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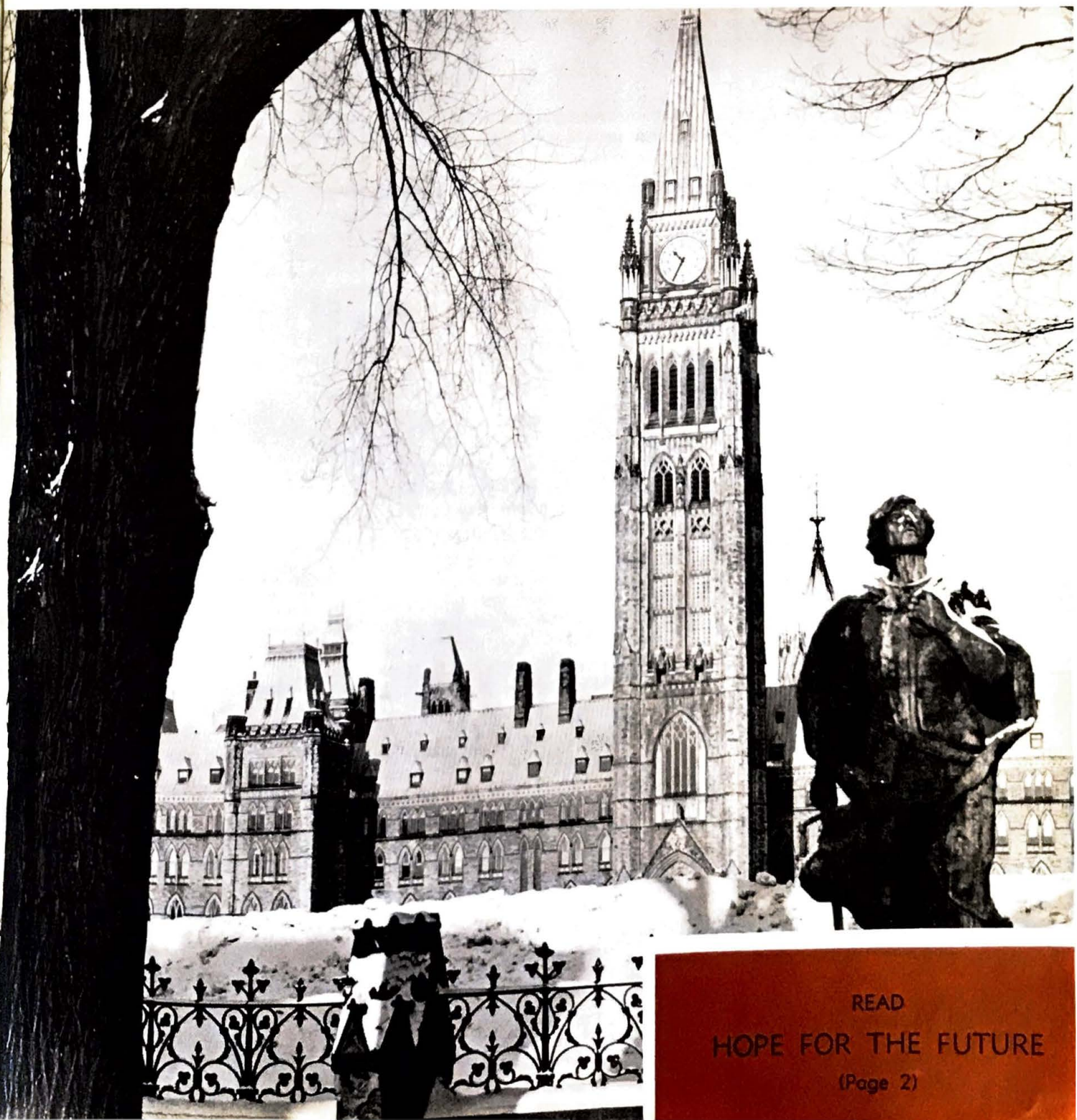

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EDITORIAL COMMENT---

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

". . . Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:27).

TWO prominent Philadelphia socialites were found shot to death in their spacious suburban home. Prior to the discovery of this murder and suicide, it was learned that the wife had phoned a state trooper and said, "My husband begged me to kill him. I did! I shot him in the back of the head, and now I'm going to kill myself!" The trooper tried to keep her talking while he radioed a patrol car, but to no avail. Sensing his purpose, she said, "You're not going to keep me on the phone until someone interferes. We made this agreement, and I'm going to keep it!"

When the police officers arrived, ten minutes later, they found that the woman carried out her "agreement." A note was also found which contained these words of despair: *"We have no hope for the future!"*

This is not an isolated incident, for in the United States alone an average of 50 suicides are reported each day! One out of every 3 marriages end in the divorce court. Over $200,000,000 is paid annually to the 80,000 full-time fortune tellers who are consulted by thousands of fearful folk who want to *"KNOW"* what the future holds!

Many who reach the top of their chosen profession, succumb to boredom and conclude that there is nothing left to live for. The uncertainty of the future, the monotony of the present and the remorse of the past, have caused thousands to end abruptly, and sometimes violently, their life upon earth. Their reasoning is of course to end all their problems by taking their life. Such is not the case.

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27).

Even after we have found a way to live and solve life's problems, we all must face the problem of death. That is why we are told *now* to, *"Prepare to meet they God,"* for we are just one heartbeat away from death and eternity.

Are you prepared to meet your Maker? If not, you can be prepared today! The necessary preparations for meeting God does not depend on what you have done or can do, but rather what has been done for us by the Lord Jesus Christ's death, burial and resurrection. You must accept Jesus Christ by faith, put your trust in Him and commit your life to Him. If you do, the assurance and confidence of the Apostle Paul will be yours.

"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" (2 Timothy 1:12).

The peace and comfort of such certainty for the future can be yours today! The Bible tells us that we need not remain in doubt on such important issues . . . we can KNOW!

"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may KNOW that ye have eternal life" (1 John 5:13).

Personal faith in a personal Saviour will dispel your fear of an uncertain future. For come what may, your future is with the Lord Jesus Christ. His resurrection from the dead was a guarantee that you, too, shall rise from the dead in the day of resurrection, or, should He come, you will meet your Lord in the air.

Are you ready to meet Him?

—Irvin W. Ellis

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What Is A Christian?

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

"The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch" (Acts 11:26).

IT is of vital importance to know what the Bible teaches regarding a Christian. The Bible, God's Word, is our authority.

A Christian is first of all a person who has come into right relationship with God. Sin has long marred the human race. Romans 5:12 states, *"for by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."* This fact is made evident by the practice of all men. No one knows more certainly that you are a sinner than you yourself. I know that I have sinned and come short of God's standard, and I know that you have because God's Word says that *"all have sinned."*

Sin separates. *"Your iniquities have separated between you and your God"* (Isa. 59:2). This is the tragic state of every man and woman, whether you realize it or not. Sin separates from fellowship with God now and shall be the cause of eternal separation to all who neglect or reject the Gospel.

How can a person get right with God? Because of our utterly deprived nature there is nothing that we can do to regain a position of acceptance and approval before God. But God, in infinite love has done the work for us. *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life"* (John 3:16).

Our natural state or condition before God is described in Ephesians, chapter two, as being *"without Christ," "strangers from the covenants of promise having no hope, and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were afar off are made right by the blood of Christ"* (Eph. 2:12-13).

Jesus Christ came *"to seek and save the lost"* (Luke 19:10). The Son of man came *"to give His life a ransom for many"* (Mark 10:45). *"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law"* (Gal. 3:13).

A Christian, then is one who has come into a right relationship with God in and through the redemptive work of Christ.

Secondly, a Christian is one who has personally received Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour. It is contradictory for a person to call himself a Christian and not receive Christ.

John 1:11 and 12 reads as follows—*"He came unto His own, but His own received Him not. But as many as received Him to them gave He power to become the Sons of God even to them that believe on His name."*

To be a Christian then, means that you personally receive Jesus Christ into your heart and life. He is received and owned as your Saviour and your Lord. *"Christ in you, the hope of glory"* (Col. 1:27), is the result of your receiving Him.

To be a Christian means discipleship. *"The disciples were called Christians."* You cannot say you accept Jesus Christ, then refuse to follow Him. Jesus said, *"whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me"* (Mark 8:34). To follow Jesus Christ means to break with the sinful pattern of life in the world. It means to walk in the footsteps of Jesus—to become obedient to the Word of God. Jesus said again, *"whosoever heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them, I will liken him to a wise man which built his house upon a*

Christian . . . a word misunderstood, misapplied. A term which has depth, meaning, a future. A title of high significance for a select group.

What is a Christian? Ask 10 people; get 10 different answers. Hear the well-meaning but unfounded explanations: "a well-behaved person," or "a church member." The Bible has the correct answer.

rock" (Matt. 7:24). And He also said that *"everyone that heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man—"* (vs. 26).

The beautiful mark of a Christian is set forth in John 13:35, *"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."*

To be a Christian means to serve the Lord Jesus Christ. We have been translated out of the kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of God's dear Son by the marvelous grace of God. *"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ"* (II Cor. 5:20). We have been commissioned as ambassadors. We are citizens of His Kingdom and ambassadors for the King of kings. A Christian is to witness of Christ and the blessedness of the Kingdom of God.

Jesus gave this commission to every believer, *"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature"* (Mark 16:15). He said, *"Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."*

A Christian not only accepts the commission, but also accepts the equipment to effectively do the job. *"Endued with power from on high"* (Luke 24:49), to serve the Master.

In the light of God's Word, are you a Christian? If not, will you receive Jesus as your Lord and Saviour today. Jesus bids you let Him enter your life as Lord. What a difference it will make both for time and eternity.

EVER FELT SPEECHLESS?

YOU must admit that there have been times when you were at a loss for words, even though you may be known as a talkative character on other occasions. An embarrassing situation, such as this would-be tennis star has experienced, or feelings of frustration or guilt can cause us to be silent.

"Now we know what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that EVERY MOUTH MAY BE STOPPED, and all the world may become guilty before God" (Romans 3:19).

Even though you may ignore it, or try to convince yourself otherwise, the fact remains . . . you are held accountable to God for your attitudes and actions. If you do not NOW acknowledge your sinfulness, and receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour from sin, then you will one day stand before God's Bar of Justice . . . speechless!

When you stand by the "Great White Throne" (Revelation 20:11-15), and realize your total depravity, and see that there is nothing in your nature which could have fellowship with God, then . . . at last . . . your mouth will be stopped. You will have nothing to say in your defense. You will realize then that you are a sinner, and are guilty . . . that is, you are responsible for your sin, and deserving of punishment.

God has a remedy for your guilt. This free gift of God's Grace (Romans 6:23), is for those who accept the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour. Christ did for you what culture, education, character and "religion" could never do. He shed His blood as a sin-offering for you, that you might live through Him. If you have never done so before, acknowledge today your guilt before God. Then reach out by faith and accept Christ as your Sin-bearer. Salvation is as simple as that.

Part Two

(Continued from last issue)

E. B. Neve concludes his review and appraisal of the book, "The Power of Positive Thinking," written by Dr. Norman Vincent Peale.

—The Editor

ONE is really mystified in reading some of the names of writers quoted in the book we are considering. The author's admiration for Ralph Waldo Emerson is evident. We quote: "It has been said that the wisest man who ever lived in America was Ralph Waldo Emerson, 'The Sage of Concord'." Honorable mention is made of this man a number of times. Yet Emerson was a Unitarian, denying the Deity of Christ. He wrote a much admired essay on "Self Reliance."

Dr. Peale also speaks highly of the teaching of William James, the famous psychologist of Harvard. Thoreau is also mentioned with apparent approval. Even Bob Ingersoll is given credit for a beautiful thought expressed with regard to the future life. One is struck too with an expression used more than once by the author, namely, "in tune with the Infinite." A book bearing that title has been in circulation for years, written by Ralph Waldo Trine, in which the writer depicts the ideal life for happiness,—but alas! no mention of a man as a needy sinner, nor Jesus Christ as a Redeemer! But hear Paul plead and warn: *"I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ"* (2 Cor. 11:3).

In dealing with the great basic doctrine of the Resurrection one feels the utter inadequacy of the arguments that are used in Dr. Peale's book. His vague, nebulous expressions and lack of appeal to the Scriptures are not satisfactory to those who know and love the Word of God.

Moreover he intimates that everyone after death will find themselves ushered into eternal bliss without regard to the life they lived or what they believed. There is not a word of qualification or warning though the Bible says *"it is a fearful thing to fall*

into the hands of the living God" (Heb. 10:31).

Some of the principles and techniques employed in "The Power of Positive Thinking" can be traced in Christian Science and the New Thought cults. Ella Wheeler Wilcox, a New Thought advocate, shows in one of her poems how blinded they have become to the Gospel (2 Cor. 4:3, 4). I quote from memory from Mrs. Wilcox:

"So many forms, so many creeds,
So many paths that wind and wind,
When all the lore this poor world needs,
Is just the art of being kind."

One is reminded, too, of the methods of the late Dr. Buchman of the "Oxford" and "Moral Re-armament" groups.

In the matter of emphasizing the power of the subconscious one remembers the remarkable healings in the clinic of the French chemist, Emile Coué. His book "Self-mastery through Auto-suggestion" tells of his success in dealing with TB, cancer, typhoid and even cases of dementia. He would say: "It's all in you. You can call it God if you like, but the power is all in you."

Some of our readers will perhaps remember how even in staid old London Coués couplet was received with enthusiasm and practiced daily in repeating:

"Every day in every way,
I'm gettting better and better."

Dr. Coué did not need Christianity to carry on his work of healing, nor does Christianity need psychology to to aid the Holy Spirit in His mighty movings in the bodies of believers.

It must be acknowledged that there are some perplexing problems connected with the subject of healing even when viewed from the standpoint of orthodoxy. But modern psychology does not supply the answers. It is quite certain that the First Century Church, to whom psychology was unknown, produced results in changed lives and healed bodies far beyond anything seen today.

Moreover we know that if we want the real secret of "Peace, Power and Plenty" for spirit, soul and body that the reliable source of information is the Word of God as opened to us by the Spirit of God (1 Cor. 2:12). The answer is surely there! (Please see Luke 6:38; Ps. 103:3; Matt. 10:17; Rom. 8:11; 3 John 2; Acts 1:8). For victory in Daily Living we too find that ample provision is made (Jno. 8:36; 1 Cor. 10:13; Rom. 6:14, etc.).

Personally, as a retired minister of the Gospel, I have marveled at the way Dr. Peale in his sizeable book, completely avoids one subject that the Word of God strongly emphasizes, namely, *"the precious blood of Christ."* How prominent a place this theme finds in both the Old and New Testaments; in the former the Spirit speaks of this through type and symbol; in the latter in words that cannot be mistaken or misunderstood.

Look for a moment at the Tabernacle in the Wilderness. Behold those golden walls, golden furniture, magnificent hangings *and note that all was sprinkled with blood* (See Heb. 9:19-22). This sprinkling with blood set forth in symbol, the coming horror of Calvary. *"His visage was so marred more than any man, and His form than the sons of men"* (Isa. 53:14).

My heart was stirred recently by an incident recently in Dr. Edmonte Hain's book on the Tabernacle. He was pastoring a church in Beemerville, New Jersey. A multi-millionaire who lived in the town had promised a thousand dollars for the installing of a certain window, the choice of design being left to the pastor. He selected Hoffman's "Golgotha" depicting the crucifixion.

However, one day a young city salesman called on Brother Hains and tried to persauade him to change his choice. He endeavoured to convince the pastor that "Golgotha" was "nonaesthetic" and would repel rather than attract. He described what, in his opinion, was a more suitable design—a beautiful window depicting green fields and running waters, another of The Good Shepherd, another of the mountains of the Holy Land. "Don't you see, Reverend," he said, "that Golgotha thing would spoil it all. The picture is so gruesome and bloody and smacks of the slaughter-house." Said Dr. Hains, "I would not let him comment further, and his window was never installed." Thank God for Spirit-taught men who knew that *"without the shedding of blood there is no remission"* (Heb. 9:22).

Alas! How many poor deluded souls are turning away from Calvary —their only possible foundation for redemption and are being allured and inveigled into bypaths of destruction! Oh the appalling prospect that will inevitably confront them in that solemn Judgment Scene, when unprepared, unreconciled, conscience stricken they must give an account of themselves unto the Living God!

Let us realize, therefore, that there is the dreadful danger and perilous possibility of substituting psychology for a God-provided Salvation. Where this is done the result is truly tragic and a "blight" indeed. However, if kept in its proper place, psychology can surely prove a "blessing."

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MODERN PSYCHOLOGY ... A BLIGHT OR A BLESSING?

By E. B. Neve
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The Life and Ministry of Brother O. J. Lovik

By G. A. Batke
(Vancouver, B.C.)

EVERY forward move in the field of Christian revivals has distinguished some person and inscribed his name in the honor role of God's Book of Remembrance. To do the work of God it is necessary to have a human instrument. For such occasions a man is invariably raised up for the task. *"There was a man sent from God"* is the Divine pattern followed from the beginning.

When the time came to bring the Pentecostal message to the people of Western Canada, God found a man in an obscure little Saskatchewan village called Houghton. Here Ole J. Lovik, an expert in Romney engines, who also plied his skill at road building and dealing in farm machinery, felt the moving of God upon his life at an early age. Together with his young wife they felt the need of some training in the things of God and consequently attended the Rochester Bible Training School. There Brother Lovik was filled with the Holy Ghost. This Spiritual experience introduced him to a fuller and deeper life in the things of the Spirit of God. It was there, too, that many manifestations of God's faithfulness were in evidence. Miraculously the needs of the School were met. The School also was visited with Gifts of the Spirit, and healings . . . Brother Lovik himself being healed from a severe case of catarrh.

Upon their return to Houghton, Sask., he became active in the ministry throughout the immediate area of this community. Later, in company with Hugh Cadwalder, Freeman Hamilton and George McIvor of Eston, a trip was made through Alberta during which time a number of souls were saved. Some of these went into the ministry and some as missionaries. This was but the beginning of a ministry which would gain impact as it developed. For this man sought God for each important move he made, and the Lord was faithful to reveal His will definitely to him.

Swift Current

Brother Lovik and Brother Cadwalder felt a strong leading to go to Swift Current from their present location in the Houghton, Aird and Bickleigh area. There they found a small group of about twenty souls who needed help and guidance. It was during this time of trial and discouragement that, while fasting and waiting on the Lord one day, Jesus stood by his bedside, and calling his name said, "I have come to tell you to stay in Swift Current; I will greatly bless your ministry here. I will also bless you to the East and to the North and to the South, but do not leave Swift Curren until I tell you." A time of severe testing followed this visitation.

Through much praying and fasting, God met this man and the Gospel of the Grace of God was revealed to him. He saw now that Salvation was full and free; a free Gift of Divine Grace. This revelation and the courage to preach it, cost him much. A Brother who was paying the rent for their church hall, quit doing so; however, by believing and waiting on God, the daily needs of the Assembly were met. It was truly a time of much stress and earnest waiting in prayer, that further revelations came to him. He began to see the truth of Water Baptism in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. The message was not a popular one (even in the days of the Apostles); however, true to his convictions, he began to baptize according to the Book of Acts, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. To confirm this revelation, Brother Frank Small of Winnipeg was also following this same procedure, and further, founding the Apostolic Church of Pentecost of Canada, obtaining a charter to give this movement a legal status.

It was during this time that the message of Water Baptism in the Name of Jesus became a vital issue with numbers of ministers. The Book of Acts began to loom up before them with special significance through this new vision. Brother Lovik contacted Bro. Small with a view of joining forces in this new move under the new charter. This was carried through, and the new revelation became the cornerstone for the new churches about to be opened in Western Canada. It should be said here that Brother Lovik also received a profound insight into the Truth of the Oneness teaching. In his much waiting on God, not only for the supply of the daily pressing needs in the Lord's work, there was the further revealing of Christ to this devout man of God. How singular was the confirmation of this message by the two leading contemporaries—Brother Small and Brother Lovik, and in the words of the latter, "It became one of the foundation doctrines of the Apostolic Church."

Moving ahead in the local area in Swift Current, the meeting place of the church was moved into an unfinished church, a basement building. Here he laboured himself, praying and building benches and other necessities. A baptismal tank and prayer room were standard equipment in revival days. God blessed him with particular Spiritual Gifts which were in evidence in the opening of new fields for the Gospel. A healing min-

istry came into prominence. As the services progressed in the basement church, the Power and Glory of God increased . . . REVIVAL SWEPT THE CITY.

During the first twelve months in the new premises three hundred and eighty-nine new converts were baptised in water in Jesus' Name, one hundred and eighty-nine were filled with the Holy Ghost speaking with new tongues. One night the whole enraged town turned out with "eggs of uncertain age" to put a stop to this meeting; however, the glory of God was manifested and altars were filled with seekers. This night of shame will go down in history. Judgment fell on the ringleader . . . the next week he was dead. Other participants were visited with judgment. During the course of the meetings the following were among the Evangelists which visited the church: Sisters Peden and Andrews, Brother and Sister Butler, Brother William Booth-Clibborn and Sister Bentley. With many wonderful experiences did the Lord bless and add to the Church at Swift Current.

Regina

Brother Lovik was not to stay there much longer. A certain Brother Kyllo came from Regina and asked if Brother Lovik would come and help them there. To this he agreed. Here he found about twelve saints, but he immediately set to work to open services. He obtained the Grand Theatre. The first evangelist called in to help was Mattie Crawford. Great crowds attended. The place overflowed with hungry hearts. Many were saved, healed and filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother F. Small also came in to give aid to this move, for revival had come to Winnipeg. The numbers which came in grew, and so much so that religious leaders made representation to the Provincial authorities, the landlord and to Brother Lovik himself with a view of terminating these services. How much like the record in the Book of Acts. The result—the meetings had to be moved—first into a smaller hall and then into the Rex Theatre which seated about 1200 people. In spite of much opposition, God continued to work; outstanding healings were wrought in THE NAME of JESUS.

In due course, Pastor E. W. Storie was brought in from Winnipeg who opened a meeting place on Scarth Street where throughout the years he established one of the strongest churches in the Apostolic fellowship.

Moose Jaw

One day as Brother Lovik was in prayer, a voice spoke to him and said "Moose Jaw." In this manner he received his marching orders, but he needed funds. With all the large attendances the offerings barely met the large overhead to hire and heat huge auditoriums. Cold weather was a problem. While walking on the street this day, he met a man whose wife had been healed in the services and who lived about 60 miles out of town. Through gratitude to the Lord, he gave Brother Lovik the amount he felt he should have to start services at Moose Jaw. There he rented the Capitol Theatre, and meetings began. One of the first cases of healings were Emma Twist and Nellie Somerville. This received front page publicity in the Moose Jaw Evening Times. It caused a great stir throughout the city. At this point the Loviks were joined by Miss Pearl Tebbutt (Mrs. F. White, Regina), and Miss Gladys White (Mrs. W. Tebbutt, Vancouver). The whole party spent much time in prayer and fasting. To them it had to be God first and last. Great, anxious crowds jammed the theatre insomuch that the Fire Chief had to issue stern warning concerning fire regulations. The press was so great that people were heedless of their own safety and city regulations. Notwithstanding, large numbers sought and found the Lord. The "press of the throng" seemed to be one of the major problems. For three months these meetings continued, then another building had to be obtained. Healings of almost every description were seen which could write another chapter to the Book of Acts.

During those days, Brother Lovik still remained responsible for the work started in Regina. Evangelist J. A. Erickson helped him from time to time. (This was before E. W. Storie of Regina came in permanently as Pastor.) So the load of caring for the churches and preaching nightly brought a condition of great weariness upon him. But this ministry had been given him and he must carry on.

Psalm 106:8

Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make his mighty power to be known.

Yorkton

While in prayer one day, a Voice again spoke to him. It said "Yorkton." The prospect seemed grim, but with much aversion to the idea of leaving Moose Jaw, arrangements were made for Brother Stewart Spears to take charge (a very able young man in the Scriptures). At Yorkton, under extraordinary circumstances (to God be the Glory) contrary to the Town's procedure, the Town Hall was obtained for three weeks with 500 chairs made available for use and at a figure much below the standard rates. In weather ranging from 25 to 40 below zero, the meetings began and continued. From the first, healings were in evidence. The Yorkton Enterprise gave this much publicity. Here again was a repetition of Regina and Moose Jaw. Great crowds thronged the building. Altars were filled with many healed. Planks were added to the seating capacity, and the long outside stairway filled with people standing in sub-zero weather. For three weeks this continued. Following this revival, the Lovik party left Yorkton; but coming after them at a later date was Evangelist J. A. Erickson who was also greatly used of God to further the work there and establish a fine church.

In the meantime the churches at Regina and Moose Jaw obtained their Pastors: Brother and Sister E. W. Storie to Regina, and Brother and Sister R. Dawson to Moose Jaw.

Now the message came again to Brother Lovik; this time it was "Saskatoon."

Saskatoon

A building known as Old Knox Church, seating about 1000, was secured for the services. Beginning with a small attendance, Brother Lovik looked to God for His confirmation. It came in the form of indisputable healings. These were investigated by the local Press with large articles, giving the meetings valuable publicity. This brought thousands to the services. The same pattern followed —altars filled, and healings in abundance and many filled with the Holy Ghost. As a result of this tremendous

impact a strong church was raised up. Brother J. A. Erickson again followed this great move and became Pastor. Today there is a fine church in Saskatoon which has, throughout the intervening years seen remarkable revivals and which has been prominent in promoting the Apostolic cause in the "HUB" section of the province. Space does not permit a further enlarging of the work committed to this man of God. But wherever he was sent, a church was born. At Edmonton, at Calgary, and then on to the U.S.A.

In the fall of 1924 Brother and Sister Lovik settled down in Los Angeles. Far from retiring from the Work of the Lord, he was Pastor of a church in the Silver Lake district for more than ten years. One of the important functions of our Brother toward his latter years was his chairmanship of the Christian Business Men's Committee in Los Angeles. It was during his tenure of office that the Committee sponsored the first Billy Graham Crusade. This became the starting-point of Billy's world-wide Crusades for present-day Evangelism.

In his various endeavours Brother Lovik was also much associated with Brother and Sister John Duprau, who are so well known to Canadian ministers. But the prayer-life of our Brother and his much waiting upon the Lord was kept up consistently. His great burden was for the Apostolic churches in Canada. Daily they were held up by this great intercessor.

As his health began to wane his thoughts turned to his future Home —Heaven. Sister Lovik says, "He truly seemed homesick for Heaven these last few months. One day I said to him 'Daddy, you can hardly wait to get there, can you?', and he laughed." In his waiting before God, the Grace of God toward fallen mankind seemed to unfold to his vision.

The philosophy, if it can be so called, for Brother Lovik's work in Evangelism was taken from Zechariah 4:6, *"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts."* On this proposition one of the most outstanding chapters in Evangelism was written for Western Canada. Churches across the land exist today because of this. And could the veil be taken aside, and could the voice of Brother Lovick be heard once more, I am sure he would reaffirm this truth and encourage his successors to follow in his train.

Names in the News

O. J. LOVIK CALLED HOME

AFTER a long and distinguished Christian service, brother Ole John Lovik of Altadena, California, passed away to be with Christ on November 30, 1961. His wife, Mrs. Anne F. Lovik, one daughter, five sons and sixteen grandchildren are comforted with the knowledge that a full and fruitful life is finished and rewarded with a well-earned rest.

"It is a weary way, and I am faint,
I pant for purer air and fresher springs.
O Father, take me Home; there is a taint
A shadow on earth's purest, brightest things.
This world is but a wilderness to me,
There is no rest, my God, apart from Thee."

The funeral service was filled with the same degree of spiritual victory as that which characterized his life. The immediate family mingled at ease with those who attended. Among them were members of the former Lovik party: Mrs. G. W. Tebbutt, Vancouver, and Mrs. Pearl White, Regina.

Great numbers in Canada and the United States stand united to acknowledge that this man was raised up a special instrument in God's Hand to bring to them the message of Salvation. Among them also are numbers of ministers who through his ministry left all to proclaim the "unsearchable riches of Christ." They all join in an anthem of praise to God for blessing so many with the dedicated services of this man of God.

—G. A. Batke.

Note—Those wanting to write to Sister Lovik can do so by addressing their letter to: **Mrs. O. J. Lovik, 2605 Glen Avenue, Altadena, California.** —Ed.

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Recent Births

Born to **Pastor** and **Mrs. Frank Nelson** of Athabasca, Alberta, on October 19th, twin girls, **Hope** and **Holly.**

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Pastor and **Mrs. George Show,** Morse Hill, Sask., are the proud parents of a baby girl, **Lourade.le Lynda,** born November 5th.

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50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. H. McLean, Tappen, B.C., celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on December 5th. **Moderator Glen S. McLean** was able to be with his parents for the occasion.

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25th Wedding Anniversary

Rev. and **Mrs. A. D. Marshall** celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on December 1st.

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The Full Gospel Indian Bible School in Fort Qu'Appelle, Sask., opened on January 4, 1962.

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Rev. W. E. Crowder, with a team of students from the Bible School, visited the Frenchman Butte Assembly the weekend of November 25, 26. Brother Crowder dedicated **Wray Stanley McLean,** who was born to **Pastor** and **Mrs. Elwood McLean** on October 16, 1961.

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Reading Highlights for March

CHURCH OF THE MONTH—The new "7th Avenue" Apostolic Church in Edmonton, Alberta, will be featured. There will be a brief historic account of the growth of the work, and a message from the present pastor, Rev. John D. Francis. Dedication services for the new church are planned for Sunday, February 18th, with the former pastor, Rev. G. A. Batke, as guest speaker.

THE MISSIONARY CHURCH — Due to limited space in the February issue we were unable to feature this enlightening article on home and foreign missions. You will be able to read it in the March edition.

There will also be other special features and regular columns to add to your reading enjoyment.

Cover Photo

This month's cover picture of the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa is through the courtesy of the **Canadian Government Travel Bureau.**

COMBINED OFFICIAL DEDICATION AND PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

at the new

"7th AVENUE" APOSTOLIC CHURCH
10324 107 Avenue, Edmonton, Alta.

Dedication Preacher: Rev. G. A. Batke. Two great services on Sunday, Feb. 18th at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Special Evangelistic Services commence at 7:30 p.m. on February 18th through to February 25th with **Rev. D. Breen** of Moose Jaw, Sask.

Conference Registration at 9:30 a.m., February 20th.

- **Convening February 20, 21**
- **Rev. D. Breen, Guest Conference Speaker**
- Ministry desiring accommodation notify **Pastor John D. Francis, Suite 12, 4715 101A Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta,** or phone **HO 9-1208,** before February 9th.
- **Bring your musical instruments.**

AN HISTORIC OCCASION AND GREAT FELLOWSHIP CONFERENCE

from our LADIES' MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP

Moose Jaw Groups

THE Moose Jaw Group "divides to multiply." **Sister Doris Bjornson** explains: "Last fall the Gospel Workers decided to try something different. Until then, our group had met every second week, usually in the church, and the attendance was not satisfactory. Now, we have divided into four groups, meeting once a month in homes in different areas, and all gathering at a central meeting in the church monthly.

Our central president this year is **Sister D. Breen,** our pastor's wife, and secretary-treasurer is **Sister E. Verity.** Each area group has its own officers and decides its own projects.

Attendance is four times as large since forming the four groups. So we are thankful for both the increased number and the greater interest being shown. Many have reported a closer bond in prayer and fellowship.

We enjoy the Newsletter very much, and it is always read at our central meetings, after which the requests are taken to the Lord in prayer. Intercession is made for them again at the area meetings.

To enable everyone to help, we have a grocery box in the vestibule of the church. Monthly these food donations are sent to one of three home workers, in turn.

The Moose Jaw Group has adopted the Jamiesons in Africa, and plans to send them an offering each month, instead of a parcel. They are sharing adoption of the **Fasts** in Japan with the Barrhead Group, sending parcels on alternate months.

Christmas parcels will be sent to each missionary overseos. Every worker who hos gone out from the Moose Jaw Assembly will also receive a parcel.

The East Side Group meets on the third Thursday of each month in homes of the members, with an average attendance of eight. President is **Sister Verity,** and **Sister M. Blizzard** is secretary-treasurer. Projects included needle cases made from Christmas cards, for Sister Davies, crib quilts, woollen squares for an afghan, and a quilt. Gifts were sent to Sister Neilsen, Sister Roberts, and supplies to Sister Davies for her sewing class. Used clothing was sent to Athabasca.

Sister Doris Bjornson is president, and **Sister Pearl Kennedy,** secretary of the S.W. Group, which has an attendance averaging ten. Their linen supply box is kept filled by articles brought by the members. A lovely box of personal articles was given to Joan Neilsen when she arrived in Canada. Sewing needs and stamped cloths were sent to Sister M. Davies, for Africa. Linens and a gift of money went to the Howards at Penticton, and a layette to the Shaws.

Sister K. Huckabay, president of the N.W. Group, reported that they meet the second Wednesday of each month. **Sister J. Heslop** is secretary-treasurer, and **Sister G. White** and **Sister J. Noble** comprise the project committee. Parcels were sent to the Armbruster and Schindel families, ond sheets to Neilsens. Woollen shirts were made for African children. Quilts hove been made, and used clothing sorted and mended. An offering has been sent to Consort to assist in buying a washing machine for Sister Schuetz.

Two New Groups

IT is a real joy to welcome two more groups into our Ladies' Missionary Fellowship.

Sister J. W. Harder of Langley, B.C., tells of the first: "Our group meets on the second Monday of each month. **Sister Lillian Carlson** of Langley is our president. I do enjoy the Newsletter very much. We will continue to pray for all the workers and missionaries."

A newly-formed girls' group at Kipling, Sask., is reported by the leader, **Sister Gwen Groves**: "Besides our ladies' group, we have started a girls' group, named Kipling Missionory Challengers. **Joan Trithardt** is the president and **Margaret Pinter,** secretary. We plan to meet every two weeks in the homes of the girls.

For our first missionary project, we are making stuffed toys to send to the Fort Qu'Appelle Indian work. We are also saving used stomps and coupons."

—E. Spicer

A CHECK

represents payment in full or part of an obligation. When buying a car, refrigerator or groceries we never question the bill but pay it. Have we ever stopped to realize that everything we have is made possible because God has entrusted it to us—even the air we breathe.

Is it too much to ask that we give God back a tenth of that which we earn when the offering plate reaches us? "Will a man rob God?" Malachi 3:8

★ Pray for the Lord to strengthen **Sister Sieker** and **Sister Hunt** for the remaining months of their fifth year in Nyasaland. They ask prayer for **Buki,** a proven worker, who with his wife and two children has gone to pastor a new work where a number of young men have been saved. The Lord has already provided a church and a home.

★ Pray for other young workers who take the Gospel to villages on bicycles, faithfully and gladly, rain or shine.

★ Pray for the children being saved, who are as lambs among wolves in their heathen villages and families.

★ Remember **Sister Isabel Duncan's** need of a co-worker, so she can return to Africa. An African worker wrote of her, "Our hearts and our eyes are upon the road to look that she may come, and also our ears are waiting to hear that she has started to come back. We are praying that the Lord will open the way for her to return."

★ Pray for the **Neilsens** as they go back to India, and once more take charge of the many phases of their work there, and for their children as they re-enter school there.

★ Pray for **Brother** and **Sister Currie** as they prepare to return to Southern Rhodesia in March.

★ Pray for the needs of the Bible School, and that the Holy Spirit and God's Word will do a deep and lasting work in every heart.

★ Pray that the Lord will guide and bless the Ladies' Missionary Groups in helping overseas and home missionaries, and also in their own churches and districts.

★ Intercede that this will be a year of unprecedented blessing on all the mission fields.

THE MISSIONARY OUTLOOK

By F. Assman

(Missionary-secretary of the ACOP)

A TEACHING ministry is a must for every assembly. In fact, no individual can progress very far spiritually without being taught. Paul writing in II Timothy 2:24 says, "*And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient.*" Among the items here mentioned that are to be practiced by the servant of the Lord is the quality to teach. Other scriptures along this line are, "*Teach every man in all wisdom*" (Colossians 1:28). "*Teaching and admonishing one another*" (Col. 3:16). "*These things command and teach*" (I Timothy 4:11).

The question that may be asked, "What is to be taught?" The answer is simple—The Word of God. In this there are the true principles of Christian living and conduct. One of the other vivid factors taught in the Word of God is missions. Apart from salvation and the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, nothing else is so clearly taught in the Bible as that of missions. Jesus said, "*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations.*" Wherever souls have been saved, it is because they have been taught the gospel of Christ. "*For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved? How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?*" (Romans 10:13-14).

Not only must the unregenerate be taught of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ to be saved, but believers must be taught missions in order that the gospel will be spread. What would you think of a Bible study where there was no teaching, or a Sunday School class with just singing. It's like having a prayer meeting without prayer.

There should be a live ministry of teaching on missions in a consistent manner in every assembly constantly. What I have said before I repeat. There is no reason for an assembly to exist if it is not for missions. If the church is just a place for us to come together for fellowship, best the Lord take us home to be with Him, for this we can better do in a glorified body. We are left on earth for the specific reason to be messengers of the Gospel.

So often we take it for granted that the Christian faith is educating itself along the line of missions. Rarely is this so.

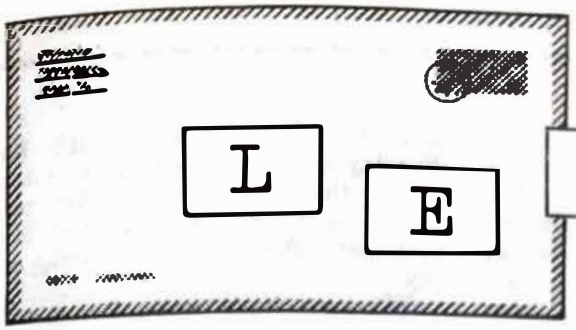
You have heard the expression repeatedly, you must spend money to make money. Similarly it can be said, we must teach missions if we would promote missions. The trend of young people in their personal responsibility toward missions seems to be getting less all the time. It used to be at a missionary meeting that the young people were found at the altars praying and weeping before the Lord to determine His will in service for Him, but this no longer seems to be so. There can come a change by getting back to the old paths where people's hearts will once again burn with compassion for the lost through Holy Ghost preaching on the subject of missions. How sadly the important command of Jesus is neglected, "*Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth labourers into his harvest*" (Matthew 9:38). What is the cause for this lethargy in that few there be that are thrust into the whitened harvest fields in our day? Is it not because there may be a lack on the teaching of missions?

Every individual member should know the personal names of the missionaries in our fellowship and what fields they labour in. We should also acquaint ourselves with the number of national workers that are in each field and pray for them daily. Many things can be taught to us. Some things we can learn and should learn for ourselves. If missions is constantly taught and the missionaries' needs daily remembered in prayer, these needs the Lord will surely meet. Praise His Name.

Missions to the Church of Christ is the greatest thing on earth. This being so, it is most important that the people have missions taught to them more than anything else. Where a church is much alive to missions, that church is a thriving and a growing church.

It may be slightly different today to teach some of the heathen than it was a few years ago. At least this is so in some countries. In Japan it is interesting to see the younger generation much occupied with reading. They go to school six days a week and some have a tutor for extra classes besides this. Here at home we are not a great deal different. Reading and studying to acquire knowledge is a very popular thing. With this desire for knowledge and the craze to go ahead in life there should come with it, if not first, the teaching of missions to the believers and the teaching of the gospel message to the unbelieving world. May the challenge before us today result in missions that bear fruit now and reward for Eternity.

National Evangelists in Nyasaland



from the field

Alwaye, S. India

JUST a week ago today we returned from a Convention in the Kottayam District, and although we were very weary we were so happy because so many had accepted the Lord during that Convention. It was indeed a blessed Convention and the anointing of the Spirit was upon each message. The Convention lasted five days from Wednesday until Sunday evening and we took turns preaching at the night services. The day I preached at the night service Irene took the Children's Class and the day she preached at the night service I took the Children's Class. There was also an Indian speaker each night, Brother M. J. Samuel and God blessed his ministry, too. There was someone saved at every meeting. The first night four ladies and one man were saved and after that some others at each meeting.

The Children's classes were a real thrill and there were huge crowds of children. In fact, the pandal was about filled on the two middle days when they came from school. And many young teenage girls gave their hearts to the Lord. They had real assurance of salvation and happily testified the next day after they were saved that Christ had come into their heart. The last day of the Children's Class every boy and girl there came forward for prayer to accept Christ. It was rather overwhelming as there were so many of them, so we dealt with them as a group, Samuel taking the boys and I took the girls. Although there were no doubt some of them who just followed the others, I am sure many of them really accepted Christ as their Saviour.

Even after we returned home we heard of results from the meetings. Irene received a letter from a business man in Kottayam who had heard her message the last Sunday night and had been mightily moved upon. He said that he believed it would be a turning point in his life. I also had a letter from a young student who had talked with me at the pandal that night after the meeting and he said that that night he had not been able to sleep and he knew it was Christ who had awakened him and he had given his heart to Christ so now he had real peace. These things bring joy to our hearts.

We were also made happy on Sunday when the Catholic College student whom we had mentioned before and asked you to pray for came to our Sunday morning worship service. It was a real step for him to take and also meant a real sacrifice as he has to come quite a distance by bus and also walk five miles to his house after he takes the bus. He is very much in earnest and has a humble spirit and I believe God will use him in a real way. He needs much prayer as there are many things to be worked out before he can come out and out in his testimony, but I know the Lord will make a way for him. He is reading our End Times' Messenger and enjoys the articles. God has really done a wonderful work of grace in his heart. How we praise the Lord.

We have not had so many at our meetings the last few weeks but we believe that God will bring them back. Pray especially for the several young men who accepted Christ. It looks as if they found the opposition too great to go on with Him. The Lord is able to move upon them and establish them in Him.

Now I must stop. Thanking you all again for your prayers which we appreciate so much, and wishing you God's richest blessing throughout the new year.

Irene Ashley and Elizabeth Steeves

Japan

PERHAPS you could spare a few moments of your time and come with us to the town of Inazawa. This town is located about 15 miles north west of Nagoya. It has a population of 52,000 people and is nationally known for its Hadaka Matsuri (naked festival). This festival takes place in the coldest month of the year, February. The festival is made up of youths from surrounding cities and towns. These youths range in age from 10 years to 35 years and all they wear is a loin cloth tied around the waist. These youths become greatly intoxicated with sake (wine) and have cold water poured over them to help wash away their sins. Also, a doll is made out of bamboo and straw and is carried about by drunken youths and whoever touches this doll also receives forgiveness of sins for one year. But let us leave the festival now and tell you the real purpose of this article.

Inazawa's 52,000 people until recently has never had a Gospel witness. As we enter the town all we find is one long main street (very narrow and very rutted). Many shops and shrines line this main street, some dirty, some clean, some dingy and some bright. We were able to rent a room in a private home to hold services and at first I began with English Bible classes. These were attended spasmodically, but there were some good contacts. Then in late October we were able to have ten days tent meetings and this was the first time a Gospel tent had ever been put up in the town. During the ten days there were 27 people who made decisions for the Lord. After meetings were finished we had a follow up of visitation and special Bible studies for three evenings and these meetings were well attended. In these meetings three more made decisions for the Lord including the man from whom we rent the church room. During visitation we met a woman who is blind and is a

New Mailing Address

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Christian. She has been praying for a church to start in Inazawa for many years and she rejoiced greatly to hear the news of the beginning of a church.

Coming to the church now there are two young married couples and their families and they are very interested. Another married couple which are elderly and the landlord who also is in his late fifties. Then there are several young people who come when they can and we are expecting a continual growth as I believe we have a healthy start. Praise the Lord.

Now you may ask what our vision is for Ianazawa. We know that without a vision the people perish and we do have a vision. As God continues to move and the congregation increases we are going to be forced to build a building to worship in. Already we have made inquiries into purchasing land and this is a great step of faith, but God honours faith and He cannot deny His Word. We also want to start a Children's Church, but are unable to with the present accommodations. Likely, by the time you have read this article we will already have (by faith) purchased enough land to build a church on and, God willing, in the new year will start building. Inazawa is large enough for two small churches as this town is spread out and is divided in half by a railway. So our vision is to centralize a Gospel church on both sides of the railway line, thus being able to reach the whole town.

There is a joy that words cannot express as we invade satan's territory and tread without fear of this unseen warfare, to snatch the brands from the burning, to bring the glorious light into a horrible darkness, to see expressionless faces leap into expression because of the joy of the Lord. Then to see also the idols removed and Bibles take their place. Instead of carrying a set of prayer beads they carry a pocket New Testament. My Dear Reader, God's Word has never lost its power. It is more active today than it has ever been because more are hearing it, and more are hearing it because YOU are making it possible for them to hear it. But don't let the challenge die. If you are satisfied with what you are doing, then the challenge will lose its life. Though we are thousands of miles apart yet we can still move FORWARD TOGETHER. When a missionary starts a new work and reaches new areas, longer prayer and intercessions are needed. TOGETHER, we must bear these responsibilities. It may never have occurred to you that once a missionary sacrifices his home land and leaves loved ones and good earthly opportunities, that this is not the end of sacrifice, this is the beginning. Each month we find we must sacrifice a little more if we are going to do a little more for God and the Gospel's sake. Do you know, Dear Reader, if you are a born again child of God that you automatically fall into this category also. You will not suffer when you sacrifice, but many will suffer if you do not sacrifice. Oh Beloved, there is a crying need and the need causes me to cry out to God to send help, to redeem the time, to buy up every opportunity and this we must do TOGETHER.

—The Bettschens

Chiayi, Formosa

IN the last three weeks we have added several new ones to the number of believers. We have told some of you about Mr. and Mrs. Yang. Their year-old boy has been sick for months, tried all the doctors and their medicines, without any help. Since coming to believe in the Lord the child has been healed and doing very well. A Mr. Hong came to the meetings and was convicted of his sinful life. His wife and family live in another town, but he is here making shoes for the Military. He confessed of unfaithfulness to his wife and is now enjoying the peace of forgiven sin. Tonight these two men with our deacon, Paul, are going out to testify and preach (open air) in a nearby town.

Last week another family has become interested. Sickness again brought this family. The man works in the Tax office where our Esther works and each time he passed her way gave slurring remarks. Even to the point he accused her of becoming mentally unbalanced over religion. Now this man comes to her defense. What made the change? His little son became very sick and three days ago he, the wife and the boy knelt with us in their home as they gave their hearts to the Lord. Last Sunday night when these folks testified it thrilled our hearts. The testimony of a new convert is so fresh and just bubbles over with crisp new joy.

We now have seven Evangelistic bands from our church going out. Some for calling, praying for the sick and others to out points testifying, preaching and giving out tracts. The work goes on. Jesus is coming soon, the clouds of war, the fallout cloud of Russia's bombs are over us, but the work must go on till Jesus comes.

We have just had three nights of special meetings at the country churches and 300 attended the last two nights. Many decisions took place and the believers greatly revived. Today it was decided to build a bamboo church at one place.

If you recall in our last news letter I requested prayer for three families living in a village (Chung Pu) where we have a church. I'm happy to be able to report of answered prayer for these needy folk. The little woman that was so very weak in body, a policeman's wife, the Lord answered prayer after all the doctors and medicine had been tried. She is well and so happy in the Lord. Then there was the tailor and his family. This man still needs our prayers, he is doing some better, but his wife had a wonderful spiritual awakening. In a recent service she broke down and wept before the Lord, a real change took place in her life. The last one was a teacher and his young wife. We are glad to report this teacher has made real spiritual progress and this has resulted in his wife receiving a touch from the Lord, but yet unstable. The husband has been faithful through some acid trials. Please continue to pray for the family, including their little son and daughter.

In this village there is a large school, children come from a large area. Five teachers from this school now attend the services, including the principal's wife. The principal avoids us when we come to their home, pray for him.

The village work is growing; as you know, we have two country churches.

May the joy of the Lord be yours throughout this new year.

Joseph and Margaret Matson

Mizunami Shi, Japan

I HAVE been given a new opportunity in the High School in Mizunami. They have asked me to teach an English Bible Class. I prefer to teach English Conversation for half of the time and then use an interpreter for the Bible Lesson as I feel they get more. Around forty to fifty stay so I really thank the Lord for the opportunity of giving them the Gospel.

I came home the fourth day after my operation and the doctor comes to the house with the nurse every day. I live right across from the hospital so it is very handy. His younger brother comes over a couple of times a week for English so the family are fast becoming good friends. I trust that in some way I might be able to show them the reality of Christ. They certainly know nothing of true Christianity. I was shocked a few weeks ago when I went for a car drive with them and got talking to the doctor's wife. She graduated from a so-called Christian High School. She said she believed in one God, but believed Jesus was just an ordinary man like Buddha. I was almost at a loss for an answer as all my talking had to be done in Japanese. However, after talking a while she said she would like to talk to me again sometime about Christianity. I would like to request prayer for this young couple. They have been so nice to me and would make wonderful Christians.

My interpreter Watanable San hasn't been out for a couple of months. He came to see me today so I guess one has to be patient and pray. I have been trying to give my Sunday night messages in Japanese. What a chore! First I write them in English, then I explain them to my helper in my poor Japanese and she gives me the correct sentence. Then I try and learn it. Can't say I feel very blessed when I give it, but the Lord blesses the Word in spite of the channel.

Atsuko San (the girl who interpreted for Brother Assman when he was here) is really in need of prayer. She was planning to move to Mizunami and live with me and when it came time for her to tell her family she weakened. I don't care that she didn't come to Mizunami but she isn't continuing on with the Lord either. I have written her many letters and a month or so ago went to Hotei to visit her. I saw her as she got off the train on her way home.

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The Problem Clinic ? ?

Rev. E. L. McRae

"Some teach that there is to be a revival of the Old Roman Empire. Is there any support in the scriptures for this interpretation?"

NOT some, but many Bible teachers, who are well known for their sound Bible teaching, hold this prophetic view. All my Christian life I have been fully persuaded that what is called "the revival of the Roman Empire," is taught in the scriptures. There is very strong evidence in the world today that points in this direction, and confirms the above exegesis of the prophetic scripture.

The Lord Jesus Christ, the greatest Prophet of all time, spoke of "the times of the Gentiles." If you will search the scripture you will discover that we are living in that time now.

In the Book of Daniel, Chapter 2, this era (the times of the Gentiles) began with the Babylonian captivity of Judea, in approximately the year of 606 B.C. In Daniel 2, we have the dream of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon. He saw a great metallic image with a head of gold, breast and arms of silver, thighs of brass and legs of iron and toes of part iron and part clay. Daniel, the prophet of God, interpreted the dream, and in the interpretation we have what Jesus called "the times of the Gentiles."

This prophecy gives as a remarkable description of the whole course of Gentile supremacy. It also describes in detail its utter and absolute ruin in a very abrupt ending.

Daniel's interpretation of this dream gives us the key to the prophetic scriptures. To understand this rightly will clear up a lot of other difficult passages on prophecy. To fail to understand this "A.B.C." of prophecy will lead you into confusion. In this second chapter of Daniel, we have the basis for our believing in the revival of the Roman Empire.

Let me establish this, that God has said, starting with Babylon, there would only be four Gentile kingdoms that would hold sway over the whole earth. Any grade eight student will tell you that three of them have come and gone, Babylon, Mede-Persia, Greece. The fourth, Rome, has been stripped of her military power, but through the Church of Rome her political and religious influence is felt around the world.

If God said there would only be four world kingdoms (Daniel 2:40), then it must be Rome, and if so Rome must be restored. Remember, Rome was a world kingdom at the time of Christ (Luke 2:1, *"all the world"*). There will be another world kingdom (still Roman) at the time of anti-Christ (Rev. 13:3, *"all the world"*).

This is also brought out in the teaching of the Book of Revelation. The woman of Revelation Chapter 17 is certainly Rome, Ecclesiastical Rome. She is called *"the Mother of Harlots."* This can only refer to the great Apostate Church with all the little compromising apostate churches becoming her children. Notice verse four, she is arrayed in purple and scarlet. You will recall in the crucifixion of Christ, it was the purple and the scarlet that Rome put upon him in mockery (Mark 15:17, 20; Matt. 27:28). Then in verse nine, John identifies the city as sitting upon seven hills, referring to the seven hills of Rome.

The last stage of Gentile rule is depicted in the ten toes of this image. There will be a world government made up of ten kings under one supreme head. Rome will be the seat of this world government. She will become *"that great city which reigneth over the kings of the earth"* (Rev. 17:18). It will be the capital of this final Gentile world kingdom, which will be destroyed by the personal return of Christ (Daniel 2:45).

We see this being fulfilled before our eyes today. Sir Winston Churchill in his New Year's comments said, "A farsighted unity of plan and action of the countries of the free world (non-Communist) should be our commanding purpose." This "unity" will come in the United States of Europe, as foretold by Daniel. Also, we have the newly formed European Common Market. We can see on every hand that Rome is strengthening her influence around the world. Prophecy is marching on . . . we are near the end.

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"To Know the Scriptures and the Power of God"

Meet the Grads !

THIS time we present to you the Grads of FGBI 1957. They were known as the "*AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST*" as their banner shows. This class broke the record for a graduation, reaching the number twenty. It was a record up to that time. In looking over the individuals on the picture possibly other records were broken also in numbers in active service in ministry at home and in the fields beyond the sea.

Front row, left to right:

Faye Doerksen (nee Orvald), Melfort, Sask. A grand help in Melfort Assembly.

Valerie Jackson (nee McClelland), Owosso, Michigan. In Missionary Training and preparation.

Shirley Oxman (nee Pearson), Moose Jow, Sask. Stellar work in the Moose Jaw Apostolic Temple.

Wilma Wylie, Swift Current, Sosk. Always busy in the work of the Lord in the Assembly and Camps.

Joy Ball (nee Erickson), Calgary, Alta. Always a JOY to see Ken ond Joy in Calgary.

Evelyn M. Caslaw, England. Back into her colling in the homes for destitute children.

Middle row, left to right:

Vernon Doerksen, Melfort Sask. A standard in the Melfort Assembly.

Robert G. L. Erickson, Calgary, Alta. One of the "helps" in Calgary Full Gospel Church.

Ruth Taylor (nee Audette, Melfort, Sask. Helping in a Church outside of Melfort too.

Irene Lindberg (nee Wenzel), Leader Sask. A faithful wife to a faithful Pastor.

Inez Mitchell (nee Hermansen), Glenella, Mon. Another faithful wife to a faithful Pastor.

Alan Mortensen, Punnichy, Sask. "Mort" is pastor of the work at Punnichy and seeing God move wondrously in all his points of service.

Harry Roberts, North Battleford. Harry is o joy to our hearts in carrying the pastoral call in North Battleford.

Back row, left to right:

Robert Lee Estes, Vancouver, B.C. Bob is doing stellar work in the Zion Assembly in Vancouver.

Daniel Straza, Regina, Sask. An evangelist laboring in Assemblies and Camps.

Wilbert M. Conroy, Huntsville, Ont. "Pete" is doing good work there in Ontario. A new Church hos been built and dedicated, the work is progressing.

Ralph Lemke, Munich, Germany. Ralph spent years as YFC Director in Vancouver, B.C., but is now in his beloved Germany doing Missionary work there.

William Hawke, Port Alberni, B.C. Bill is doing fine work here, Col. 3:16 was his favorite text at School.

Mervyn Switzer, Fruitvale, B.C. Merv. is working faithfully as a Pastor here. It was good to visit him and see the extent ond growth of this work.

William Lindberg, Leader, Sask. Preaching and singing for his wonderful Lord and Saviour.

To all our Graduates we wish them God's best in 1962 In the Master's Service.

— **A. D. Marshall**

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She had lots of excuses as I thought she might go to Kochino church. However, she hasn't gone yet. When I am feeling a little more spry I must try and see her again. This young girl received her baptism a year ago and was so enthusiastic. She graduates as a teacher this spring.

The Sunday School work in Kamado is encouraging. The numbers are not large but the children seem to be becoming a little bit grounded in the Christian faith. They are a dear lot. You should see the letters they wrote me since I have been sick. I was really amused with one. She had a picture of Jesus drawn with his arms oustretched toward me to help me. I thought it both original and thought provoking.

The Mizunami Sunday School is at a low ebb. I really don't know what the trouble is. We have two or three real faithful ones and the rest change every week. It is hard to get

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Of some claims made for modern psychology we may well stand in doubt. For our own part, living or dying, our hearts cry out for the Pauline paths of Biblical interpretation. We do well in these days of humanistic cults to cry with the prophet of old, "*Thus saith the Lord; Stand ye in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls*" (Jer. 6:16). To walk thus means reproach at times but brings not blight but blessing.

We close with a word from Bishop Richard Hooker—1585—included in his truly soul-emancipating sermon on Justification by faith alone: "Let it be accounted folly, or frenzy, or fury, or whatsoever; it is our wisdom and comfort: we care for no knowledge but this,—that man hath sinned and God hath suffered: that God hath made Himself the sin of men and that men are made the righteousness of God in Him." To which we would add with grateful heart: *Hallelujah! Amen!* And with the beloved Seer, exiled on lonely Patmos we cry anew: "*Unto Him Who hath loved* (and *loveth*) *us and washed* ("loosed us"—R.V.) *from our sins in His Own blood . . . to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*"

"Oh the song of the blood,
Blessed song to the ransomed given,
Oh the song of the blood,
'Tis the song of both earth and heaven."

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The Two Peters

By William Calderwood

IN studying the life of Peter, one cannot but see two lives entirely opposite the one to the other. The Peter who walks on the sea, is the Peter who begins to sink beneath its waves. The Peter who sits with Gentile brethren, is the Peter who deserts them when Jewish company arrives. The Peter who took up his sword and smite off the ear of Malchus, is the same Peter who turned tail and fled at the question of a maid. Yes, we may be prone to look down on some of Peter's failings, but where can we find a better description and reflection of our own lives! Unlike Paul, whose shortcomings the Holy Ghost thought best to conceal, Peter's faults are accentuated time and time again.

In first Corinthians chapter ten Paul brings to mind some of the experiences of the children of Israel, and in verse 11 tells us they were written *"to admonish and fit us for right action by good instruction"* (Amplified New Test.). It is with this purpose in mind that we study the life of Peter.

Meeting The Master

The first glimpse we get of Peter, in the Gospel of John, is when Andrew introduced him to Jesus. This was the greatest event in Peter's life. He met Jesus! The zenith in anyone's life is when they meet Jesus. Being introduced to Jesus means that the initial step on the road to heaven has been taken. Jesus stated this explicitly in John 10:9, *"I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved."* Again in John 14:6, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the father, but by me."*

Unsteadiness Developed Into Stalwartness

Peter had a vacillating character. He seems to fit perfectly into James 1:8, the double-minded man who was unstable in all his ways. In Matthew chapter sixteen and verse sixteen, Peter makes the enlightening confession about Christ before the disciples *"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."* However, in verse twenty-one and in the same conversation, he contradicts the confession he has just made. The Amplified New Testament puts it this way, *"Then Peter took Him aside to speak to Him privately, and began to reprove and charge Him sharply."* Here we have that which was created, taking the Creator aside! The clay reproving the Potter! If he had really believed his confession, his attitude towards Jesus would have been entirely different.

In addition to being introduced to Jesus, Peter had another experience which was imperative, and seemingly upon which his life hinged, was that which took place on the day of Pentecost. The baptism of the Holy Ghost! Instead of the Peter who was as stalwart as a reed shaken with the wind, we see him after Pentecost as the Peter who *"stood up with the eleven and lifted up his voice,"* and whose message stirred the hearts of three thousand people into accepting Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. Peter now comes to the forefront as one of the pillars of the church at Jerusalem (Gal. 2:9): as the spokesman before the Sanhedrin in Acts 4:8, *"Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them"*; and as the one chosen of God to open the door of faith unto the Gentiles, Acts 15:7, *"God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel."*

Cowardice Developed Into Courage

Besides his vacillating character, Peter showed signs of being a coward. In Mark 14:66-72 the record of his denial of Jesus before a maid is given. The one who had said, *"Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee,"* denies his Lord three times and the third time with *"cursing and swearing."* The one who was ready to fight with the Roman soldiers, becomes a coward before a maid.

However, after Pentecost, we see the cowardice overcome and in its place courage. It was Peter who rebuked Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 5; it was Peter who answered the Sanhedrin and said, *"Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye"* (Acts 4:19); and it was Peter who said to the high priest, *"We ought to obey God rather than men"* (Acts 5:29).

It is true, Peter denied the Lord Jesus, but it is also true that he repented and made up for it with an intense dedication to the Master after Pentecost. As an expression of his repentance, tradition says that whenever he heard a cock crow, he was accustomed to fall on his knees and weep; and that he was accustomed daily to awaken at cock crow and spend in prayer the fateful hour in which he failed his Lord, Again, tradition tells us that Peter died a martyr's death by crucifixion (attested by Jerome in the fourth century).

Peter, with all his weaknesses, became one of the greatest of the apostles. The baptism of the Holy Spirit was not the ultimate transforming factor in the life of Peter. The baptism of the Holy Spirit was the initial step for him to *"walk in the Spirit."* It was his daily walk in the Spirit after Pentecost which brought about his transformation. This should be a source of encouragement to each of us! If the Lord could make an apostle out of Peter, with all his natural encumbrances, can He not do as much for us? Young person, older person, no matter what your disability may be, God intended that your "weakness be mated with His power" (F. B. Meyer).

under the searchlight of THE WORD OF GOD

By A. D. Marshall

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISM

SABBATH-KEEPING is the first of the items I wish to discuss with you under the searchlight of the Word of God. This doctrine is certainly peculiar to the Seventh Day Adventists and has brought much confusion to the minds of many desiring to know the truth of the Word of God.

While at the outset some may shrug their shoulders and say "*it* doesn't matter too much," yet when you get into the whole story there is more than meets the casual look. I think all SDA's will agree with me that Christianity demands a seven day a week observance and is not to be cast aside on Sunday or Monday as the case may be. Let us look at some of the aspects of Sabbath keeping as demanded by the SDA's.

Ellen G. White had a vision, a description of which is hereby given. "Jesus raised the cover of the ark, and she beheld the tables of stone on which the ten commandments were written. She was amazed as she saw the Fourth Commandment in the very centre of the ten precepts, with a soft halo of light encircling it." This meant to Mrs. White that this commandment needed more stressing and was more binding than had been taught before.

Turning to history she found that it was the Roman Catholics who changed the Sabbath to Sunday as a day of remembrance and that Protestants generally admit this. Also she believed we were still committed to the law to keep the "least of its precepts." This at once would put the Christian of today "under the law" rather than under GRACE as Paul the Apostle declared, *"Ye are not under THE LAW but under GRACE."*

As to Mrs. White's searching out of historical data regarding the Sabbath, and finding that the Roman Catholics changed the Sabbath to the Lord's Day or Sunday, certainly a little more research would have helped tremendously. To say that the Catholics made the change at the Council of Laodicea in the year 364 is an utter disregard of circumstances and time. First of all we must confess that there were no Roman Catholics at the time of the Council of Laodicea. Historians have called Leo 1st the "first Pope" and that not because he was a Pope in any sense of the word as we use it today, but that he made some of the claims that the Pope now makes. The term "Pope" was refused by Gregory the Great (590) and was not used till the tenth century in its significance of today. It is true however, that the question of Sabbath or the Sunday (first Day) should be held as the day of Christian observance was set forth and Sunday was declared the day to be kept. It was not an arbitrary ruling by a dictatorial Council but was simply a setting forth of that which had been the custom and belief of the Church up to that time. It changed nothing relative to this question any more than the Council of Nicea changed the belief of the Deity of Christ in 325 A.D. when that doctrine was put in the creed.

The Council of Laodicea set forth what the early Church Fathers believed. Note some extracts from early writings well before the date of the above mentioned Council.

1. The Epistle of Barnabas—100 A.D. "Wherefore, also we keep the eighth day with joyfulness, the day also on which Jesus rose again from the dead."
2. The Epistle of Ignatius—100 A.D. "Be not deceived with strange doctrines, nor with old fables, which are unprofitable. For if we still live according to the Jewish law, we acknowledge that we have not received grace . . . If therefore, those who were brought up in the ancient order of things have come to the possession of a new hope, NO LONGER OBSERVING THE SABBATH, but living in the observance of the Lord's day, on which our life has sprung up again by Him and by His death."

We could cite many other quotations from such worthies as Justin Martyr, Apostolic Constitutions, etc. There is a conspicuous unanimity of the Church Fathers to this question. It leaves you to know that they believed that as the Jewish Sabbath was given to commemorate the rest of GOD after 6 days of creative work, so the Lord's Day was given in commemoration of the resurrection of Christ Who rose to be Head over the NEW CREATION which He purchased with His own BLOOD.

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TRENDS OF OUR TIMES

By Lorne O. Pritchard

Current events interpreted in the light of prophetic truth.

THE Bible predicts an increase of lawlessness in the last days. "Employees are out-stealing burglars 5 to 1." "Employer has inventory shrinkage of $1,800,000 in one year." "Why honest people steal." "Serious Crimes—three every minute in U.S.A." "100% increase in the U.S. rate of juvenile delinquency during the next ten years." "The decline of morality in business, politics and sex is eveywhere observed." The Police scandal in Denver is merely the most recent of a series. "Over a period of years they (the Denver police in question) had stolen more than $250,00 in cash, plus an incalculable amount of merchandise." "Hoodlums out in force."

These are but a few examples of the kind of headlines to be found in leading newspapers and magazines of our day. They all tell the same story . . . perilous times are upon us (II Timothy 3:1).

If, as we stated in our last article, man is basically no worse now than ever before, why then this increase in lawlessness?

We feel that there are at least two major reasons. One reason is the increase of wages along with the decrease of working hours. The other reason is the continued lifting or releasing of restraints.

Over 2500 years ago Ezekiel wrote these words, Ezekial 16:49, 50, *"Behold this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, Pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she*

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Round-Up of WORLD-WIDE Religious News Reports

Reports significant to Christians from the MNS and ERA News Services

Cuban Christians Suffer New Blows

Washington, D.C. (MNS) — Cuban Christians, who hove been feeling steodily increosing pressure from the Communist regime of Fidel Castro, were forbidden this year to celebrate Christmas as o religious holidoy. Instead they were encouraged to celebrote it os the "first socialist Christmas." The government doled out o smoll bonus in honor of the first Christmas under declared Communism.

In order to break the Cubon Christmas tradition of preparing suckling pigs for o Christmas Eve feast, the government in special Christmas regulotions prohibited the killing of suckling pigs, with o possible penalty of facing the firing squad.

An additional contributing factor to this forced austerity is o serious food shortage created by the inefficiency of the Communistic agricultural system.

Entry of all evangelical literoture, including the Bible, is now prohibited. It hos been reported that more than half the 700 major Protestant churches of Cuba ore now closed.

Missionaries Evacuated From Elizabethville

Washington, D.C. (MNS) — The State Department hos announced here that 139 Americans were evacuated from Elizabethville (Conga) about the middle of December. In making the announcement Lincoln White, press officer, said that most of them were missionaries. He also said there have been no known casualties omong the Americans except one who sustained minor head injuries.

He said the Americans were ferried out of Elizabethville — some to Leopoldville, and some to Ndolo in neighboring Rhodesia-Nyasaland.

Other reports confirm that most of the Methodist missionaries hod left Elizabethville, and also the Seventh Doy Adventists who had earlier been caught in o crossfire between U.N. and Kotongo forces.

Evangelical Books On Newstands In Mexico City

Mexico City (MNS) — In o resounding victory for literature evangelism, the evangelical publishing house Fountain Publications has been able to place on news stands here various evangelical books. Billy Graham's **Peace With God** is included among others.

Evangelical Writer To Be Tried In Spain

Barcelona, Spain (MNS) — Evangelical writer Jose Grau and printer Salvador Salvado were to appear early this month for trial before a court here. They ore charged with "printing books, folders and leaflets for the use of all the evangelical churches in Spain."

The court case follows the impounding by police lost June of 5,000 copies of evangelical literature printed by Sr. Solvodo for the Worldwide European Fellowship.

Pentecostal Church Attacked In Brazil

Guaratingueta, Sao Paulo, Brazil (MNS) — Some 500 rioters stormed the local worship center of the Evangelical Pentecostal Church of Brazil, wrecking and burning it. The crowd destroyed the furniture, books, musical instruments and other equipment in the building, then set fire to the chapel itself. Three adjacent buildings also burned down before the fire brigade from the neighbouring city of Toubote could reach the scene.

The small local police force hod to summon state militiamen from other cities, including the state capitol, to bring the mob under control. Police authorities reported later that the rioters were mainly local troublemakers and political agitators rather than persons of deep religious convictions.

Pressures From Intolerance Rejected In Bolivia

La Paz, Bolivia (MNS) — During a serious political crisis in Bolivia in 1961 the Romon Cotholic hierarchy here made strong representation to the President seeking restrictions against evangelicals. The bishops supported the position that constitutional guarantees provided tolerance of non-Catholic religion but not equal liberty for all.

Recently the President and the deputies in Congress have turned down the request of the Catholic bishous.

Last Evangelical Radio Voice Suspended In Cuba

Home: City, Pa. (MNS)—The 19-yeor-old radio ministry of the West Indies Mission in Cuba, "Alas del Alba" (Wings of the Morning), was suspended October 2 by order of the government. The Cuban directors of the program appealed to the government to rescind the order, but all appeal was denied.

Evangelical Workers Meet In Madrid

Madrid, Spain (MNS)—Behind closed doors the evangelical pastors and workers representing various church organizations met here lost October to examine the general conditions facing Protestantism in the country. The sessions of the Notional Evangelical Congress were held in the various churches of this capitol city. Rev. M. Santos Molino, bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain, presided at the meetings which followed the theme: "Our Contemporary Problems."

The evangelical leaders of Spain dealt with very pressing problems such as: the legal status of the churches, the education of Protestant children, civil marriages, discrimination in the military, and the problems related to the publication and importation of Bibles and literature for the Spanish churches.

The Congress ratified the work which the Commission of Evangelical Defense hos been doing in representation of all Protestont denominations before the authorities.

Floods Plague East Africa

Washington, D.C. (MNS)—At least a million Eost Africans faced famine and epidemic disease in November when flash floods followed prolonged drought, soys **Africa Report** (December, 1961). The floods cut roil lines and main roads in Tanganyika, Kenya, Somalia and Uganda, as torrential rains ran off parched ground, cutting off villages, destroying crops, and washing out rcads and railways. Dysentry, influenza and rheumatic fever were spreading rapidly in the flooded areas.

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them established in anything when they are so irregular. Then yesterday everybody went to school. It seems in this country there are so many odds to battle against.

My helper, Moriyama San, and I are getting along well together. Bless her heart, I don't know what I would have done without her this past week. In the Japanese hospitals you must have someone to look after you like a private nurse. You even have to take your own bedding. I was really surprised. She even had to clean the room. All the nurses do is take your temperature and give needles. They seem to be very fond of doing that, the first day I had at least ten. I guess I was the topic of conversation as I was the first foreigner to enter the hospital. The doctor too was a little confused at times. We don't seem to react to the Japanese medicin the same as the Japanese. Where one hypo puts a Japanese to sleep it took three for me.

My Saturday English Classes are coming along fine. I find it much cheaper living out here. Of course, it is an entirely different life. I wouldn't want to live under these conditions for many years, but at present I am very happy and satisfied

—*Grace Collins*

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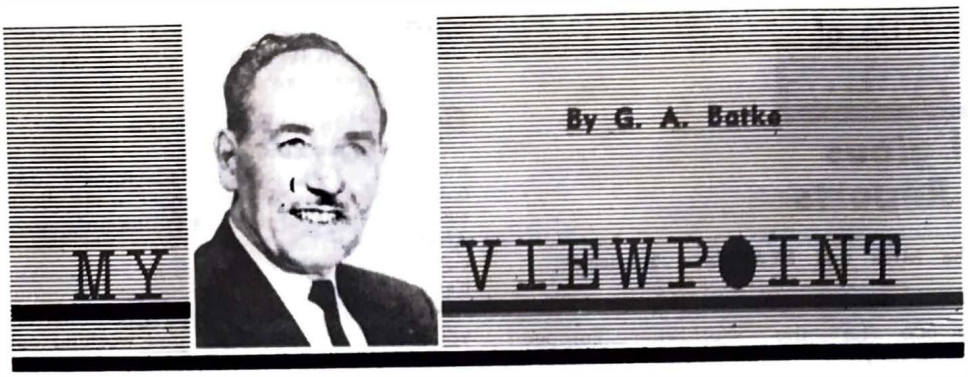
Before concluding this article for this issue let me draw your attention to Dr. Froom's statement as given in the last article, "I know of no SDA who holds such a preposterous position." This was made relative to a statement whereby SDA's were accused of believing that Sunday worship was the "mark of the Beast." I quote Ellen G. White's statement from the Great Controversy (Page 448), "What then is the change of the Sabbath but the sign, or mark of the authority of the Roman Church —"THE MARK OF THE BEAST." Has Dr. Froom not read this?



AND now for a backward look at Christmas 1961. The shopping is over, the festivities done. Christmas is forgotten for another year. Decorations are packed away, and the January sales are being advertised. In spite of our best intentions and resolutions, the same work-a-day life takes on where it left off, and we find ourselves deep in the January slump. My what a pattern we set for ourselves. The most sacred and holiest becomes an empty shell when it is void of spirit and meaning.

Real Bible-believing people will find this different. To them Christmas is not a time of celebration, but it is merely a time when the Birth of Jesus is emphasized a little more; when their faith is confirmed and hearts blessed because of the "unspeakable Gift of God." Every day of the year is significant with the blessing of Christmas—the hopes of Easter—and the voice of Thanksgiving.

That Jesus Christ actually came—that He actually walked among men and taught them—that He took part in their iniquities and carried their sins and made an end of them—that He rose from the dead, pouring out the Holy Ghost on the Day of Pentecost and that he so surely is coming back again, is the perennial wonder among the redeemed, and the cure of those who know not Christ.

To have and hold proper perspective of all that is included in the Christian Faith, one must know and hold in awe the central Figure responsible for this act of redemption. Jesus Christ is today the most controversial One Who ever lived. Even Christendom is divided as to His claims. From foremost leaders, our blessed Lord Jesus Christ is suffering great opposition. Like the heathen who is given to worship and appeasement of many gods, so the confusing belief of a multiplicity of Persons in the Godhead has earned for us the accusation the Christendom is seeking to appease the Gods of Christianity. One has to admit to some strange deductions concerning the Godhead.

Think, however, of He Who is suffering attacks on His claims. The high-sounding opposition of the Scribes and Pharisees was the first to be levelled against the claims of Christ to DEITY. "WHO CAN FORGIVE SINS BUT GOD?" rose spontaneously from the lips of them . . . their very reasoning proving the claims of our Blessed Lord. Hear what the Scriptures promise—*"The Lord Himself shall give you a sign—a virgin shall—bear a son and shall call His Name IMMANUEL"*—God with us. The Apostle Peter thus presents Him as *"God our Saviour"*—Thomas as *"MY LORD AND MY GOD"*—Isaiah as *"The Everlasting Father."* To speak of Jesus as "the second Person" immediately ranks Him as secondary in rating. How intolerable such reasoning must seem to Him Who is the Head of the Body, the Church—that in all things He might have the pre-eminence, and Who has the fulness of the Godhead dwelling in Him bodily. Devils and modernists alike are doing their utmost to diminish, if ever so little, from the absolute Deity of Christ. I for one will not aid them in their nefarious attempts. The Prophet cried, *"Who hath believed our report, and to whom is the Arm of the Lord revealed?"* Jesus' ministry of healing, etc., was retarded by the unbelief of the people. If the Church today is lacking in manifested spiritual power it is because that blind teachers are seeking to take from and minimize the authority, the power of Christ. Let us fear that as eyes were blinded and hearts hardened in days gone by through unbelief, so today, we open our hearts and exalt—and uphold—and set forth—and rejoice in the WORTH, and the POWER and charm of THE NAME OF JESUS.

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strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me. Therefore I took them away as I saw good." Fullness of bread—abundance of idleness—she committed abomination. Please observe the connection, idleness and abomination.

A MACLEAN'S editorial in March 1957 included the following: "None of the Gordon prophecies has greater implications than the estimate that by 1980 most Canadians will be working less than thirty-four hours a week. That will mean seventy-eight waking hours away from desks, shops and factories. With more than twice as much idleness as working time, the employment of leisure hours will within the next twenty-five years become a pressing national dilemma. If the rate of shift from labour to leisure of the past hundred years continues for the next century, Canadians will, by 2050 A.D., be working less than two hours every second day."

Few of us realize the trend which is upon us. Modern inventions, labour saving devices and the like have created a class of people rightly called the "over privileged." This in turn has brought circumstances and opportunities for sinning which did not exist in the same way before.

By way of illustration, I was a teenager in the thirties. I did not have my own car to drive, nor did I have any money to spend on pleasures. In those days money was not easily obtained. Today, our Young People drive their own cars at sixteen, make and spend their own money at sixteen, and in many ways have opportunity to "see life" before that time!

When I was a boy, water had to be carried, there was firewood to chop and always some chores to attend to. It was never a problem to know what to do with leisure time! And as I think of those days, I can truthfully say, thank God I had work to do. ,

Today circumstances facing teenagers, in fact facing all of us, are different than they have ever been in human history. We live in a land of abundance, on every hand there is evidence of *"pride, fulness of bread and abundance of idleness."* If such conditions were harmful in Sodom, they can be no less harmful today. The trends of the day are in the direction that increase tendencies which result in increased lawlessness, crime and sin against God and men.

QUESTION! The two pictures above capture some of the tenseness and excitement as the championship Quiz Teams from Saskatchewan (left) and British Columbia (right) competed for the Dominion Trophy. Members of the Saskatchewan team from Pangman, who won the Dominion Championship are (from left to right): Linda Powers, Carol Powers, Marsha Pritchard, Terry Breckenridge and Marilyn Pritchard. Members of the B.C. champions from Burton, are (from left to right): Bernice Scott, Rita Scott, Cheryl Fuller, Carol Hall and Melvin Hall.

DOMINION BIBLE QUIZ FINALS

THE Dominion Bible Quiz finals of the Apostolic Youth Movement were held in the Calgary Full Gospel Church, on December 27th and 28th.

More than 100 representatives of the Apostolic Youth Movement, from British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan, met for the two-day Yuletide Youth Rally.

Young people from 18 Apostolic churches in the three western provinces attended the Bible quiz finals. Three provincial quiz team champions from Burton, B.C., Edmonton, Alberta, and Pangman, Sask., took part in the play-offs for the Dominion Championship. The Rev. S. D. Arneson of Kincaid, Sask., who is Dominion director of the Apostolic Youth Movement, conducted the Bible quiz competition which was won by Saskatchewan.

Guest speaker for the Rally was Bob Tauber of Fauquier, B.C., who challenged teenagers to give themselves to Christ and live for Him. Many young people came forward to dedicate their lives to the Lord.

The Calgary young people chartered a transit bus and provided a scenic tour of the city for visitors attending the Rally.

Eternity will reveal the lasting work done by the Holy Spirit in the lives of these Christian young people, during these two days of inspiration and fellowship.

DOMINION BIBLE QUIZ CHAMPS—The Pangman Quiz Kids pose with the Dominion Trophy after defeating Edmonton, Alta. and Burton, B.C., in the finals. From left to right: Linda Powers, Carol Powers, Marilyn Pritchard, Marsha Pritchard and Terry Breckenridge.

PROVINCIAL CHAMPS FROM ALBERTA: From Edmonton, Alta., come these provincial winners, only to be defeated by Pangmon in the semi-finals. From left to right: Garry Rea, Ricky Reo, Donna Alexander, Ruth Drader and Iona Sczebel.

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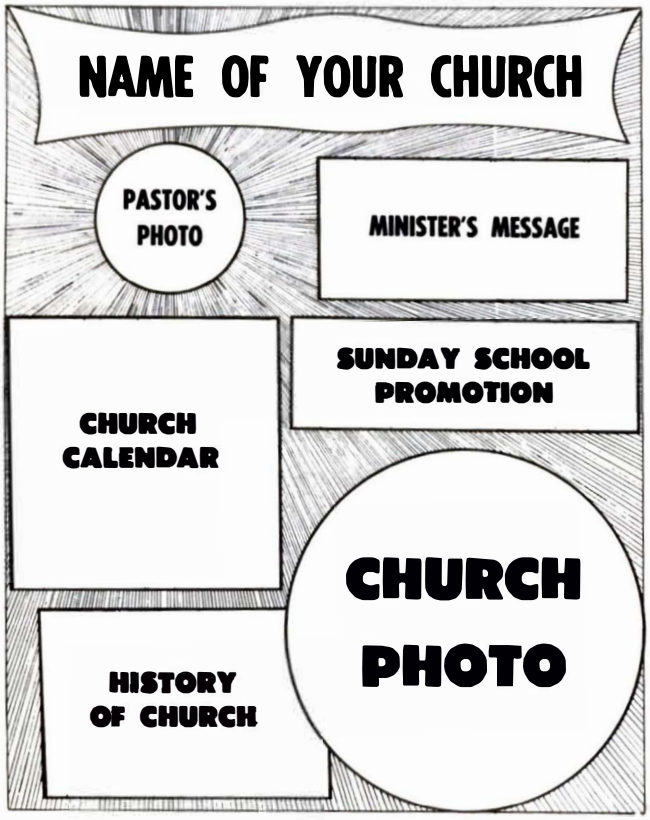

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