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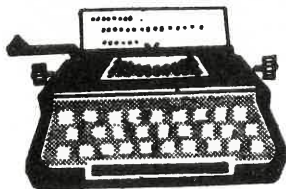
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THE EASTER MESSAGE

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EDITORIAL COMMENT ---

Easter Aspirations

WHAT ARE YOUR aspirations for Easter? The majority of children seem to think only of Easter bunnies and Easter eggs. The money-minded business man talks eagerly of sales and profits. Others, both young and old alike, are wrapped up with the thought of Easter finery and furnishings and qualifying for the Easter "Parade." However, the garments that make us fashionably acceptable this Spring will soon lose their appeal and be considered "out of style."

Proper garments are also essential if we are to be acceptable to God, and His righteous requirements never change. God's holy and just standards demand that we be clothed with a robe of perfection . . . nothing less than this will enable us to pass divine inspection.

There are three kinds of righteousness, and only three. There is legal righteousness, self-righteousness, and God's righteousness. God holds no part with the first two which form the thinking of the average man and woman on the street, they are moralists. They will tell you, "as long as I do the best I know how, pay my bills . . . try to live the 'golden rule' . . . I am sure that such righteousness will be acceptable to God." Paul sums it up for us in Romans 10:3 when he says, "For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God." I wonder, does this last statement describe you?

Paul continues in the tenth verse of the third chapter of Philippians, "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings." In all honesty, do you know him through a distinct Easter knowledge and an appropriate Easter experience?

There are three specific ways in which Paul aspires to know Him. First, "In the power of his resurrection." If he could realize, to the fullest extent of the term, the meaning of the empty tomb, then he would have an understanding of the unlimited power of Almighty God. Understanding the power of the resurrected Lord, he would understand the power of Calvary's Cross.

The second phase Paul wishes to possess is "the fellowship of his sufferings." Paul aspires to the fellowship of, or participation in, His sufferings at all points.

Then Paul adds one more portion to his desire; he says, "Being made conformable unto his death" or being conformed to His death. Let us turn to Paul's statement in Galatians 2:20, "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me, and gave himself for me." He suffered when Christ suffered; he died when Christ died; he lives when Christ lives.

Those were Paul's Easter aspirations . . . do they lie in the depths of your soul? Are you exercising the faith which He put into your heart? Has your life of fear given place to the victory of certainty? How pathetic that the true significance of Easter should be lost under the debris of the superficial, thus robbing the soul of that which Easter really brings in the risen Saviour.

Yes, Easter garments will fade, they will grow old and be discarded . . . Oh, that we might be clothed in the righteousness which comes only from our God!

— Irvin W. Ellis.

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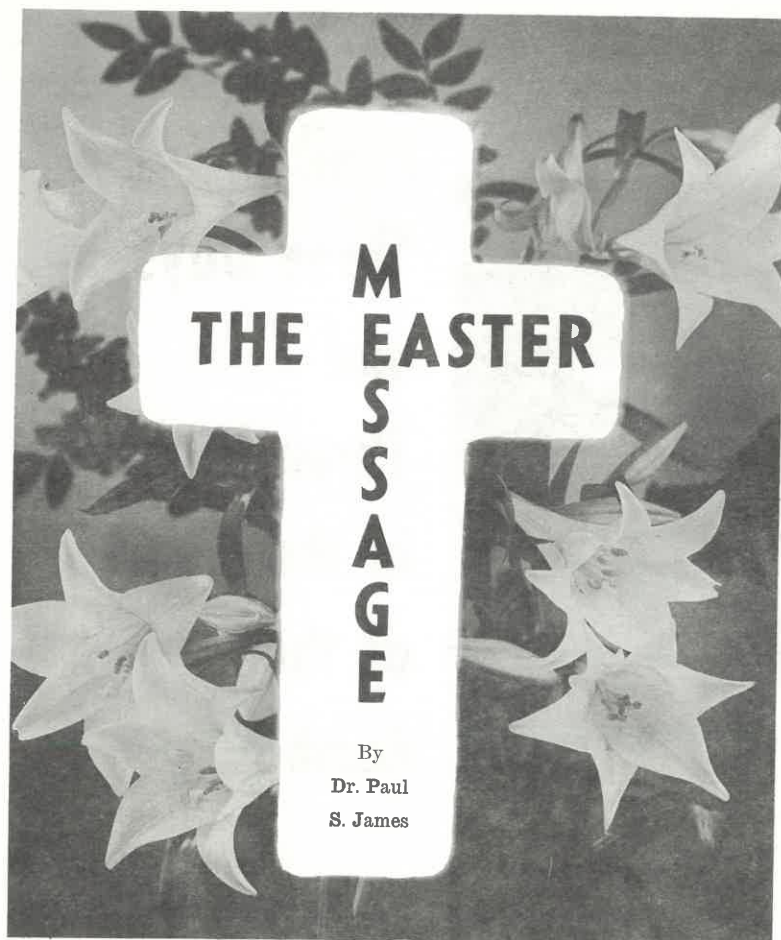
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AMID all the question marks Easter is a glorious exclamation mark! It declares that there is a living Saviour, there is life after death.

Our Lord Jesus Christ partook of our flesh and blood **"that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage"** (Hebrews 2:14, 15). His identification with us was complete. We have a High Priest who was tested in all points as we are.

When He was born, the glory of the Lord turned night into day. When He died on the cross, the sin of man turned day into night; but a glorious morning followed.

He appeared to Mary Magdalene and she said, **"Master!"** He appeared to the disciples on the Emmaus road and they had burning hearts. He appeared to doubting Thomas and he said, **"My Lord and my God!"** He appeared to Peter and he said, **"Thou knowest that I love Thee!"** He appeared to Saul of Tarsus and he said, **"What wilt thou**

have me do?" He appeared to John and he fell at His feet as dead. At one time He appeared to more than 500.

This living Saviour is the only Way to God. **No man cometh unto the Father, but by me"** (John 14:6). Because of Him there is salvation for all who will trust Him. He saves to the uttermost all who come to God by Him, for He ever liveth. The hub of the Christian world is the empty tomb of Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ stands on the other side of the grave, for

**"Death could not keep its prey,
He tore the bars away!"**

"I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, and have the keys of hell and of death" (Revelation 1:18). Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, has **"abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel"** (2 Timothy 1:10). All men are immortal, which means that the soul is deathless: we go on living after the body returns to the ground. But it is a terrible thought to go on living apart from Him who is life and light and live.

Jesus said, **"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die"** (John 11:25, 26). This means that those who are Christ's though they experience the first death (separation of the soul from the body), shall never experience the second death (separation of the soul from God).

It is our risen Saviour and living Lord who has opened to us the shining possibilities of the life that is eternal. Easter morn finds the Christian contemplating the heavenly shore, reunion with loved ones who have gone before, the invigoration of celestial air and the everlasting joys of the home Jesus has gone to prepare for us. His resurrection verifies what He said, vindicates what He claimed and validates what He did.

Christ's resurrection changed Mary from a mourner into a messenger; it changed Thomas from a doubter into a believer; it changed Peter from a denier into a preacher and it changed Paul from a persecutor into a missionary. The early Christians went forth preaching **"Jesus, and the resurrection"** (Acts 17:18). Some mocked, some procrastinated and some believed. For those who believed, the Easter event became an Easter experience; a cleansing, life-changing, transforming experience!

"What do you know about God?" one man asked another. The Christian replied, **"There is much I don't know about God, but what I do know has changed my life."** From the empty tomb of our Lord Jesus Christ has flowed the warm gulf stream of salvation which changed the lives of millions of people.

Thank God for that DAY: the first day of the week; the DECLARATION: **"He is not here: for he is risen, as he said"** (Matthew 28:6); the DEDICATION of those who went out quickly to tell the glad tidings; the DEMONSTRATION of the power of our living Saviour in the lives of those who have put their trust in Him.

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"He is not here: for He is risen,
as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."

Was JESUS Really Three Days and Three Nights in the Heart of the Earth?

by Reuben A. Torrey

—Reprinted from The King's Business

MATTHEW, in the twelfth chapter of his Gospel and the fortieth verse, reports Jesus as saying: "As Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale [sea monster (ASV marg)], so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." According to the commonly accepted tradition of the church, Jesus was crucified on Friday, dying at 3 P.M. or somewhere between 3 P.M. and sundown, and was raised from the dead very early in the morning of the following Sunday. Many readers of the Bible are puzzled to know how the interval between late Friday afternoon and early Sunday morning can be figured out to be three days and three nights. It seems rather to be two nights, one day and a very small portion of another day.

The solution of this apparent difficulty, proposed by many commentators, is that a "day and a night" is simply another way of saying "a day," and that the ancient Jews reckoned a fraction of a day as a whole day, so they say there was a part of Friday (a very small part), or a day and a night: all of Saturday, another day, or a day and a night; part of Sunday (a very small part), another day, or a day and a night.

There are many persons whom this solution does not altogether satisfy, and the writer is free to confess it does not satisfy him at all. It seems to him to be a makeshift, and a very weak makeshift.

Is there any solution that is altogether satisfactory? There is. The first fact to be noticed in the proper solution is that the Bible nowhere says or implies that Jesus was crucified and died on Friday. It is said that Jesus was crucified on "the day before the sabbath" (Mark 15:42). As the Jewish weekly sabbath came on Saturday, beginning at sunset the evening before, the conclusion is naturally drawn that as Jesus was crucified the day

before the sabbath, He must have been crucified on Friday. But it is a well-known fact, to which the Bible bears abundant testimony, that the Jews had other sabbaths beside the weekly sabbath which fell on Saturday. The first day of the Passover week, no matter upon what day of the week it came, was always a sabbath (Ex. 12:16; Lev. 23:7; Num. 28:16-18). The question therefore arises whether the sabbath that followed Christ's crucifixion was the weekly sabbath (Saturday) or the Passover sabbath, falling on the 15th of Nisan, which came that year on Thursday. Now the Bible does not leave us to speculate in regard to which sabbath is meant in this instance, for John tells us in so many words, in John 19:14, that the day on which Jesus was tried and crucified was "the preparation of the Passover" (ASV), that is, it was not the day before the weekly sabbath (Friday) but it was the day before the Passover sabbath, which came that year on Thursday. That is to say, the day on which Jesus Christ was crucified was Wednesday. John makes this as clear as day.

The Gospel of John was written later than the other Gospels, and scholars for a long time have noticed that in various places there was an evident intention to correct false impressions that one might have received from reading the other Gospels. One of these false impressions was that Jesus ate the Passover with His disciples at the regular time of the Passover. To correct this false impression John clearly states that He ate it the evening before, and that He Himself, *died on the cross at the very moment the Passover lambs were being slain* "between the two evenings" on the 14th Nisan (Ex. 12:6, Hebrew, and ASV marg). God's real Pascal Lamb, Jesus, of whom all other pascal lambs offered through the centuries were only types, was therefore slain at the very time appointed of God.

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Everything about the pascal lamb was fulfilled in Jesus.

- (1) He was a Lamb without blemish and without spot (Ex. 12:5).
- (2) He was chosen on the 10th day of Nisan (Ex. 12:3), for it was on the tenth day of the month, the preceding Saturday, that the triumphal entry into Jerusalem was made, since they came from Jericho to Bethany six days before the Passover (John 12:1—that would be six days before Thursday, which would be Friday), and it was on the next day that the entry into Jerusalem was made (John 12:12 and following verses), that is, on Saturday, the 10th Nisan. It was also on this same day that Judas went to the chief priests and offered to betray Jesus for thirty pieces of silver (Matt. 26:6-16; Mark 14:3-11). As it was after the supper in the house of Simon the leper, and as the supper occurred late on Friday, that is, after sunset, or early on Saturday, after the supper would necessarily be on the 10th Nisan. This being the price set on Him by the chief priests, it was the buying or taking to them of a lamb which according to law must occur on the 10th Nisan. Furthermore, they put the exact value on the lamb that Old Testament prophecy predicted (Matt. 26:15, compare Zech. 11:12).
- (3) Not a bone of Him was broken when He was killed (John 19:36, compare Ex. 12:46; Num. 9:12; Psalm 34:20).
- (4) And He was killed on the 14th Nisan between the evenings, just before the beginning of the 15th Nisan at sundown (Ex. 12:6, R.V. margin).

If we take just exactly what the Bible says, viz., that Jesus was slain before the Passover sabbath, the type is marvellously fulfilled in every detail, but if we accept the traditional theory that Jesus was crucified on Friday, the type fails at many points. Furthermore, if we accept the traditional view that Jesus was crucified on Friday and ate the Passover on the regular day of the Passover, then the journey from Jericho to Bethany, which occurred six days before the Passover (John 12:1) would fall on Saturday, that is, the Jewish sabbath. In reality His triumphal entry into Jerusalem was on the Jewish sabbath, Saturday. This was altogether possible, for the Bible elsewhere tells us that Bethany was a sabbath day's journey from Jerusalem (Acts 1:12; compare Luke 24:50).

Furthermore, it has been figured out by the astronomers that in the year 30 A.D., which is the commonly accepted year of the crucifixion of our Lord, the Passover was kept on Thursday, April 6th, the moon being full that day. The chronologists who have supposed that the crucifixion took place on Friday have been greatly perplexed by the fact that in the year 30 A.D. the Passover occurred on Thursday. One writer, in seeking a solution of the difficulty, suggests that the crucifixion may have been in the year 33 A.D., for although the full moon was on a Thursday that year also, yet as it was within two and half hours of Friday. He thinks that perhaps the Jews may have kept it that day. But when we accept exactly what the Bible says, namely, that Jesus was not crucified on the Passover day, but on the "preparation of the Passover," and that He was to be three days and three nights in the grave, and as the "preparation of the Passover" that year would be Wednesday, and His resurrection early on the first day of the week, this allows exactly three days and three nights in the grave.

To sum it all up, *Jesus died about sunset on Wednesday.* Seventy-two hours later, exactly three days and

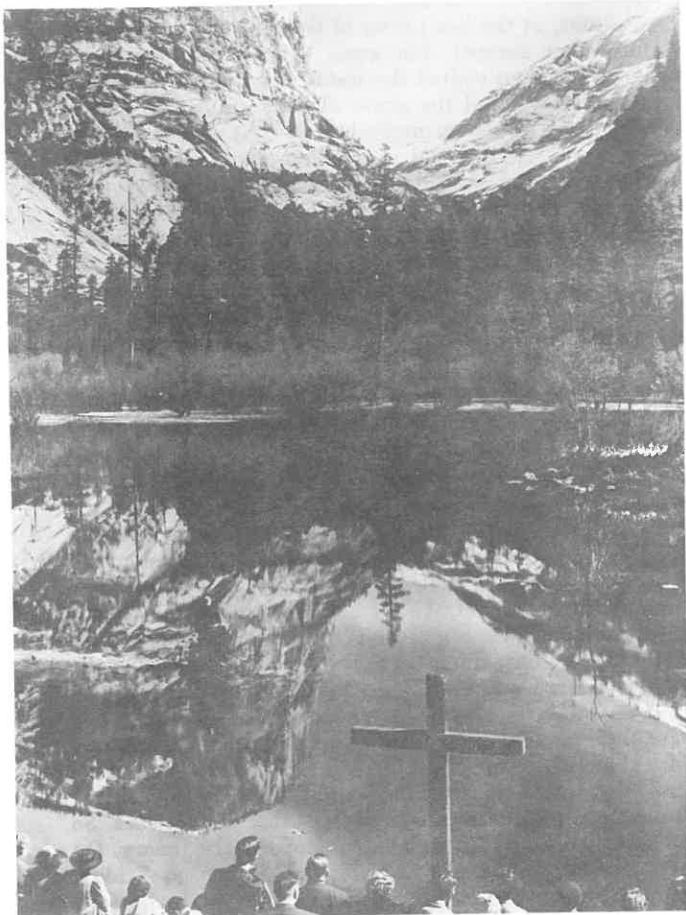
three nights, at the beginning of the first day of the week (Saturday at sunset), He arose again from the grave. When the women visited the tomb, just before dawn next morning, they found the grave already empty. So we are not driven to any such makeshift as that any small portion of a day is reckoned as a whole day and night, but we find that the statement of Jesus was literally true. Three days and three nights His body was dead and lay in the sepulchre. While His body lay dead, He Himself being quickened in the spirit (I Peter 3:18) went into the heart of the earth and preached unto the spirits which were in prison (I Pet. 3:19) (The Old Testament saved who were awaiting Christ's resurrection to take them unto paradise.)

This supposed difficulty solves itself, as do so many other difficulties in the Bible, when we take the Bible as meaning exactly what it says.

It is sometimes objected against the view here advanced that the two on the way to Emmaus early on the first day of the week (that is, Sunday) said to Jesus in speaking of the crucifixion and the events accompanying it: "Besides all this, today is the third day since these things were done" (Luke 24:21), and it is said that if the crucifixion took place on Wednesday, Sunday would be the fourth day since these things were done. But the answer is very simple. These things were done just as Thursday was beginning at sunset on Wednesday. They were therefore completed on Thursday, and the first day since Thursday would be Friday, the second day since Thursday would be Saturday, and "the third day since" Thursday would be Sunday, the first day of the week. So the supposed objection in reality supports the theory. On the other hand, if the crucifixion took place on Friday, by no manner of reckoning could Sunday be made "the third day since" these things were done.

Many passages in Scripture support the theory advanced above and make it necessary to believe that Jesus died late on Wednesday. Some of them are as follows: "For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale's belly, so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth" (Matt. 12:40); "This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days" (Matt. 26:61); "Thou that destroyest the temple and buildest it in three days, save Thyself" (Matt. 2:40); "Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while He was yet alive, After three days I will rise again" (Matt. 27:63); "The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be killed, and after three days rise again" (Mark 8:31); "They shall kill Him, and when He is killed, after three days He shall rise again" (Mark 10:34, ASV); "Ah, Thou that destroys the temple and buildest it in three days, save Thyself!" (Mark 15:29); "Besides all this, today is the third day since these things were done" (Luke 24:21); "Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up. Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou raise it up in three days? But He spake of the temple of His body. When therefore He was risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said" (John 2:19-22).

There is absolutely nothing in favor of Friday crucifixion but everything in the Scripture is perfectly harmonized by Wednesday crucifixion. It is remarkable how many prophetic and typical passages of the Old Testament are fulfilled and how many seeming discrepancies in the Gospel narratives are straightened out when we once come to understand that Jesus died on Wednesday and not on Friday.



PEOPLE AT THE CROSS

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THE cross of Jesus Christ has affected the history of the world. The events which took place over 1900 years ago on a hill called Calvary outside of Jerusalem, have had momentous consequences to this very hour. The history of human lives radically changed, transformed, and the course of their lives altered. They

came to the cross, and accepted the Lamb of God as their personal Saviour, and have never again been the same as before.

The cross is the dividing point of history. Events before Christ are dated B.C., and since Christ as A.D., meaning the year of our Lord. The cross is not only the "great divide" in regards to time; but it is the dividing factor of the human race. Once you have come to gaze upon the cross, as truth is set forth in your hearing, from that point on, you shall be a believer. You must deride the cross and the Christ, or believe and accept Him.

Simon of Cyrene

Simon of Cyrene described as one "coming out of the country" looked upon the mangled body of Jesus Christ and drew near to the suffering Saviour. The soldiers seized and compelled Him to carry the wooden cross of Christ's to the place of execution (Matt. 27:32). There seems to be no hesitation on Simon's part, but unwillingly identifies himself with the Rejected One.

Roman Soldiers

The soldiers were there—coarse, brutal agents of Rome. They performed their assigned duties in a ruthless barbarian manner. Hearts of stone. Dead in trespasses and sins! They crouched at the foot of the cross on which the Creator of the universe hung. They cast their dice, and gambled for His garments in the shadow of God. For "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself." Jesus is God manifest in the flesh.

Christ meant nothing to them. How blind can human hearts be, you say? But have you ever considered that there are a great number today who are just as utterly indifferent to the known truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They go right on in their sin with no thought of Christ who died for the remission of their sins as surely as for mine, or anybody else.

Curious Spectators

The crowd of curious spectators was there. They came to the scene to see what was taking place, and possibly many of them were moving along with the frenzy of a mob spirit. They picked up the charge of the Jewish tribunal, and cried out "Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself — come down from the cross." They had no thought of the true meaning of what Christ had stated. Little did they dream that in three days the temple of His body would be rebuilt and He would rise from the dead. The cross had no meaning to them. They had no faith to lay hold of the prophetic word that said "the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all."

Down through the centuries the crowd hasn't become smaller, but if anything the more increased. Spectators in the religious field. They run wherever the biggest show is performed. They move with the crowd. The prophet spoke a pertinent word, "Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? Lam. 1:12.

Religious Leaders

The Chief Priests and Scribes were at the Cross. Religious leaders who had sinned against light. "Blind leaders of the blind." Mad with envy and hatred, they

were the ones responsible for the crucifixion of the Man on the centre cross. They mocked Him saying, "He saved others, himself he cannot save." It is true, nevertheless, if He would save others, "Himself He cannot save." He died that we might live.

Malefactors

Among the people at the cross were two thieves. They were suffering for their crimes. At first, both robbers railed on Christ. Then one, acknowledging his own sin and guilt before man and God said, we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss." Then turned in faith to Jesus and said "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy Kingdom." There and then he was saved, justified in the courts of heaven, and the assurance of eternal life imparted to him. "Repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ" was expressed, and that is all that is required of helpless sinners. In our lost state we were no more capable of doing anything to merit salvation than the thief upon the cross. But faith in the finished work of Calvary is all that God demands.

Roman Centurion

The Roman Centurion was there. A very keen man. Not indifferent, nor hardened to the voice of God's Spirit. As the sky drew dark, and the earth trembled, the rocks were rent; "he glorified God, saying "Certainly this was a righteous man."

Disciples

There were others at the cross also. A handful of disciples. "The "little flock" of God's called out people. The church of the living God. The elect. They were there at the foot of the cross. John the beloved disciple close at his Master's side. Mary the mother of Jesus; bowed at the cross to own Christ as her Saviour. Conscious of her need of His cleansing blood as one of Adam's fallen race. Magdalene was there with a warm heart and thanksgiving upon her lips.

Are you among the "little flock," who have come to Jesus Christ and accepted Him as Lord and Saviour? If not, why not today accept the invitation of Jesus Christ to be His disciple.



Resurrection Power

The morn was black and chill
On Calvary's hill that day.
No more the jeering crowd,
And all was dark and grey.

The rulers and the soldiers
Who mocked Him and derided,
Had now achieved their purpose,
their evil hearts benighted.

'Twas early in the morning,
The first day of the week,
Three women came with spices
The sepulcher to seek.

They saw an angel sitting
And they were sore afraid.
Who said, "Jesus is risen,
Behold, where He was laid."

The Lord is risen, indeed!
The resurrection morn
Beheld Him glorified.
The enemy of power was shorn.

I worship a risen Saviour
Who intercedes for me,
Some day He'll take me home
Where I, His face shall see.

The Resurrection Life!
What does it mean you say.
What can it mean but life,
New life that now holds sway.

Controls body and soul,
A new life from within.
Here joy and peace abound,
Cleansing the heart from sin.

A life that's set apart
For Him Who conquered death.
I serve a risen Lord
Until life's latest breath.

Yes, Christ is risen, indeed,
And now reigns in my heart.
The flesh is on the cross.
I ne'er from Him will part.

I worship not a dead
But a Christ glorified.
He's both Saviour and Lord.
My spirit He's revived.

— Laura A. Beck.
(Pangman, Sask.)

A loose tongue often gets into a tight place.

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A soft answer has often been the means of breaking a hard heart.

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You may whitewash yourself but only God can wash you white.

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Some folks forget to look up until they are flat on their back.

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God is never kind at the expense of Justice.

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If a thing is not forgotten it is not forgiven.

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He who kicks continuously soon loses his balance.

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THE SCRIPTURAL PENTECOSTAL PATTERN

By Lorne O. Pritchard

THE Scriptural pattern of Pentecost is in the Book of Acts. Here we not only have the account of the first Pentecost, we also have an account of the products of the first Pentecost.

Acts, chapter two is the account of powerful preaching, a direct result of Pentecost. Acts, chapter three, a genuine miracle, a direct result of Pentecost. Then in Acts, chapter four, powerful praying, and in Acts chapter five, separation, both of which are normal results or products of Pentecost.

In our last article, we pointed out that also in chapter five, "joy" was a direct result of the disciples' being re-filled with the Spirit. Joy is another product of Pentecost.

We continue by looking at Acts, chapter 6, and we read verse 3. **"Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business."**

In the first Pentecostal Church at Jerusalem, men had been brought in, men had been saved, men had been filled with the Spirit and were present to do business in the church.

This is another product associated with the first Pentecost. Business men were in the church, they were filled with the Spirit and wisdom and they were there to do business for the Lord.

In speaking on this subject, I have often said in public, that if business firms carried on their business as most churches carry on business, they would be bankrupt in a month! In the first Pentecostal Church they had business men to do the business, so that the ministry could be released to minister.

I suppose that throughout history it can be proven that many good things have been neglected, and even

rejected because of abuse or mis-use. As before stated, because of abuse in Pentecostal churches, many churches have rejected Pentecost entirely. On the other hand, because of mis-direction and abuse by men on church boards and the like, many Pentecostal churches, for years carried on without any sound business practices at all.

In the past it seemed to be the common accepted belief, that the pastor and the pastor alone was to handle all the business in the assembly as well as his other duties. And alas, history has proven that the business end was usually sadly neglected!

But I must not dwell on the negative, nor must I dwell on the doings of men. The Word of God gives us the pattern.

Surely no one will deny that the Church at Jerusalem was a genuine Pentecostal church. People in this church talked in tongues. People in this church prayed for the sick. People in this church knew how to pray and touch heaven!

Now then, read the book carefully. It was not because the church was backslidden, nor was it because they had become modern that they chose a "board of business men!" The church was growing and because it was, men to help with the business were needed.

We are not departing from the New Testament Pentecostal pattern when we choose men to do business in our churches! Such men have been placed in the local church and they are a necessary part.

But let me urge this. We are departing from the pattern when we do not choose men **like** they chose in the first Pentecostal church.

We turn again in our Bible and look carefully at the pattern. "Look ye out **among you** . . ." That is quali-

fication number one. Men **among** you. This certainly means that they must be saved, but to me it means much more.

There are some men, who are saved . . . they attend the local church, they may even be regular attendants. But . . . and mark this, they are not "part of the local congregation" as others are. Such men should not be chosen to represent that congregation.

At Bible school, as a faculty, it is our responsibility every year to choose a "student council president." Now of course to be president, he must first of all be a student of the Institute in good standing. But that is not enough. He must be a representative student. He must be one who is "among" the students, not only by bodily presence, but in the sense of belonging to the family!

The first qualification for a, shall I call him, "church businessman," is that he belong. The second qualification is that he be of "honest report." Another translation says, "good reputation."

This involves a number of things. A man's reputation is not known in 24 hours! A "good report" can only be had after the individual has proven himself in his locality.

Here we should turn in our Bibles



THOUGHTS IN PASSING

"From Where I Sit"

If an individual is in reality living up to his best, your kindly judgment will encourage and help him to become even better than he is. If he is struggling under severe handicaps, your sympathetic discernment will inspire him and strengthen him to achieve the victory over his handicaps. And if he is obsessed with a sense of his worthlessness, you will help dissipate the obsession by pointing out that there is a boundless hope in the Christ upon whom you lean. You have little idea what satisfaction can come with the feeling that you have been of help to someone discouraged or defeated.

—D. Carl Yoder

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Success lies in finding what you do best, then never stop doing it.

It is not the load that breaks you down, it is the way you carry it.

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and read from 2 Corinthians chapter 8, verse 22. **"And we have sent with them our brother, whom we have of-ten-times proved diligent in many things . . ."** One who has a "good report" is one who has been "diligent in many things." He is one who has been "proven diligent." He is one who has been "oftentimes" proved diligent. It is this kind of language that describes a man of "good report."

We depart from the Pentecostal standard, or pattern, when we choose men who have not been proven. We set the stage for trouble when we put men into positions who are unknown. We create problems by placing "new born babes" on our church boards, who have not had time to establish a "good reputation!"

"Church business men" are essential, but the right kind of men are to

be chosen. Next, they are to be "full of the Holy Ghost." They are not only to believe in Pentecost, they are to experience Pentecost. And here again another translation presents a real important thought. They are called "spiritually minded" men!

Now it is my conviction that, if a man is "full of the Spirit" he will be spiritually minded. But if he is not full of the Spirit, he may be otherwise minded. You can usually tell by talking to an individual for half an hour. If I talk to a Christian for half an hour, and if in the course of the conversation, he talks about his business and does not bring the Lord into the conversation, some way, even in connection with his business, I know he is not "spiritually minded!" Such men do not qualify as "church business men." They are to be "spiritually minded." And

finally we are told that they are to have wisdom. Again another translation is helpful. It simply says, "common sense."

Some Christian men do not qualify as "church business men," for one reason. They do not have good common sense. They do not have it in their own business; they do not have it in their life with others, and thus they will not have it even if chosen to be a deacon.

When men are chosen to "look after" anything, they become trustees or stewards or overseers. Paul writing to the Thessalonians states in 5:12, **"know them . . . which are over you. . ."**

This is the pattern. We do well to listen to the Word of the Lord. No other standard will do.

Regina Apostolic Christian Service Brigade

THE encampment of the Regina Apostolic Christian Service Brigade was conducted recently with His Worship Mayor Henry Baker presenting the flag to the boys.

Captain Willard Mitchell and Lieutenant Maurice Smith were pre-

sented with the Christian Service Brigade Charter by committee chairman, Larry Reimer. Captain Mitchell then gave the official Brigade membership cards to the boys.

His Worship Mayor Henry Baker spoke briefly to the Assembly on the

importance of this youth ministry and what it means to the church and to the community.

The Regina Apostolic Christian Service Brigade has been in operation since September, 1962, and has been instrumental in reaching some new boys for Christ.

The Regina Assembly launched the program of the Pioneer Girls in the month of February for grades three to six. This new group is directed by Eileen White and Lillian Woods.



Committee Chairman, Larry Reimer is shown presenting the Christian Service Brigade charter to Captain Willard Mitchell.

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His Worship Mayor Henry Baker of Regina presents the Brigade flag to Sergeant Richard McEwen of the Regina Apostolic Christian Service Brigade.

kingdom on its feet.
More than 200 desert Bedouin sheikhs cheered the King's words at a meeting in Amman. A number of them rushed to speeches in reply, pledging to support the King's efforts to bring about a united and independent Syria.

HOMES AND SOVEIDA
By ROBERT C. DOTY
Special to The New York Times
Rome, May 5.—Vice Premier Giuseppe Saragat, upon his 60th birthday, was today the guest of honor at a banquet given by the Italian Government in the Grand Palace.

Mr. Quinn and a signed as Councilmen charges of violating the City Charter. Mr. Quinn was charged with the Councilman Hildebrandt and Mr. C. Quinn.

Names in the News

Missionaries Return

Sisters Sieker and Hunt sailed from New York on March 22, sailing directly to Biera, East Africa. This will be the third term for these ladies to serve on the mission field in Nyasaland.

Rev. and Mrs. Stephen Nemeth expect to leave Winnipeg on April 20th, to serve their second term as missionaries in India.

Rev. Stan King sails from New York on April 9th. He will be taking further studies of the French language in Europe. Sister King will join him after the school term is completed for their daughter Dyonwen. Together they will then go to West Africa to serve their third term on that field.

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New Missionaries

Rev. and Mrs. Norman Worth sailed from New York the end of March as our first missionaries to Europe.

Rev. and Mrs. Irving Gillett expect to leave for Mexico the end of June.

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Called Home

Mrs. Elizebeth Collins, mother of Grace Collins, missionary to Japan, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, February 5th. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to those who mourn her loss.

Mrs. Marjorie Mills left this vale of tears to be with her Saviour on March 5th. Her faithful attendance in the Regina Apostolic Church for over 30 years will long be remembered. We remember in prayer Brother Mills and Wendell, and loved ones.

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With the Lord

Brother Pattison of Vancouver, B.C., passed on to be with the Lord on Sunday, March 3rd. He was a very active lay worker and an inspiration and encouragement to the ministry. Remember Sister Pattison and Jimmy in prayer in this time of bereavement.

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Induction Service

Rev. Allan McLean was recently inducted as pastor of the Assembly in Assiniboia, Sask. The pastoral charge was given by Rev. Robert A. Larden, presbyter of the South-West Saskatchewan District and pastor of the Swift Current Full Gospel church. Rev. and Mrs. McLean were formerly in charge of the work at Nanaimo, B.C.

A.Y.M. Director On Tour

Rev. Robert Tauber of Calgary visited assemblies in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba during the month of March in the interests of the Apostolic Youth Movement. In addition to being Dominion Director of the Apostolic Youth Movement he is also assistant pastor of the Calgary Full Gospel church.

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25th Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mayo of Kincaid, Sask. who are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary on April 20th. Mrs. Mayo is the church secretary of the Kincaid and Hazenmore assembly at Kincaid.

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20th Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hall of Burton, B.C., who recently celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary.

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Recent Arrivals

Rev. and Mrs. Ellwood McLean of Frenchman Butte, Sask., are the proud

parents of another boy, Robert Hazelet, born on January 25th.

A son, Victor Brian, was born to missionary parents Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Hildebrandt, who are presently home on furlough from West Africa.

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Faculty Member Visits Assemblies

Rev. W. E. Crowder, faculty member of the Full Gospel Institute, Eston, Sask. ministered at Kelowna, B.C., Fauquier, B.C., Edmonton, Alberta, Melfort, Sask. and The Pas, Manitoba since the beginning of the year.

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WHAT I OWE MY MINISTER

Reverence—I owe my minister reverent attention as the ambassador of God sent to teach men a better way of living.

Affection—I owe my minister affection, that he may be strengthened by the knowledge that the members of the church are with him in the bonds of holy life and unity.

Trust—I owe my minister trust that he may be free to serve the church unhampered by faultfinding.

Generosity—I owe my minister generosity, that if his methods seem a little strange to me, I may not be narrow enough to insist that he shall change them.

Prayer—I owe it to my minister to pray for him each day, that God may bless him and make his service a blessing.

Protection—I owe to my minister the protection of kindly silence by refraining from repeating in his presence the

slander or unkind gossip that would burden him and prevent him from doing his best work.

Time—I owe my minister enough time to help in his work, when and where he needs me.

Encouragement—I owe my minister encouragement when vexations and annoyances make his work difficult, or when he feels discouraged.

Appreciation—I owe my minister a kindly word of appreciation when his ministry is especially helpful to me.

Consideration—I owe it to my minister not to interrupt and hinder his work with petty and unnecessary calls upon his time and sympathy.

Attention—I owe my minister the courtesy of attention when I go to church that he may not be annoyed by my careless actions.

—The Gospel Minister

PENTECOST:

Proof of the Resurrection

By Evelyn Spicer

"This Jesus hath God raised up, . . . being lifted high by the right hand of God, He hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear" (Acts 2:32, 33).

THE outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and every time since is irrefutable, invincible proof at the resurrection of Christ.

When Jesus had been delivered up for envy, and crucified, it appeared that His Person and work was forever abolished from the earth.

But Christ's enemies did not know that it was prophesied that He would die and rise again. He was delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God: the sinless Lamb upon whom was laid the iniquity of us all. Thus, when He had paid the full price for all our sins, He was declared, openly designated, the Son of God in power, by His resurrection from the dead.

Having ascended into Heaven, Jesus sent down His Holy Spirit to complete what He began to do, and teach. It was the Spirit of the resurrected Christ that caused such consternation and conviction on the Day of Pentecost that they cried out, "What shall we do?" It was His Spirit filling the first Christians that urged and empowered them to take

the Good News everywhere. The reality and power of our risen Lord has enabled martyrs to die gloriously for His sake.

It is most encouraging to note the outpouring of the Holy Spirit which is being experienced in many denominational churches today. As pastors outside the Pentecostal ranks preach the Baptism with the Holy Ghost, their members receive it and speak with tongues, and prophesy; many healings are taking place, and the risen Christ is glorified. Praise the Lord!

B.C. Groups Meet

A FELLOWSHIP MEETING of the Ladies' Missionary Groups in British Columbia's lower mainland area was held in the People's Full Gospel Church, North Surrey, on Feb. 4th at 8 P.M., reported Sister G. Erickson, secretary of the North Surrey Group. About 100 women were present.

"The president of the North Surrey Group, Sister D. P. Wiebe, opened the service with the congregational hymn, 'Jesus Saves,' with Sister G. Batke at the piano and Sister F. Merrett, organist. Sister R. Dean led in prayer."

The Scripture, Romans 12:1-21, was read by Sister S. Brooks, after which Sister J. Kennedy led the meeting in singing, "Bring Them In."

A solo by Sister J. Picklyk, "Great is Thy Faithfulness," was enjoyed by all.

Many prayer requests were named and these were brought before the Throne of Grace by Sister T. Johnson and Sister Young.

Women representing the various missionary groups were on the platform, and identified themselves as follows:

Sis. J. Kennedy, Evangelistic Tabernacle, New Westminster
Sis. Brooks and Sis. Clark, Evangelistic Tabernacle, Vancouver.
Sis. G. Batke, Zion Apostolic Church, Vancouver
Sis. T. Johnson, Evangelistic Tabernacle, Crescent Beach
Sis. J. Picklyk, Lynn Valley, North Vancouver
Sis. Young, Port Coquitlam
Sis. D. P. Wiebe, People's Full Gospel Church, North Surrey.

The offering was taken by the ushers, Sister Blumhagen and Sister Israelson, while Sister Kennedy led in the hymn, "Speak, My Lord."

All enjoyed the testimonies of our visiting missionaries. These were:—Sister Mary Boldt and Sister G. Wallace, Japan; Sister M. Lungren, Sister S. King, and Sister H. Hildebrandt, West Africa.

Sister G. Batke then sang a timely number, "His Eye Is On The Sparrow."

Sister Dean, our pastor's wife, introduced the guest speaker of the evening, Sister Evelyn Spicer, from Moose Jaw, who is our Dominion president. Sister Spicer spoke on Luke 8:1-3, and portrayed the many areas in which we women to-day are privileged to minister as unto the Lord. It was a message long to be remembered.

She also gave us a brief account of how the news-letter came into being. This bulletin has proven a great blessing to the missionaries on foreign fields as well as to the groups at home.

The service closed with the singing of "Lord, Lay Some Soul Upon My Heart," and prayer, led by Sister O. Bonesky.



★ The Schuetz feel that this is God's time to work, and are planning large evangelistic campaigns. They and national workers are taking every Wednesday for fasting and prayer for revival there this year. They invite all who will to join them in this.

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★ Pray for Fasts and the Japanese Christians as they prepare for the dedication of their new church on April 2nd. Thank God for those healed. Pray that the Christians will grow in the Lord.

★ The Powers thank the Lord for answered prayer in the growth and extension of the work in W. Africa. They request us to pray:

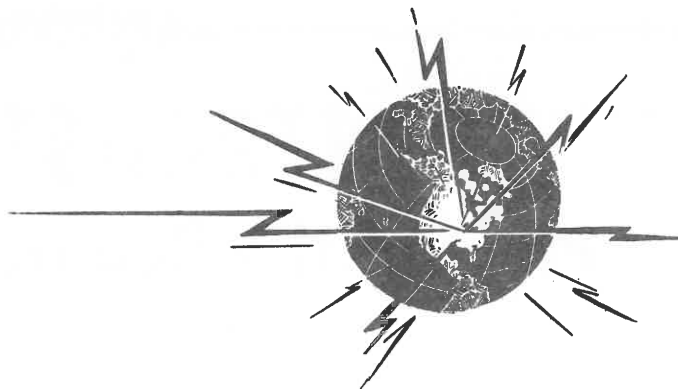
1. For the young people and children attending meetings regularly, and the Christians who help in Sunday School and services; also for those still unsaved, but interested in the Word of God.
2. For the need of more young people to teach in the Sunday School and to evangelize their own people.
3. For a greater ministry amongst the school children and educated in the villages, and for a greater ingathering of souls.

4. For the ministry and health of your missionaries, that wisdom and anointing might be granted for a great work in '63.

★ Sister Hogg asks us to pray that God will direct concerning a machine for Hilweh (Bible women) to print her magazine. Also pray for a number who recently sought salvation to be kept faithful.

★ Sister Mitchell and Maynard request prayer for the special services being conducted; already a number have been saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Pray that God's work may continue unmolested there. Pray for the national preachers and Christians to be held steady as pressure and coercion are brought to bear upon them. Pray for God's guidance in plans for the future of the work, and their own future.

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Evangelism—A 'Worn-Out' Word?

Toronto, Ont. (EP) — Because many believe it is synonymous with revivalism or a rigid formula of salvation, the word "evangelism" frightens off the average church-goer, said a United Church of Canada leader here.

In his report to the annual meeting of the denomination's Board of Evangelism and Social Service, Dr. Homer R. Lane, associate secretary, said it was futile to approach a man with "worn-out" phrases "that have about as much appeal to the mind as cold porridge has to the taste."

"He will spew them out of his mouth," said Dr. Lane. "Scoldings from the pulpit, or tirades about irreligion of our time will avail nothing."

The positive way to attack the task is to proclaim the good news of God and His purpose in Christ "with freshness and bite," maintained Dr. Lane.

Viet Cong Free Nuns

Saigon, Viet Nam (EP) — A Vietnamese priest, two Vietnamese nuns and a French nun who were kidnapped by the Communist Viet Cong last Jan. 23, have been freed "in good condition."

It has also been reported that three American missionaries (Dr. E. A. Vietti and Rev. Archie Mitchell of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, and Mennonite Dan Gerber) are "alive and in good health," while still prisoners of the Viet Cong.

Moscow Radio: Missionaries In Indonesia Are '5th Column,' Linked with Industry

Moscow (EP) — Moscow Radio, in an Indonesian language broadcast, attacked American missionaries for allegedly stirring up trouble and "working for the imperialists" in West Irian (Netherlands New Guinea).

It called the missionaries "a real fifth column working for the colonialists."

The station charged that a large American-owned steel corporation has numerous missionaries on its payroll.

"This corporation," it said, "is compensating the missionaries for their assistance in plundering such natural resources as iron, manganese and cobalt. And in return for the corporation's financial assistance, the missionaries train their followers to remain loyal to the West."

Moscow Radio claimed that the missionaries "have all kinds of transport facilities at their disposal and thus can infiltrate the most remote corners of the territory. The American missionaries even have their own airline, with its base in Kotabaru."

Ten Protestant Churches Reopened In Spain

Madrid (EP) — Ten Protestant churches in this country have been reopened recently with the permission of Spanish authorities, it was reported here by Jose Cardona Gregori, executive secretary of the Commission for Protestant Defense (Comision de Defensa Evangelica).

Four of the churches were Evangelical, said Mr. Gregori; three Brethren, two Baptist and one "independent."

But Mr. Gregori also reported that although his commission has intervened in seeking the openings of six other churches, they still remain closed and "sealed" by the government. The closed churches, he added, were in Elche, Madrid-Usera, Villaneuva, Badajoz, Aldea Hermosa and Chiclana.

The government also has refused Protestant requests to open new churches in three Spanish cities, the agency's executive said.

Although Mr. Gregori said he found in Spanish authorities "an improved disposition to consider the requests of the churches . . . there is still no legal ground upon which to base the petitions of evangelicals in Spain, which is our imperative need."

The World Christian Handbook (1962) places the Protestant community in Spain at 51,184 out of a population of 29,894,000.

Y.F.C. Continues Use of Teen Teams

Wheaton, Ill. (MNS) — Three teen-age young men have just returned from more than three months in four South American countries where they formed the "U.S. half" of a "Teen Team" (the other three members were Latin Americans), reports Ted Engstrom, president of Youth for Christ International.

Their ministry took them into 330 meetings in 110 days in Peru, Bolivia, Colombia and Ecuador, where they spoke, sang and played instruments before an aggregate attendance of 76,000. This team was the seventh in a continuing program of sending young people to various lands to minister to their own age group.

Dr. Engstrom has announced two other teen teams. Team number 8, composed of six young people from the United States and Canada, will leave February 26 for a four-months tour throughout Southeast Asia. The ninth teen team will leave March 10 for a four-months tour of South America, where they will visit six of the nations not touched by the previous team.



Report On Chinese Christians

Hong Kong (MNS)—"The number of church-goers has dropped considerably in recent years," writes Jack Chow (in the *Hong Kong Tiger Standard*, December 3, 1962) "but the number of believers worshipping, praying and having

While noting that more and more churches throughout the mainland have been closed, Chow believes there are "formless, non-political true churches growing in great numbers in Shanghai, Nanking, Peking and other towns and cities." Explaining further how these groups operate he says "they meet irregularly but frequently at different homes for prayer meetings, Bible study and fellowship."

A recent arrival in Hong Kong, wife of a former professor at Peking University, belonged to a group of four Christian women prior to her departure from the mainland. She reports that many such small groups exist.

Protestants Jailed In East Germany

Berlin (EP)—Nineteen young Protestants, two of them clergymen, have been sentenced by the East German regime to jail terms for what was described here as "militant religious activity."

Sources close to the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKID) said the sentences were part of the Communist regime's continuing campaign against religion.

The group, said to be active in a Protestant youth movement in the East German provinces of Saxony and Brandenburg, included two clergymen, nine students and eight laymen. Two other young men are awaiting trial in East Germany, it was reported by the church sources.

Read Bible, Pontiff Says, But . . .

Vatican City (EP)—Pope John XXIII, at his midweek general audience, exhorted the faithful to read the Holy Bible, "from whose pages is to be drawn not only deep moral teaching, but also a more vital understanding of Christianity and of the redeeming work of Christ."

The Pope cautioned, however, that meditation of the sacred texts must always be made with the help of the interpretative teaching of the Church.

"The Bible of itself," he said, "is not enough, because our Lord did not say to His Apostles, 'Go and write,' but 'Go and teach.'"

Protestant Children's Home Raided In Canada

Vaudreuil, Quebec, Canada (MNS)—A party of 16 police officers, a sheriff and other government employees raided the Christian Homes for Children here, said the Rev. Harold Martin, president of the Homes. "For almost nine hours these men systematically milled through our building, including our private home . . . They seized every file, including my personal correspondence of 35 years, passport and birth certificate," he continued.

The sheriff served a government document on Christian Homes for Children placing a \$16,000 mortgage against the property for taxes, Mr. Martin said.

1,144 Catholic Books Published During 1962; . . . A Record Total

Washington, D.C. (EP)—A record number of Catholic books—1,144—were published in the U.S. during 1962, a Catholic University official announced here.

The total was 60 more than the number published in 1961, according to Dr. Eugene P. Willging, the university's director of libraries.

Doubleday, in New York, published the most books, 54, he said. Jesuits were the most prolific authors, with 80 volumes to their credit; Dominicans followed with 25 and Benedictines with 20. During the year 333 paperback volumes were published, said Dr. Willging.

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Bill Would Bar Sect's Snake Services In West Virginia

Charleston, W. Va. (EP)—A bill now before the West Virginia Legislature would bar use of poisonous snakes in religious services.

The measure, introduced in the House of Delegates, would permit assessment of fines ranging up to \$500 against anyone using snakes in a church ceremony.

Opposition to the measure here has been led by Mrs. Robert Elkins of Jolo, McDowell County. It was reported that her 23-year-old daughter died in September, 1961, as the result of a rattlesnake bite sustained during a snake-handling rite.

Christian Booksellers Conference In Japan

Gifu City, Japan (MNS)—February 11-13 marked what may become a great forward step for evangelical literature in Japan. Christian workers who operate 11 Christian book shops throughout Japan gathered to consider the formation of a Christian Booksellers Association, the first of its kind in the retail Christian book trade of this country.

The meetings, sponsored by the Rev. and Mrs. William James who supervise the Gifu Christian Literature Center, were held at the Kodama-so Youth Hostel in the shadow of the famous Gifu Castle. Mr. and Mrs. James are missionaries of The Evangelical Alliance Mission.

Sudan Interior Missionaries To Remain At Posts

New York City (MNS)—"Determination to hold the fort," reports *Sudan Witness* (December, 1962) "is the general attitude of the mission societies, including the STM, who met informally the first week in October and reluctantly concluded that their best course was to apply for a license."

One couple summed up their feeling this way: "We're here, the opportunities are here, and the Lord is still here. You pray!"

After recalling some of the difficulties experienced by the Sudan Interior Mission over the past years the article concludes that "present circumstances are the worst yet, but our missionaries are making the best possible use of every open channel, and will continue to do so until they are irrevocably closed."

Heavy emphasis will be laid upon the training of the national church, though formal methods such as Bible schools are not permitted by the government.

Team Launches Third Missionary Radio Station

Lima, Peru (EP)—The Evangelical Alliance Mission has begun broadcasts from its third missionary radio station, according to Tom Watson, Jr., Radio Secretary of the worldwide missionary organization.

"Radio del Pacifico," with main studios in downtown Lima, commenced operation with a 10,000-watt transmitter on the standard broadcast band. Programs in Spanish, are beamed at more than two million potential listeners in the greater Lima area and along the coastal areas of Peru north and south.

The franchise held by the TEAM station also provides for a 7,500-watt transmitter on a shortwave frequency, which will simultaneously broadcast many of the Spanish language gospel programs and also furnish a means of beaming broadcasts in the Quechua Indian language to pre-tuned transistor receivers specially placed among the Andes tribes.

TEAM also operates missionary broadcasting stations in Inchon, Korea, and on the island of Aruba in the Netherlands Antilles. Recording facilities are in operation on six other foreign fields for the production of gospel broadcasts in the local languages and airing through local commercial broadcast facilities.



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

God Giveth the Increase

THE church at Corinth had become divided over a matter as to the admiration of men. Paul the Apostle being absent was made wary of this condition and wrote an epistle to the church. In it he stated: "**For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Appollos; are ye not carnal. — I have planted, Appollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase**" (1 Cor. 3:4, 6, 7).

So often when anything is accomplished for the Lord there is a tendency to give glory to man. Paul in writing his epistle simply meant when you do this you are carnal. The Lord will not give His glory to another.

Can it be that much more would be done for the Lord if man were not immediately given the glory. We should always remember it is God who gives the increase. We are only channels or instruments that the Lord uses to do the planting and the watering. There is no easy way to gather in the harvest. The Bible speaks of labourers in the whitened harvest fields. This means steady, hard work in winning the lost. Many sacrifices must be made and often the pay is meager as far as dollars and cents is concerned. There is however a joy that goes along with the planting and the watering, knowing that God will give the increase. The Scriptures say, "**He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him**" (Psalm 126:6). Now the fruit of our labours is what the Lord has wrought and not we ourselves. Jesus said, "**Without me ye can do nothing**" (John 15:5).

There is a real danger that in the church today there may be those who

lean on men and have confidence in the persuasiveness of their personality, rather than in the genuine power of the Holy Ghost. God will have it, that the gospel be preached in the power of the Holy Ghost and not after the wisdom of man. Paul writing to the Corinthian church said, "**And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling, and my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power. That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God**" (1 Cor. 2:1-5).

If we desire to see God give the increase in souls coming out of darkness and into the glorious light of the gospel, then we must be prepared to let God do the work through us. It is no more possible to teach a person how to be joyful in God and to be literally overcome in the Spirit than it is to teach a pile of brush to catch fire of its own accord without lighting it. It has been said a fire is not taught, but it is caught. We can do all the persuading we like, but unless hearts are open to the mind and will of God, a truth will never be made real, because it is only the power of the Spirit that can do the work.

To be effective labourers in the vineyard of the Lord requires more than intellect, man's wisdom or ability. It is only as there is an unconditional surrender by the individual that God can then work through that person by His Holy Spirit. The work of God is based on the supernatural, and any effort that is made by man on a natural level will never result in

providing an increase in God's economy.

A missionary once wrote as an encouragement to others, "To anyone anywhere who may be discouraged and frustrated and heartsick and physically down, I strongly suggest a 5 a.m. prayer time. You will then find heart rest and spiritual strength as well as definite answers to your prayers." We are made responsible for the spread of the gospel. This means that we are vessels that God can use in planting and watering the seed, remembering it is God who giveth the increase. May God talk to us through His Word and by His Holy Spirit to make us pliable in His hand as clay is to the potter. Then we shall see an abounding increase of precious sheaves that have been garnered in from the whitened harvest fields of the world. "**And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever**" (Daniel 12:3).

Fast Furlough Fares:

Marvin and Hene Fast, missionaries in Japan, are due for furlough this year. There is a need of more funds in providing them with their homecoming fares. These missionaries have now laboured five full years on the field and are in need of a furlough rest period. We urge you to pray for these workers and that the Lord will supply the necessary funds for the fares. If God speaks to you, then do His bidding by sending your donation to the **Missionary Secretary, 1612 Adelaide Street E., Saskatoon, Sask.** Please indicate in your letter that your contribution is for the **Fast Furlough Fares**. The Lord bless you.

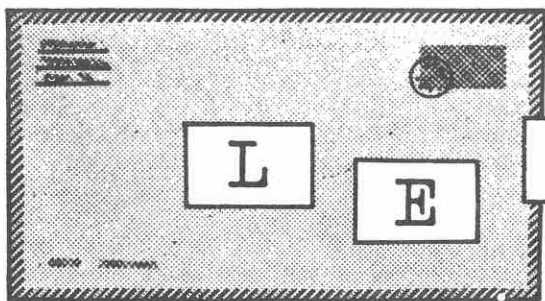
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... Services at Gucaca ...

By Mrs. C. S. Currie

AS the last hymn was drawing to a close, the shouts rang out louder and wilder. A burly young man swaggered into the firelight, followed by two big dogs. Amid incoherent shouts and Lapaya calls, while swinging a big axe over his head he staggered towards the missionaries. Stepping high, forcing his way through the seated crowd. Just as he was within striking distance, he gave the axe another powerful swing. Let go, and it landed behind the crowd. Then he reached out his empty hand for us to shake. I must say, I was glad that the firelight did not betray the fast beating of my heart. After shaking hands with both of us, he somehow lost interest in Brother Currie, but would not let me go. He insisted on reading in my Bible Revelation 1:7. He read over and over again, "every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him." When the flashlight beam strayed, he grabbed my hand focusing it on the Scripture, reading again and again. I turned to John 3:16, trying to depict God's love for the world, and him as an individual. How much registered in the drink numbed brain God only knows.

The crowd had evaporated into the darkness by the time he let us go. That night I did not just say a prayer before retiring. I really prayed. Prayed for protection from dangers seen and unseen and God really answered.

Early the next morning he was back. Rather shamefaced and apologetic saying, "I was drunk last night." We learned that he was the father of four beautiful children, the youngest, baby girls, were twins. He had a lovely wife and their hut was closest to our tent.

Early the next morning the people assembled on some rock outcrop-

pings slightly behind the village. "They are ready now," came the familiar call from Lynia. Brother Currie expounded the Scriptures. I kept shifting in, or out of the shade for comfort. The rest paid no attention to sun, or wind. They were drinking in the Word, and at intervals interrupting with some questions. A number came forward after the service asking prayer for healing, including the headman of the village.

In the afternoon I conducted a service for the children. They greatly enjoyed the Shona action choruses and "picture roll" stories. Many adults kept coming and swelling the group, including some school teachers. After I had finished meeting they were reluctant to go, so Brother Currie took over and conducted another service. The teachers lingered for some time, and were very persistent that, "next time you come you must give us a meeting too." Pointing towards the mountains, "it is just beyond the hills," they said.

A former school chum of Lynia was so excited on meeting her again after 14 years apart, "How I would love to come to the service this evening, but," she went on to say, "I must look after my young children." That night her eldest daughters came with a group of young people. Their songs echoed through the valley, as they came from beyond the hills. "Last night's group," came also singing from another direction. The assembled group around the campfire were also making melody. Truly it takes the setting of an African night to bring out the harmony like this.

This was the last evening service here, and the largest group by far. How they drank in the Word as Brother Currie preached. The meet-

ing went on, and on, and still they stayed. After being dismissed, they started singing again. Some, old familiar tunes, and also persisted in learning new songs. Whenever I attempted to put the accordion away they pleaded in unison, "just one more song." This could have gone on seemingly indefinitely. Finally the accordion was packed away and the group dispersed. As the different groups padded along in single file, their songs rang out again from the various trails, and finally faded in the distance.

Now we are back in Salisbury, but I still think I can hear the echo from beyond the hills. When closing my eyes, I can see the earnest yearning in the young brown faces, lit up by the campfire. Full of enthusiasm and energy, reaching out for something, or someone, they know not what.

The satisfying portion in every life.
We know Him, He is the Christ.
In every home.
In every country
Africa needs Him,
And needs Him now,
Help us to get Christ to the Africans.

Different Location Results In New Interest

A few nights ago when I was not able to sleep I could hear the sound of the drums from the Hindu temple down the road and the awful shrieking of the people as they worshipped their gods. This continues most of the night. Oh, how great is their darkness. Only Christ can bring them light.

A day or two ago I heard the drums coming down the road in the front of our house and so ran to the fence to see what it was. I saw a procession mostly made up of ladies. The drummers were in front looking as though they were in a trance and following them was a man with a big basket of grain and then the women, each one carrying a plate with a fruit of some kind with a fire in the middle of it. The cook told me that they were taking the first of the

~~~~~*Letters from the Field*~~~~~

harvest to the temple to give it to their gods. If they are willing to bring their first fruits to gods which cannot see or hear or feel, how ready we should be to offer our all to Him who has given us His all.

A good deal has happened since we last wrote to you. Elizabeth has been having the Bible Studies for the College students each Sunday afternoon. The first time or two, four or five came, but the last two weeks only two young men came. But they are thinking and as they study the Word of God the Spirit is speaking to their hearts. It is evident by the questions that they ask that they are thinking. Please pray for these young men that the Lord will deal with them in such a way that they will surrender completely to Him and be the means of winning them to the Lord.

Since we last wrote to you we have changed the location of our meetings in the town. We do thank the Lord for those who have been reached through the meetings in the old place, but for some time now we have felt that it was inadequate. We were only able to use the room on Sundays and because it was the front room of the Landlord's home, couldn't fix it up the way we wanted to. Plus the fact that in the hot season it was very hot since it was an upstairs room. But the Lord has opened up a place where Brother Thomas and his wife can live. It is not far from the main road and we have the whole house so can use it whatever way we wish. There have not been too many at the meetings but the last two Sundays some young men and an older man have listened attentively to the Word of God. Also a Hindu woman and a Catholic woman have been out every night and listened with real attention. Do pray for them that the Lord will move upon them and open their eyes to the truth of His Word and save them. This week Beth had her first Children's class in the new location and a good number of boys and girls attended. Three little boys gave their hearts to the Lord.

We are in the midst of convention season. A couple of weeks ago I went to a convention meeting in Brother Nemeth's area. It was held on a tea estate. The meeting was held in a hall about big enough to

hold a bus. We stood at the outer edge of the hall and then the people could stand outside and listen. There was a good number out each meeting and we felt that it had been a real opportunity to bring them the Word of God.

Next week we go to Karavaloor for the convention there. Do pray with us that the Lord will move on hearts and many will come to know Him. Then we have another convention later on this month. Do pray for these special efforts that there will be a mighty moving of the Spirit of God.

Now let us thank you each one for your prayers and gifts that we might labour in this needy land.

Sisters Irene Ashley and Elizabeth Steeves

Special Effort Rewarded

ONCE again we greet you in His wonderful Name from the harvest field in Matabeleland. God is proving Himself to be just the same and is confirming the Word according to His promise with signs following.

The meetings held in Bulawayo the Njube Church with teacher Sikundla as our African Evangelist were blessed of God. A good interest was shown in the services and there were precious scenes at the altar — souls seeking Him with all of their hearts found this not to be in vain.

Near the end of last month Brother and Sister Currie and Sister

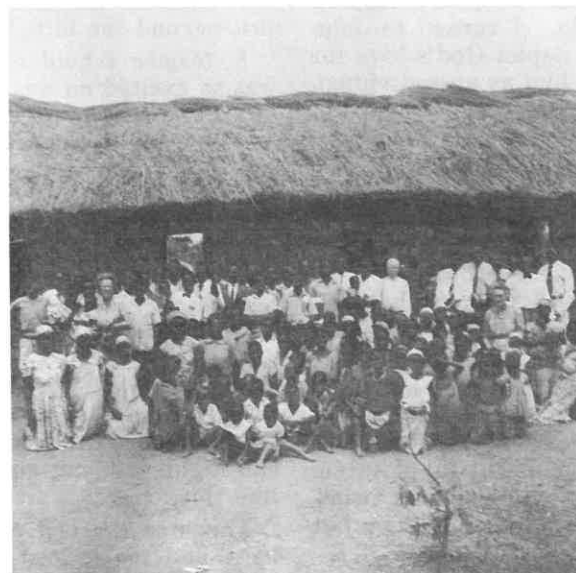
Anderson arrived from Salisbury. We commenced series of special services among the 'Non-European' Colored and Indian community at Trenance. These meetings continued on through the week. The following Sunday Sister Valerie Rajah was baptized with the Holy Spirit, receiving the witness bright and clear speaking in other tongues as the Holy Spirit gave utterance.

Sister Rajah's husband, Val — a former Hindu, is also very zealous for God. Please pray for him and for others that are coming out of darkness into light that they too will be sealed with the Holy Spirit of Promise.

As God was blessing, the meetings were extended for a second week. Satan sought hard to hinder. Brother Currie became ill. As he was not able to fill his appointments, Sister Currie nobly stepped into the gap.

However, at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday a long distance phone call came from the police in Salisbury informing the Currie's that their home had been entered by burglars the previous evening. It was accordingly necessary for them to leave immediately for Salisbury.

In spite of all hindrances, these special services were attended by numbers in the community who had not been to our services before and we are sure that God is going to do a much greater work among them. This forward move among these



The Tenje Church under Chiole Banda

people constitutes a breakthrough'' more significant than breaking sound or space barriers. We thank God that in these last days there are not only signs in the heaven above but also in the earth beneath. In this fashion God is honoring your sacrificial support for His cause and answering your earnest prayers.

—Albert and Verna Roberts

New Churches Dedicated

DEAR Prayer Partners:

Greeting in the matchless Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

So sorry to be so long in getting an article ready for the publication, but I just don't seem to get around to it the way I used to do. But we are happy to report that the Lord continues to bless and move in the different areas where we are working. Just last month the missionaries in the Copperbelt kindly loaned us their evangelist, Brother Mbewe, to give us some special services in some of our fields here. God is using him in a wonderful way in reviving the different groups, bringing back backsliders, filling and refilling them with the Holy Spirit and bringing new ones into the fold. Sisters Sieker and Hunt's Namitete area has been blessed in this way. And now Brother is having special meetings in Brother Chiloe's field where the new church was built last year.

We dedicated last year's churches in the month of November. Brother Chiole is to be highly commended for his work there done mainly by himself and another young worker, Dempster, who has since entered the ministry in that area. Chiole's church is built of hand made Kimberley brick which he made himself. It is thatched with native grass, much of which had to be hauled with ox-carts from other areas.

We took two carloads of Christians from the Namitete area over for the dedication of the church. And God was there in a wonderful way to honor His name and fill the new church with His glory. Between the morning and afternoon services we had a break for the customary meal of hard corn porridge and meat, supplied by the Christians. All returned to their homes, happy that another Gospel Light House had been opened to beam its message to these still in heathen darkness.

—Sisters A. Mitchell and M. Maynard
(To be continued)

APRIL, 1963



The Problem Clinic

Rev. E. L. McKee



"Is being a pastor's wife a 'ministry' different from that of being the wife of a Christian layman? If so, what are the differences between the two positions, and the special requirements of a pastor's wife? If not, please list basic requirements for a Christian wife."

FIRST of all, may I commend the one who has brought the above problem to my attention. It is an excellent question. May the Lord help me to answer it intelligently.

It seems to me, after much thought, that the ministry of the pastor's wife is different than that of the wife of a layman. I want to base this assertion on three scriptures. The first one is found in Gen. 2:18. Eve, the wife of Adam, was "a help meet for him." This scripture makes it clear that a wife is to be a "help meet" to her husband. This phrase has in it the thought of "complementing." A good definition of the word "complement" is "that which makes an incomplete thing complete," or "one of two parts which together make a whole." This is exactly what was in the mind of God when he created Eve, the first wife. So then, a wife is to complement her husband. Notice, I did not say compliment. There is a difference. In the light of this scripture, the wife of a pastor would have a very different ministry than the wife of a doctor or a farmer, or a politician.

Another scripture that would have a direct bearing upon the requirement of a pastor's wife is the teaching that husband and wife are "one." This speaks of "team work" or "togetherness."

A third Bible reference that would indicate a different ministry for the pastor's wife is the teaching of "headship." 1 Cor. 11:3 says; **"But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man: and the the head of Christ is God."** One who is a pastor's wife needs to always recognize this order. A pastor's wife is not to be under his feet, nor to be over him, but rather to "complement" her husband.

Because the character and temperament of pastors is different, we cannot lay down a code of ethics for the pastor's wife. Some pastors are of the retiring temperament. To complement this variety a wife would have to be a little forward in her role as a pastor's wife. This position is most difficult and would require much tact on the part of the wife. The danger is that the wife can be so forward that the poor fellow is left behind in obscurity. Then you have the other extreme, where the pastor is the "lord of the manor." Under this arrangement, the wife will be left in obscurity. This pastor's wife has a very difficult time. The problem here is quite different. She must reduce his ego without letting him or the congregation know it is being done. This is when I concede that women are smarter than their counterpart.

What I'm trying to say is this. In any profession, a wife has a very important task to fulfill. This is more so in the high profession of a pastor. The wife can make that man, or she can break him. She can lift him up or pull him down.

Being a pastor's wife is a rewarding ministry. She should be a spiritual, wise, understanding and modest lady with the work of God close to her heart. This "help meet" will certainly share in the rewards with her preaching husband when Jesus comes.

To all you bachelor pastors — may I say, you would be a better pastor with the help of a good wife.

A NEWS LETTER

BY the time you get this another

Bible School term will have passed on into eternity. Time has fled so quickly in spite of the fact there are 24 hours each day. We started the term with a total of 92 students, there being a few more boys than girls. There were four students from other countries than our own, one from England, Ireland, Scotland and United States.

To say we have had a wonderful term is putting it quite mildly. The presence of the Lord has been refreshing and His presence making glad the heart. Planned prayer days (First Monday of each month) have been especially blessed of God. IT WOULD THRILL YOU TOO to see young men and women commit themselves to Christ, receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and manifest the gifts of the Spirit as God moves upon them. Each prayer day has been different. Under the leadership of the Holy Spirit some have been quiet days. The Word of God preached by a member of the Faculty found a resting place in the hearts of all who were there and did it's living work for each life. Other days were so different. Some were given over to prayer and others to praise. We have learned that the Lord dwelleth in the praises of the saints.

The unplanned prayer days have been marvellous also. These are days when God simply moves in at the beginning of a class, or the ending of a class and witnesses His truth to our hearts. Each class has known the reality of this. It always happens "JUST WHEN WE NEED HIM MOST." How many times God has searched our hearts. Only last week Sis. Hazel Grace McLean spoke to us in a specially arranged class of all students. What a challenge she gave us to seek power, worship and holiness! What a time we had! God came to us as a convicting, searing flame. Hearts were mightily moved upon, a torrent of confession poured forth from the lips of all those gathered. Wrong things were made right; grievances and differences were all resolved under the mighty impact of the Holy Ghost, a cleans-

ing flame. One student later testified "I have never seen such unity in the student body with love as I feel it now." Hallelujah! The prophet Isaiah glimpsed some of it when he said "His name shall be called WONDERFUL."

The prayer bands have done a special job this year, and all of their work has left us with a deep sense of our calling to the fields of service. Not only is there much prayer going up for missions and missionaries but there is an abandonment of the part of the student to yield himself for that work. More interest has been sparked because of the periodic visit of missionaries from the various fields. **Bro. J. Matson, Sis. Grace Collins, Bro. Jock Wallace, Bro. Steve Nemeth, Bro. Norman Worth, Bro. Stan King, Bro. Eldon Johnson and Sis. Hazel McLean** all gave a boost to the vision of those fields. Oh yes, **Bro. Nemeth** also spoke to us on a prayer day. We shall not soon forget his message to us.

The teachers who have come in for a week, or longer, of study have been a blessing to us as God has used them to stir our hearts with the Word of Life. It is like an injection infusing new life and vigor in us for the work of the Lord. **Bro. Crowder, Bro. Sheppard of Regina, Bro. McRae of Calgary and Bro. Kosick of Winnipeg** have all left an indelible imprint on our hearts and lives. Students testify of new vision and help in the things of the Lord.

The graduation banquet, sponsored by the 2nd year class and assisted by the first years and faculty made it a banquet indeed. **Bro. R. T. Wilson** proposed the toast to the Grads and the reply to the toast came from **John Franson**. **Mr. Wally Sczebel**, of Edmonton, was the speaker for the evening. It will be a highlight for the Grads as they leave for their respective fields of service.

We have enjoyed Choir work again this year, and with such a large student body the variations in music have been great. **Bro. Don Thompson** has been doing orchestral work with accordians, guitars and some brass making it a delightful effort. The instrumental quartette has been

doing good work as also two male quartettes and a girls trio. **Danny Moe** and his "Southernaires" has added much to our musical enjoyment. The choir almost reached a total of 60 voices but through the year some have dropped out. We are glad the choir of 17 voices will be on tour again this year.

All this God has done. We cannot forget the work of the resident faculty. They have labored hard to make the School what it should be, a testimony to the WORD OF GOD AND SPIRIT OF GOD. Your continued prayers are appreciated for our daily strength and the supplementation of the financial needs of the School. God bless you for your faithfulness in all these things.

—A. D. Marshall

LETTERS FROM THE FIELD—Contd.

Home Missions High Level, Alberta

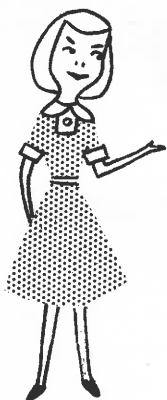
WE have so much to thank the Lord for since coming up here. All our material needs have been bountifully met. We were able to get a small house for the winter—small, but winterized for the north. Anyone seeing the amount of buildings in this new area (few and far between) would wonder how come there would be an empty house here. I was able to get a school bus job also, which takes care of the financial end of living here.

Our greatest joy has been the starting of a Sunday School here in High Level. We received very favourable permission to use the one-roomed school here, no strings attached, heat, light, etc. all looked after. Our opening Sunday School day was January 13. We had 25 children in Sunday School. Our attendance has increased to 32 as of now. It is something to see the eagerness of children who have never had anything like Sunday School. There are 28 to 30 attending the school here coming from as far out as 11 miles, so with a total population of about 60 or 70 in High Level, we feel we have a good average in Sunday School. We are earnestly praying that the seed will fall on good ground.

The only other church here is a newly constructed R.C. building with only a small religious following.

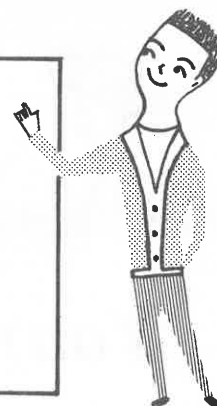
—Fred and Sylvia Quist

END TIMES' MESSENGER



Apostolic Youth Movement

Dominion Director: Robert Tauber
915 - 14th Avenue S.W. - Calgary, Alta.



Proper Programming and Preparation

By Robert Tauber

1. **Planning**—You will get exactly what you plan for. Good meetings don't just happen. Get together well ahead of time with your young people's executive and set a goal.

2. **Pray** — The success or failure of your meeting will depend on the time spent in prayer on behalf of your plans. Plan prayerfully.

3. **Practise** — Items such as special numbers, skits, panel discussions, etc. should be thoroughly practiced. Repetition is an excellent teacher. A young and inexperienced song leader should be trained ahead of time.

3. **Promote** — Keep people informed. Use every means of advertising at your disposal: posters, lively announcements, radio, newspaper, bulletins, word of mouth, etc.

4. **Participation** — Don't try and run a whole program yourself. Involve as many people as possible. Everyone has a different ministry. Make use of it.

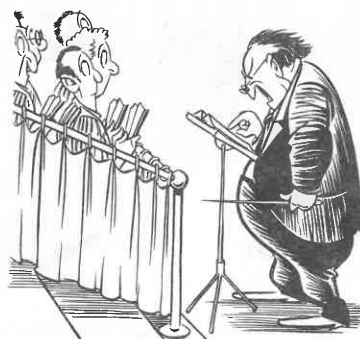
6. **Personal Appearance** — Be well groomed but at the same time be modest. Draw attention to Jesus Christ, not yourself.

7. **Punctuality** — Always start on time. Make a time schedule for each item of your program and try to stick by it. This will help the work of the Holy Spirit in the after service if your meeting hasn't dragged.

8. **Production**—What do you want your meeting to produce? Have a reason for putting on a service.

9. **Personnel** — Those participating in a meeting in a prominent way should be spiritual. Don't have a back-slidden young person lead song service or sing a solo just to try and keep them in church. You don't always need professional talent. This will discourage younger and more inexperienced ones from participating. See that they are prepared to do their best though.

10. **Preliminaries** — This is a vital part of your meeting. **Be Alive!** Smile — Be as enthusiastic as you possibly can. Begin your meeting with a lively song every one knows. The person who is leading the meeting should take the opening prayer. Keep it brief. Use the "audience—platform" pattern of programming: i.e. audience singing, then a special number (platform), then back to your audience and so on. Have your lively items at the first part of the service. Prepare the people for the message. Don't hand the service over to the speaker flat.



"ALL RIGHT! WHO WAS THE WISE GUY THAT CHANGED 'COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS' TO 'COUNT YOUR CALORIES'?"

11. **Pocket Books** — Make offering time a spiritual time. Bless the people and they'll give. Don't apologize for taking up an offering. Talk positively. Have goals and objectives and let the people know what is expected of them.

12. **Preaching** — Be directed of the Lord. Be anointed. Get to the point and don't hinder the work of the Holy Spirit by dragging on just because you have some points on your paper. Have the needs of the people to whom you minister in mind as you preach. Be specific in your altar call: salvation — first time dedication — prayer etc.

13. **Personal Workers** — Take a personal interest in those who come forward. Have various capable individuals appointed ahead of time to be personal workers. Be as tactful as possible in dealing with people. Find out what their need is. Be directed of the spirit. Be on the alert at all times for those who need spiritual help or strangers who come into your service. Take a real interest in them. Make strangers feel welcome.

14. **Prayer Time** — Encourage pre-service and after service prayer. As a leader be there yourself if possible. Stay until the very end. Your example will have an effect on others.

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Spending Sunday

■ If our hearts are filled with love to God and our fellow men there will be no need for us to hunt around for good ways to spend Sunday.

One of the many blessings of the day is the opportunity it gives us of coming in contact with God's people. The fellowship with God's people brought about by the Sunday gatherings at the house of prayer is a precious thing to the heart of a true Christian.—Sel.



SUNDAY SCHOOL Trading Post

CLIFTON K. MITCHELL



Your Sunday School needs a Vacation Bible School

A. Desired Results of a Good V.B.S.

1. More teaching hours added to the Sunday School program.
2. Increased Sunday School attendance (if new contacts are followed up.)
3. VBS gives a systematic, day by day presentation of Bible truths.
4. Many unsaved souls won to Christ (if teachers are evangelistic).
5. Many unchurched homes and parents are reached.
6. Many church members find a place of service. New workers discovered and trained.
7. Good publicity for the church and Sunday School through: banners, posters, handbills, contests, parade, newspaper ads and write-ups, canvassing, follow-up, handwork, displays, closing programs, etc.

B. Courses Available

1. Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo., U.S.A.
2. Scripture Press, Wheaton, Ill., USA
3. Gospel Light Press, Glendale, Cal., U.S.A.
4. Check your local Christian bookstore.

C. Departments or Classes

1. Beginner or Pre-school (4, 5 years)
2. Primary (6, 7, 8 years).
3. Junior (9, 10, 11 years).
4. Intermediate (12, 13, 14 years).
5. Senior (15, 16, 17 years).
6. Young People and Adult (18 years and up). Some courses have the last three combined in various ways.

D. Kinds of V.B.S.

1. Two week VBS — mornings only, Monday to Friday.
2. One week VBS — morning and afternoon classes, (beginners: mornings only). Bring noon lunch.
3. One week VBS — mornings only, condensed course. (Could reach another point in the afternoon).
4. Day Camp — VBS classes each morning, sports and swimming in the afternoon, short snappy service each evening. Children sleep and eat at home. (Children bring noon lunch).
5. Night VBS — 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. — Evenings cooler, more workers and cars available.
7. Day and Night VBS — Pre-school, primary and Junior in the morning,



"WHY DO THEY CLOSE CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL EVERY TIME WE HAVE WEEKEND COMPANY?"

Intermediate to Adult in the evening. Used by a large VBS to get good attendance.

E. Remember . . .

1. Start planning EARLY.
2. Choose workers EARLY.
3. Order supplies EARLY.
4. Organize all Departments EARLY.
5. Start to pray EARLY.

HAVE A GOOD V.B.S.



THOUGHTS IN PASSING

"From Where I Sit"

Men, to serve God, must know Him. To know Him, they must accept Christ as their Lord and Saviour according to John 14:6, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me." To serve the Heavenly Father means one must first talk with Him. We cannot do much for anyone without communicating with them. Man speaks to God through prayer. God speaks to His children by the written Word. There is yet more assistance given the servant of God who seeks to win his lost fellowmen; the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, is not only the believer's "Comforter" but his indispensable ally. How wonderful to know that the One who burdens our hearts to go with the message also precedes us to the object of our mutual interest and prepares that heart for the inspired message. Then, as accepted, applies the work of Christ and regenerates the sinner.

—A. Reid Jepson

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Southern Alberta District Conference Report

THE SOUTHERN ALBERTA District Conference of the Apostolic Church of Pentecost, convened in the Bowness Full Gospel Church on February 20th and 21st. Members present included Rev. G. A. Batke, moderator, Rev. N. Worth, presbyter. Rev. W. Schindel, host pastor, Rev. E. Siggelkow, High River, Rev. A. Ashford, Turner Valley, Rev. S. Hildebrandt, Brooks, Rev. C. Baynes, Eckville, Rev. M. Switzer, Forest Lawn, Rev. R. Tauber, Calgary, Rev. R. Lemke, Calgary, and Rev. E. L. McRae, Calgary.

These were two days of wonderful fellowship, blessing and edification.

The conference was born in a brief time of worship and praise, led by our host pastor Wesley Schindel.

The first item of business on the agenda concerned the opening and planting of new works in Southern Alberta. Various reports were presented. It was decided that the Southern Alberta District seek to plant a church in the town of Taber and that it be done in three stages. First, that a fund be set aside for this project. Second, that a delegation of three investigate the possibilities in the town such as buildings, interest, finances, etc. Third, that this report be presented to a special meeting and final plans made.

The matter of a closer fellowship between our ministers and their respective congregations came under discussion. Plans for a closer fellowship were laid

in the form of Bible Conferences, prayer retreats and rallies.

Bro. Tauber, Dominion Director for A.Y.M. gave the brethren a brief report on the progress of A.Y.M.

Open Bible forum is always a bright part of any conference and this was no exception. The important subjects of "Local Churches within the framework of the organization," "ministerial courtesy" and "gifts of the Spirit" made profitable discussion.

The position of Bro. N. Worth as presbyter of the Southern Alberta District was to expire in June. During the election of officers, the name Rev. E. L. McRae was chosen to be submitted to general conference for ratification. Rev. M. Switzer was elected Secretary Treasurer for the district.

The presence and council of our moderator, Rev. G. A. Batke was greatly appreciated by the delegates. His current and fiery preaching in the evening services stirred our hearts.

An item of interest which took place in the Wednesday evening service was the unveiling of a lovely new pulpit built for the Bowness church by Bro. Fonk of Calgary. Rev. E. L. McRae dedicated this important piece of furniture to the furtherance of the work of the gospel.

All who attended the conference went away renewed to carry on the work of the Lord in a greater bond of fellowship with his fellow workmen.

— R. Tauber.

Missionary Farewell Fellowship

A SPECIAL FAREWELL gathering for missionaries elect to Europe, Rev. and Mrs. Norman Worth, was held in the Queen's Park Church of Calgary on Feb. 26th at 7:30 P.M. Rev. E. L. McRae, pastor of the Calgary Full Gospel Church was master of ceremonies. A large gathering from all the Calgary and district Full Gospel Churches was in attendance.

An open discussion concerning the state of the heathen highlighted the first part of the evening.

Short messages of exhortation were given to the missionary couple by Rev. W. Schindel of the Bowness Full Gospel Church and Rev. M. Switzer of the Forest Lawn Full Gospel Church.

A large hamper of gifts and clothing was presented to the Worths from the ladies groups of the district. A love offering was also received.

While refreshments were being served, the guests at the fellowship gave words of farewell on a tape recording which was presented to the missionary couple. Bro. and Sis. Worth and family will be in the land of Europe as you read this report.

— R. Tauber.



Rev. and Mrs. Norman Worth, missionaries to Europe, were honored during a farewell gathering at the Queen's Park Full Gospel Church in Calgary.

Jesus Is Coming

■ BISHOP THOBURN relates the following: "Bishop Foster once visited a beautiful temple in India. He asked the attendant how long it would all last. 'Not long,' he said. 'Why?' asked the bishop. And the attendant, lifting his eyes to the southwest and scanning the whole horizon, uttered the one word, 'Jesus.' May God hasten the prophetic day!"—Selected.

CHASTISEMENT

■ GOD CHASTENS His children, but never because He hates them. He chastens them for their profit, that they might be partakers of His holiness. The present chastening may not seem so joyous, but rather grievous; "nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby" (Heb. 12:5-11).—Sel.

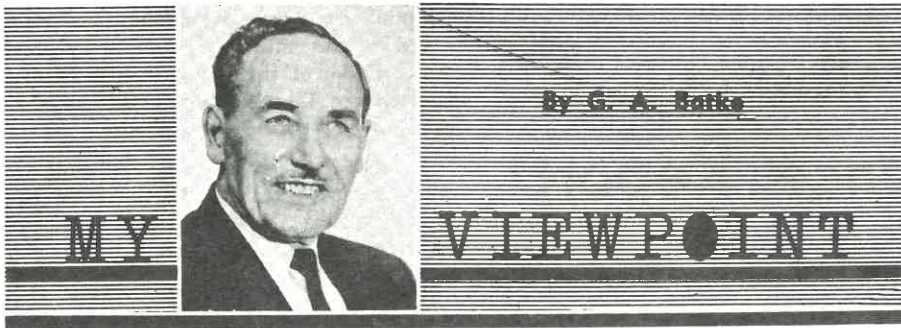
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Reputation is precious, but character is priceless.



Moderator G. A. Batke of Vancouver, B.C., brings the first message over the new pulpit in the Bowness Full Gospel Church.

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Who is your Pastor's Pastor?

I, being a Pastor, am not seeking commiseration in the work to which I have been called. Neither has any other Pastor come crying on my shoulders bemoaning the hard fate of being a Pastor. Indeed, if the facts were known I am sure it can be rightfully said that every God-ordained man doing this work feels honored and is willing to undergo the pressures, the misunderstandings, etc., which so often accompany this ministry.

A Vancouver daily newspaper carried an article which dealt with this matter of the Pastor's lonely vigil, and that a number of religious organizations are experiencing a great concern over the pressures which have come upon the Ministry. Bishops and church authorities have become frightened over the crack-ups of ministers who have required psychiatric treatments — and who have gone to drink and to the use of narcotics. Now when a secular paper becomes stirred up over such things, perhaps it is time something

is said about this in "My Viewpoint." That is why I want to go to bat for the PASTOR.

The Bible teaches positive things concerning the Pastor. First of all he must be born again. Secondly, he must be filled with the Holy Ghost. Thirdly, he must meet qualifications as outlined in 1 Tim. 3: he must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach, not given to wine, no striker, not greedily of filthy lucre—patient, not a brawler, not covetous, one who rules his own house well — not a novice — must have a good report. This is quite a standard.

The Human Outcry

Being constantly under public scrutiny brings great responsibility upon the Pastor who meets Bible qualifications. Remember, he has not as yet "grown wings." He is still a human being. The battles fought within, and the problem to be solved without, put a great mental and spiritual strain upon the great-

est of God's men. I cannot altogether hang my head in shame when there are crack-ups here and there. Elijah, God's Prophet, lived in a difficult time and became so discouraged that he asked God to let him die. Moses, the distinguished leader of Israel was put to it so much that one day he pleaded with God to blot his name out of the Book of Life. The Apostle Paul could have wished himself accursed from Israel. The people who do not know Christ for the sake of his Brethren, the burden that comes upon a Pastor's soul for his church have not tasted of that parental seed which is in the Pastor's heart for "God's heritage;" do not know the personal anguish with which the Pastor meets his God in the interests of the sheep of God's pasture over which he himself will have to give to Him a personal accounting.

Will Gabriel Visit Him?

When he has worked and prayed, when nerve and physical strength fail, who becomes the Pastor's Pastor? Remember, he is still human. But he is supposed to be an automaton which, upon contact with others, must always radiate optimism, faith, and strength of mind and soul. There are times when he needs "the touch of the human hand," a kindly voice, a word of encouragement. God has not promised to send a special messenger from Heaven to help him stand. In most cases he goes into his "closet" and there alone he struggles with himself and his problems. If he is a man of faith and prayer, as he
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TO-DAY Christianity wears many faces. The individual concept of Christianity varies; to one person it is the Golden Rule, that bit about "being a good neighbor" and "treating the other fellow right." Another shrugs his shoulders and says it's "just one more religion — no better, no worse."

What, then, is Christianity? Is it a philosophy, a social order? Is it really any better than other religions?

What is Christianity? Two thousand years ago a Gallilean, of whom it was reported that "never man spake like this man," told his followers: "I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). The heart and core of Christianity is a person — the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. The superiority of Christianity is the vacant tomb; a living Lord!

In Christ, not only just in his teachings, is the positive assurance of abiding life after physical death, for he

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said, "Because I live, ye shall live also" (John 14:19).

The promise is offered to all — regardless of race, colour, social position, or financial status — on one condition.

Jesus said, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36).

John the Apostle wrote: "As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12).

Paul and Silas told the Philippian jailer, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31).

We cannot possibly know the fulfillment of God's promises unless we come God's way. The Lord Jesus Christ paid the penalty of our sin at Calvary, and now God decrees that we receive Christ as Saviour from sin — by faith.

By faith, claim now, the promise of sins forgiven, eternal life, and the joy and satisfaction of Christian living. The Lord Jesus has never failed anyone who dared to wholly and unreservedly trust him.

Christianity is not merely a philosophy, a social order or "just another religion." Christianity is the experience of personally knowing the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour and Friend.

END TIMES' MESSENGER



Annual Saskatchewan Fellowship Conference

THE ANNUAL Fellowship Conference of the Apostolic Churches in Saskatchewan was held in Moose Jaw Apostolic Gospel Temple, February sixth and seventh.

Conference Committee this year included Host Pastor D. W. Breen, Secretary Rev. Wm. Lindberg of Leader, Rev. F. Assman, Clerk of A.C.O.P., Saskatoon, and Rev. M. MacKenzie of Grenfell. The committee chose Rev. R. A. Larden of Swift Current to chair the conference sessions.

Subjects for open forum discussion were; "Separation, Marriage and Divorce" and "Bible Standards for church Discipline."

The Conference opened Wednesday morning with Rev. Breen's welcome to the delegates. Over 125 delegates attended the sessions.

Rev. Austrung led in devotional singing and Rev. D. I. Gillett of Saskatoon brought the first message of the day.

Rev. Larden took the chair at 10:15 A.M., introduced the subject and then called on Rev. Glen S. McLean of Eston to present the material he had prepared. This proved to be a three hour presentation of a vast amount of material that excited a lively open forum!

Brother McLean opened his remarks by saying that "all his lifetime he had believed in separation, he had believed in divorce but never in re-marriage." He added that after his study of the scriptures on the subject, he was forced to change his views. He warned the conference that divorce is not an answer, that from the beginning it was not so, that the Scripture teaches that God hates divorce, but it is also true that in the Old Testament (Deut. 24:1-4) divorce and remarriage was permitted, and Jesus permits it in Matthew 19:7.

The open forum was marked by lively discussion, but all felt the conference on this subject was important and much needed.

The afternoon devotional service was led by Rev. G. O. B. Killam, Pangman, and the message was given by Rev. V. Wilson of Winnipeg.

The evening song service was led by Rev. Cliff Mitchell of Glenella and the message on "Prevailing Prayer" was preached by Rev. Frank Kosick. The Saskatchewan Conference welcomed

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these and other visitors from Manitoba.

Thursday Morning devotions were opened by Rev. A. Mortenson, Kipling, with Rev. H. Ring, a visitor from U.S.A. bringing the devotional message.

At 10:30 A.M. Rev. Jack Whitesell of Chicago, introduced the subject "Bible Standards for Church Discipline." The vast amount of material presented was well received, and apart from the subject of "church membership" there seemed little left untouched for the afternoon discussion.

Before the forum in the afternoon, the devotional period was directed by Rev. D. Straza of Hudson Bay, and the message given by Rev. M. MacKenzie of Grenfell. Rev. R. A. Larden, in chairing the afternoon session had some difficulty keeping the delegates to the subject. The afternoon concluded with a brief business session at which time, Rev. W. Lindberg was re-elected recording secretary.

The concluding service was directed by Pastor Breen, with Rev. W. Lindberg leading in congregational singing. The message, "The man of God," was preached by Rev. Lorne O. Pritchard of Eston.

All who attended the conference sessions knew that the days were worth while. Another highlight in life had come, but the results are not gone! We returned to our homes, weary in body after a strenuous two days, but we were refreshed in spirit. Preachers and people returned home to stir themselves to the task of diligent Bible Study.

Regina, Sask.

WE HAVE ENJOYED the ministry of Rev. Wm. Pipke of Edmonton, Alta., during the month of February and are glad to report blessing upon the services. Brother Pipke spoke twice daily and blest the assembly with his rich Bible Teaching and evangelistic appeal. We take pleasure in recommending our Brother to any church in need of a good evangelist.

We have just had a brief visit from Brother Harry Ring from Duluth, and rejoiced at his able presentation of the Gospel of the Grace of God.

—A. E. Sheppard, Pastor

Eckville, Alberta

Special meetings were conducted by Evangelist Lydia Williams from February 10 to 24. God really blessed Sister William's ministry as each evening saints were stirred to go deeper in their walk with God.

We feel that God by His Spirit did an eternal work in each one that attended the services.

—C. Baynes, Pastor

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should be, then he can truly look to Christ as his Pastor and all he needs. However, let us not forget that there are other members in the Body — and when one suffers they are all effected. There is an earthly, a human ministry, when some of the weakest are made strength to the strongest.

These Last Times — Difficult Challenging!

Let's face it. We are in the LAST TIMES. They are difficult — but they too are challenging. Never have I felt the "lift" — the "pull" of the Spirit as now. God is working and his "CHURCH" will be built. Amen. Pray for your Pastor and he will be a better servant of the people and of God.

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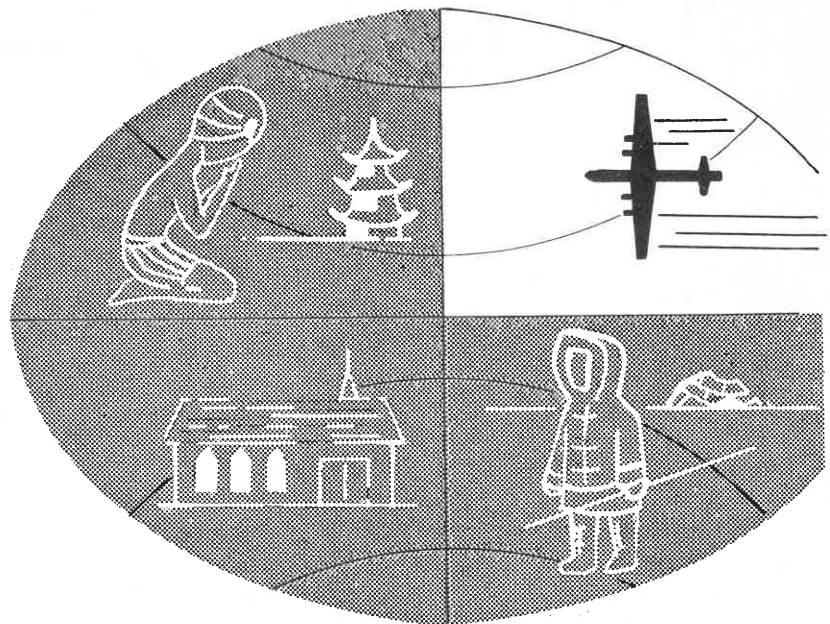
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