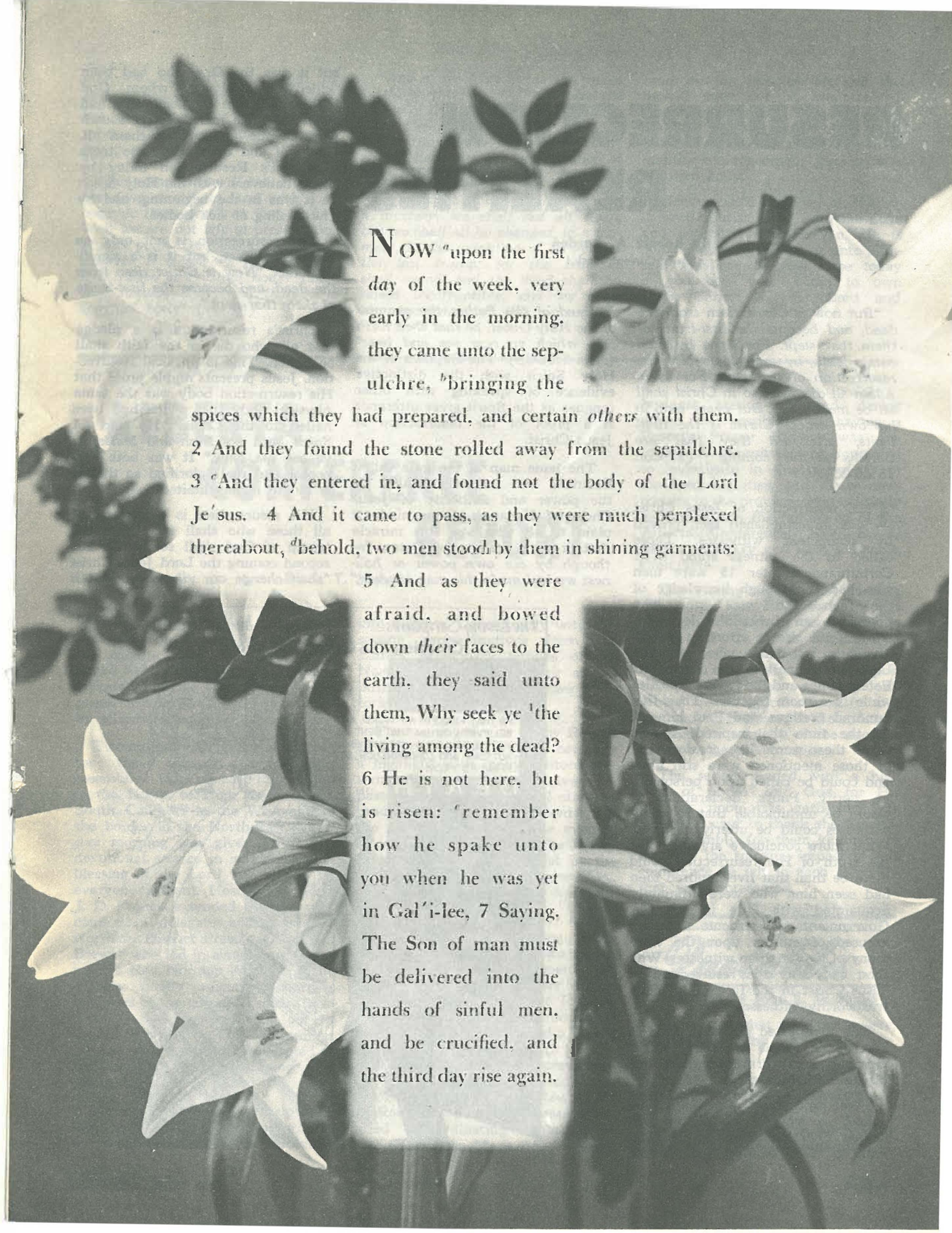


NOW [a]upon the first *day* of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, [b]bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain *others* with them. 2 And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. 3 [c]And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Je'sus. 4 And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, [d]behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: 5 And as they were afraid, and bowed down *their* faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye [1]the living among the dead? 6 He is not here, but is risen: [e]remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Gal'i-lee, 7 Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.

RESURRECTION REALITIES

By Robert A. Larden
(Swift Current, Sask.)

"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ is the first-fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming" (1 Cor. 15:20-23).

THE resurrection of Jesus Christ is an established fact, proved by competent witnesses. Those called to the witness stand in 1 Corinthians chapter 15 were men who had a thorough knowledge of the facts, and were men who possessed an invincible love for truth. Paul draws attention to individuals by name who saw the Lord Jesus alive after the crucifixon: Peter, James and the twelve Apostles while in a room together. Then five hundred brethren and Paul himself. At the time the inspired Apostle wrote these words *"the greater part"* of those mentioned were still alive and could be called upon personally to verify Paul's declaration. It would be unthinkable that so many witnesses could be utterly deceived. What more conclusive argument for the truth of His resurrection could there be than that five hundred men had seen him, who were intimately acquainted with Him in His life. Governments will execute a person accused of murder upon the testimony of two or three witnesses. Who then can deny the resurrection of Jesus Christ in the face of so many trustworthy witnesses?

The manifested power of God in accordance to the preaching of the Gospel was to affirm the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

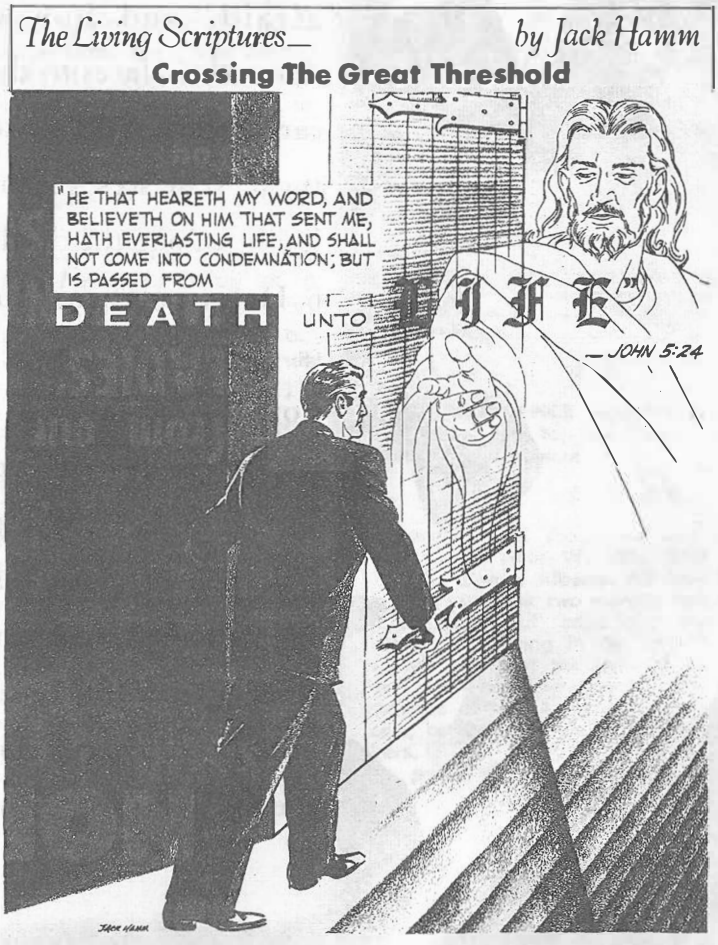
Peter said *"this Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he that shed forth this, which ye now see and hear"* (Acts 2:32-33). The Baptism of the Holy Spirit with the distinctive evidence of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance is a proof of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The lame man at the gate called Beautiful was instantly healed by the power and authority of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Peter made it plain to all who saw this miracle that it was nothing of Peter, *"as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk,"* but it was the One who had been "killed" at Calvary *"whom God hath raised from the dead"* that had given the lame man *"perfect soundness"* in the presence of them all. God will and does attest the truth of Christ's Resurrection today by filling believers with the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning; and by the healing of sick bodies.

The resurrection is not only an established fact, but it is a significant fact, *"Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept."*

Christ's resurrection is a pledge that all who die in the faith shall be raised. This is physical resurrection. Jesus presents ample proof that His resurrection body was the same physical body that which had been nailed to the Cross. He said *"A Spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have."* It was both corporeal and real: glorified so that it is by no means limited.

His resurrection is a pattern of all those who shall rise when the trump of God shall sound. At His second coming the Lord Jesus Christ *"shall change our vile body, that it*



may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself" (Phil. 3:21).

"But some man will say, How are the dead raised up, and with what body do they come? (1 Cor. 15:35). Well we are not left to presumption at this point. God has given us the answer. *"It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body"* (vs. 44).

"And as we have borne the image of the earthly, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly" (vs. 49). We have the resemblance of Adam in the natural make-up of our body; so we shall have the resemblance of Christ's glorified body.

Verses 51-53, *"Behold, I shew you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality."* The resurrection body, though identical with the mortal body so far as the preservation of personal identity is concerned, yet it is a glorified body.

Heaven is the Home of the redeemed. Christ arose from the dead and ascended into Heaven. He is coming again to receive us unto Himself. This can be your hope today if you bow your knees to own Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour.

ALBERTA CONFERENCE REPORT

By F. T. Nelson

THE new 7th Ave. Apostolic Church, Edmonton, welcomed the Alberta Conference which convened February 20 and 21. The fine hospitality of the assembly and host pastor was enjoyed and appreciated by all who attended.

Twenty-four delegates registered for the occasion representing assemblies from Peace River area in the North, to High River in the South, Canmore to the West and to the border in the North-East. Tuesday morning was given over to a devotional service in which the rich blessing of the Lord was sensed by everyone present. Host pastor Rev. J. D. Francis extended a warm welcome to all delegates and introduced Northern District Presbyter, Rev. R. Brewer who led in singing and testimonies. Rev. Norman Worth brought a very timely message exhorting ministers of the gospel to spend time with the Lord before going out to preach His Word. The communion service which followed presented a real time of heart searching and committment to the Lord.

The afternoon was taken up with business, discussion centering around the proper dividing of the province into districts. Concurrently with this session representatives from the Ladies' Missionary Groups of the Northern District held their annual business meeting in the lower auditorium.

The evening service led by Rev. E. L. McRae of Calgary was certainly a highlight with many visitors present. Testimonies were given by pastor delegates and special numbers rendered by Rev. W. E. Crowder and the Glanville family. The evening message under the title "The Pentecostal Church," was brought by the guest speaker for the occasion, Rev. D. Breen, pastor of the Apostolic Temple, Moose Jaw, Sask.

On Wednesday morning Bible discussion was shared on two topics, namely "The Lord's Supper," and "Church Membership." After dinner the Northern District met for one hour in a Sunday school room and discussed the need of a "Radio Voice" representing our fellowship in this area. The committee previously appointed was asked to study this matter further. At 2:30 Rev. E. L. McRae gave a stirring message entitled "Re-evaluating Pentecost in '62," based on Mark 16. A short business session followed during which the possibility of having a Pastor's Prayer Retreat was discussed. A committee was appointed to investigate in this regard as to location, facilities, etc. Two newcomers to the province were officially welcomed into the fellowship of the Alberta Conference; Rev. E. L. McRae, Calgary and Rev. I. Lockie, Craigmyle.

The closing service that evening was led by Rev. R. Brewer. Specials were contributed by the Glanville family and Mrs. Shirley Peskett. The closing message of the conference bore the title "Why are we Apostolic?" Rev. Breen very ably presented the scriptural reason for our existence and referred to the apostolic age and the ministry of the apostles in answering this question.

The service ended with a high note of praise unto God for His blessing upon this gathering. We sincerely want to thank the Edmonton Assembly for their kindness to us. May the spiritual impact of this conference be felt in each assembly that was represented.

Quotables

Compiled by John E. Southard

We are not what we think we are, but what we think, we are.

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No one has ever cleaned up this world with soft soap—it takes grit.

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When we pray for rain we must be willing to put up with some mud.

MEET YOUR MISSIONARY

BORN TWICE IN WINNIPEG

C. S. Currie

I do not remember my first birth, as recorded in Winnipeg, Man., April 1st, 1899, but during the first world war in Winnipeg there was a great revival that commenced in 1916. I attended this revival, first with my father, after that I went on my own.

In 1917 I accepted the Lord and was baptized in water in the Name of The Lord Jesus Christ, and on Tuesday, May 6th, 1919, the Lord filled me with the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. After preaching around Winnipeg and district for three years, in 1922 I gave notice to where I worked and went out in full time ministry. That fall with my co-worker Dwight Drysdale we attended the first Conference of the Apostolic Church of Pentecost Inc. The Conference was held in the Old Knox Church in Winnipeg. We came in from Portage la Prairie, Manitoba. The next year I went to Carman, Manitoba, and also preached that summer at Rose Isle, Manitoba and Almasiipi, Manitoba. That year 1923 I married. That fall we returned to Winnipeg, and worked out from there for the next three years. In the spring of 1927 we started out again in full time ministry, and have continued to the present. In the spring of 1950 we left for Africa. We have fulfilled two five year terms and presently are on our third term in Africa.

Please pray for Sister Currie and myself that we may be able to continue preaching in the land of our calling.

Against a backdrop of unrest, confusion and paganism . . .

These Came Out of Darkness

Trophies of God's groce from mission fields around the world.

FLORENCIA Cruz, before his conversion was recognized as a very hard man, and he had a very violent temper. His wife, Mela, suffered much during the times when his temper controlled him. Many times she was cruelly beaten, and other times she was forced to flee her home to escape her husband's fury.

Mela, was the first of the family to accept Christ as her Saviour. She was saved after attending several of the first Gospel meetings we held in Cifuentes, Cuba. Her husband was impressed by the remarkable joy and peace that his wife enjoyed, and Mela's prayers for her husband and family were soon answered.

Today, her husband, two daughters and three sons have also accepted the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. This family bears a real testimony in this area. Mela is always among the first on her feet with a testimony in the meetings. Often she is heard to tell with tears of joy, of the wonderful change that has come to her home, since Jesus came and changed their lives.

Quotables

Compiled by John E. Southard

Many people are like the north star—there when you need them, dependable, loyal, and a guide through difficult places.

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Tact is the ability to shut your mouth before someone else wants to.

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Many people devote their time to the development of one part of his body—the wishbone!

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No problem is too great for His power or too slight for His love.

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The devil loves to fish in troubled waters.

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You can not touch another's heart with anything less than your own.

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No one is apt to get lost on a straight road.

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The world owes you a living only when you have earned it.

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Faith is spiritual life in action.

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All that I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all that I have not seen.

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He who overcomes his own desires is braver than he who conquers his enemies.

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The most difficult victory to win is victory over self.

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He never fears the face of man who knows the face of God.

Florencia and Mela Cruz

How to put to work

THOSE MISSIONARY LETTERS

WHAT DO YOU DO with those missionary letters that come from overseas to your church . . . your home . . . your office? Do you read them and toss them? or put them away in a place so "safe" no one ever finds them again?

If so, you're wasting good material—valuable information which can, if used properly, help not only the missionary but also your church and the local community as well.

Here are some paragraph pointers to help you get the most from your next missionary letter—arriving, perhaps, in tomorrow's mail:

Display Them. Reserve space on the bulletin board of your church and post letters from missionaries where they can be easily read by the entire congregation. Pertinent points or prayer requests can be underscored with red pencil for emphasis.

Clip Them. Help your pastor by clipping excerpts from your next missionary letter and give them to him for use in the pulpit. Every prominent speaker has a "ghost" writer to furnish information gleaned from periodicals, books and letters. You can help your pastor by serving as his "ghost" and catching significant items of information that may be contained exclusively in personal letters to you.

Take Them To The Press. People nowadays are very conscious of events in all parts of the world. Missionaries

often find themselves right in the midst of areas in world news. The editor of your local newspaper, although amply supplied with news of political significance, will often welcome news of your missionary (preferably with pictures). From your missionary letters, send the editor quotes, facts and observations made by the missionary. Write an account of your missionary's everyday life at some remote outpost and ask your missionary friends to cooperate by sending answers to questions you have and by sending good pictures. These will interest the newspaper editor and be good publicity for your church.

Inform Sunday School Classes. Prepare excerpts from your missionary letters (by mimeographing or typing) and distribute them among the Sunday school teachers of your church. They will be useful especially as prayer requests on behalf of your missionaries. When your missionaries learn

of the ways you are using their letters, they will be encouraged to include more prayer requests on behalf of their work.

Keep Scrapbooks. Your missionary letters will be duplicated among members of your church. Assign one missions-minded family the task of pasting each complete letter in a scrapbook for handy reference. An attractive album-type book of this kind would be a fine contribution to your church library. Insert pictures, too, wherever possible, and news clippings from the local press which may have used the missionaries' stories.

Your missionaries put a lot of hard work into their letters. Be sure these are not lost, but used to the fullest on the home front for the purposes for which they are intended.

Clip and Mail To Your Missionary

LETTER-WRITING TIPS FOR MISSIONARIES

1. Make sure the letters you send home are not crowded or jammed together with too many words. Letters with little or no margin are hardest to read and look cluttered.

2. Write "tightly," that is, don't ramble or fill your letter with words just to take up space.

3. Write interpretatively. Analyze the events which take place at your station; show how they affect the people you work with. Tell of a dramatic incident occasionally. Vary the contents. Don't get into a rut by sending the same format each month.

4. Ask the home folk what they like best to read.

5. Include specific prayer requests in each letter.

6. Send news directly to the newspaper editor nearest the church which supports you.

7. Include something of interest to children in your letters.

8. Husbands and wives should take turns writing. Letters signed by both are not as personal.

9. Keep a diary throughout the month so that when letter-writing day comes, all you need do is leaf through the diary and record the highlights.

10. Send your letters regularly so that your friends will expect them and use them. Include maps and pictures often. Money spent on snapshots is more than worthwhile.

World Vision Magazine

Full Gospel Indian Bible School

GOD has greatly blessed the 1962 term of the Full Gospel Indian Bible School at Fort Qu'Appelle, Sask., from January 4th to February 15th. We had ten first year students and three second year students who eagerly received the Word of God through the teaching of Brother Ronald Hooper and Brother Maurice Fuller.

The evangelists for the evening services were Brother Gordon W. (Billy) Schuetz and Brother Harry Roberts, under who ministry several souls of the surrounding districts were saved, sick people were healed, and fourteen people were filled with the Holy Ghost. Seven were also baptized in water.

Brother Bill McNabb, a last year student was the very able cook for the school, and Brother J. W. Reid was the very busy business manager.

February 15th was the closing day, when Brother Art Sheppard and Brother Harry Roberts ministered to a good sized crowd.

We take this opportunity to thank each one that helped in this work. We thank God that the daily need of the school was met. Please pray with us that the need concerning the expense of the church that was purchased last fall will be completely supplied.

Ronald Hooper

PHOTO STORY: Top picture shows the faculty and staff of the Full Gospel Indian Bible School. (From left to right) Ronald Hooper, principal and teacher, J. W. Reid, chairman and business manager, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Fuller, teacher and helper, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Schuetz, evangelists and Mr. Bill McNabb, cook.

Centre photo is of the chapel and classrooms of the Full Gospel Indian Bible School. This church was purchased for $500.00 (size 26 ft. x 44 ft.) and was moved on to the newly built aggregate block basement in November, 1961.

Bottom picture is of the students attending the 1962 term of the Full Gospel Indian Bible School from January 4th to February 15th. Students included: Albert Bull, Paynton, Sask., Joseph Pelletier, Punnichy, Sask., Lloyd Isnana, Fort Qu'Appelle, Sask., Sam Thompson, Paynton, Sask., Hillary Fisher, Punnichy, Sask., Demas Dowan, Griswold, Manitoba, Jim Delorme, Avonhurst, Sask., Johnson Kakum, Paynton, Sask., Wallace Jackson, Paynton, Sask., Danny Elk, Griswold, Manitoba, Howard King, Paynton, Sask., Mrs. Grace King, Paynton, Sask., Sally Elk, Griswold, Manitoba. There were ten first year students and three second year students.

NEWS from our LADIES' MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP

God's Call to You

EVERY Christian has a "call" from God!

He "hath **saved** us, and **called** us" (2 Tim. 1:9). Every one of us who is saved is also called.

Called out of darkness, 1 Pet. 2:9; called unto eternal life, 1 Tim. 6:12; called unto peace, Col. 3:15; unto holiness, 1 Thess. 4:7. called unto His Kingdom and glory, 1 Thess. 2:12; is called to follow His example, 1 Pet. 2:21.

The foundation of Missions is sacrifice. God gave up His only-begotten Son, to bestow life upon us. Jesus yielded up Himself for our sins; He poured out His soul unto death!

Missions advance by sacrifice. Faithful Christian workers surrender their ALL to take the Gospel to the lost.

Every child of God has been "called into fellowship with Christ," to be His partner, to have "all things common" with Him, to participate in His supreme compassion on the lost.

Easter can mean little to one outside Christ. But to us, saved and called, it is a time to "lay in dust life's glory dead," to crucify our flesh anew, our self-will mortify.

Easter is a time to rededicate to our Heavenly Partner our ALL, and to receive from His abundance a fresh infilling of His resurrection Life, His love, and His utter abandonment to the will of God. His will is MISSIONS!

E. Spicer.

Quotables . . .

One should give more concern to making a life than making a living.

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God is far more concerned with what we are than with what we do.

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Most people talk Christianity by the yard who can't walk it by the inch.

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The world is full of men who are making good livings but poor lives.

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It is quite often the case that people keep their stumbling block under their hat.

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Some people sow wild oats all week and then go to church on Sunday thinking that will insure a crop failure.

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No one gets less pleasure out of life than those who live for pleasure.

New Missionary Groups

FIVE more groups are joyfully welcomed into our Ladies' Missionary Fellowship.

First, **Sister Penny Stein** reports from Winnipeg for the newly-organized Zion Apostolic Church Ladies' Missionary Circle. "We are pleased to tell you that this group came into being at a meeting which **Pastor Kosick** held with the ladies on Jan. 4, when the following officers were elected: President, **Sister A. McDonald;** vice-president, **Sister Lois Smith;** secretary-treasurer, **Sister Penny Stein.**

It has been a real joy for all of us to see this endeavor begun. We are all looking forward to the future with great hope, and the expectation that God will use this group for His own honor and glory, as we do this in His service."

FROM Indian Head, Sask., the pastor's wife, **Sister Pearl Nesbitt,** tells of a new Ladies' Missionary Group organized there on Jan. 11: "We have seven members, with meetings held every week. The project decided upon was quilts for our manse, and baby blankets for needy families here in Indian Head. Our officers are: President, **Sister Nesbitt;** vice-president, **Sister Fox;** secretary-treasurer, **Sister Gill; Sister Kerr,** visitation; and **Sister Derkson,** sewing.

A NEW Ladies' Missionary Group has been formed in the Morse Hill church. **Sister Lillian Shaw** reports: "The ladies seem quite enthusiastic, and I trust we will be able to accomplish something for the Lord. Our president is **Sister Selma Rosinke,** and I am secretary."

WE are very happy to welcome the Brooks Group into our fellowship. **Sister B. Creighton** reports: "We are a very small Missionary Group at Immanuel Assembly. **Sister Margaret Baker** is our missionary in India. We send parcels to India and Africa, and help in the homeland as much as we can. We enjoy the newsletter very much."

SISTER **Laura Wicks** of Nipawin informs us that the Ladies' Afternoon Missionary Group has started meetings again, with the following officers elected: President, **Sister Eileen Tebbutt.** vice-president, **Sister Verna Hornseth;** secretary-treasurer, **Sister Laura Wicks.** "There are nine members so far, but we pray more will attend. We have started a linen cupboard, as our ladies are willing workers," **Sister Wicks** wrote.

COOK WANTED

The Evangelistic Tabernacle Youth Camp, Crescent Beach, B.C., requires a Cook for the Junior and Young People's Camps, July 3rd to August 1st. Please write to **Rev. Jack Gordon, 85 East 10th Avenue, Vancouver 15, B.C.**

▶ Pray for the Bible school students after graduation, that God will guide and use their lives for His glory.

▶ Remember the **Curries** in prayer, as they resume missionary work in S. Rhodesia.

▶ **Sister Muriel Sprowl** requests: 1. Pray for our contact with the Japanese in our English classes. 2. Continue to pray for our school children, the teachers and the school board. 3. Pray that we teachers may have greater opportunities to serve the Lord here in Japan.

▶ Pray for the **Eatons,** as they finish language school in France, and fly to West Africa in the first part of April.

▶ **Brother Bettschen** asks prayer that the Lord will open the understanding of the Japanese people as they believe God's Word.

▶ **Sister Hildebrandt** asks prayer for **Timothy,** for complete victory, so he will be a useful vessel. Pray, too, for other school children to be saved.

▶ **Sisters Sieker** and **Hunt** request our prayers for: 1. **Yohane,** a promising worker to be restored. 2. Pray with us regarding the future of our school, when we leave for furlough in May. If we close the school the Catholic Church will possibly put a school here, which will take our children, as well as make it still harder for Gospel work here. **This is a real need.** Our hearts are heavy as we think of leaving our Mission Station without a missionary while we are away. **Sisters Mitchell** and **Maynard** will be coming down once a month, Lord willing. 3. We appreciate and need your prayers, prayer does change things.

THE MISSIONARY OUTLOOK

By F. Assman

(Missionary-secretary of the A.C.O.P.)

"Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan to John to be baptized of him" (Matthew 3:14).

IT seems in our day there is not as much emphasis based on water baptism as there used to be. Whether this is good or bad can only be left as to what emphasis and value there is placed upon it by the Scriptures. When Jesus came to John to be baptized, he forbade him saying, *"I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?"* And Jesus answering said unto him, *"Suffer it to be so now, for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness."* If Jesus found it necessary to be baptized in water in order to fulfill all righteousness, then of necessity water baptisms must hold an important place within the church of Jesus Christ. Jesus, in giving the Great Commission, said *"Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost"* (Matthew 28:19).

On the Day of Pentecost at the first outpouring of the Holy Ghost it says, *"Then they that gladly received His Word were baptized and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls"* (Acts 2:41). During Peter's preaching on the Day of Pentecost many that heard him were pricked in their heart and said unto Peter and the rest of the apostles, *"Men and brethren, what shall we do?"* Then Peter said unto them, *"Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."* The command was to be baptized in Jesus name.

When Philip the evangelist went down to Samaria believers were baptized. *"But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ they were baptized, both men and women"* (Acts 8:12). Philip was taken away from the revival in Samaria and transported to a eunuch travelling on the road who had been up to Jerusalem for to worship. Philip was bade of the Holy Spirit to go near and join himself to the chariot. In so doing he heard the eunuch reading from the Scriptures and enquired, *"Understandest thou what thou readest?"* The eunuch replied, *"How can I except some man should guide me?"* And the records reveal that Philip preached unto him Jesus and as soon as they came across a body of water the eunuch requested to be baptized. And as they went on their way they came unto a certain water and the eunuch said, *"See here is water, what doth hinder me to be baptized?"* And Philip said, *"If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest."* And he answered and said, *"I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch and he baptized him"* (Acts 8.36-38).

After Saul was saved and received his sight, he arose and was baptized (Acts 9:18).

When Paul was at Corinth, Crispus the chief ruler of the synagogue believed on the Lord with all his house and many of the Corinthians hearing believed and were baptized (Acts 18:8).

The Philippian jailer when Paul and Silas were released in a miraculous way from prison cried, *"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"* And they said,*"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved and thy house."* Later the jailer took the prisoners to his own house and he himself was baptized, and he and all his straightway. This all took place in the middle of the night. If baptism could be lightly looked upon or being just some burdensome ordinance of the church without much significance then surely there was no hurry in the jailer being baptized in the middle of the night. This could have been left to a more convenient time of the day or a more opportune time when there would be a special baptismal service held with others being baptized. The significance and importance of water baptism among the early church is everywhere in evidence.

Now water baptism is not a means of salvation nor does it add anything to nor take away from their salvation. It is a command of the Lord Jesus and a practice and pattern of the early church to indicate that the believer is identified with the Lord Jesus Christ.

In some of the foreign countries for the nationals of heathen religions to identify themselves with Christianity poses no great problem to them. If however they take the step to publicly identify themselves with the believers through the testimony of water baptism, this makes a big difference. It is immediately recognized that they have severed all connections from other heathen religions and are now giving outward testimony that they are solely and completely identified with the body of believers and the Lord Jesus Christ. Until this takes place there is little or no persecution to that believer. Immediately after baptism they are often ostracized and in some instances even funeral services are held to indicate they are publicly denounced and put away from their own families and associates. This is the price that many of the believers have to pay in these foreign countries to be identified with the Lord Jesus Christ and the true church of the living God. *"And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord"* (Acts 10:48).

BIBLE VERSE

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. REV. 22:17

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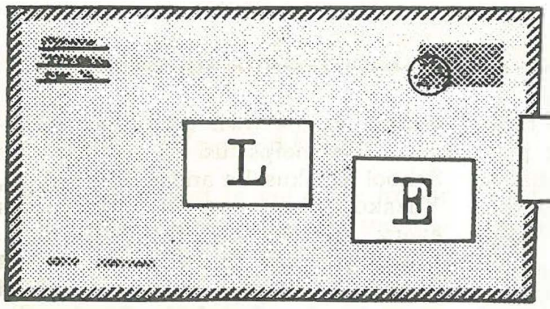

from the field

Alwaye, South India

RECENTLY we have had the privilege of welcoming Brother and Sister Neilsen and the family back to India again. I met them at the plane in Coimbature and took them up to Coonoor where the children went back to their school, then brought them down to Kottayam on the following Wednesday where they were also met by Brother Nemeth and some of the Indians. Now we are planning their Welcome Service for the 26th of this month. It is good to have them back with us again.

Just recently a tragedy occurred here in Alwaye. One of the young College students was drowned in the river. He and a friend were walking on the river bank when he slipped on a rock and fell into a very deep place. It was quite a number of hours afterwards before they found his body. He was one of the students who has come to our house on two different occasions. How thankful we were that we had talked to him about the Lord, and I think he really knew Christ as His Saviour. Several of the students came here to see us after the funeral and it was another opportunity to talk to them of the necessity of being ready to meet God, because we have no promise of tomorrow, no matter how young we may be.

One of the College students whose home is in Kalamasherry, a place about six miles from here on the Ernakulam road invited us to go out to his home and have a Gospel service. So about two weeks ago we went out and took him with us. He took us to his home and then as soon as the people were coming home from their work in the big factories we went to a good spot and set up our loudspeaker and had an open air meeting. A huge crowd gathered and listened with rapt attention and reverence as we gave them the simple gospel message in their own language. It was a thrill to see the order and reverence with which they stood and to feel the Holy Spirit anointing His Word and to know that many of them were convicted of their need.

The following Sunday morning a young Hindu man from that place came to our hall here to the service and was saved. He had not come to that open air meeting as he had been late coming to the spot but heard of the meeting from others and then enquired where we were and came to meet us. The result was he was saved and has since come to the meeting. Please pray for him.

Also please continue to pray for the young men who have been saved recently at our meetings here in the town. We know that God is able to establish them to go all the way with Him.

Now I must close, thanking each one of you for your prayers on our behalf and for the gifts.

(Written by Sister Steeves).

Sisters I. Ashley and E. Steeves

Isabel Duncan Returns to the field in Africa

IT was rather sudden the way the door opened for me to return to Africa again. In leaving I want to thank all the pastors, the assemblies and ladies' groups for your generous hospitality and wonderful fellowship which I received while home on furlough doing deputation work, and also for your prayer interest.

When the opportunity to work in a Children's Welfare Home in Kitwe came to me, and after much prayer and consultation with the Missionary Council, I am returning to Africa. This time to Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia. The Missionary Council unanimously agreed for me to go and work in the welfare home and to do gospel and missionary work in my spare time with our other missionaries in that area. The work will be in connection with children from broken homes, and I will be free to do missionary work in my spare time. This seems a wonderful answer to prayer in order for me to return to Africa because there was no prospect for a co-worker for me, which was necessary otherwise. One scripture the Lord gave me was *"Behold I will send an angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared"* (Exodus 23:20). Praise the Lord.

Brother and Sister Schuetz are returning now, so I have been able to get bookings on the same planes with them and it will be so nice to return with them to Africa. Lord willing, we arrive in Ndola February 12th, one month and one day after receiving the cable with the first news of this opening in Africa. Sometimes the Lord does things quickly, in ways that we would never think of.

I will appreciate your continued prayers on my behalf as I go back again, that I may be able to do His work among the white children or among the Africans, as He has led and directed. Once again, "thank you" to each one that I met since returning home, and God bless you all. Letters will also be appreciated.

Since Arriving

We are back in Africa again and it seems almost impossible yet the way it all worked out for me to be here. We had a good trip all the way. We were held up in Montreal for three hours due to plane trouble and then again in Rome for another three and a half hours. Both of these delays were in the middle of the night, causing us some loss of sleep. When we arrived in Nairobi we spent the weekend with friends of the Schuetz's who formerly lived at Kitwe. They took us out to the game reserve. Then we went to the multi-

racial church in Nairobi both in the morning and evening and had good fellowship. Following that we arrived at Ndola where the Jamieson's and the pastor of one of the Kitwe churches met us.

It is very hot and clammy here; they have had much rain this year. The weather is quite a contrast to what we left behind us when leaving Canada. One of the native preachers and his wife came today to say hello. It gave me a chance to try out my Chinyanja. It came easier than I had expected both to speak and understand it. It was so good to speak and hear the language again.

We thank you all for your continued prayers and interest in us as we serve the Lord in this needy land. May the Lord bless you all there at home.

Sister Isabel Duncan.

Japan

WE have seen a number take a for the Lord in the village this past month, mainly young people and children numbering about twenty. We must believe that He that has started a good work will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. The Lord will gather home His own.

Last night we had a wonderful time of blessing after my English class which ended at nine o'clock. I talked to a young man and explained to him the way of salvation. I had talked to him a number of times before. At eleven o'clock he said he was ready to ask Jesus into his heart. What a wonderful time we had in the presence of God when for about two hours this young man worshipped the Lord. He later testified that the Spirit of God had moved on his heart and he could not explain the peace and joy that had come to his soul after he had called on the name of the Lord. He was shaking under the power of God and we give all the praise to God. Truly He lives! We got home around one o'clock, a bit tired, but praising the Lord for another soul that was won out of heathen darkness into the marvellous light and liberty of the gospel.

In April we enter out fifth year here in Japan. This brings to mind the thought of furlough. We are most anxious to have some concrete plan in mind before we set any dates. An interest in your prayers to this end from all you people back home will be appreciated.

I wish to tell you about a young man whom we personally support. His home is quite wealthy comparatively speaking. However, he feels called of God to preach the gospel. He was saved and filled with the Spirit in our ministry and is real faithful and zealous for the Lord. The salvation of one like this and the call of God to his soul for the ministry makes it worth while for our services here. In his own home they take the attitude that if he will not enter university and do what they want him to do, they will not give him financial support. At the present time he lives in the church and we help him all we can. When he graduates from high school in March I am planning on morning Bible classes to teach him a little more. It is our plan to start a new preaching point in the spring with this young man being placed in charge as the pastor. He will be under my guidance and counsel and I expect he will do well and be able to carry on the work in this field when we leave here on furlough. At the present time he is responsible for the Sunday School conducted in his own home on Saturdays. He helps us in the Sunday School at Akasaka and in our village, Yazako, where we have meetings every second Sunday afternoon. Please pray for this young man that he will be helped and strengthened to do the service of the Lord.

At the beginning of the year we had a convention in the Akasaka church. It was a wonderful time of spiritual blessing and anointing. The crowds were not large, but God's presence was gracious. This convention was sponsored by the entire fellowship.

During the season we had three tent meetings and a D.V.B.S. We also took part in our regular fellowship camp and a number of the specials meetings in the church. On our regular day where we have a meeting at Kokuozan we have a book stall and distribute tracts. We have used about thirty or forty thousand tracts in the past year. We had a young man come to know God who was contacted through a tract. He was baptized at camp. Please remember him in your prayers.

We request your continued prayers for us as we serve Him in this land of Japan.

Marvin and Ilene Fast and Family.

NATIVE CHURCH AND WORKERS IN NYASALAND: This is one of the four churches built in Nyasaland last summer by Sisters Mitchell and Maynard. Two of the native workers, their wives and families, are shown in front of the church.

Letters from the Field

Spanish West Africa

WE were glad to get back to our headquarters station and the comfort of our little house after our trek. But the Lord was very good to us that as "tenderfoots," so to speak, we had no serious illnesses nor accidents while in the bush. We do praise the Lord for His ever protecting hand upon us.

Trek was a great boost to our study of the language. It helped immensely to be with the people day and night and begin to know their customs. It was our joy to see four souls come to the Lord on this trip.

Our work now will consist mostly of just helping where needed on the station. There is only one family and ourselves in the Guinea with "W.E.C." They live just across the yard from us and of course are our field leaders. We have a small medical work consisting mostly of a morning clinic. Joanne and I take care of this when we are here. The people must come to the early morning devotional service at 6 a.m., and then from 6.30 to 7:30 or however long it takes, we do medicine. It is my joy to teach one of the Chapman children every morning. She has a correspondence course. Then there are many calls at the door and many opportunities to give out the Word of God in printed form. So we manage to keep the days full in one way or another.

We do appreciate the faithful prayers of the folks at home. We need them just every day, all day. So when many pray it no doubt covers most of the hours every day. And thereby the Lord can keep us strong in Himself and cause us to be fruitful unto Himself.

Sister Marjorie McDermid.

(Sister McDermid is working in Spanish West Africa under the "Worldwide Evangelization Crusade."

SPECIAL PRAYER is requested for **Rev. Robert A. Larden,** pastor of the Swift Current Assembly, as doctors have advised him to take a six month leave of absence due to illness. **Rev. Robert Wilson,** faculty member of the Full Gospel Bible Institute, Eston, Sask., will assume pastoral responsibilities of the church beginning Sunday, April 15th.

The Problem Clinic

Rev. E. L. McRae

"What does the Bible say concerning hypnotism? Is hypnotism a science or is it a satanic power?"

TO my knowledge the word "hypnotism" is not found in the Bible. There is no definite or specific statement in scripture on this subject, but this does not mean that the Bible is silent on the matter. If it doesn't speak directly, it certainly does speak indirectly. For example, the Bible doesn't have the word tobacco in it, nevertheless it rules on its use in a strong injunction that we must not *"defile the temple* (our body) *of the Holy Ghost."*

Before we can answer the question: "What does the Bible say concerning hypnotism," we must classify it. Into what area does it fall? Contrary to some of the experts on this subject which say that "hypnotism is not magic," I say it falls into that realm and belongs to that school of thought. As far as I'm concerned the magician and the hypnotist are first cousins.

May I point out that there are two fields of operation in hypnotism. One is called "light hypnosis" (playing around with it), and the other is called "deep hypnosis." In deep hypnosis the person hypnotized will do strange things at the suggestion of the hypnotist, and after coming out of the trance will have no memory of what they did. This I believe is in the area of magic. If so, it is forbidden by the Scriptures, both in the Old Testament and the New.

The Law contained very distinct prohibitions of the all magical arts. Besides several passages condemning them, in one place there is a specification which is so full that it seems evident that its object is to include every kind of magical art.

"There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through fire, or that uses divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanger, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard or a necromancer" (Deut. 18:10, 11).

Their demon-inspired, paganistic practices are an abomination in the sight of God and must be avoided by every true believer.

In our thinking, hypnotism falls into the category of "curious arts," spoken of in Acts 19:19, *"Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver."* So if you have any books on hypnotism, my advice to you is to have a fire and burn them and praise God as you see them burned up.

In classifying anything, this is a good rule to follow: It must belong to one of three classifications. It is either of God, or it is of the flesh, or it is of the devil. Now if I was to classify hypnotism, I would say, in its early stages, it is in the natural realm of the flesh and human origin. However, this can open the door to the devil, and what started out as a "little fun" can end up being satanic and demon-inspired.

My advice is to not let anyone tamper with your mind. It is a very delicate piece of God's creation. Keep away from hypnotism in any form Give your mind over to Christ, as Paul exhorts us, *"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."* God has also promised to *"Keep your hearts and minds."*

Peter on one occasion was in a trance. God was communicating to him His will for the Gentiles that they should be partakers with Israel of the Grace of God. Could it be that the devil seeks to counterfeit this in the art of hypnotism?

Last of all, hynotism falls into the area of "show business," and anything that is associated with "Hollywood" is soul-destroying. Let no Christian have any part of it. *"Keep thyself pure"* (1 Timothy 5:22).

under the searchlight of THE WORD OF GOD

By A. D. Marshall

Seventh Day Adventism

IF I be charged with the "negative approach" because of the last article under this heading last month, then I shall rectify things now. I wish to deal positively with the subject of the "SABBATH" and its relationship to us as Gentile believers in this dispensation of the Holy Spirit.

I endeavored to show that the law, including the Decalogue, ordinances and judgments were given under Moses in the period known as Dispensation of the Law. I believe we have a unanimity here and agreement is the order of the day. Surely we who read the Bible cannot help but understand that God has made a difference in His dealings with humanity since the time of Christ. For instance John the Apostle states *"For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ"* (1:17). Thus a distinction is made between that which characterized Moses' time and that of Christ and the future. When Christ came He was fulfillment of all that was indicated in the Law, indeed the truth of all types and shadows. Thus Jesus fulfilled all righteousness, established the law by meeting its full demands and thus became "the *end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth*" (Rom. 10:4). As the law period ended it gave way to the era known as the GRACE OF GOD.

Paul would have us understand *"For ye are not under the law, BUT UNDER GRACE"* (Rom. 6:14). Paul emphasizes this in the 7th Chapter to these same Romans verse four and again in Galatians 5:18. I am convinced that SDA's are making an eadeavor to put Christians under the law when Christ would have us under Grace. This endeavor nullifies article number 15 as it appears on their given statement of faith recorded in the January issue of this magazine. I am forcefully reminded of Peter's question asked in the first Council of Jerusalem *"Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? BUT WE BELIEVE that through the GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WE SHALL BE SAVED EVEN AS THEY."* Let us have no half measures. Paul again explicitly tells us, *"And if by GRACE it is no more of works. Otherwise Grace is no more Grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work."* Even the Judaizer of Paul's day never made the keeping of the Sabbath incumbent upon the Gentile believer. The word "Sabbath" occurs only 9 times in the Book of Acts, and wherever it is used as a day of observance it is related to the unbelieving Jews who would of course perpetuate the day.

The Ten commandments, of which the law of the Sabbath is the fourth, were written on tables of stone with the finger of God. The Apostle Paul describes them thusly, "The ministration of death" and the "ministration of condemnation." That he means the Ten Commandments, is clearly indicated by the words "written and engraven in stones." This positively identifies them as the Decalogue (2 Cor. 3:7-9). Now follow on with Paul as he describes the end of this "ministration of death and condemnation." He uses two descriptive phrases, namely "done away" and abolished. In place of the "ministration of death" we now have the "ministration of the Spirit," and in place of the "ministration of condemnation" the "ministration of righteousness" which exceed any glory of the law which we acknowledge to be great.

The Apostle Paul has cause to remind the Colossian Church that their sins were forgiven and also the work of Calvary had blotted out the *"handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it OUT OF THE WAY, nailing it to His cross."* The picture is of course the custom of nailing old bills to doorposts when they were paid so all could see the indebtedness was gone. So through Jesus Christ we are not debtors to the law as it was taken out of the way. I realize that SDA's will object claiming this had only to do with the judgments and ordinances of the civil and ceremonial law. Romans 7:7 does away with this objection as the 10th commandment is explicitly mentioned as "the law."

Furthermore, what shall we say of Hosea 2:11 where the Prophet declares that Israel's Sabbaths will cease because of her sin. Surely her cup of iniquity was full when she crucified her Messiah! The result is now evidenced. Her SABBATHS have ceased. The Lord's Day, the first day is the day of gladness to believers who know and love the Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Quotables . . .

Flattery like cologne, should be inhaled deeply and enjoyed, but never swallowed.

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Consider the turtle: he makes progress only when his neck is out.

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Getting mad will never get you anything else.

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Faith is not believing that God can; it is believing that He will.

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Spanish Officials Seize Gospels

La Junquera, Spain (MNS)—A consignment of the Gospel of John was seized as contraband material by customs officials at this frontier post. The gospels were in a car operated under British registration and driven by R. E. Love, an American citizen, who is a representative of the publishing house of Ediciones Evangelicas Europeas, Winterthur, Switzerland. Spanish Protestants are reported to be planning an appeal to the United Nations Human Rights Commission protesting the seizure and arrest.

Evangelical Fellowship of India Holds Annual Convention

Hyderabad, India (MNS)—Early this year the Evangelical Fellowship of India held its 12th Annual Conference on the premises of the Methodist Boys High School here. All segments of the Protestant Church in India were represented by the 347 delegates from all parts of India who met to pray for revival and to consider Evangelism in its various aspects, such as Literature Evangelism, Radio Evangelism, and Educational Evangelism. The two main speakers were the Rev. Andrew MacBeath, principal of the Bible Training Institute of Glasgow, Scotland, and Evangelist Augustine Salins of South India.

Graham Tour Concluded In Santiago, Chile

Minneapolis, Minn. (MNS)—The current series of crusades down the west coast of South America was concluded in Santiago, Chile with a gathering which drew over 12,000 people. The Santiago meetings, as had been the case all the way down the coast, were an occasion of great rejoicing to those who have faithfully proclaimed the Gospel throughout the years. They saw a harvest which has encouraged their hearts to look for greater things in the days ahead.

Earlier in February the Quito crusade drew some 7,000 to the closing night rally. At a luncheon given in Quito by Radio Station HCJB, former President Galo Plaza of Ecuador referred to Dr. Billy Graham as "a powerful voice speaking simply and convincingly to ordinary people regarding their deepest fears and problems and bringing hope and renewal to many." Among the guests at the luncheon were Mrs. Marge Saint and Mrs. Marilou McCully, whose husbands were among the five missionaries martyred by Auca Indians.

In Lima, Peru the efforts of young people who circulated some 300,000 handbills and 5,000 posters announcing the crusade were rewarded as the final night's attendance reached 13,000. Total decisions for the whole campaign came to 2,100.

Evangelical Radio Station To Begin Operations In Montevideo

Quito, Ecuador (MNS) — Radio Station CX-42, Radio Montevideo, evangelical voice for Uruguay, will begin regular broadcasting in May. Gene Jordan of Radio Station HCJB here, has been designated director of the Montevideo station. He will be assisted by Art Zylstra.

Radio Montevideo has the backing of a large number of evangelicals in that capital who are making sacrificial gifts to get the new station under way.

More On Cuba

Washington, D.C. (MNS)—According to a reliable report here, inhuman means are being used to break the will of any who oppose the Communist regime. The treatment of a man who refused to belong to the Vigilance Committee is typical. He had refused participation in the committee, even though it was compulsory, because each person is required to take his turn at lecturing on the regime's program, indoctrinating others, and patrolling the block to keep watch on neighbors.

For his refusal this man was put, naked, into a cell with a fierce dog for two days, then removed to a damp, cold, windowless room for two more days without food. Next were days in a hot cell with bread and water, and finally a trip to the "Paredon" (wall of execution).

As he stood to die the young man was asked if he wanted to be shot facing the firing squad, facing the wall, or blindfolded. He answered, "I have nothing to fear. I will face death with my eyes open." The guns were fired, and fake bullets bounced off his body. This procedure of terror is designed to make the men confess.

A Protestant pastor who is now in Miami reports that before he left Havana last year the government's feared and hated G-2 corps made life unbearable for him and his family. "They would constantly call me to stop my anti-communist preaching," he said.

Missionaries Attacked in Paraguay

Springfield, Mo. (MNS)—Two Assemblies of God missionaries in South America escaped death recently when natives attacked their car with clubs in a remote area near Pirareta, Paraguay, according to reports received by the denomination's Foreign Missions Department here.

The Revs. Paul E. Hutsell and Raymond M. Stawinski, returning from a day of ministry 50 miles from their homes in Asuncion, had stopped to remove a log placed across the ox-trail leading to a highway. Before they were able to get out of the small car, one of the attackers began beating the windshield wtih a club. After they had broken the windshield, the headlights, the left door window, and had made dents in the car body, the four attackers fled.

The missionaries received multiple lacerations on the face, neck and hands but were not seriously injured.

Independent Catholic and Episcopal Churches Merge in Philippines

Manila, Philippines (MNS)—A concordat communion between the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States and the Philippine Independent Church was held here early this year in symbolic consummation of the merger which became a fact last September when the Episcopal General Convention accepted the invitation of the Philippine Independent Church to enter into full communion with it.

The Philippine Independent Catholic Church came into being sixty years ago when a large segment of the Roman Catholic Church, led by Bishop Gregoria Aglipay, split from the Mother Church over a number of issues.

Book Banned In Spain

Madrid, Spain (MNS) — The Roman Catholic censorship has forbidden evangelicals in Spain to print a book entitled **Proofs of God's Existence** by Samuel Vila. After a delay of more than one year the decision was recently announced. Catholic clergymen have said that Mr. Vila's book against atheism is very good and that they could approve it except for one thing—it was written by a Protestant. The case is very clear: Protestants are denied the right to write even against atheism simply because they are Protestants.

Youth Work Uniting Evangelicals In Central Africa

Moundou, Tchad (MNS)—Evangelical missionaries and workers met here recently to carry forward plans for consolidating their youth programs. Participating in the meetings were representatives of the Sudan United Mission, Grace Brethren, Baptist Mid-Missions and two other groups.

The workers came up with a plan to unite the youth work of the missions under the name "Jeunesse Evangelique Africaine" using co-ordinated manuals. The work among boys 12-18, to be known as "Flambeaux," will adapt the approach and some materials of the Christian Service Brigade organization.

Child Evangelism Fruitful In Philippines

Luzon, P.I. (MNS)—Over 2,849 children are being taught weekly in 86 classes conducted by graduates of the Child Evangelism Institute of Manila, according to the annual report of the Child Evangelism Fellowship here.

The report also revealed that since the arrival of CEF in the Luzon area, more than 815 Philippines have attended the teacher training classes held in local churches; 275 have finished the first training course. More than 27 weekly teacher training classes are being held by the graduates of the Child Evangelism Institute with an enrollment of 269 teachers.

Story Time

That Which Will Remain

By Deena McNeill

MIKE, Andy, and Bob, sat on the steps of the front porch of their home. Mike was the oldest of the three brothers. The boys looked thoughtful as they discussed the story their father had read that morning from the Bible.

"Boy" exclaimed Bob, "wouldn't it be something if we could have experiences like that! I mean having angels come to visit us and talk with us like they did with Abraham."

"Well, I would like to have been with Gideon or Joshua myself and watch the miracles when the Israelite army conquered their enemies," said Mike.

"I wish I were Paul," said Andy, "and healed the sick and preached the gospel the way he did."

"Yeah, but still Paul had a real tough life, so I don't think I'd want that," said Bob. "Just think, he was beaten, and jailed and stoned just as, well, even criminals here are treated better than that."

"Sure would be fun to have some excitement and adventure though," sighed Mike.

Just then an elderly gentleman stopped on the street and as he held a white can, the boys knew he was blind. They got up and ran to help him. He wanted to cross the street, and the boys helped him across the busy street. The old man said to the boys, "I would like to give you something fellows but first tell me what it is you want most when you grow up."

"Well, I want to be honoured and important," said Mike.

"I'd like to be happy and rich," said Bobby.

"What about you son?" "Well," Andy blushed, "I'd like to be like Jesus and Paul—good and loving and helpful."

"Here boys and may your wishes be granted," whispered the old man as he gave each boy a dollar. "This should give you a start." The boys looked at each other and then at the dollar. When they looked up again the old man was nowhere around. He was certainly a queer man. "Do you think maybe he was an angel?" whispered Andy. "Don't be silly kid, God doesn't send angels around to little kids. He's got more important things to do."

"Yeah, I guess your right," sighed Andy.

The boys opened a savings account each and invested the money. They added to it, and by the time they were ready for college there was enough to cover their tuition. Mike went to study law, Andy to become a missionary doctor, and Bob to a business college. All three did well and their parents were proud of them. Mike became a well known lawyer and finally entered politics. Later he became the prime minister. He was very good and kind and tried to be fair in everything. He was honoured and respected by everyone.

Andy went to a mission field as a medical missionary. It was a very wild tribe. No one had reached them before, but Andy worked hard bringing them to the Lord and healing their illnesses. At first they were nasty and gave him a lot of trouble. Why they even burnt his house down once! Because he was faithful, by the time he went home on furlough, many had been won to the Lord.

Bob became the leading business man in the country and one of the richest. He had everything one could dream of and yet he always gave to worthy causes. People respected him and he was very happy.

One day a neighbouring country announced war and no matter how hard Mike tried they lost the war. Mike was taken to prison and there were Andy and Bob! They were so happy to see each other that they cried and hugged one another. Later as they talked one of them asked, "Remember the old gentleman we met when we were boys?" "Oh yes, but look at us now," said Bob. "I craved honour and importance," said Mike solemnly, "and I've had it. Now it doesn't satisfy." "And I," wept Bob, "had riches and happiness but they are gone and nothing is left."

"I have what I wanted most," said Andy joyfully. "Even now people are worshipping the true and living God through my testimony and it will remain forever. Indeed serving Christ is the only thing in life which endures."

Whether you become a lawyer, teacher, doctor, business man or missionary, only what you do for the Lord will remain.

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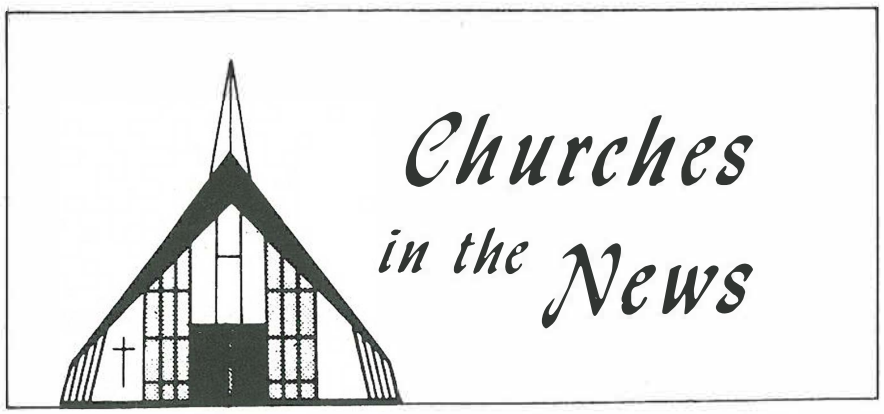

A CHURCH IS BORN

THE dedication of 7th Avenue Apostolic Temple, Edmonton, on February 18th, 1962, was an exciting and memorable event for **Pastor John Francis** and his wife, their congregation, their friends and for our Fellowship of churches.

It is the realization of the harvest brought about by the sowing of hours of prayer and planning; of many business appointments; of labour and of giving. Out of this service, often beyond the line of duty, a church is born. Then there is the joy of accomplishment—the compensation for all the expended effort.

A short number of years ago this Assembly was gathered together out of a burden to bear our distinctive testimony in this city. It was the burden of a number of staunch Apostolic people and the vision of our **Brother G. A. Batke.** Over three years ago **Brother and Sister John Francis** were called to serve this growing assembly. Against almost impossible odds, the burden for a proper church home began to be the vision and burden of the Pastor, its leaders and the Assembly. After much prayer and planning a suitable site for the church was found, as a definite answer to prayer, considering the difficulty of acquiring suitable city property at a price a church group can pay. It is a lovely site readily accessible from all parts of the city at 10324-107th Avenue. August 1st, 1961, marked the challenging day of breaking ground. Laying of footings, and basement walls followed in short succession. In early fall the first step of accomplishment was realized when a donated cornerstone was laid, bearing the name of the church, the date of its erection and containing important historic data.

On December 15th the Assembly had the joy of having its first service in this new church home. Although unfinished at this time it was another triumph. After weeks of planning and rushed effort the church and plans were readied for its dedication on February 18th.

This day was arranged in beautiful and serene Christian setting becoming this lovely place and its holy occasion. **Pastor G. A. Batke** was appropriately chosen to share this happy occasion with this Assembly and to bring the special messages of the day. Other ministering brethren of our Fellowship were present to lend their presence to enrich the day.

236 were present in the Sunday School to equal a former record attendance. **Brother Wally Sczebel,** the Sunday School Superintendent, presided over this important phase of the church's activities. **Pastor D. W. Breen** of Moose Jaw was asked to dedicate this phase of the church work to the Lord. A solemn spirit of Godly recognition pervaded these moments. The morning worship service was led by Pastor Francis who was buoyant with the joy of the wonderful occasion and with the goodness the Lord hod shown.

The Glanville family, former members of the church who came from San Diego just for this occasion blessed the Assembly with their gospel singing. Brother Batke lifted the hearts of the congregation with his fitting message, "Christ the Church Builder." He affirmed that "Jesus is building His Church." It was a wonderful service. At 2.30 in the afternoon the service began with the tape cutting ceremony marking the official opening of the sanctuary. The Pastor read from the Scriptures and Brother G. A. Batke cut the tape. The elated congregation was in attendance, with many friends from our own churches in outlying areas as well as those of other groups from the city.

Ministers present at this dedicatory service were: **Brother D. Brewer,** Northern Presbyter; **Louis Peskett,** Edmonton Youth For Christ Director; **Brother E. H. Siggelkow,** representative of the Southern Alberta district; **Brother C. Baynes, Brother F. Nelson, C. Upshall, W. D. J. Francis.** City Ministers, Director of Hope Mission, Pastor of Gospel Temple, and Pastor of Jasper Place Assembly. All these brought congratulations and best wishes. Besides these there were congratulations read from telegrams and letters sent to the gathering by Rev. F. Assman, Secretary of A.C.O.P., Bro. G. S. McLean, Moderator of A.C.O.P., Moose Jaw Assembly, Mayor E. Roper, Edmonton, Pastor R. W. Taitenger, Edmonton Pentecostal Assembly.

Appropriate special hymns were brought from the various Assemblies; a duet from the Athabasca Assembly, Barrhead Assembly brought a banjo band selection, The Glanvilles from San Diego a trio, Brother and Sister L. Peskett a duet. Mr. Walters, a city businessman, officiated at the organ.

Pastor J. Francis appropriately recognized and thanked the number of firms and individuals that made sizeable donations and contributions. He also expressed his heart's feeling toward his congregation who cooperated so well and so willingly in this important effort. He also paid tribute to the A.C.O.P. Fellowship for their contribution through the Covenant Builders.

Brother C. Upshall read a short history of the church. Pastor Batke gave the dedicatory address with a deep sense of vital interest in this Assembly which he had founded and grown to love. He again stimulated strong courage in God in his message, "The Modern Function Of The Church." Then he concluded with the formal dedication and prayer. It was a great service for a packed house of 350 people.

At 7.30 the church was again packed to capacity. Congregational singing and special hymns were buoyant and victorious. A special feature at this service was a half hour film shown of the various stages of the construction of the church. Pastor J. Francis gave the commentary which was mingled with problems, humor and joy.

Pastor D. W. Breen brought the closing message of this day, long to be remembered with the topic, "This is the House of God." A text from Jacob's journey to the house of Bethuel. The day ended with renewing of acquaintances and all sharing joy with one another.

The lovely church is a credit to its congregation, and to the Fellowship. It is a concrete shadow block construction with imposing church window design. Its dimensions are 45' by 64'. The interior has a warm appearance expressed by its massive mahogany laminated arches with cedar mahogany decking ornamented by beautiful brass lighting fixtures. The altar is beautifully set with planters and the rostrum is spacious, providing room for orchestra and choir. The Pastor's study is homey and sizeable. It is situated to one side of the rostrum. A large foyer and nursery greet the entry of the church and present an organized and warm welcome to the sanctuary. A balcony seating 50 people is appropriately situated over the entry and the nursery.

The basement houses the lower auditorium 18' x 50' and a very convenient kitchen. It also houses the Sunday School department with 14 Sunday School rooms fitted with folding doors to serve as departmental functions as well as study rooms. The greater part of this well planned part of the building is beautifully done in cedar mahogany finish.

The Church home was constructed almost entirely by volunteer labour at a cost of $25,600.00 and is valued in excess of $50,000.00. The Lord provided a loan without interest and the church budget is entirely solvent.

Pastor John Francis has shown astute judgement and business ability as well as being a fine leader and preacher of the gospel. His wife is an able and wise helpmate to him. Together they have sacrificed and placed the interests of their Assembly and church first. We salute them and their congregation for their work and their example.

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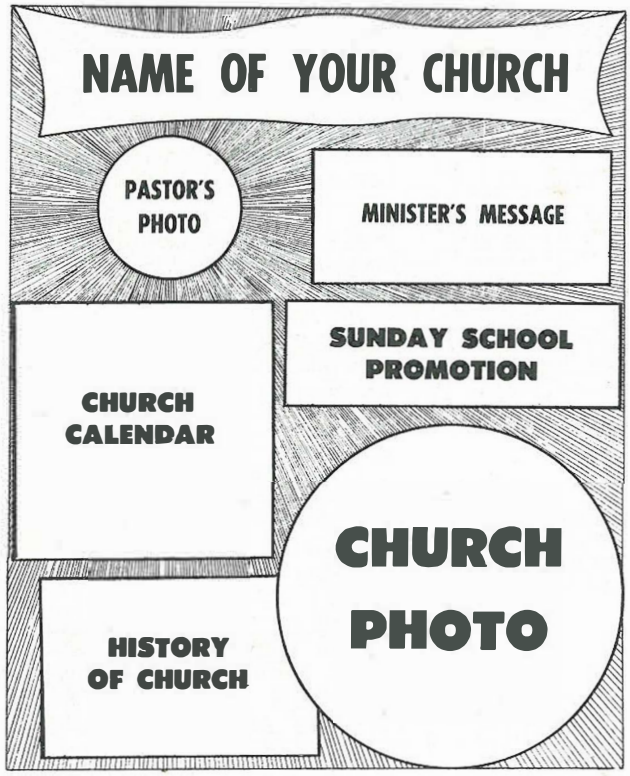

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