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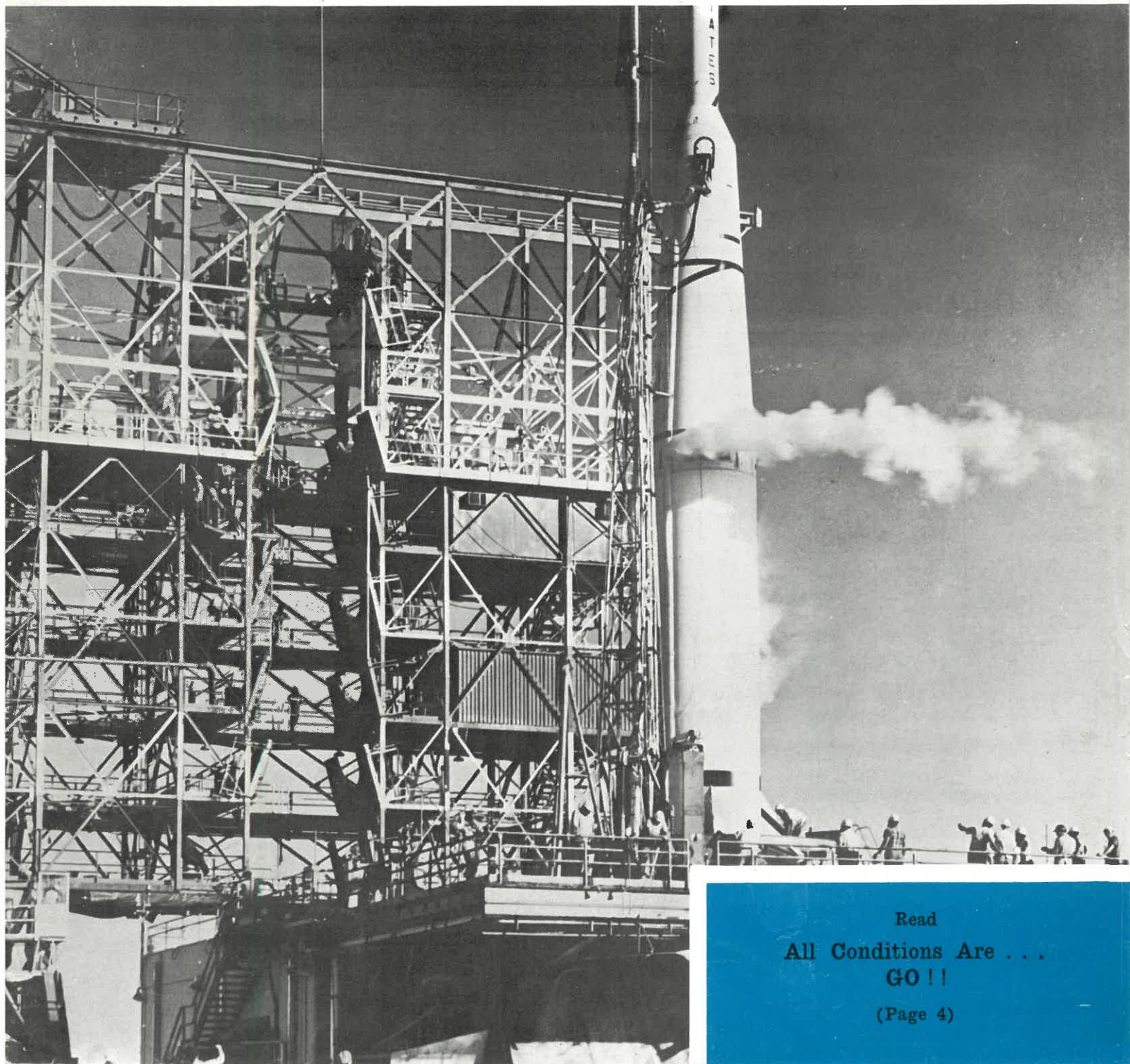
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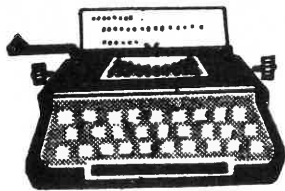
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EDITORIAL COMMENT ---

WANTED: The Perfect Pastor

THE MINISTRY is a divine vocation rather than a human profession, and as such, candidates should have as their prime concern the meeting of God's requirements rather than trying to measure up to human standards.

What are some of these human standards? What is expected of the Christian ministry in this mid-20th century? One thing is certain and that is that the average, and even the above average, congregation expects in its pastor an impossible combination of talents that are not required in any other sphere of Christian service, or for that matter in any human profession.

To begin with, the pastor is expected to be brilliant, or at least an effective preacher, but in addition to that he must also be a top-flight student of theology, Scripture and public affairs. He must be recognized as an educator and teacher; a genius at administration and organization; a specialist in public relations and an expert on finances and money matters.

The ideal minister must understand the problems of youth as well as of old age. He must be a competent and trained counselor, aware of the psychological and psychiatric, as well as the spiritual needs of the people. He must have the courage to speak out, even when he knows that it will bring disfavor with some.

The perfect pastor must know more than a little about legal procedures, the restaurant business (for those church suppers), and property repairs and maintenance (especially the latter). He must be something of an architect. He must understand good church music. He must be concerned with civic and social problems and must be able to get along with people, even those whom he knows are criticising him.

While this list of commendable characteristics expected in present-day pastors, is lengthy, it is far from complete. For in addition to all that has been mentioned, modern congregations expect their ministers to be gifted with pleasing personalities, coupled with the patience of Job. Their pastor must be the essence of tact and refinement and must look prosperous without being prosperous. His wife and children are expected to be paragons of virtue and the minister himself must have the physical stamina of a workhorse.

Should a modern congregation be successful in locating such a pastor who is the epitome of all these things mentioned, he must be constantly reminded that he was ordained primarily to do only two things: to preach the Word of God in dependence upon the Holy Spirit and to minister to the needs of his congregation through visitation and prayer.

We know that even such a spiritual giant as the Apostle Paul would fail to meet present-day standards, for the critics of his day said that his bodily presence was weak and his speech was contemptible. However, what Paul lacked from man's point of view he more than made up from God's. His one ambition in life was to please the Lord. (2 Cor. 5:9).

The divine qualifications for the ministry (1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9) are far more important than education, personality, social gifts and practical ability.

Rather than look in vain for the perfect pastor congregations should concern themselves with meeting the leading of the Holy Spirit for God's choice.

—Irvin W. Ellis

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IS YOUR FUTURE UNCERTAIN?

By Gillis Killam
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IN ANCIENT TIMES castles were used as prisons for captives. In the dungeons of these weird buildings was often a dark winding stairway called the "oubliette" which terminated suddenly in a treacherous opening, through which the unwary captive was precipitated into a deep abyss, and dashed to pieces on the rocks below.

The world seems to be progressing down a dark oubliette of the future not knowing when the next step will hurl it into the abyss of destruction. An element of deep uncertainty prevails in hearts today. What will tomorrow hold for us? Out there in the darkness lies the answer—the answer the politicians, religious leaders, mothers, fathers and youth would love to know.

However, there is no need for this uncertainty in hearts. The Bible gives us the answer that we so long to know. It gives the answer to the destiny of world and nations alike, and moreover, it gives the ultimate destiny of every creature that lives or has lived on the earth. It is very clear that the affairs of this life and world are in the power of God's hand. He who created the earth and universe has also designed its consummation.

Jesus said: "**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 1:11). He also 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). This means to receive Christ as your personal saviour, which is to throw yourself upon His plan and grace for the future and your sin. Faith, someone has said, is like a leap into the dark, expecting that God will catch you.

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He will and you will find yourself in a world of God's Light. "**He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE**" (John 8:12).

The man who rejects Christ is travelling the oubliette staircase that will terminate in eternal destruction and darkness. "**There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death**," says the book of Proverbs. The prophet Jeremiah also gives us light on man's trouble when he said, "**O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps**" (10:23). Man cannot find his own way out of the dilemma that he is in, and to insist to walk

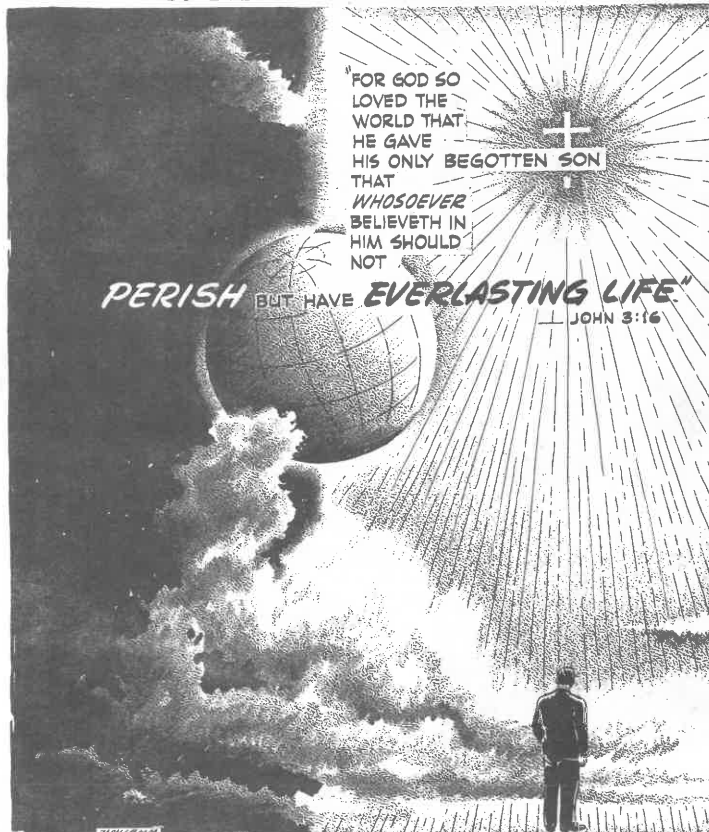
without Christ is like the man without a light to guide his footsteps in the darkness near the mouth of a yawning precipice. That precipice is a vast eternity without hope of recovery.

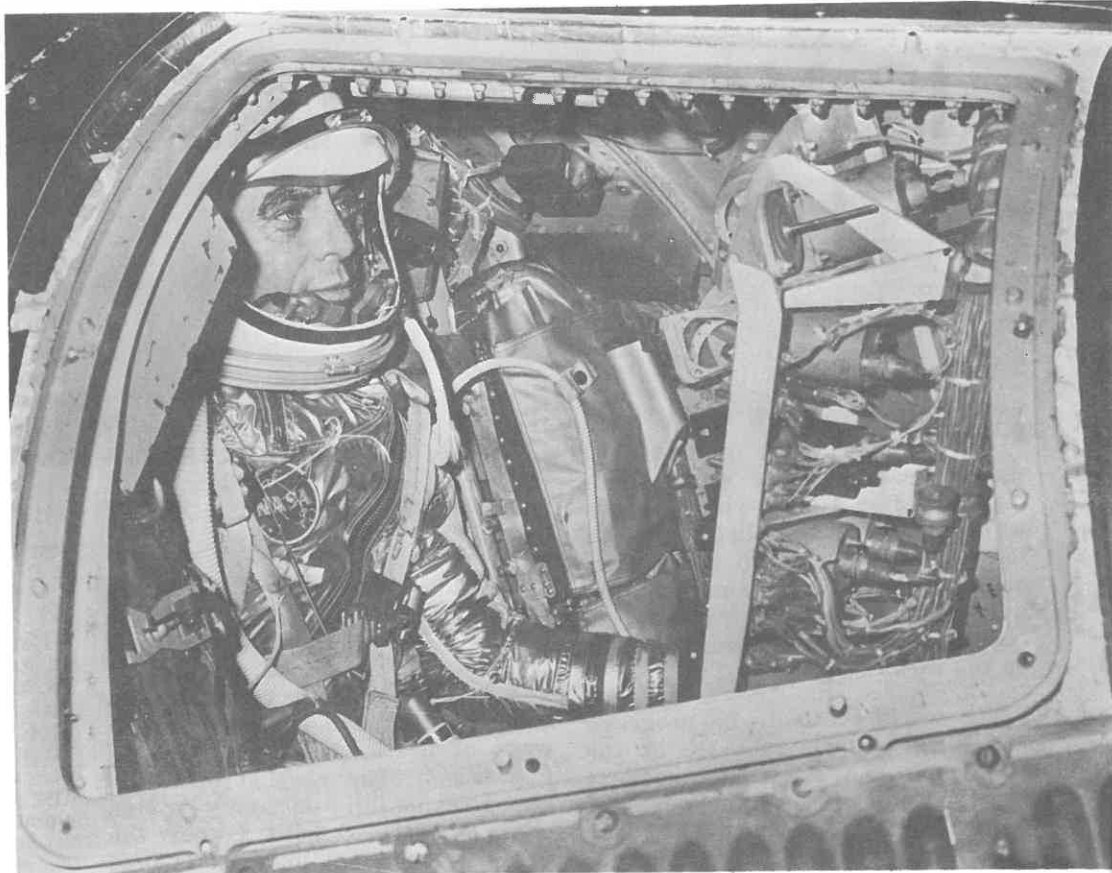
Oh, but Jesus said, "**I am THE WAY I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending**". He is the **FIRST AND THE LAST**. He holds the key to your future security, and has marked out the path before you. Yes, we can live in complete peace in our hearts knowing that our future is sealed and settled by the one who controls the world. Why not accept **HIM TO-DAY?**

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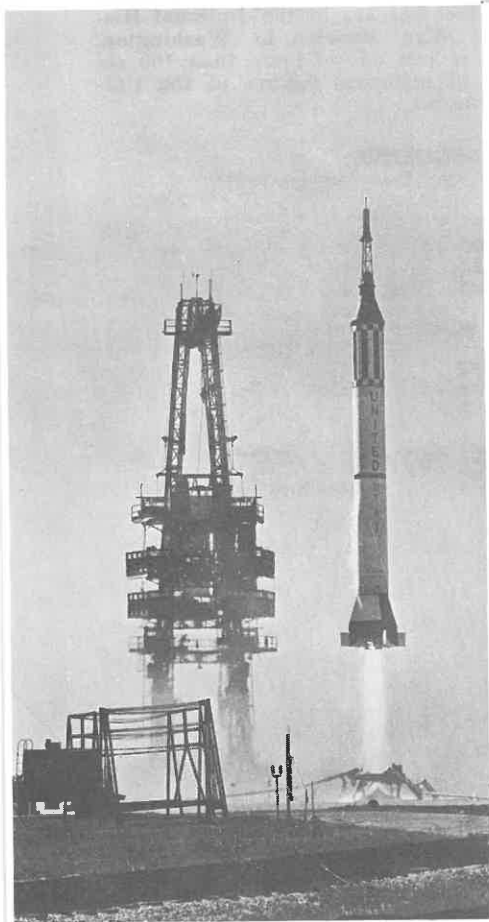
Cover: The Thor-Able III is shown on its launch pad prior to boosting the Explorer VI satellite into orbit in 1959. This probe produced the first photographs of the earth taken from outer space. Photo courtesy F. E. Compton and Company. Page four: The blast-off of a Project Mercury manned capsule was made available through the Bulova Watch Company. The life-like wax figure of Alan Shepard which appears in the National Historical Wax Museum in Washington, D. C., is just one of more than 100 replicas of historical figures of the United States.

OF EVERLASTING CONSEQUENCE





Pioneer astronaut Alan Shepard was the first U.S. spaceman to be launched on a sub-orbital space flight in a Project Mercury capsule.



The Church Must Not Forget . . .



All Conditions Are . . . GO!



By **CLAY COOPER**, President
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"Afterward He appeared . . . and He said unto them; Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature" (Luke 16:14, 15).

PEOPLE the world around wait with bated breath for the magic word from Cape Canaveral. During the tense moments at lift-off, the superstitious cross their fingers and the godly say a prayer. Everybody is caught up in the ear-splitting surge of power which hurls a man skyward toward outer space. Suspense lessens, and pulse rates drift back to normal, only after four words come crackling over the ether waves . . . "All Conditions Are . . . **GO**." Anxiety then gives way to jubilation.

As if their united voices were needed to help propel an astronaut into orbit, men and women of every hemisphere pick up the chant and in their own language and dialects, shout, "**Go- GO!! GO!!!**" That one syllable seems to summarize the universal emotions and wishes of the moment.

Borrowing NASA's electrifying, newly-coined phrase, and applying it to the spiritual realm, "**ALL CONDITIONS ARE . . . GO**" That two-letter word appears no less than two hundred and fifty-two times in the twenty-seven books of the New Testament, with one hundred fifty-two of the usages attributed by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John to Christ Himself. "**Went**," the past tense of "**GO**" is repeated three hundred and forty-nine times.

With Jesus Christ, all conditions were . . . **GO!** He was peripatetic too. The greatest sentence-biography ever written described Him perfectly . . .

"He **went about** doing good." So, it is not to be wondered at that He so frequently used the word "go" to help move others on course. It was a watchword embodying a principle, a guide to action.

"**Go work.**" "**Go seek.**" "**Go quickly.**" Each was His command. His beneficiaries found they could not be static, remain in equilibrium, or act by mere weight without motion. "**Go forth,**" "**Go show,**" "**Go call,**" kept His hearers in movement. On one occasion He would be heard saying, "**Go preach.**" On another it was "**Go teach**" or "**Go tell.**" All conditions were . . . **GO!**

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To a former adultress, now forgiven, He said "**Go**, and sin no more." Bystanders at the tomb of resurrected Lazarus were commanded, "Loose him and let him **go**." When He dispossessed a demoniac, He ordered the evil spirits to "**GO**" and then followed through by instructing the redeemed man, "**Go** home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord has done for thee." His disciples He ordained to "**go** and bring forth fruit." All conditions were . . . **GO!**

The original Twelve were commissioned, "**Go**, to the lost sheep of the House of Israel." Later Christ appointed the additional Seventy, whom He sent two by two into EVERY city and place. This was a larger authorization. "**Go your ways,**" He told them, "for the harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few." **GO** has always been an important part of **GO**spel. Merely hyphenate the word, adding another letter, and it seems to automatically flow. **Go**-spell out redemption to all people."

As before Christ's death, it was even so after His resurrection. The word was still . . . **GO!** "**Go ye** into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature . . . teaching all nations. As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." And then He went away. "He was taken up and a cloud received Him out of their sight." But, all conditions were still . . . **GO!**

Following His ascension, Christ reappeared with the very same word

WITH JESUS

"Dying together" with Jesus,

This is the end of strife!

"Buried together" with Jesus,

This is the gate of life!

"Quickened together" with Jesus,

By the touch of God's mighty breath;

"Risen together" with Jesus,

Where is thy sting, O Death?

"Living together" with Jesus,

Walking this earth with God;

Telling Him all we are doing,

Casting on Him every load.

Living His life for others,

Seeking alone His will.

Resting beneath His shadow,

With a heart ever glad and still.

"Seated together" with Jesus,

In the heavenly place of love;

Love, unequalled—unending,

In the heart of the Father above.

"Seated together" with Jesus,

To live out the love of God,

And so win this world unloving,

By His love so deep and broad.

—Selected.

on His lips. He was seen by Saul of Tarsus (turned Paul, Apostle to the heathen,) and heard saying, "**Go** into Damascus and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do." Quite simultaneously, a devout man, — Ananias, enjoyed the same post-ascension visit, the Lord instructing him. "**Go** into the street called Straight and inquire for one called Saul of Tarsus: for, behold he prayeth. **Go** thy way for he is chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles."

Before and after Christ's passion, and even following His glorification, all conditions were . . . **GO**. The message and the direction were the same whether Christ appeared in person to enunciate them, or dispatched an angel with the word.

Be sure to read . . .

"THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS"

Next Month

On one occasion the imprisoned Apostles were released by an angelic deliverer who also commissioned them, "**Go**, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this Life." Once again, the angel of the Lord was sent, this time to Philip, with the message, "**Go** toward the South." Having arrived, not an angel now, but the Holy Spirit instructed him, "**Go** near and join thyself to the chariot (of the eunuch)." It was this same Spirit who directed Peter to leave the Joppa rooftop, and accompany the inquirers to Caesarea. "Get down, and **go** with them, nothing doubting."

Judging by all the evidence: — Christ's own example; His utterances and commands, both before and after His passion; the repeated post-resurrection commissions, and those post-ascension by Christ, angels and the Holy Spirit; there is no doubt that from the divine viewpoint and intention all conditions are . . . still . . . **GO!**

The Great Commission included no time limit. It set forth simply, clearly, and with a note of finality; what was to be done; by whom, for whom; by what means; where, why, and for how long. It left no room for shilly-shallying and having never been rescinded or modified, it would seem a mistake of

the first magnitude for any follower of Christ to be irresolute, or be pre-occupied with trifles, when commanded to make the world his parish. To see disciples standing idle in the ecclesiastical market places, saying, "No man hath hired us," when fields are ready for the reaping and the Lord is saying, "Go ye also into the vineyard," is indeed a sorry spectacle.

As long as world evangelization is incomplete; as long as communism continues to enslave; as long as half of mankind languishes in fear and superstition, because of ignorance, and heathen need to hear the Truth that sets men free, all con-

ditions are to be regarded as . . . **GO!**

By the challenge of Red atheism and the horrors of paganism, by the command of Christ, and the right of all men to hear the Joyful Sound that Jesus Saves, we must **go**. Of hindering things to which we cling, we must **let go**. Those who stand poised and willing, stymied for lack of aid, we must **help go**. One goal of the **GO**spel is **go, GO, GO!**

"GO!"

Hear your commission, O Church of the Master;
Friends and disciples of Jesus take heed.
How are ye doing the work of the Father?
How are ye caring for hunger and need?

GO—to the sheep that are scattered and fainting.
Having no shepherds, and tell them to come;
Go to the highways and tell every creature
Still the feast waiteth and yet there is room.

Go—the time shortens, the night is approaching,
Harvests are whit'ning and reapers are few.
Somewhere, perhaps, in the darkness are dying
Souls that might enter the Kingdom with you.

Go—Church of Christ, for He goeth before you,
And all the way that ye take He doth know.
On the bright morrow He'll say: "Come ye blessed";
But till the dawning the message is "**Go!**"
— Annie Johnson Flint.

The Compassionate Christ

By **W. Calderwood**
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Heb. 13:8, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever."

THIS IS A statement to which millions of people would gladly testify of its reality. This fact that Christ is alive and remains the same, The angels told the disciples in Acts chapter 1 and verse 11 that, "**this same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.**" The writer to the Hebrews said, He was the same "yesterday." The angels looking into the future said He will be the same when He comes back again: But how wonderful it is to know He is the same to-day! Many things are written in the gospels describing the Lord Jesus. One of the most descriptive phrases is one which occurs again and again. I am referring to the words "moved with compassion." "And Jesus moved with compassion"! This is the theme upon which I would like to dwell.

We find that Jesus was moved with compassion on the multitudes. Matt. 9:36 records this of Jesus, "**But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on**

them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd." He was "moved with compassion" on this multitude, because the people were as sheep without a shepherd. When we consider the multitudes of people to-day — running thither and yon seeking pleasure and satisfaction but finding no lasting happiness, we cannot help but think of "sheep without a shepherd." When Jesus saw this multitude in Matt. chapter 9, He said unto His disciples, "**The harvest truly is plenteous but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest.**" He is just as concerned with the multitudes to-day as He was two thousand years ago. It is Jesus who can give lasting happiness! . . . Christ is the One who can bring lasting peace to anyone who will embrace His Word!

In Matt. 15:32 we have another multitude mentioned. It reads . . . "**Then Jesus called His disciples unto Him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and**

have nothing to eat." This time Jesus had compassion on the multitude because they "had nothing to eat." So to meet the need of this multitude of "four thousand men, besides women and children," the Lord Jesus performed a miracle. He fed this multitude with seven loaves and a few little fishes. When contact is made with the compassion of God's Son something happens. These people had their hunger satisfied. John 6:48 records the statement of Jesus, "**I am that bread of life.**" Christ is the only bread that can satisfy spiritual hunger. If you have a hunger and desire to be made right with God, then go to Jesus. He beckons you with wide open arms saying, "**Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.**"

The compassion of the Lord Jesus reaches beyond the multitude to the individual. He is interested in you, friend, He thinks of the individual person in need. We find in Luke 7:11-15 that He was concerned about a lonely widow who had lost an only son in death. It says in verse 13, "**And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not.**" Jesus had compassion on a widow in sorrow! He not only had compassion on her, but He delivered her from sorrow. Verses 14 and 15, "**And He came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, arise. And he that was dead sat up and began to speak. And He delivered him to his mother.**" Oh, the compassion of our Saviour! "He delivered him to his mother." He raised the dead to meet the need

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of a poor widow. He is just the same to-day.

Mark chapter 1 and verses 40 to 41, to me, depicts a beautiful scene. **"And there came a leper to Him, beseeching Him, and kneeling down to Him, and saying unto Him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth His hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean. Yes, Jesus is concerned with the individual in sickness!"**

The Bible teaches that Jesus, not only died for our sins, but also for our sicknesses. In Isaiah chapter 53:4 it says, **"Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows."** The word 'griefs' means 'sickness' and the word 'sorrows' is 'pain' in the original text. This verse in the amplified New Testament reads **"Surely He has borne our sickness, weakness and distress and carried our sorrow and pains."** Yes, friend, Jesus died that you may be delivered from sickness. This is what Peter meant in 1 Peter 2:24, **"Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed."** In Matt. 8:17, it says after Jesus had healed the sick **"That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses."** This is the commentary of the Holy Spirit on Isa. 53:4. Christ did die for our sickness!

The Lord Jesus Christ is interested in the individual in sorrow, and in the person in sickness, but most of all, He is concerned with those in sin. Psalm 78 and v. 38 says, **"But He being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, and destroyed them not."** Christ has compassion on the sinner! We find in John chapter 4 that Jesus was so concerned about a woman who was in the depth of sin, He missed a meal. Dealing with this woman in sin, was more important to Him than eating His necessary food. His disciples could not understand it. They thought someone had brought food to Him while they were gone. In verse 34 of John 4 Jesus answered their question when He said **"My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work."** He said, **"My food or nourishment is to do the will of Him that**

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THE SEAL OF OWNERSHIP

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THE WORD "SEAL" is used some eighty-two times in the Bible, sometimes literally and sometimes figuratively. In its literal form it was used in legal documents to show that one was placed in authority, such as King Pharaoh giving his signet, or ring, to Joseph when Joseph was made ruler over the land of Egypt. This kind of a seal was always made from hard material, and was many times used to make impressions on soft substance such as wax or clay, which was used to seal up tombs and boxes so that if any attempts were made to break into any of these the seal would have to be broken first of all.

Then the word "seal" was also used in figurative speech, and here it denotes ownership or responsibility, genuineness and security.

When the Jews began to question Jesus about His authority to heal, His power to forgive sin and give unto men eternal life, Jesus answered them in John 6:27 . . . **"for Him hath God the Father SEALED."** God had placed His approval upon this life, showing to the world and to the Jews that stood around the River Jordan that day when Christ was baptized, that this was His beloved Son in whom He was well pleased. When the Holy Spirit came down from heaven in dove-like form upon Christ, it was at that time when God showed to the world that Jesus was His Son, the Messiah to come, that this same Christ was not a false prophet nor a deceitful worker, but that heaven's approval was upon His life. God had placed His seal of authority and power on Christ.

This same seal is for us to-day. The Bible speaks of being sealed until the day of redemption. The voice at the River Jordan was not the seal, but the Holy Spirit which abode upon Christ was the seal. For from then on we see Christ as He begins His ministry going about and healing all manner of sickness and diseases, forgiving sin, promising the woman of Samaria if she

would have asked Him, He would have given unto her living water. To the multitude that He fed on the mountain side, He said, **"labour not for the meat that perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you."** The Father had now given Christ the Keys of His great storehouse and Christ was able to give eternal life unto as many as received Him, accepting them into God's great Kingdom. God had placed His seal of ownership and authority upon Christ.

The seal of ownership and Power can be ours as believers on the Lord Jesus Christ, through the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, or as Paul refers to it as the "earnest of the Spirit." The evidence of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, (Acts 2:4).

The seal or the Baptism of the Holy Spirit gives assurance of Salvation. There is much disputing as to when Peter was born into the family of God, for sometimes it would seem as if he were a follower of Christ then it seems as if he had no experience at all. But after Pentecost, when Peter along with many others was filled with the Holy Spirit, there is no more questioning regarding his salvation. — Even though mistakes were made, and Paul had to withstand him, yet everyone knows that God had set His seal upon Peter by baptizing Him with the Holy Ghost. This has been so down through the years, when around the altars folks were kneeling and God placed His seal upon those that are His own by baptizing with the Holy Ghost. God never baptizes unsaved with the Holy Ghost, but confirms ownership when baptizing with the Holy Ghost. 2 Tim. 2:19 . . . **"The Lord Knoweth them that are His."** Every one that has accepted Christ as Saviour is known of God. But like God gave an outward witness at the River Jordan by sending the

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CAUTION: 'Evangelical' Swindlers at Work

By Clyde W. Taylor

SWINDLERS ARE a pretty sad lot under any circumstances. But it would be hard to conceive of a more reprehensible character than the one who uses the gospel of Jesus Christ as the flag under which he carries out his fraudulent schemes.

Such swindlers do exist, however, and I am becoming alarmed at the degree to which they have been able to hoodwink the evangelical public. They prey upon churches and individual Christians who have a sincere interest in the increase of the gospel witness in foreign lands.

Their Pretext

Their appeals to the Christian public usually fall into two categories. They pretend to operate either missionary activities or charitable works such as orphanages, leprosariums, etc.

Now in case you don't read the rest of this article and are about to decide right here to cut off your contributions to all these organizations, let me quickly say that most of the missionary and charitable ministries that you know about are legitimate and need and are worthy of your continued support.

If you finish the article, you'll learn how to tell these legitimate operations. Don't cut off your giving to worthy ministries.

But watch out for the swindler who either pretends to have a work which does not exist or which does not meet the proportions of the description.

Phoney 'Religious' Corporations

Here is how these religious con men get started. Our shady character sets up a religious non-profit corporation with a board of flattered yes-men and then takes a trip around the world. He encounters national workers that are "available" and concludes that he must put them to work. He never bothers to check on their stories. If so, he would discover that in most cases they have been disciplined out of national churches for any number of immoral or unethical offences and were not considered worthy of Christian ministry.

Gold Mine : The Mailing List

Then he launches a publication to a mailing list that he manages to procure and begins to tell his story. I have before me such a publication that is fleecing gullible evangelicals of missionary giving. It reports on mission work that doesn't exist and even its geography is fabricated. But the

articles are cleverly written and well illustrated (it is easy to photograph the work of other missions), so the swindler is probably doing well financially while enjoying tax exempt status by Internal Revenue Service.

Some of these operations have a denominational slant or emphasis. This is particularly true in Baptist and Full Gospel circles where the local congregation decides which missionary activities it will support. Many others are non-denominational in their approach.

Specious Appeals

A man who has visited many mission fields and now seeks support across the board from a great variety of evangelical churches currently operates such an agency. He raises money for the support of nationals "who can do the work so much more cheaply and better" than the missionaries. After checking his reports and statistics, we find gross misrepresentations and have had to recommend that evangelicals not support his work.

Some of these swindlers are Americans, some are nationals of other countries. Just because a national from some country overseas has visited your church and is a "real evangelical," don't put him on your payroll. You may be throwing your money away and you are certainly not helping the work in his native land. One church stubbornly misspent money in this way for ten years and only recently consented to do an investigation which proved that their support had been wasted.

Operate on Edge of the Law

In a few cases the chislers have run into trouble with the various agencies of government: Post Office Department, State Department, Immigration Service, Internal Revenue Service, etc. But all too often they stay on the thin edge of the law where they cannot be caught by law enforcement officials.

INVESTIGATE BEFORE YOU GIVE THE LORD'S MONEY

Rev. F. Assman, missionary-secretary and clerk of the Apostolic Church of Pentecost of Canada, will be glad to answer any question in confidence relating to the worthiness of financial appeals.

The only alternative means of putting these people out of business — and this is by far the best solution anyway — is for evangelicals to be more alert to missionary organizations and the charities to which they give. If the people who give knew how their money was used, the swindlers would soon be out of business.

Too few evangelicals ask for a financial accounting from the organizations to which they give. How efficiently does it operate? What does it really accomplish? Can the results be checked out by other sources? These are the questions that need to be raised by individuals and churches which support missions. The reputable mission agencies will have the answers.

There is a simple rule to go by: **Don't support a mission until you have checked it.**

How To Check

Even at that you may want further information about its activities. In cases of independent mission agencies, be sure that:

1. It is a bonafide, incorporated mission with a solid board of directors (watch out for the family affair which is headed by "me, my wife and my daughter-in-law.")

2. It carefully screens its missionaries and national workers and directs their activities overseas.

3. It uses funds efficiently — get a financial statement which can be clearly understood.

Where there is doubt about any organization, ask further.

But do be cautious. There is too much work to be done, too many trustworthy missionaries to send, too many fine national pastors and workers to support, for money to be wasted on the swindlers.

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sent me." 2 Peter 3:9 reveals what God's will is, He is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." Fulfilling this will was the mission of Jesus! To the man sick of the palsy in Mark 2 He said, "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee." This is the Compassionate Christ!

Our text read "Jesus Christ the same yesterday and to-day and forever." The Christ who healed the sickness of leprosy is the same Christ to-day. The One who comforted the widow in sorrow, can and will comfort you to-day. The Saviour who delivered a woman from sin two thousand years ago, will deliver you from sin to-day. All He asks of you is to put your trust in Him. **DO IT NOW!**

END TIMES' MESSENGER

Dear Mister Editor:

Zeke Grubb's preacher come by the Henpeck store Saturday night, reported he had been visiting amongst his congregation ever night fer a week and had a sore throat from hollering loud enough to git heard above their TV sets. He said he wasn't even shore if some of the members would recollect he was there.

At one member's home, he said, he suggested they have a short family prayer afore he took his departure and the mother ask if he couldn't hold off a few minutes till Wagon Train was over.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES ?

But the good Parson admitted TV was here to stay, said he was learning to live with it. He perdicted the day was coming when big groups of churches would chip in and hire one minister to preach on TV fer all of them. He figgered it would save money and the savings would be used to put ping-pong tables in the Sunday School department.

But the bad news, allowed the Parson, was his doctor telling him he was gitting ulcers. The doctor ordered him to take it easy and let the church members do more work. The Parson said all his members was working now, 40 was working fer him and 200 was working agin him, but they was all working.

He said him and Rufe Zinder got out the records fer the last 5 years to see how the work load was running and the records wasn't good. They showed that 10 per cent was pushing the wagon and 90 per cent was just riding. It was that 90 per cent, he allowed, that was giving him ulcers. He said Rufe told him he didn't have no ulcers hisself but he was gitting tired blood, and after looking at them records, he figgered he was just pooped from pushing.

The Parson said him and Rufe decided to make a little survey to find out what that 90 per cent of unemployed church workers was doing. They found 40 per cent was pouting over sumpun that had took place at the church. These members couldn't recollect what it was, but they claimed they was so upset they couldn't git over it.

Another 8 per cent was setting at home keeping score on how many times the Parson had come to visit. One woman, he reported, was keeping score on a blackboard in the kitchen. About 22 per cent was figgering out how to git rid of the preacher. The Parson told the fellers they didn't have nothing special agin him, but gitting rid of a preacher was just one of their aims in life. He said ever church had some of them kind of members. The other 20 per cent, he reported, was just wearing the varnish off the pews. He allowed as how this was hard on the pews.

To sum up the survey, he told the fellers, his ulcers was here to stay.

Yours truly,

Uncle Josh

"The Farmers' Advance"
Camden, Mich.

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Holy Spirit upon Christ, so God is giving unto us His Seal to confirm unto us and unto the world the confession of our lips that we have believed on the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is a separate experience to Salvation, never preceding Salvation, always following. Eph. 1:13, "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, in whom also **AFTER THAT YE BELIEVED . . .** (Salvation was first), **ye were . . . SEALED with the Holy Spirit of promise.**"

2 Cor. 1:22, 23, "He who stablisheth us, or confirms us as well as you in Christ, we are one in Christ, Christ has joined us unto Himself, we are His and God has anointed us. Who hath **ALSO . . .** (Something more, something extra, besides salvation), **SEALED** us and given us the **EARNEST OF THE SPIRIT IN OUR HEARTS.**"

When men and women, boys and girls have received this seal, there is no need to doubt their salvation, for God has anointed, and the Glory of God **KNOWS THEM THAT ARE HIS.**

2 Cor. 5:5 Paul speaking about our earthly tabernacle being dissolved, says we have a building of

God, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens and we are longing for the glorious day when we shall be clothed upon with immortality. The God that hath prepared all these things for us as believers, has also given unto us the earnest of the Spirit as a guarantee or pledge. For Paul says, "**Therefore we are confident, knowing that whilst we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord.**" Paul rejoicing because God had filled him with His Spirit, placed His seal upon him, and Paul was not doubting salvation nor the work of God, but with Joy looking forward to the great day when He would be clothed with immortality.

Eph. 1:14. Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the Praise of His Glory.

The experience of being sealed, or baptized with the Holy Spirit ought to be the "earnest of our inheritance." We ought not to stop at salvation, but to go on and enjoy the blessing of God in a greater measure, getting a foretaste of our inheritance in Christ.

Christian friend if you are doubting your salvation, why not let God give you His seal of Ownership, and authority or power, as you let God fill you with the Holy Ghost, this experience is for as many as the

Lord our God shall call. Let it be your guarantee from God that you are His. It will lead you to deeper depths than you have ever known before, it will lead you to higher heights in Christian experience. — Along with this seal will come a Power that you never knew before, and like the Apostles when you pray in the Name of Jesus Christ, you will see the sick healed, your whole life will be set aflame with the fire of God as you allow God to work in and through you. You will then see what they saw at Pentecost and all through the Book of the Acts, when educated men took knowledge of uneducated men that were filled with the Spirit of God and had God's seal of approval upon their lives. These were days when hundreds and thousands were won to Christ, the sick received healing, demon possessed were set free, the dead were raised to life, and believers were filled with the Holy Ghost which was the seal of God upon them. This same seal came upon those of Cornelius' household, and Peter along with the other disciples knew that God was calling out a people for His Name's sake from among the Gentiles. They were not convinced by their confession only, but when God placed His seal upon them, Peter said, "What was I, that I could withstand God?" Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?

The Pentecostal Movement in North America—No. 6

The Church of God in Christ

By Noel McNeill

THE HISTORY of the Church of God in Christ begins with the personal ministry of its founder . . . C. H. Mason, a Negro. This group is the largest Negro Pentecostal Body in the U.S.A. with 380-428 members in 3,800 churches.

Mason was born and raised in Tennessee by former slaves who belonged to the Missionary Baptist Church. As he grew up he was influenced by his godly mother and in 1893 was licensed to preach. After a short period of study he, with C. P. Jones, became associated with the Holiness Movement. He led a revival in 1895 which resulted in the formation of the Church of God. In 1897 to prevent confusion the

name was changed to its present form and is based on 1 Thessalonians 2:14.

In 1906 he travelled to Azusa Street in Los Angeles that centre of pentecostal faith and experience. He returned to Memphis to find that the revival had broken out there during his absence. Very shortly he was leader of the Full Gospel wing of the group. In 1907 he had to withdraw and formed a pentecostal group called "The Church of God in Christ." No information is available about the non-pentecostal group.

The present government follow the Episcopal pattern (i.e. it has a centralized system using the offices

of bishops) even to the extent of assigning pastors to their charge. Annual state and General Conventions are held to handle necessary business.

The Church of God in Christ has never emphasized the necessity of education. This is evident in that it supports only one junior college at Lexington, Mississippi and is only now studying the establishment of a ministerial training school. It is also evident in the fact that it is one of the few Pentecostal groups whose Sunday School enrollment is smaller than its church membership.

A women's organization has been operating since 1911. Its officers are designated "mother". The Young People's Willing Workers are headed by a national president who is also a bishop.

A missionary band was formally organized in 1926. Today the church is served by a Home and Foreign

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DISTRICT MEETING AT SASKATOON

A MEETING OF LADIES' Missionary Groups in the Centre West, North West Saskatchewan District was held in the lower auditorium of the Saskatoon Apostolic Church on Friday, September 20, with Sister Evelyn Spicer presiding. Notices of this meeting had been sent by the Acting Presbyter, Bro. Assman, to pastors in Belbutte, — Brock, Davidson, Eston, Frenchman Butte, Kerrobert, North Battleford and Saskatoon.

Sister Spicer called on Sister G. S. McLean, Eston, to lead in prayer for God's guidance in the meeting. Sister Ella Olsen was elected Recording Secretary.

Sister Spicer explained that the main item of business was to decide whether the groups wished to organize a District A.L.M.F. for increased fellowship and better co-ordination of efforts. After questions and discussion, it was voted unanimously to form a District Ladies' Missionary Fellowship; also to co-operate as a district with the Central Supply. The individual groups will now inform their District President regarding their willingness to participate in the Plan.

Sister Elaine Howe, Eston, was elected District President, and Sister F. Assman, Saskatoon, Secretary - Treasurer, both for one year.

It was decided to hold the District A.L.M.F. meetings concurrently with the District Conferences.

The District Presbyter is to be requested to inform the District A. L.M.F. President of needs among the workers that the Ladies' Groups could supply.

The delegates were not in favor of setting up a district cupboard at this time. Rather, layettes and other supplies would be placed in the local cupboard, ready to send when the District President allots the items requested by Sister Elsie White. Sister Howe suggested that in cases where too many items are received by a worker, the surplus be returned to the donor.

It was suggested that the District President be invited to visit the groups in her district; her travelling expenses being met by the

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group requesting her presence.

Sister Hazel Brisco, President of the South-West Sask. District A.L. M.F. was a visitor at the meeting. She suggested that groups which do not meet during July and August inform the district president of this fact, to assist her allot needs which arise in the summer.

The meeting concluded with a few words of exhortation and inspiration by Sister Spicer, on maintaining our sweet unity in Christ. Sister Fairhurst moved adjournment, and Sister L. Wilson led in closing prayer.

A delicious supper was served to the ministers and women delegates by the Saskatoon Ladies.

Yorkton - Springside Group

"I would like to give you a brief report on our Yorkton-Springside Group," wrote Sister Marlene Anderson.

"We had our annual meeting May 27 with our pastor, Brother Arneson, in attendance for election of officers. They are as follows:

President, Sister Flo Arneson; Vice-President, Sister Alice Pretzlou; Secretary-Treasurer, Sister Marlene Anderson.

"We decided our work for the year at our August meeting. Eight food parcels will be sent to foreign missionaries, and four gifts of money to home missionaries. Those to receive our help, one each month, are: Lungrens,

Wallaces, I. Gilletts, Worths, Sister K. S. Anderson, Sister Kershaw, Sister V. Hunter, Sister M. McDermid, Hoopers, Martins, Liknes' and Strazas.

"We plan to make one standard layette, and also some quilts. Sunday School papers have been sent to Blands and Curries and stamps, coupons and Christmas cards are collected.

"Once a month we meet in different homes, and trust that as we work together for the Lord, the needs of our missionaries will be met."

Nipawin - Bykota Group

SISTER EDYTHE THOMPSON describes the work of the Nipawin Bykota Mission Group from January till the end of June:

"In our January business meeting, Sister Neilson was re-elected as President, Sister Alma Bonville as Vice-President, and Sister Edythe Thompson as Secretary-Treasurer. We are 13 members in all.

"We are working on a wool quilt, tea towels, lunch cloths, pillow cases and dresser scarves for the Central Supply. I must mention here that we are very much in favor of the Central Supply Plan.

"Every member brings an article to each meeting for our parcel for Brother and Sister Martin at The Pas. Sometimes we hold it to send with someone at Rally or Camp time, making the parcels fewer, but larger.

"Twenty-six bundles of Sunday School literature continue to be sent out each month. Homes and the Bethel Haven Sr. Citizens' Home are visited, as well as the Nipawin Union Hospital. Truly, visitation is a wonderful work. Personally, I enjoy it very much and feel blessed doing it."



* Sister Audrey Powers, W. Africa requests: 1. Pray for our Christian young people and children, all who come from heathen, idol-worshipping homes, that they will grow in the Lord and be a testimony. 2. Pray especially for those helping in the Sunday School and interpreting in all the meetings. 3. Pray for our future plans to open a work in a neighboring tribe, after the Johnsons return

in October. 4. Pray for the health and safety of your missionaries.

* Pray for the Lord to strengthen Sister Mitchell in Africa.

* The Nemeths in India ask us to please pray:

(a) For all the young men studying at the Bible School that they will be used in His service, (b) For new areas we are endeavoring to penetrate with the Gospel, to establish new churches. (c) For the many that have heard the Gospel for some time and have not as yet accepted Christ, because they fear persecution from their own people. (d) For the young workers who are being thrust out into new areas to evangelize them. (e) For the spiritual needs of the native Christians. (f) For the crisis this country is facing, that freedom will remain so that the Gospel will go forth unhindered.

* Pray daily for the staff and students at Bible School.



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Missing Missionaries Reportedly Seen

Saigon, Viet Nam (MNS)—Sources which have generally been reliable have reported that the three missionaries who were abducted by the Communists from the Christian and Missionary Alliance Leprosarium at Banmethuot more than a year ago are alive and well, though still held by their captors.

Dr. Ardel Vietti, the Rev. Archie Mitchell and Dan Gerber were captured by the Viet Cong guerrilla forces on May 30, 1962.

Evangelistic Meetings In Brazil

Los Angeles, Calif. (MNS)—More than 2,000 public decisions for Christ were registered in an eleven-day evangelistic crusade in Brazil, it was reported here by Dr. B. H. Pearson, president of World Gospel Crusades. Evangelist for the crusade was Dr. Torrey Johnson, and the featured soloist was Negro singer Jimmie McDonald.

For eight days every church in Ribeirao Preto, in the State of Sao Paulo, united for the crusade which was held nightly in a large basketball stadium. School meetings, park services, street meetings and plantation meetings were held during the day, reaching additional hearers. The vice-mayor of the city was among those making a public decision.

African President Calls for Bible in Schools

Monrovia, Liberia (MNS)—In a speech to the nation, President William V. S. Tubman expressed alarm over the increase in delinquency here. He voiced the belief that the increase is attributable to two things: the removal from the school of the Bible and corporal punishment, and he recommended that both be restored.

Miss Emma Wisser, missionary of the Worldwide Evangelization Crusade, reports that there are wide-open doors for Bible teaching in the schools. For several years she has been holding Bible classes in the private schools of Lower Buchanan.

More recently permission has been secured from the Under-Secretary of Education to hold Bible Clubs in each school here in the capital. Missionaries are thrilled with the possibilities of this ministry among the youth of Liberia.

Widow Of Pilot Continues Follow-up

Guatemala City (MNS)—Mrs. Phyllis Roberston, widow of missionary pilot Joel Robertson, is continuing to serve here following the death of her husband in a plane crash last June. Mrs. Roberston and her four children (the youngest born August 2) make their home here, where she handles the more than 700 correspondence courses which were begun as the result of the Gospels of John dropped by Mr. Robertson from his plane during the months preceding his death. Each Gospel offered a correspondence course to those who would write in.

New Report On Russian Listeners

Quito, Ecuador (MNS)—“In the homes of believers who have radios, many gather to listen and to pray,” a Russian listener wrote recently to Radio Station HCJB here. The letter was mailed from Brazil by a Christian who lived in Russia from 1954 until February of this year.

“It is impossible to describe what we have seen and heard,” said the writer. “People live in poverty and suffer hunger and cold. Our brothers in Christ suffer greatly. They are sentenced to exile in Siberia or to prison. They are discriminated against in getting jobs. Children of believers are not admitted to institutions of higher learning. Church buildings are taken away and turned into storehouses, libraries, and even into chicken coops. But the true believers are standing firm in the faith.”

“You often ask listeners to write,” he continued, “but that is hard to do. When a believer writes to a foreign country, he puts himself under suspicion . . . In Russia there are no Bibles for sale. They are very difficult to find, and when one is available the brethren are willing to pay a whole month's wages for it.”

Berlin Wall Makes Christian Work More Difficult In East

East Berlin, Germany (MNS)—The erection of the Berlin Wall by the Communists in 1961 put an end to the close contacts which had been enjoyed by the Baptists of the two sectors. As a result the Baptist churches in East Germany have formed a separate Baptist Union which holds meetings, conferences and conventions.

The Wall also cut off the opportunity for the East Germans to attend the Baptist Seminary at Hamburg, so the Baptist Union of East Germany has started its own theological seminary, which now has 17 students.

The churches in East Germany are also reported to be handicapped by the lack of printed materials. It is very difficult to buy or construct new buildings. Advertising is not allowed, no meetings may be conducted in the street, and no religious tracts may be distributed.

New Opportunities In The Congo

Middleboro, Mass. (MNS)—“The Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society's field in the Congo, apparently closed in the wake of riots, anarchy and civil war in 1961, is again calling for prayer—this time for recruits to take advantage of the amazing scope of opportunities which believing prayer has produced,” says the **Conservative Baptist Witness** (August-September, 1963).

Among the opportunities referred to are: radio programs on government stations, expansion of a newly-purchased printing press for tracts and other literature, expansion of the teacher training program, and medical work.



Religious Leaders In Jerusalem Deny Missionary Activities Are Unfair

Jerusalem (MNS) — In a joint letter to Premier Levy Eshkol, representatives of the Protestant, Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox faiths here rejected press charges of unfair missionary activities. The letter, sent after a recent mass rally in Tel Aviv sponsored by the Anti-Missionary League, said the press allegations were "ignorant or malicious." During the rally a number of rabbis had complained of alleged unfair proselytizing by Christian groups.

The letter denied any attempts to exploit the economic or social difficulties of individuals in order to win converts from Judaism. The charge that Christian schools and hospitals in Israel are a "camouflage for proselytism" was also denied.

"Our aims," the churchmen stated, "are (1) to help members of our communities to be better Christians and better citizens and (2) to give witness for Jesus as the source of trust and life for all men by our service, neighborliness and sincere participation in all walks of life. We are ready to answer questions and accept converts moved by genuine religious motives; but only after a lengthy waiting period, during which they have to show, among other things, a readiness to undergo the difficulties which face every minority."

New 'Law' Attempts To Intimidate Evangelicals In Cuba

Havana, Cuba (MNS) — In April Dr. Felipe Carneado, director of the Office of Religious Affairs, called some evangelical leaders to his office and told them of a forthcoming law which would "regulate the activities of the church."

Dr. Carneado informed them later that the new law would not be published at present, but instead the Cuban government would use the laws which prevailed when Cuba was a Spanish colony. (These laws which existed before the proclamation of Independence in Cuba restricted the activities of evangelicals in favor of the Roman Catholic Church. The laws are dead, but the Communists are reviving them with the view of giving a certain air of legality to their plan of strangulation.)

Meanwhile, Dr. Carneado has continued to talk about the "new law" and is seeking to bring the churches into line. In Matanzas as government officials called evangelical pastors together and spent four hours explaining the provisions of the "law." In other areas officials have been visiting the homes of pastors to explain the new restrictions. In all cases they refuse to give anything in writing, and no official notice on such a law has ever been published.

Here is a summary of the government's demands, as expressed by the officials who have explained them to pastors: (1) To be permitted to hold services churches must be registered with the department of religious matters of the government; (2) In order to preach, pastors must be registered with the government and carry identification cards (others will not be allowed to preach); (3) All religious services outside the church are to be prohibited; (4) Religious promotion (literature distribution, door-to-door visitation, colportage work, etc.) will be prohibited; (5) Use of the Bible for personal work is prohibited, except with members of the church; (6) Individuals under 18 years of age will not be permitted to join the church; (7) Churches will be required to provide the government with a complete list of members and complete personal data about them; (8) The church must periodically furnish information as to new members, (drop-outs), professions of faith, etc.; and (9) Pastors will be allowed to visit only the persons included on the list.

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Pastoral Letter Stirs Opposition To Protestant School In Ecuador

Quito, Ecuador (MNS) — It appears that the ecumenical atmosphere of the Roman Catholic Church has not yet pervaded all areas, for on May 19 the Archbishop of Cuenca sent out a pastoral letter attacking the Bilingual School operated by the World Mission Prayer League (Lutheran) in that city.

The Archbishop concluded his exhortation with this statement: "Based on so many such reasons, and convinced that there is no worse scourge for a Catholic society than the infiltration of heresy, We, with the authority that the Lord has given us, exhort and ask the parents that they guard against sending their children to schools directed by heretics. If you do so, consider yourself excommunicated by the very acts, and consider yourselves outside the community of the faithful, until you do penance for your transgression."

African Countries Seen As Open Door For Missions

Brooklyn, N.Y. (MNS) — A missionary of the Africa Inland Mission sees as erroneous the belief that with the coming of independence to so many African countries the door of missionary opportunity is closing.

"We used to hear it said that missionaries have ten more, or five more years in Africa," he said. "We do not hear that now. In the excitement of political propaganda some rash statements are made, but the door of opportunity was never more widely open. There is an urgent present need for missionaries to work in close cooperation with the African Church. That applies to missionaries of almost any trade, calling or vocation. Along very few lines have the opportunities diminished."

Cuban Fugitives Were Presbyterians

Miami, Fla. (MNS) — The 29 Cubans who fled the island, then became marooned on a British islet when the motor of their launch failed, were Presbyterians, it was learned here. — While stranded they were discovered by Cuban militiamen, who fired at them and then came ashore to take them prisoners. Ten of the group managed to escape and were brought here later.

Julio Fernandez, one of the ten, declared upon arrival here, "Our only armament was the Bible."

The fugitives had left from the Cuban coast of Matanzas for an undisclosed destination when their engine failed and they were forced to take refuge on the uninhabited islet where the militiamen found them.

Among those recaptured, said Mr. Fernandez, was the Rev. Alonzo Zambrana, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Matanzas.

More Missionaries Welcome, Says Congolesse Leader

Nashville, Tenn. (MNS) — A spokesman for the Congo government said here that more Christian missionaries would be welcome in his country. "I was asked to bring a request for more missionaries," Jean-David Mukeba, press secretary to Congo's President Joseph Kasavubu, told the Board of World Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern).

Mr. Mukeba is in the U.S. on a State Department leader's grant. A Presbyterian, he came to Nashville to see Dr. John Morrison, a retired missionary to the Congo who headed the school he attended as a boy.

At a press conference, Mr. Mukeba was asked about the number of Christians holding high government offices in the Congo. "There are only a few of us," he said, "but even those who are not Christians are influenced, I think, by Christianity. Christians are trusted because it is recognized that they are not seeking their own interests, but rather to serve their country."



By F. Assman

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

STRATEGY

AFTER ONE CENTURY of missionary work in most foreign countries of the world the question may be asked, "Why are there so few Christians to be found?" Can it be on account of the lack of strategy?

We read in the Bible that the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds. This makes us to know that we are engaged in a battle. The Lord is the captain of our army and one thing we can be assured of is that He will never fail us, nor shall we ever go down in defeat when we follow Him. **"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places"** (Eph. 6:12).

More than one hundred years ago, William Carey took the gospel to India. Less than 2% of the huge population of four hundred million are known to be Christians. Look to Japan or South America, likewise Africa and the picture is very little different.

The world population is increasing at such a rate that officials in nations are beginning to fear that we are on the brink of a world dilemma.

A quarter of a century has passed when it seemed nothing could impede the hateful, devilish inspired greed of Hitler to slaughter millions of men, women and children. "We must make more living room for our people." Little did it matter how many other lives were killed, or where other people should go, but room must be made for Hitler and his people at the cost of shed blood flowing like a river. Are we to once more face such a tragic dilemma or perhaps even worse, as

we think of some aggressor nation moving forward as did Hitler with such modern war machinery as we have to-day. Even though there are many peace conferences being held, and much talk is made toward disarmament we can still easily find ourselves engulfed in a conflict such as this world has never known before. Little wonder that there are millions of dollars spent in search of outer space toward hope of reaching other planets as another world to live in.

The Lord many years ago has taken care of the problem of any over population. In Jesus lies the answer of all wisdom and knowledge. Through the sacrificial death of Christ on the cross provision has been made for people to be saved and to escape the pollutions of this world. It appears evident in the Scriptures that God has worked on scheduled time through the centuries. This systematic pattern of time known as dispensations have all ended in judgment. We are now in the dispensation of the church age which too shall end in judgment, but not before the Lord takes the people of God from out of this world. For God has not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, (1 Thessalonians 5:9).

Because of the millions still in their sins and in the shadow of death, it is the responsibility of the church to rise to the challenge to evangelize the world. Now there can be strategy used for such a major operation. First, it is important that every able bodied person be enlisted into the service of the Lord of one description or another. The Lord provides for us the weapons of our warfare as enumerated in Ephesians chapter six. The strategy is to thrust out witnesses with the gospel to every part of the world. As soon as each

witness has established a unit from there other witnesses should emanate to carry the gospel elsewhere. Jesus commissioned the church to go and preach the gospel to every creature with the promise, **"Lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world."** So Jesus as the captain of our salvation leads on to victory.

To spread the gospel requires faithfulness on the part of every believer. If some folk carried on their businesses or farm work in as spasmodic, slipshod manner as they do in supporting the missionary work, they soon would be bankrupt. Often the work of missions suffers because there is lack of vision and unfaithfulness in support. If your employer paid you just when he felt like it, how long would you work for him?

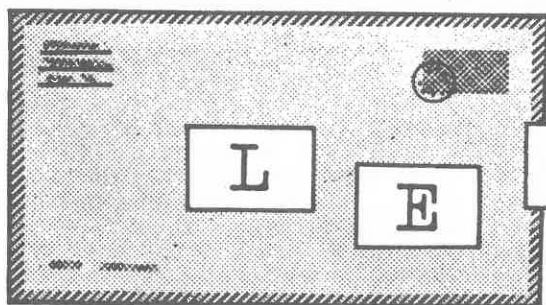
There is a trend toward assuming a commitment to missions and then suddenly switching it to another interest without considering the consequences or burden it thrusts upon someone else. This surely cannot be pleasing to God nor is it a consistent thing to do. Directly or indirectly, our first obligation is to missionaries we sent to the field. Nothing can be worse than for us to fail these missionaries by assuming other obligations of support before we adequately provide for these missionaries first of all.

Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? (1 Cor. 9:7). The missionaries that we committed ourselves to first of all went out because we sent them. How faithful are we now to God and them in providing them with support both with our finance and prayers? If a nation at warfare suddenly diverted its interest and support from its own army to which it is first committed they would soon go down in strength and suffer utter defeat. This same thing can happen to some of the missionaries when we fail to stand with them.

To-day living costs are away out of line and what is more, prices of commodities continue to rise. The cost of fares to and from the mission field are very exorbitant. In the face of these factors, we must come to the challenge that we will not let down our conquest for souls and be earnest and sincere in support to the missionaries we are committed to. We must not dim the vision

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from the field

Back On The Field

DEAR FRIENDS in Canada: After a wonderful "send-off" by our Moderator, Brother Batke and the congregation of Zion church in Vancouver, we were air-borne in minutes. The captain's voice on the inter-com stated that we would be flying at an altitude of 35,000 feet and would be arriving over Honolulu in just five hours. Arriving over the island of Oahu we marvelled at the beauty of the lights; shining brightly it seemed to give us a Hawaiian welcome. We were met at the airport by Brother and Sister Clark and Sister Marvin Hensley. We did enjoy the warm hospitality extended to us by these dear folk. We held special services with Brother Clark during the time we were in Hawaii. Time went so quickly and we found ourselves aboard a plane for Japan. Just seven hours later we were preparing to land in Tokyo. Brother Bettschen and Brother Tom Harland were on hand to meet us and how good it was to see them again. Immediately after our freight was passed by the Customs officials we proceeded to Nagoya. The orphanage staff and some of the children were on the platform to greet us and it made our hearts glad to see them all again.

Since arriving back in the Nagoya area we have located a house to rent for two months only. Houses are extremely hard to get and prices run over \$100.00 a month. Because of this we have prayed and have felt a leading of the Lord and are considering to purchase land and build a permanent dwelling.

The children are all in school and happy to be at home again. We must say "SAYONARA" (Goodbye) for now. Many thanks for your prayers and faithful support.

— Brother D. G. Wallace.

India Bible School

WE WANT to acknowledge with deepest thanks the funds that the Lord's people in the homeland have made possible for the purchase of property and for the building of the permanent buildings for the Indian Bible School. Also for the material help to make this year's Bible School possible.

After many weeks of hunting for accommodation we were able to locate sufficient quarters to house only a small group of students. — Needless to say, our efforts have not been in vain. The entire student body is hungry for the Word of God. A number of them are eager to become full gospel workers. We are happy to report that the blessing and anointing of the Spirit of God is upon the Word as it goes forth. The students are keen to learn and are earnest about studying their lessons.

We are doing our maximum to fulfill the words of Jesus when He said, "Feed my sheep—feed my lambs." Jesus said, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest." It is only prayer that will give these students a willingness to go forth, to teach and preach the gospel to their own people. We must pray that God will thrust them forth. We must be specific in our praying.

Times are urgent, needs are great, opportunities are so numerous. Therefore, we must be earnest about sending forth the glorious gospel to the countless numbers still in darkness.

Ella and I were responsible for the teaching of the first part of school. Therefore, we are sending the first report of Bible School. The other missionaries will be reporting as they participate in teaching and promotion of this year's Bible School.

May the blessing of the Lord continue to abide upon each one of His dear children.

— The Nemeth's.

Greatly Encouraged

IT WAS a great joy to have all the missionaries (with the exception of Sister Bland and the Bland children who unfortunately were unable to be present with us for our Tenth Annual Missionary Conference in Central Africa.

We had a total of fifteen adult missionaries and six missionary children at our Conference. Though this was our largest Missionary Conference to date, yet room was found for all in our home which seemed to be bursting with blessing in more than one sense during Conference time.

The keenness with which we anticipated the gathering was proved fully justified by the inspiring, encouraging and uplifting time experienced during the services, sessions and soul-searchings of Conference.

Our time was divided between periods of devotion and exhortation, business sessions and evangelistic services. As we were drawn closer to the Lord, we were also brought closer than ever before to one another in His glorious service.

In the afternoon many of us went to a country point about forty miles from Bulawayo. A comparatively new building has been built there of sun-dried Kimberley bricks. The place was filled with men, women, boys and girls who were eager to participate in the spiritual feast. School choirs from two of our Mission Schools were in attendance. — This was an African service, but some of our Colored and Indian people came along and gave their testimonies. At the close of the service weeping penitents bore witness to the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to-day.

At our final Sunday afternoon service in the Colored and Indian community, Holy Ghost conviction was much in evidence and two of the young people were gloriously baptized with the Spirit, one singing in the Spirit in other tongues and the other travailling in prayer in an unknown tongue.

Christ made time of so little moment that it almost seemed to have stood still.

Our people were greatly encouraged by the weight of the blessings associated with our Annual Conference held this year in Bulawayo District.

Please continue to remember us in prayer.

—Albert and Verna Roberts.

Camp Time

THE ANNUAL Japanese Christian camp was a great blessing to all who attended. In Japan each year at the same time there is the obon yasumi which is usually a three day holiday when Japanese believe that the spirits of the dead return and many thousands gather in different places to put on a festival for them. Our Christian camp is a time when we gather to worship the ever present living God.

Our gathering was not as large as last year, but certainly the presence of the Lord was very real. There were wonderful testimonies, prayer times and seeking for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. People came with many needs and these needs were met. There is always great things accomplished at camp. From very early in the morning until late at night there is prayer and searching the Word. One of the outstanding parts of camp is early in the morning when many go to the nearby mountain with Bible and Hymnal. As they gather in a group and sing their voices carry down over the valley in clear morning air like an echo. They will sing, "We have heard the joyful sound, Jesus saves", and your heart would rejoice to hear it. Prayer and praise is given and this too will echo out over the huge valley. One evening of camp is given over to testimonies and choruses around a large fire outside. This too is a spiritual blessing. Memory verses from the Bible are given and truly it touches the very innermost recess of every heart. When it comes time to break up camp there is a

hesitance to want to leave the hal-
lowed spot, but also a realization
that there is a greater work to be
done for which hearts have been
prepared during camp time. There
is the battle front in which we must
go forward and the harvest fields
that are white to labour in. Prayer
every day goes before the throne
of grace for more consecrated Holy
Spirit filled Christians in this land.
Lord, Lord, give us souls, is the per-
sistent cry which tears at our hearts
and causes the tears to flow down
the cheek unbidden. It is a burden
which seems to possess our lives.
It is a responsibility that so few
seem to be earnestly bearing, but
how we thank God for these few.
Pray with us for the work in Japan.

—The Bettschen's.

Open Air Meetings Bring Good Results

IT IS TIME once again to have a
visit with you through the pages
of the End Times' Messenger. I
wish to thank all those who have
held me up in prayer in a special
way during the past months. Day
by day we have been conscious that
the people have been praying. A
measure of relief has come but I
would appreciate the continued
prayers of God's people for a com-
plete work in my body.

This is our rainy season here in
India, but in spite of the rains we
have been able to have our open
air meetings. Only on one or two
occasions were the meetings called
off because of the rain. A couple
of weeks ago in the open air meet-
ing the Lord moved in a marked
way. Both Elizabeth and Thomas
ministered with a mighty anoint-
ing. The people seemed drawn to
the place and listened with rapt
attention as the Word of God was
ministered to them. How we do
praise the Lord for these special
times when the people are drawn
by the power of the Spirit. We
were sure that someone was praying
for us at that moment. After the
street meeting we went immedi-
ately to the rented building in the
town and had our meeting there.
One of the men who had listened
at the street meeting, a Roman cath-
olic man, came to the service. He
told us that he listened whenever
he had an opportunity. But he is
not yet willing to say yes to the
Lord. Pray that he shall be saved.

This last Sunday I had a real

opportunity. The English professor
of a girls' school near Alwaye in-
vited me to go and speak to the
Sunday School with my flannel-
graph pictures. There were at least
two hundred girls there. Most of
them come from nominal Christian
homes, but know nothing of the way
of salvation. So it was a privilege
to bring them the Word of God in
this way. The open air meeting in
the evening was a real blessing also
and then two men came into the
building to listen to the Word of
God. One of the men stayed after
and gave his heart to the Lord. He
had been to our meetings on one or
two other occasions, but had not
had the courage to yield to the Lord
before. He was in great distress
and said that he had been a Hindu
and had joined Christianity, but
still had no peace. No doubt he
had joined one of the formal
churches which abound in this part
of the world. Do pray for this man
that he will go on with the Lord
in a real way.

Once again let us thank you for
all your prayers which make it pos-
sible for us to work in this land for
the Lord. We know that without
your prayers many times we would
be tempted to give in. Often when
we have been discouraged we have
been conscious of a sudden lifting
of our spirit and we know that some-
one has prayed.

(Written by Sister Ashley)

—Irene Ashley and
Elizabeth Steeves.

Meet the People of Gomo

By Mrs. C. S. Currie

"SOMETHING MUST have caught
under the car this time," I said.
We braked to a stop at the foot of
the hill. Everyone scrambled out
of the car and peered under it. "No,
nothing there, but those rocks sure
gave us a rough time. Something
really hit hard." On starting the
car again the grinding noise indi-
cated something radically wrong.
What to do was a problem. Behind
us lay 28.4 miles of twisted, hilly,
rocky and rough road to the near-
est garage. Ahead—? This was
a good road compared with what
lay ahead. Dips, river crossings,
the escarpment, and on into the
Reserve, where no mechanical help
would be forthcoming. That was
out of the question. A decision had
to be made quickly as the day was
far spent. The heavily loaded car
was parked off the road amongst

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some trees. Aston remained as watchman.

Loud crying and wailing came from a hidden village in the bush. Brother Currie and I got into Shirley Anderson's car as she headed back to Mount Darwin for a wrecker. By now the mourners coming from a funeral in the village emerged from between the trees. In single file they crossed our trail. Sorrow and despair stamped on their dark faces. Truly they are in need of the gospel.

The darkness of night had settled as we pulled in at Mount Darwin at six o'clock. A wrecker was contacted and they assured us that our car would be back by midnight. Fairly comfortable lodgings were procured at a makeshift hotel as we settled in.

The next morning found us back at the garage. The car was almost ready. They informed us that the reverse had jammed the gears, but fortunately no other great damage was done. Our purse was thirty dollars lighter as we pulled out from the garage and hopefully went on our way.

The summer's rain had really wrought havoc with the roads. They were far worse than on our former visit to this Reserve. At many dips, even after unloading the passengers, we would bump and drag. Repeatedly we had to pry open the exhaust pipe that was pounded shut.

At last we reached our destination. Excited shouts rang out from the group, assembled under the big tree for a meeting. Things had changed since we were here a year ago. Several of the huts had been removed. Another spot on the south side had been cleared for our camp site. The big tree with its spreading branches remained erect. Like a hen gathering her brood beneath her protecting wings, it seemed to call the people to worship neath its outstretched branches.

After the customary exchange of greetings we held an afternoon meeting. God blessed and it was good to again hear their voices raised in praises and prayer. Willing hands helped us to set up camp, erect the tent, and build a fire on which we prepared a simple evening meal.

Brother Currie preached again that night to an attentive audience. The gentle breeze rustled in the

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Rev. E. L. McKee

The Problem Clinic



'Isn't tithing an Old Testament custom? Is it not correct that to preach tithing is to put believers under law, and to fall from grace?'

KEEP IN MIND that God instituted tithing before the Law. Back in Genesis 14 we see Abraham giving to Melchizedek, priest of the most high God, a tenth of the spoils of battle. Then we see Jacob, after his vision at Luz, giving a tenth of all his possessions to God — (Genesis 28:22).

It is true that this practice was carried over and became a part of the Old Testament Law. A tenth of all produce, flocks and cattle was to be set apart for Jehovah (Lev. 27:30). This Israel failed to do, and God's faithful prophet rebuked them, with these stinging words: "will a man rob God?" (Mal. 3).

Christ, the greatest teacher of all time, spoke out on this subject of tithing. In His denouncement of the Pharisees He said, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the Law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and **not to leave the other undone**" (Matt. 23:23).

I fully realize that the mention of the one tenth is not to be found in Paul's instructions to the churches (With the exception of Heb. 7: 2, 6). However, the Apostle did lay down a rule, that should govern our giving, under grace. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, **as God hath prospered him.**" This is proportional giving. The tenth is not specified, and I think the reason is clear, under grace there is no limit to our giving to God. Grace puts no ceiling on our giving. Certainly if there is no ceiling there is a floor to our giving to God. No one will deny that grace is superior to law. Therefore our giving under grace should supersede what was required by law.

Let us conclude with some outstanding testimonies on tithing. Those who honoured God with a tenth of their income. Alexander Kerr, of the Kerr Glass Company was a strong believer in tithing. — Converted under the teaching of D. L. Moody. On June 2, 1902, he discovered the truth of tithing. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows off heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sake." Mal. 3: 10, 11. At this time he was in very drastic financial straits. That same year he organized the Kerr Glass Company. Invested all his capital, covenanted with God to tithe. Then came the San Fransisec earthquake and fire. When Mr. Kerr was told of the fire he replied "I have no fear. God has promised to destroy the devourer, and he will. Yes, and God did. Everything around that factory was wiped out, but the Kerr Glass Factory stood intact, a monument to the faithfulness of God. A testimony to the blessing of tithing.

We can add to this the testimony of R. G. Le Tourneau, the inventor and manufacturer of some of the world's best earth moving equipment. He began by giving God one tenth. His business was blessed until to-day he gives not a tenth, but nine tenths of his profits to the Lord's work. You can multiply this by thousands of testimonies to the blessing of honouring God with the tithe.

If we would see our churches blessed and prospering, preacher, let us preach and practise giving to God. We give to Him with a spoon, He gives it back to us with a shovel. Amen!

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"To Know the Scriptures and the Power of God"

October 14, 1963 . April 5, 1964



Aerial view of Eston, Sask., with F.G.B.I. in foreground

A Message For Young People

A Reminder For All

THE FACULTY of the Full Gospel Bible Institute, Eston, Sask., invite young people to attend Bible School this year. Heed the call of the Lord Jesus Christ Who said: "Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me . . ." To learn of Jesus is to love Him better; to love Him is to serve Him better; and to serve Him better is to find "Joy unspeakable and full of glory." Christ needs you in your business, in your community life and in your church. He needs you in the mission fields, but you **MUST** first **LEARN** of Him

DON'T BUILD YOUR FUTURE AROUND AN UNSURRENDERED LIFE

It is not too late yet. Write to us at once for information you may need.



The Southernaires from left to right: Standing—Dorothy Merrett, Norm Glass, Dave Johnson, Albert King, Cal Dean, Arlene Haase, Don Thompson. Seated—Marilyn Pritchard, Dan Moe, Eileen Jones, Dale Berglund and Myrna Powers.

Meet The Southernaires

THIS month we take pleasure in presenting the "Singing Southernaires." God has blessed their ministry of singing evangelism, and I'm sure those of you who heard them were challenged by their message in song and word. Although the ministry of the Southernaires is seemingly completed, we want you to pray that God will continue to make each of these young people a blessing and may their example and testimony be a challenge to other young people to launch out and dare to be used of God.

We have asked Cal Dean, one of the members of the Southernaires, to give us a resume of the ministry of the Southernaires. Here's what Cal has to say:

"It was at a Bible School function last January that a group of Young people got together under the leadership of Dan Moe to make a Southern-style radio broadcast as part of the evenings entertainment. Although this was done without any thought of future singing, this proved to be a blessing to many and they were asked to sing again and again.

"Throughout the weeks before school ended, invitations came in for us to sing during the summer but the thought of a tour seemed impossible at the time. But the Lord had other plans.

"All but two of the team went on choir tour with Brother Marshall until the first week in June. By this time invitations had come in from several camp meetings and quite a number of churches, so after much prayer and waiting upon God, it was decided to launch out with Venture for Victory Crusades. The speaker of the group

was Dan Moe, a graduate of F.G.B.I. His anointed ministry has certainly been greatly appreciated.

"The tour started in Manitoba where we visited Winnipeg and smaller towns and then on to Trossachs where we also ministered in music children's services. After Trossachs, our next stop was Kedleston Family Camp where we also ministered in music and children's meetings. The following week, we were to be at Crescent Beach Camp near Vancouver, so on the way services were held at Diamond Valley and Withrow, Alta. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way saving souls and confirming His word. After Crescent Beach Camp, a crusade was held at People's Full Gospel Church in North Surrey where the blessing of the Lord was felt as He met many needs. While in Vancouver, the Lord enabled the Southernaires to make a long play record which is now being distributed across the country. The Lord had to work many miracles for this and He did, Praise His name!

"We were privileged to have as our traveling advisor, Brother Burnside, dean of the Bible School. His ministry and help was certainly appreciated.

"Services were then held at Evangelistic Tabernacle in Langley, Zion Apostolic in Vancouver, Immanuel Tabernacle, New Westminster; Full Gospel Church in Burnaby, and Evangelistic Tabernacle in New Westminster. The Lord was present in a wonderful way in all these meetings, manifesting itself in a different way each night. Heading East again, services were held in Kelowna, Kamloops, Golden, Forest Lawn and High River. As I write this article we have just con-

cluded a week of meetings in the Calgary Full Gospel Church. We are about to leave for Saskatchewan for a couple of weeks, meeting in various towns and cities before going back to Bible School. I hear the rest of the gang calling me to get going so I'd better run and let Bob finish this off."

We'd like to thank Cal for making this report available to our A.Y.M. page and as you read it, tour has been completed for about a month now, but I'm sure the memories and blessings linger on. All of the Southernaires with the exception of Dan Moe are back in Bible School.

A.Y.M. NEWS and VIEWS

- * **QUIZ NEWS:** Play-off time has rolled around again. We would ask all our district directors and church young people's leaders to see that district and provincial play-offs are completed as soon as possible. Let's have as many teams active as possible.
- * **TEEN SURVEY:** Have you sent in your teen survey sheet yet? If not do so as soon as possible. Results compiled from this survey will appear in the End Times.
- * **TEEN ESSAY CONTEST:** The rules for this contest have been listed in your AY Ming High bulletin. Get your article in as soon as possible.
- * **DOMINION A.Y.M. TEENERAMA:** Plan to attend the greatest annual teen event of the year. Check the posters for details.



MEET DAN MOE . . .

AT an early age Dan came to know Christ as his saviour and as a teen-ager he was filled with the Holy Spirit and felt the call of God upon his heart. As a high school student Dan was used of God in the work of Y.F.C. as well as directing Teen Time in his local church. On graduation from High School in Vancouver, Dan enrolled at the Full Gospel Bible Inst. Between terms he entered into Evangelistic work where God blessed and anointed his ministry. Dan's work in the Southernaires has truly been blessed of God and now that the group is back in Bible School, he is continuing on in the work of Evangelism. His theme and burden — Revival, has challenged many young people and older ones alike. May we recommend Dan Moe to your church and youth group for special meetings. I know his message will bless and challenge your heart.



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CLIFTON K. MITCHELL



Publicity and Promotion

By D. Irving Gillett

LET US ALWAYS strive to propagate a sanctified publicity and promotion department in our Sunday School

Before we consider Publicity and Promotion, may I remind you that: First, you must get your Sunday School ready to grow. Have a Sunday School worth promoting and talking about. There can be no harvest without planting, no returns without investment, no knowledge without study. No Sunday School is without some kind of public relations, (what the public thinks about you) good or bad. Let's make ours GOOD!

1. Basic Meaning of Promotion

- A. **PUBLICITY** is free attention from the general public.
- B. **ADVERTISING** is paid announcement.
- C. **PROMOTION** is advancement of an organization by means of both publicity and advertising.

2. Check Your Objectives

We want to grow . . . Why?

- A. Evangelize . . . Go . . . Teach . . . Seek . . . Save . . . (John 20:21).
- B. Aim at spiritual growth and development of Christians.
- C. Training for active Service.

3. Your Publicity Program

- A. **WHOM DO YOU WANT TO REACH?**
You have two publics. One Inside the church and the other outside. Every person in the school must be sold on the CHRISTIAN WAY OF ADVERTISING.
- B. **WHOM DO YOU HAVE TO SELL?**
The "inside" public—Your staff and members.
- C. **WHY?** — Because every member of your church is your best contact with the outside world.
- D. **A PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR.**
Preferably one who has had experience in the field of journalism. Enthusiastic, and one who can make friends easily.

4. Your Advertising Program

Vitamin A-dvertise

- A. **NEWSPAPER ADS.**
The general public still read the newspaper. Make your advertising attractive and remember these points.
 - 1. Plan the layout, making it pleasing to the eye.

- 2. Focus attention on the point you want to put across.
- 3. Keep to the subject if possible.
- 4. Balance your layout, don't crowd the space.
- 5. Use pictures of human interest value. Make sure they are of good photography. (8" x 10" best size for engraving).
- 6. Find out the newspaper deadline and MEET IT.
- 7. Don't ever make out an advertisement and take it to the news department and expect it to receive attention. This is dynamite with newspaper men

B. **BILLBOARDS and HIGHWAY SIGNS.**
Try to get a sign painter to do the job. Remember this is good public relations

C. **RADIO AND TV ADVERTISING.**
Broadcasting can be one of the Sunday Schools strongest publicity arms. Use it when at all possible.

- 1. Type of program
 - a. Children's program
 - b. Devotional
 - c. Youth
 - d. Regular Church Service (direct)
- 2. Cost
 - a. Determined by the time of day
 - b. Potential audience
 - c. Station power
- 3. Time of Day (regulates audience)
 - a. Morning and afternoon "B" time (housewives)
 - b. Afternoon after 4:00 P.M. (children)
 - c. Evening (whole family)

D. GADGET ADVERTISING

- 1. Bumper tags 2. Car cards 3. Invitations 4. Tickets 5. Buttons and pins 6. Pencils 7. Put nickels in car parking meters with a card of invitation on window.

E. DIRECT MAIL

- 1. The first thing that is needed is a mailing list. Any new person that comes through your doors goes on your permanent mailing list. You can also obtain names from the following to start your list.
 - a. Sunday School enrollees
 - b. City Directory
 - c. Community wide census
- 2. Types of direct mail
 - a. letters
 - b. post cards
 - c. church bulletin

d. gadget mailings

3. Hints on direct mailing

- a. Personal letters are best
- b. Make sure all addresses are — CORRECT.

It is possible to "oversell" your public so that they will become case hardened to any promotion. Be sure that all your efforts in the promotional line are seasoned with prayer and spiritual wisdom.

NOTES TO YOU

Don't let those stray sheep stray too far. Visit them, promote and publicize your Sunday School or possibly you could conduct a community census in a new district. Now is the time to reach them before the devil takes his toll in their lives. An effective follow-up system when worked will cause your Sunday School to grow.

Your suggestions, reports, and comments are always appreciated. Address all mail to :

The Sunday School Trading Post,
c/o C. K. Mitchell,
1353 Montague Street
REGINA, SASK.

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of new missionaries going to the field, but neither should the missionaries who first went out be thrust from the field due to lack of support. So constantly the obligation of mission support increases.

Are we willing to accept the challenge of spreading the gospel to all peoples of the world in our generation? My plea is that we should all analyse what is our first obligation and then be faithful to God in carrying it out.

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leaves and dried out corn stalks. The flickering lantern swayed to the rhythm of its overhanging support branch. Only the stars kept watch above, the moon would not be on duty for another week or so.

When the altar call was given, they moved forward en masse to pray. We knelt on the ground and prayed with them, and with tears streaming down their faces they called on God.

(To be continued)

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Where to Look

by JOHN L. PERHAM

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■ IN MY reading the other day I came across this quotation: "There are three ways to look. If you want to be wretched, look within, if you wish to be distracted, look around; but if you would have peace, look up."

We have, then, a very important subject, "Where to Look." There are many people today who are looking within to their physical, mental, and spiritual detriment, they are finding no help, but rather disparagement. The one who is in physical ill health and is constantly reviewing their feelings finds little consolation as they easily imagine themselves to be growing worse, rather than better and give way to anxious forebodings as to the future. We find this attitude more frequent among those who do not know the Lord than in those who know Him and cast themselves on Him and rest their future with the Saviour; who obey the injunction, "Casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you," and rely on the assurance, "All things work together for good to them that love God." The presence and power of the risen Christ can do more for one in physical weakness than even remedial restoratives. The unsaved know nothing of this inner force and their looking within only brings wretchedness.

The story is told of a woman who was ill with a nervous difficulty who went to her physician for advice. His abrupt statement was, "Madam, you need to go home and read your Bible." After her first indignation had passed she took his advice and returned a month later to thank the doctor for his prescription and to tell him how much it had benefited her. She had turned from looking within, to the great source of help and had been physically as well as spiritually blessed. Looking within has been the cause of untold misery to oneself and others. And this is closely related to looking around. "Look around if you wish to be distracted."

A distracted state of mind may lead to almost any course of action. Personal life conditions, home problematical situations, the state of human society at large and impending world situations are enough to distract those who have no help outside themselves—no soul anchorage, no covert from the storms of life. The turning to drink, broken homes, mental collapse are witnessed on every hand. People have looked around and become confused by life's problems and seeing no way out have gone on the "rocks" mentally or ended their earthly existence suicidally.

In these two headings of our subject we have considered, I believe, that Jesus Christ with His contribution not only of forgiveness of sin, but His sufficiency to meet all human needs and exigencies is the final answer, more than psychological approaches and the efforts of psychiatrists.

If those in these life situations had been personally acquainted with Him how many of these situations would have been averted, or bridged over.

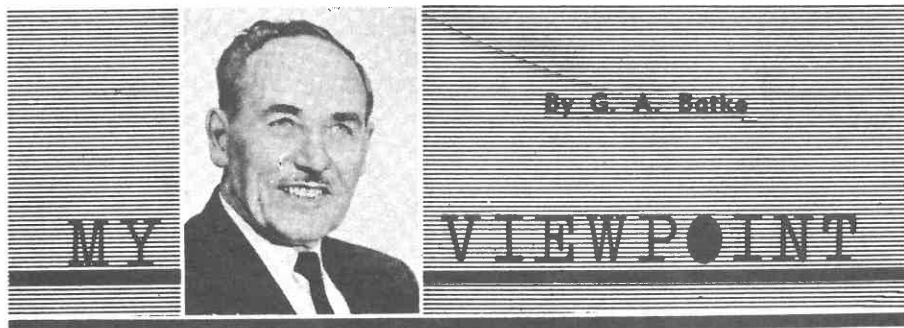
So we come to the last head of our subject: "If you would have peace, look up." Jesus Christ is the remedy for the world's maladies; He alone can give peace for He is the author of it. It will be vain for anyone to expect to find peace in life's distractions until they have come to Him for soul peace. God has promised to answer the prayers of His children, but not the prayers of those who are not, until they offer the initial prayer, "God be merciful to me a sinner." To expect to approach a holy God and gain help and relief in earth's distracting experiences is vain for one who is still in their sinful state. Peace amid earth's turbulences is only for those who have received the peace that comes from the forgiveness of sins.

Then the child of God can say with Paul, "All [things] are yours," and can confidently approach the throne of grace petitioning for all that is according to His will. The first essential look is upward to God, who has said in His Word, "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth." The brazen serpent erected by Moses at the command of God, that the Israelites bitten by the fiery serpents might look to it and live, is a type of the Christ lifted up on the cross, that whosoever looks to Him believingly may have eternal life.

Look away from self, look away from surroundings up to Christ, and looking in faith salvation and blessing will be the outcome. I pity the one who in life's exigencies cannot look up for help and comfort and find relief, because they have never looked up and obtained the peace that passeth understanding that comes to the heart at rest in God. It is not strange that they cannot understand the hidden springs of life that furnish strength, sustenance and endurance when life's extremities must be faced and seemingly unendurable experiences passed through. "Keep up your grit" and "grin and bear it" are the exhortations of the world, but the Christian assurance, "My grace is sufficient for thee," affords the necessary strength to endure.

But there is one more aspect of the upward look to which the Christian is exhorted in Scripture; the looking for the Lord's appearing, "Unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." "Then look up . . . for your redemption draweth nigh." Christian, have you failed to constantly have this upward look? Have you been so engrossed with the things of time and sense that you have failed to watch for your Lord's return? Look up, look up from the things of earth to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith; remember His promise, "I will come again, and receive you unto myself." Keep in mind the statement of the apostle, "Every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself." Seek the constant cleansing of the Holy Spirit and His infilling for service that you may worthily "occupy" until the Lord comes and render service that shall bring you a great reward.

The upward look; yes, that is what is needed in these days prefacing the Lord's return. May we all constantly have it that we may be unashamed at His coming, but with joy hail His return and the glory of being in His immediate presence eternally.



WHAT IS FREEDOM?

Twice in our lifetime we have seen
world-armies fight for freedom
Twice the aggressor has been beaten in-
to submission.
Twice have we granted asylum to lead-
ers of "FREE NATIONS."
One of these leaders of a FREE NATION
is proving to be a problem.

THIS IS NOT a political harangue. By comparing man's actions with Bible standards we must seek an analysis to things and conditions with which we cope every day. — Twice the Free World has joined forces to defend freedom. To-day the only deterrent to another world war is the danger of total annihilation. Then why have these multiplied millions died in vain in their effort to secure freedom for themselves and their children? I think a simple answer is — **misuse of freedom.**

Nations who tore from their necks the yoke of tyranny were immediately saddled with great weights of responsibility. Freedom always carries with it — responsibility. This is a law of nature. This is also a moral and spiritual law. No man, no matter how free, is free to violate the rights of others. Freedom

however, in its highest and purest essence, will gladly regard given laws and precepts and militantly and consistently abide by them.

Take for instance the nations of the world. The so-called FREE WORLD has tried to effect a recovery from the last war. They subscribed to heavy-foreign aid commitments. They sat patiently in international forums seeking to maintain some semblance of peace and peace - agreements under extremely difficult conditions. At the same time, they were forced to budget themselves to a staggering arms-race.

The Russian Bear, one of the "Allied" victors, had his own way of interpreting peace. He did not want war. He pursued his Marxist theories for world domination diligently and pled for peace while he was doing it. When finally the U.S.A., Britain and the U.S.S.R. signed the Test-Ban Treaty, the world breathed easier hoping this would be the beginning of a semblance of peace. General De Gaulle interpreted this in his own way as a sell-out to the Russians and says, "NO".

The world has not yet decided

who is right and who is wrong. One thing is certain — the nations of the world are feverishly working to maintain and execute that which is right in their own eyes. But is this freedom? Former colony nations have been "liberated" only to find themselves embroiled in civil wars and international chicanery.

TRUE FREEDOM COMES FROM THE HEART - FROM GOD!! A THOUSAND TIMES IT HAS BEEN PROVEN THAT THE HUMAN IS UNABLE TO FIND TRUE FREEDOM APART FROM CHRIST. No scientist has yet been able to interpret the laws of nature (GOD); nor has the politician nor the professor of international law. In simple language Jesus said "WHOM THE SON SETS FREE IS FREE IN-DEED." Here is a freedom of the human spirit — a release from the dangers of moral and spiritual and physical failure. Here is a meeting-place of the errant sinner with the SEEKING SAVIOUR. And with this release — this freedom, a real responsibility is imparted to the blessed recipient of freedom. Now, the soul can expand in a true release — in a liberty like that of the soaring eagle. Known, now, are the laws which govern the facts and the affairs of life. Known now is the real acceptance in Christ — known too, are the places of danger — the work and responsibilities of a Christ-filled life. The "LAW OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS" is as real as the traffic laws in your city, or the highways.

No other Book in the world can equal the Bible. It should be read by all peoples. What a shame its reading is being more and more restricted in the USA and in Canada. Herein alone can be found real FREEDOM.

HE sat beside the dusty highway... a man called Bartimaeus. Blind... helpless... he was reduced to the indignity of begging.

Each day he squatted there, distained by the travelers and unprotected from the sun and wind and sleet. Scorched... buffeted... chilled.... He whined his pitiful plight to the passers-by...

"A coin... just one coin..."

At best it was a meager living.

Blind Bartimaeus was a tragic figure. He was a man robbed of the joys of this life by physical blindness.

Yet spiritual blindness can rob an individual of so much more.

It can rob a man or woman of spiritual life in Christ Jesus.

AROUND THE HOUSE

By Gertrude J. Wiechula

Blind Bartimaeus was a tragic figure, but there came a never-to-be-forgotten day. Jesus of Nazareth passed by on his way to Jericho.

Bartimaeus had heard of this wonderful man. He was told that the miracle worker was coming....

His heart raced with anticipation, his hand trembled. This was his chance to see again... to live again! The restoration of a normal life — what a thought!

As Jesus approached he called loudly, "Son of David... have mercy on me..."

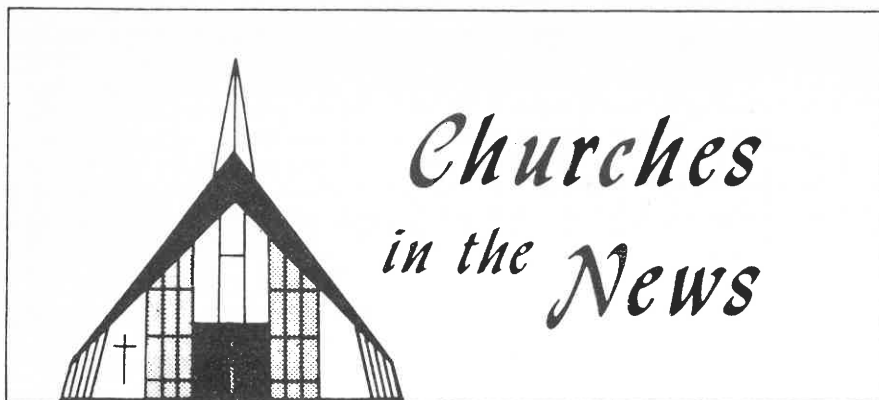
The crowd frowned and shushed him, but he cried louder, "Have pity..."

Jesus stood still. He heard the beggar's plea. He saw his need.

There was none of the disdain and grudging help that Bartimaeus had come to know so well. The blind beggar asked, and Jesus — from his great heart of love and compassion — freely, gladly gave...

From this same heart of compassion — today — Jesus Christ freely offers you the forgiveness of sin and eternal life — joyous, abundant life that endures beyond physical death.

END TIMES' MESSENGER



Missionary Fellowship Meeting

SEPTEMBER 16th, 8 p.m., found a Missionary Fellowship meeting under way at the Full Gospel Church in Bowness.

At the invitation of the Bowness Ladies' Missionary Group, there were in attendance some 53 men and women from the Calgary, Forest Lawn and Bowness Assemblies, including the Pastors and their wives.

Sister A. Pasternak, President of the Bowness Missionary Group, opened the meeting by extending a warm welcome to each one present. The meeting was then placed in the hands of

Find the answer to ...

WHAT WAS THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM?

In The December Issue

the Pastor, Rev. W. S. Schindel, who acted as chairman.

During the meeting openings were made for prayer and praise. There was a sweet spirit of fellowship present and the presence of the Lord was very real.

A list of prayer requests was distributed, and different ones were asked to bring these needs before the throne of grace in prayer.

Rev. and Mrs. Switzer of the Forest Lawn Church ministered to us in song, after which Rev. Switzer brought a very challenging message on prayer.

A further time of fellowship was enjoyed around a cup of coffee and doughnuts, served by the Bowness ladies in the church basement.

We were glad to have shared the fellowship of each one present, but our real aim was that our missionaries on home and foreign soil might have felt the impact of prayer that was raised to God on their behalf.

"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." Our missionaries need your prayers. Will you pray?

Reported by Mrs. B. Metz,
Secretary-Treasurer,

Bowness Ladies' Missionary Group

NOVEMBER, 1963

PENTICTON, B.C.

WE have just concluded ten days of Spirit anointed Bible ministry with Rev. Bert Dearden on staff of the First United Church, Vancouver, B.C. Souls were saved, sick bodies healed in the name of Jesus.

While engaged in Evangelistic meetings in the coast, God called my wife and I to Penticton to open a work. Signs and Blessings have accompanied us each month as we have seen the hand of God move. Miraculously a church, piano and place to live were provided as we followed Him one step at a time.

This is the fifth month of our ministry here and we have been pleased to see the attendance grow from the first meetings of thirteen to a steady forty-five to fifty, each Sunday night. Put Penticton on your prayer list and pray that God will continue to do that which only He can do in this city.

—C. R. MITCHELL, Pastor

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Missions Board. Greater emphasis has been given to the former but about 30 missionaries are maintained in foreign lands.

The group has never owned a printing plant but with the aid of outside printers offers a complete line of Sunday School material, 'The Whole Truth' a monthly periodical, 'Bible Band Topics' for its women's groups, and the 'Evangelists Speak' for ministers.

Doctrinally the group is Trinitarian, Premillennial, Arminian. Entire Sanctification is taught as a second work of grace. Ordinances include foot washing in addition to the Lord's Supper and Baptism by immersion.

STATISTICS

Churches	3,800
Members	380,428
Missionaries	30

Read about ...

CHRISTMAS

BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN

Next Month

True faith never returns home with an empty basket.

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If Christ is kept outside something must be wrong.

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Living a life of prayer is worth more than writing a book on prayer.



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