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Come, Lord Jesus!

O Thou Who wast laid in a manger bed
In Bethlehem long ago!
The world is sick with its maimed and its dead
With its trouble and want and woe.

Thou did'st come to earth with a wondrous gift:
The angels sang of it then;
A gift of friendship and love and joy,
Of peace and goodwill among men.

But alas for the promise of love and peace!
And alas for the souls of men!
The world turned away from Thy proffered gifts,
Turned away again and again.

And the world is torn with trouble and strife
And war and sorrow and sin,
And the cannon's roar drowns the angels' song
With a horrible, horrible din.

O Master, that men would turn to Thy cross,
And leave their grasping and greed,
To find even now in Thy wonderful love
The peace that so sorely we need!

Come once again, O Christ of the past,
Of the manger, the cross and the grave,
Of the opened tomb and the heavenly life,
Our living Lord, mighty to save.

Come once again, in Thy glory and might,
With glittering angel train,
And stand once again on Olivet's mount,
And set up Thy glorious reign.

Then shall the promise the angels sang,
Come true, and men be free,
And peace and righteousness cover the earth
As the waters cover the sea.

—W. E. Denham.

THE GREAT CATASTROPHE

By
LELA A. BARFIELD

Kneeling, with face uplifted in prayer, we hear: "O God, Great God! Merciful and powerful! Great is Thy Name, and worthy of all praise! To Thee we come again, and worship before Thee! Many times I have sought Thee for my husband; he has entirely forsaken Thee, and the teachings of his youth. O, grant that he may see the error of his way and return unto Thee! And my daughter—O have mercy! Out somewhere in a roadside inn crazed with drink! and my son, in a gambling den, following his father's influence, O the horror of it all! And this awful war! O God! What am I to do in this great day of trouble? Surely the great night of horror is upon us! There is no rest day nor night, save when I'm alone with Thee, and then, sometimes, I am so burdened—Is there anything I can do to help my family? Have mercy, O have mercy! Surely this is the day Thou hast spoken of: "As in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the days of the Son of Man, they were eating and drinking until the floods came; and as in the days of Lot, when he went out of Sodom, the fire came down and destroyed them All! Could it have been any worse then than it is today? Marriage is no longer sacred, and all one thinks about is drink and satisfying the lust of his degraded appetite! Lord, Thou hast promised to come back again. How much longer must Thy people wait?"

A sound is heard outside the door; someone muttering, stumbling. The husband enters, drunk; cursing; breathing threats in blasphemy against God. The wife, wiping tears from her eyes, seeks to sober the man still praying: "Have mercy, O, God! Have mercy!"

"What you doin' again? Still at it? Haven't I told you to cut that out? Haven't I told you there ain't no God? If I ever hear you callin' on that name again I'm gonna beat you! Now get to bed! What you mean settin' up all night waitin', waitin'? Ain't no use! Ain't no use!"

But I had hoped—Maybe you think there isn't a God but I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded He is able to keep that I have committed unto Him, and I do not fear you nor any one else; not even this dreadful ruler, whom you worship. Some of these days you will recall your mother's teachings and my pleadings, and the many times you have turned the Spirit away when He sought you; but then it will be too late! For, as sure as night follows day, the Door of Mercy will close, and you, and all who have trampled under foot the blood of His Son will find out what you have missed. Then you will cry, but it will be too late."

"Too late! Too late! That's all I hear! Let me alone! If I want to live my own life it's none of your business! Look what I got today! My Number! Ain't it swell? Number So and So, that's Me! I'm for Him, through and through. An' if you don't take the Mark or Number before the first of the month you are gonna get your head chopped off! Don't see how you got by this long, slippin' out an' hidin' with them co-called Christians! Say, old man John got his head chopped off today; What you got to say about that?"

"Thank God for his faith! The Bible says: "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Surely this world can't stand much longer. It is too full of corruption! The Christians have to suffer too much!"

"Christians? Bah! They've got it comin' to 'em! They ought to be submissive and take his Mark! It won't hurt 'em! Look at me! And say, his armies have moved over to the valley of Megiddo! He's goin' places!"

"If I die I'll never take his mark! My trust is in the God of Heaven and He will take me through."

"Listen, I heard something! It's awful dark! Hear that roar? Sounds like wings—thousands of 'em! Guess we're gonna have a bad storm! . . . Look at that lightnin' flash! . . . Why, it shines from the east to the west! . . . An' listen to that thunder! . . . Sounds just like a trumpet blast! I'm gonna look out the window . . .

Oh, My! What is that rising from the earth?" Great fear has siezed him. His knees are trembling. "Come here! Did you ever see such a sight? Looks like millions of white clad figures risin' . . . risin! . . . to join that GREAT LIGHT! They shine like the sun! Why . . . Why, your face shines too! And . . . you are changing just like those white figures! You are . . .

"She's gone! Wife! oh wife, where are you? It is so! She's gone! Just like she said she would! "In a moment; in the twinkling of an eye; at the sound of the last trump." It was the trumpet I heard! "The Trumpet of God shall sound, and His angel shall gather His elect from the four corners" . . . that's what she tried to tell me!"

Falling on his knees, he cried with a loud voice: "Lord, Lord, open to me! I'll do what you want me to do!" O, it ain't no use! My voice hits me in the face like a howling wind! Listen! What was that? A VOICE! What is it saying? . . . "The Master hath risen up and hath shut to the door . . . Depart from the wrath to come! Now your cry is too late! The door is shut and no man can open it! They that were ready have gone in to the marriage! The Mercy of God is refused!"

Frantically he rises to his feet. "O what shall I do! The heavens are rolling back as a scroll! Look at 'em run! Just like me' Runnin' for the rocks and mountains to hide them from the wrath to come! But there's no place to hide! O this Hail! The mountains are moved from their places! It's death! DEATH!—That VOICE again!—"WHOSO HATH DENIED ME ABIDETH IN DEATH! THE ENEMIES OF THE CROSS, WHOSE GOD IS THEIR BELLY; WHOSE GLORY WAS THEIR SHAME; WHO MINDED EARTHLY THINGS; THEIR END IS DESTRUCTION!"

The Apostolic Faith Church at 2nd and New York, Wichita, Kansas has been blessed with a recent revival. God is blessing in the regular services and they are having Friday night Bible lessons which are proving to be of great interest to all. Gene Cornell, Pastor.

A LIVING TRUTH

When Jesus was crucified, He took my place as a sinner. If He bore My sins, I do not need to bear them; if He bore my sin nature I do not need to bear it; if He bore my infirmities, I do not need to carry them. If I DO bear them He died for naught. So when I accept Him as my Savior, confess Him as my Lord, and am baptized, I begin to put on the new man Christ Jesus, and the carnal man begins to shed off.



As He is my representative up there, now I am His representative in the earth. He has put me and mine, and all the sin that was in me, away, and has given me all that was His, all that He did, all that He was, so that "As He is now, so am I in this present world."

It does not require any faith on my part to enjoy this, because He gave it to me; it is mine, and what is mine I do not have to have faith to obtain, for I already have obtained it; I am in possession of it.

All I need to do is praise Him for it, and when I praise Him and thank Him for it, then the thing becomes operative in my life.

So now, I stand before God and the angels,—yes, and before Satan—clothed in Christ, hidden in Christ, enwrapped in Christ.

"It is no longer I then that lives, but Christ liveth in me," "Wherefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature." Then I am a new creature, and that new creature is sitting in Christ.

"Old things have passed away." The old things of weakness, the old things of failure, the old things of impotence, the old things of unbelief are passed away while the new things of faith, the new things of life, the new things of health for body, soul, and spirit are mine.

"And that life I now live, I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself up for me."

—Your Editor.

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HER SON

She holds him close in a fond embrace
And looks up in his handsome face.
Ah; it seems but a day, since he was
at play.

On the floor at her feet so happy and
gay.

But that was yesterday and now it's
today.

And this terrible war is taking him
away.

She smiles, for he must never know,
What it's costing her to let him go.
For he'll face plenty and have his
fears.

Without remembering her face in
tears.

After he leaves, she does silently
pray.

Dear God keep him safe while he is
away.

Hazel Emrick.

Dear Friends in the Lord!

Just a line to say hello, and that I am still enjoying the blessings of the Lord. Sure do thank the Lord for making the way possible for me to go to Camp Meeting and be saved. I certainly do appreciate the prayers of the Christian people for me at Camp Meeting. I am here at an Air Corps Radio School, May the Lord bless you all till we meet again. Pray for me as I need your prayers.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Miss Mildred Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Clark of Baxter Springs, Kansas was recently married to Martin Paxton of Baxter Springs, Kansas now stationed with the National Guard at Oceanside, Calif. Miss Clark has been Secretary of the Apostolic Faith Paper for several years and has been very faithful in her work and a great help in the publishing of the Paper.

The Lord is blessing the Fellowship Hour of the Apostolic Faith over W. M. B. H. Joplin, Mo., every Sunday morning at 8:00 a. m. to 8:30 a. m. Rev. Robert Girouard in charge. Brother C. O. Bard, 611 Park, Joplin, is secretary of the program.

SANCTIFICATION

Anoint:

To pour oil upon in a religious ceremony; consecrate.

Prophets anointed: 1 Kings 19:16.

Priests were anointed as symbols of being set apart to officiate in Tabernacle. Aaron and his sons: Exodus, 28th and 29th chapters.

Kings anointed upon taking office. Samuel anoints Saul: 1 Samuel 10:1 Spoken of as God's anointed: 11 Samuel 23:1.

Jesus spoken of as God's anointed: Acts 10:38.

Anointing that abideth, teaches: 1 John 2:27.

Anoint with oil in praying for sick: James 5:14.

Consecrate

To set apart as sacred; dedicate to the service of God; set apart to a sacred office; devote.

Priests consecrated to serve in the Tabernacle: Exodus 29:9.

Possessions consecrated to the Lord: Leviticus 27:28.

Moses taught children of Israel to consecrate: Exodus 32:29.

Consecrate service: 1 Chronicles 29:5.

Consecrate gain and substance: Micah 4:13.

Christ consecrated: Hebrews 7:28.

New and Living Way consecrated: Hebrews 10:20.

Present our bodies: Romans 12, 1 & 2.

Sanctify:

To dedicate; to set aside for holy uses; to make holy.

Priests sanctified: Exodus 29:44.

Children of Israel sanctified: Exodus 31:13.

Jesus prays for His own to be sanctified: John 17:17.

Christ died to sanctify the church: Ephesians 5: 25 & 26. Hebrews 13:12.

Sanctify wholly: 1 Thessalonians 5:23.

Anointing, Consecration, and Sanctification, I believe to be much more closely related than commonly taught. Even as far back as when God set in order the Levitical Priesthood the practice of anointing with oil prevailed. God himself gave instructions that Aaron and his sons be anointed. Oil, as used for anointing, has always been a type of the Spirit

of God. Public anointing of Prophets, Priests, and Kings was an outward sign that they had been consecrated, set apart, sanctified, to perform a certain duty, or officiate in a particular position. Christ was called "God's anointed." He was anointed by the Spirit of God to do a specific work. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." St. Luke 4:18 & 19. While anointing in Old Testament days was a literal practice, as were so many rites and ceremonies, they were all types and shadows of spiritual experiences people were to enjoy after Christ had ushered in the Church Age, an age of actual contact with God, through His Spirit, by His death and resurrection. Christ's anointing was not literal, but an act of the Spirit of God, as is the "Anointing that abideth," which we shall discuss more fully in another thought. However, there is still one instance in which we are commanded to literally use oil. This is in praying for the sick. Although we are not given any explanation as to why to anoint with oil, we know it typifies the Holy Spirit, which conveys Divine, supernatural healing to the sick believer.

Consecration, also, was taught in the law. Moses, at God's command, taught the people to consecrate their possessions, service, gain, and own lives. They were to be used in keeping the letter of the law, and observing the rites and ceremonies demanded by God. Their flocks were to be used to supply the sacrifices, their gold for the fixtures of the Tabernacle, their oil for the lights in the temple, and even their money was to be tithed to supply the needs of the temple. Exodus 30:11-16. However, many of the people failed to consecrate these things, and in doing so grieved God and died without mercy. The priests were to consecrate to the extent that they had no possessions or property of their own. Their whole time and strength was to be used as intercessory servants in the Taber-

nacle. Christ is a perfect example of Consecration. His whole being was given up and resigned to do the will of God. His attitude is reflected in this prayer He prayed; "Nevertheless, not my will but Thine be done." His death consecrated for us a new and living way. He set aside a way which was to serve only one purpose; to redeem fallen man. Before the sacrifice of Jesus the law, which had no spirit, but emphasized the letter, was in force. When He died He set in operation a new way, a way that was living, that was animated by the Spirit of God. We are taught a life of consecration. In Romans 12:1 and 2, we are told to present our bodies a living sacrifice. Consecration is the act of presenting our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God. This means a complete consecration—not a "hundred-fold," but a hundred per cent." A hundred-fold would be to consecrate a hundred times that we have, which is an impossibility. What God wants is a hundred per cent, complete, total consecration; all we have and are, body, soul, and spirit. Not only does this deal with our literal possessions, but it deals with our spiritual life, and all it incorporates.

Sanctification under the law was the act of setting aside. It could not reach the soul, but dealt only with the purifying of the flesh. Hebrews 9:13. Under the "new and living way" sanctification has come to be a most wonderful, spiritual experience. So great is its importance that Christ earnestly prayed one entire prayer that His people might have the unity which only sanctification can accomplish. He not only prayed for it, but died to bring it. He gave Himself that He might sanctify the church. As another writer stated it, "He suffered without the Gate" that we might be sanctified. Much stress has been placed upon the experience of sanctification, the necessity of obtaining it, and this is quite as it should be. But let us go one step farther. What should it accomplish in the life of a believer? Obtaining the experience is not the final goal. Rather, it is only the beginning. Jesus desired the church to be sanctified that He might present it to Him-

self, a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish. The Apostle Paul's prayer was for entire sanctification. He said, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." The majority of people who reach the experience strive to keep a sanctified spirit and soul. We are very careful to keep spirit and soul free from earthly things; hatred, malice, idolatry, wrath, strife, etc. But how many are as careful of their bodies? We make exact duplicates of the Devil's children, reflecting perfectly the modes of the world, rather than pray for the adorning which comes from God, "a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price." We make them worshippers at the shrine of fashion. We take them to every worldly entertainment and amusement the Devil has to offer. We take them to the arm of flesh when in need of healing. God can have our souls and spirits, but we reserve our bodies for our own, to gratify our own personal desires. Could this be why so few retain the experience of being "wholly sanctified," or a sanctified body? A true experience is obtained only after a true, perfect consecration. If it takes the consecration of spirit, soul and body to obtain it, why be surprised that sanctification affects spirit, soul, and body? A truly sanctified person will as much desire his body to reflect and glorify Christ as his soul and spirit. There is in store for this person a multitude of blessing. A completely yielded person will then receive the experience of the "anointing that abideth." As priests and kings were anointed as a sign of being set apart; as Christ was anointed by the Spirit of God, so a sanctified believer is anointed by the Spirit as a mark of approval. He is in the will of God. "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification." What benefit is this anointing? John said, "even as the same anointing teacheth you." It is given to teach you. Rather than sanctification being, as it were, a symbol of having learned all of God's ways, it merely places

you where you are in a position to learn. You have just been born. Now there is no carnality, no eye-scales to hinder your progress. With the anointing that abideth to teach you, God can lead you on into His fullness of blessings. May God help us to consecrate all, let Him sanctify all, and use all to His praise and glory. "Here I give myself to Thee, Friends, and time, and earthly store, Soul and body, Thine to be, Wholly Thine forevermore."

Mrs. Millard E. Brown

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All Ordained Pastors and Ordained Ministers who are acting as Evangelists must keep their certificates up to date to meet War Time requirements.

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THE TITHER'S SURPRISE

The Christian who begins to tithe will have at least six surprises. He will be surprised:

1. At the amount of money he has for the Lord's work.
2. At the ease in meeting his own obligations with the nine-tenths.
3. At the deepening of his spiritual life in paying the tithe.
4. At the ease in going from one-tenth to larger giving.
5. At the prudent disposal afforded to a faithful and wise steward over the nine-tenths that remain.
6. At himself in not adopting the plan sooner.

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Rev. Glayron Keith Rees and Brother Wayne Boulware have been having special services in the Tri-State District.

(Editor's note: We are glad to introduce to our readers Sister Beulah Watters, recently returned missionary from China, who came back to this country on the S. S. Gripsholm, and was one of the principal speakers at the recent convention at Pontiac, Michigan.)

TESTIMONY

Dear Christian Friends:—

Greetings in Jesus! Praise God from whom all blessings flow! How thankful I am to be back in the homeland, after the many months of trouble in Hong Kong! It is just wonderful to be in a land of plenty and among kind Christian friends. It sometimes seems too good to be true. It seems like a dream, Oh glory to God! I am overwhelmed with joy.

Psalm 124—"If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, now may Israel say: if it had not been the Lord who was on our side when men rose up against us; then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us.

But, praise God! the Lord was on our side. How can I begin to tell you of the terror that reigned in Hong Kong after Dec. 8! Again, how can I ever tell you of the marvelous works of the Lord, during that time!

When the war broke out we were living on the ground floor of a four-story house. We had twelve girls and three little boys in our care.

Our older girls and some of the young men and women from our church were attending our little Bible school; but that morning everything stopped. When the siren blew, the people from the upper floors came down to our flat because it was safer. We all went right to prayer. As soon as the "all clear" was given, our preachers and school teachers came over. We told them to go back home and get their belongings and move over to our place as soon as possible. They did so, bringing their families with them. This made us very crowded. We had about fifty people in a five room flat, but we wanted to be together; and the Lord blessed us thus. When the planes, during the raids, would be roaring over our heads, we would go from one to another of the neighbors who had come into our flat for shel-

ter, and exhort them to believe in Jesus. Before this time they were not willing to listen, but now they were glad to hear. They did not argue. Most of them said, "Yes" I think to believe in Jesus is good. If you pray for us we are glad."

The Lord protected us in a remarkable way. One of our young girls was standing across from a gas tank when a bomb fell on it, but it did not explode. Another Christian found a bomb just outside her front door. It had not exploded. Another time a great fire started, the smoke was rolling in great black clouds towards our street. We got down on our knees and cried unto God. The wind changed and the fire went toward the sea and was soon burned out.

The bombing was bad enough, but when Hong Kong fell, and the Japs came in, then the reign of terror began!

Lawlessness prevailed! Robbers came in great bands of fifty to one hundred. They pounded the doors down; they looted; they killed; they took everything, even to the blankets from the beds. Not a store was left unmolested. Rich men were made paupers in a day; many people tied their belongings in a sheet, and started down the road for their native villages. Men, women and children were shot down for the least offense. Sin of the worst form prevailed, and none could hinder! Yes, none but the Lord could hinder. Ps. 33:18, 19,—“Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that hope in his mercy; to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.”

A great famine came upon us, and the streets were full of dead bodies. Many starved to death; some died of cholera; and others were killed outright.

Again, I praise God that he makes a difference between the children of the Lord and the children of the world.

People on all sides of us were robbed, and although the Japs came into our house one night, they went out empty handed so far as our flat was concerned.

They started beating down the back door and the front door at the

same time. We all went up to the top floor, where the landlord lived.

The Japs got in and went all through our flat; and then came upstairs with their swords and their guns; they flashed the light in my face, and also Sister Dailey's. (There was no electricity then; only lamps or candles.) After that they made us all hold up our hands. That was one wild night in our flat; but I do not feel led to go into details; suffice it to say, we and our household were unharmed. When we came back down stairs, everything was topsy-turvy. We had over one hundred dollars hidden away in our flat, but they did not find it! Other people lost everything, even their blankets. Why did they go out of our flat empty-handed. "Prayer changes things."

The Japs set out to capture every American and English person and put them into concentration camps. Why did they not take us that night? God confused them.

I shall never forget the excitement just before Hong Kong fell.

We were living on the mainland. All the English and Americans were advised to go over on the island part where it would be safer. Most of the Americans assembled together in groups in hotels, etc. However Sister Bailey and I did not feel led to do that. How could we leave our orphan children! We felt that if we had to die with our Chinese we would only be doing our duty. It turned out that we were not taken to the concentration camp, but we would have been if we had fled to the island.

At dawn, on Christmas day, there was a wild shriek next door and loud pounding on the door, by the Japs. "Get up," they yelled. (They were looking for Americans and British.) A feeling of terror swept over me. I knew we would be next. We quickly dressed, and packed our suitcases. (When the Japs take you to camp, they take you just as you are. If you have suitcase ready you may take it with you. If you have a coat on you may wear it; but if not they will not wait for you to get ready.)

Sister Bailey called all the Chinese together and committed them to the Lord. They wept bitterly. Suddenly the Lord gave me faith for deliver-

ance. When the Chinese came weeping to me, I said, "Don't be afraid." We are not going." "No, no!" they said, "you cannot resist them. They will kill you!" "But," I said, "God will protect. I will not need to resist." Praise God, when the officers finally did come, they got confused and asked for the landlord, and forgot all about us!

Finally an officer moved into our house. He lived just above us. He promised the landlord to protect his house if he would supply food for the Japanese officers. A sign was put on our door that kept out all the robbers and wild soldiers.

This was a very strange turn of events. In other cases, the officers just said, "We want this flat;" and they would give only two or three hours to get out and they took all that was left for themselves. Truly God made all grace abound towards us. We were able to hold meetings in our home all the while. We stayed indoors for six months, but we had fellowship with our Christians all that time.

There were many times we were very hungry; but that only drove our Chinese to prayer, and God would meet our needs. They would often surprise us with little morsels of good things. We sold all our furniture and most of our good clothes to keep from starving. Little by little the Lord opened Christian homes for our little ones, and then at last through the help of the Red Cross we were able to get on the Refugee ship the "Gripsholm."

That wonderful boat trip is what I call the "silver lining" to the war cloud. There never was such a group before. We had many Bible studies and prayer meetings. There was a real meeting together and the end is not yet.

I want to thank you all for your prayers and help. May God bless you.

Yours in His services,
BEULAH WATTERS.

The Young Peoples Rally of the Tri-State District was held December 13, at Prosperity, Mo. Pauline Parham, President; Betty Palmer, Vice-Pres.; Opal Carmak, Sec. and Treas.



A part of the ministers who attended the convention at the Union Rescue Mission at Pontiac, Michigan.

REPORT

The three day convention held at the Pontiac Rescue Mission was a great success in every way. It was held in commemoration of the 9th Anniversary of the Mission here and the 5th Anniversary of the Girl's Home in Flint.

We were so pleased to have Evang. Robert L. Parham of Baxter Springs, Kansas, as our main speaker. He gave us some stirring messages.

Miss Beulah Watters, recently returned Missionary from Hong Kong, China, on the S. S. Gripsholm told us how God protected her and her Chinese family during the war and gave her a safe return home.

We enjoyed Bro. Bob Palmer's and Wilbur Fullbright's songs, illustrated in colored crayons, very much.

Delegates attended from six different states including Bro. Edwin Carter from Chicago, Mother Lang from Detroit, Chas. Schepers from Port Huron, Chester Burk and family from Saginaw, Howard Burk of Clio, Arthur Bowman from Utica, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Anderson from Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Meadows from Oxford, Mrs. Grace Hoffheims of Orion, Mrs. J. O. Ferry and Miss Miriam Schoenfeld from Chicago, O. A. Mecier of Highland Park and Mrs. R. L. Snoke of Elkhart, Indiana, Mr. John A. Dice of Hazel Park, Mich.

Seven preachers were ordained for the ministry, including Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Anderson of Detroit, Mrs. J. O. Ferry of Chicago, Mrs. R. L. Snoke of Elkhart, Godan Walker of Drayton Plains, Mrs. Fred Petty of

Orion and Mrs. Addie Cummings of Pontiac.

We enjoyed the music of the 12-piece orchestra of the Pontiac Mission very much, also congregational singing led by Bro. Bob Palmer, and Bro. Howard Jewel from Detroit rendered some beautiful solos.

The chapel hall was filled to capacity for every service. We were occasionally surprised by Bro. Fred Peter of Flint making flash-light pictures of speakers, singers, etc. He and his wife sang some beautiful duets. We enjoyed the trio presented by the "Spence Sisters" immensely.

The meeting was a great spiritual uplift to all. Souls were saved and healed, saints were edified and all were blessed.

We feel this meeting was just a continuation of the glorious time we had at the Granby Camp-meeting, which we will never forget.

The physical needs of the people were abundantly supplied in the spacious dining room of the Mission home.

Bro. and Sister V. Peter and Co-workers.

Dear Ones of the Faith:

I want to say a word about the convention at Pontiac, Michigan. It was one of the greatest conventions I have ever been privileged to attend. It was a wonderful time of blessings and fellowship. May God bless all my old friends everywhere is my prayer.

Mother Emma Lang.

We are glad to report that Sister Elmer Russell who has been seriously ill is much improved at this time.

A SERMON

Everybody thinks himself a judge of a sermon, but nine out of ten might as well pretend to weigh the moon. I believe that, at bottom, most people think it an uncommonly easy thing to preach, and that they could do it amazingly well themselves. Every donkey thinks itself worthy to stand with the king's horses; every girl thinks she could keep house better than her mother; but thoughts are not facts, for the sprat thought itself a herring, but the fishermen knew better. I dare say those who can whistle fancy they can plough; but there's more than whistling in a good ploughman, and so let me tell you there's more in good preaching than taking a text, and saying firstly, secondly, thirdly. I try my hand at preaching myself, and in my poor way I find it no easy thing to give the folks something worth hearing; and if the fine critics who reckon us up on their thumbs would but try their own hands at it, they might be a little more quiet.—C. H. Spurgeon.

Note to Eastern Readers—Several have expressed their desire to come to the General Holiday Convocation to be held at Alvin, Texas. Alvin is located between Houston and Galveston. We would suggest you make connection to St. Louis, Mo., and from there you can make direct connection to Houston, Texas, Via Texarkana, Texas either by train or bus. Busses run almost hourly from Houston to Alvin.

Evangelist and Mrs. Robert L. Parham and Sister Lula A. Parham are now in a revival meeting at the 5th St. Full Gospel Mission, Baxter Springs, Kansas. Large crowds are attending, many have raised their hand for prayer. Every one is looking for a revival before the meeting comes to a close. Bro. B. F. Clark, Pastor.

A number of Ministers of the Tri-State District expect to attend the Convocation at Alvin, Texas.

The gospel has never refused to go anywhere people want to carry it.

**Holiday
Convocation**
AT
**APOSTOLIC FAITH
CHURCH**
RALLS, TEXAS

Beginning
CHRISTMAS NIGHT
December 25, 1942

Ending
WATCH NIGHT MEETING
December 31

EVERYONE WELCOME
Ed and Francis Stark, Pastors
and
Elvis and Claud Bishop
in charge.

The Apostolic Faith Church of Ralls, Texas announces a Convocation during the holidays for the people of that section of the country. The Convocation will begin Christmas Night, December 25 and close with a Watch night meeting. They plan daily meetings and a common table for all who come.

Brother and Sister Ed Stark, Pastors, Box 422, Ralls, Texas, and Elvis and Claud Bishop, Box 473, Ralls, Texas are in charge.

The Convocation committee are Vester Clanton, Big Spring, Texas; Marvin Bishop, Snyder, Texas; Mrs. Willie Ford, Dermott, Texas; Claude and Elvis Bishop, Ralls, Texas.

Everybody welcome.

THANKS!

We wish to express our appreciation to those who have supported the paper and made it possible from time to time. Your cooperation and prayers are greatly appreciated for the continued success of the paper.

**GENERAL HOLIDAY
CONVOCATION**

Alvin, Texas

The Apostolic Faith Movement will hold a General Convocation at the spacious and beautiful high school auditorium in Alvin, Texas beginning Saturday night, December 26 and the grand finale will be the glorious Watch Night service on Thursday night December 31. The people of Alvin and vicinity are making every preparation to give the people coming a grand welcome seasoned with southern hospitality, and all are looking forward with great anticipation to an enjoyable time of fellowship. All churches, Ministers and Evangelists and laity as well are cooperating and doing everything possible to make this Convocation a grand success. All people coming and wanting rooms MUST write at once to Rev. Alford A. Whiteley, Pastor, Box 60, Alvin, Texas. The folk of South Texas plan to have a common table for Ministers and laymen as the Lord provides.

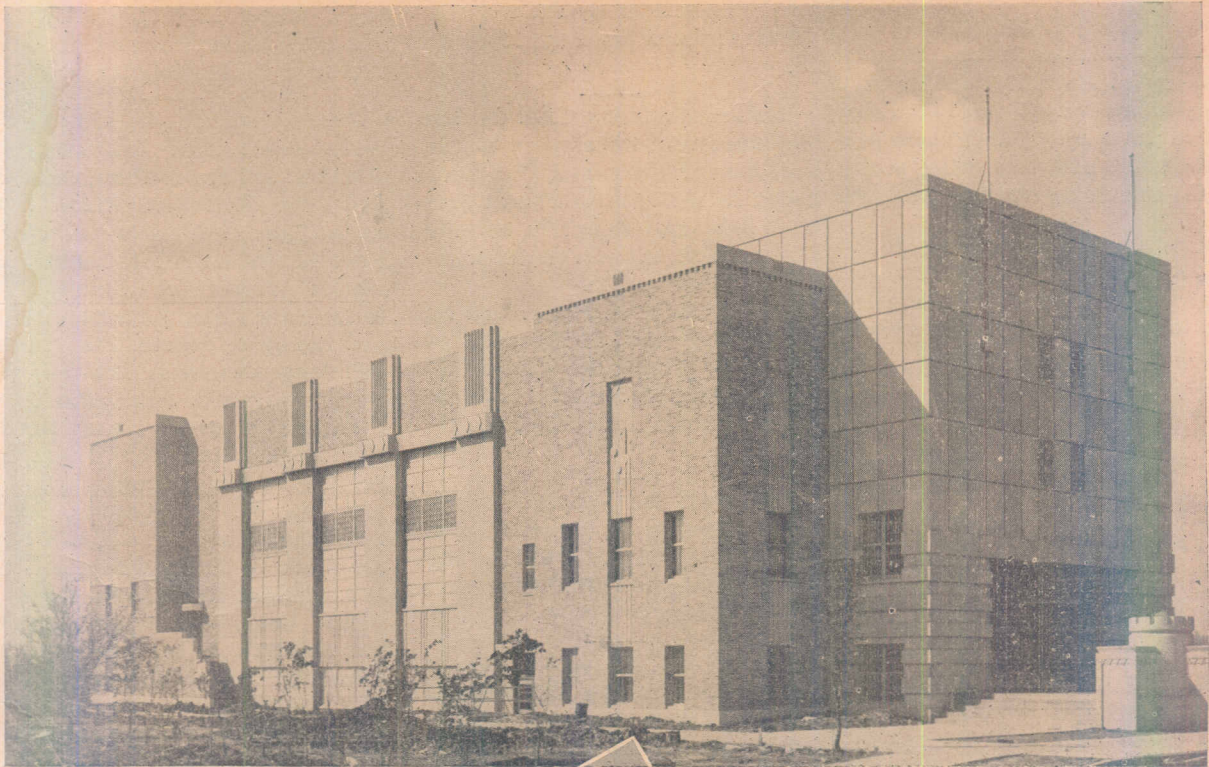
Meals will be served at the Parish House.

An all day meeting with basket dinner will be held Sunday, December 27. Everyone is urged to make a special effort to attend and bring baskets and enjoy the day in fellowship and worship.

The order of services for the Convocation will be as follows: Breakfast served at 7:30 a. m.; morning prayer 9:00 a. m.; General service 10:30 a. m.; Dinner served at 12 noon. Children's service at 1:30 p. m.; Bible Lesson 2:30 p. m.; Evening lunch 5:00 p. m.; Young People's Meeting 6:30 p. m.; General Evangelistic Service 7:30 each night.

The Convocation will be under the direction of Rev. Alford A. Whiteley, Box 60, Alvin, Texas, and Rev. Roy D. Wooster, Rockdale, Texas. All those desiring further information concerning the Convocation write to those in charge.

Evangelist Tica Tabor has just closed a successful revival at the Gospel Tabernacle in Perryton, Texas. Ralph Durham, Pastor.



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Brief Mention

Evangelist Carroll Heller is in a wonderful revival at the Lighthouse Mission in Hugo, Colorado. God is blessing, the sick are being healed and the church is greatly encouraged.

Sister Edna Pryor, Francis Taylor and Dora Spencer have just closed a revival at Pineville, Mo. God blessed in the meeting; several were saved. Pineville has a fine group of young people who are earnest and sincere in the work of the Lord.

Evangelist Glayron Reese and Wayne Boulware are in a stirring revival at Union Chapel near Stella, Mo. God is blessing and the building is filled to capacity every service.

We are glad to introduce to our readers Evangelist W. T. Pratt who has recently moved from Missouri to 4301 Caroline St., Houston, Texas. Anyone desiring his service can get in touch with him at the above address.

Corporal Jona D. Janzen writes his appreciation of the prayers of the Christian people. His new address is Hq. So. Security District, Pomona, California.

Evangelist Gail W. Schultz was in a revival at the Apostolic Faith Tabernacle, 2nd and New York Sts., Wichita, Kansas, and was called home by the illness of his mother. Evangelist Jack Barker continued the revival on. Mother Schultz is much improved and Brother Gail Schultz has been out in special meetings around Snyder, Texas.

The Lord is blessing Brother and Sister Paul Bailey in their ministry at Cave Springs, Ark. Brother and Sister Bill Handley assisted them in their recent revival there.

Rev. A. B. Stanberry and Brother and Sister Bennie Stanberry have been having some special services in the different missions of South Texas.

Brother and Sister Millard E. Brown are Pastors of the Apostolic

Faith church at Eagle Lake, Texas, and have been in special services at the different Mission of South Texas.

Brother and Sister C. E. Orendorff who have been working on the Parham home for the past few months have returned to their home at Greenland, Ark., and expect to be in the Lord's work in that vicinity.

Brother Jacob C. Regier and family are now Pastors of the Apostolic Faith church at Center Point, Texas. Sister Hallie Chitwood is assisting them in the work of the Lord there.

Evangelist Lee Drachenberg and family have closed a revival at the Spring Grove Mission, Galena, Kansas, and they are continuing on as Pastors there.

Brother and Sister Cecil Kesling write an encouraging letter from Elkins, W. Va. God is blessing in the revival there, souls are being saved. They now have a fine baby boy and are praising God for healing the baby of a little deformity. God is witnessing in that community in many marvelous ways.

Brother and Sister Earl Neilson, Pastors of the Apostolic Faith Church at Arlington, Kansas reports God is blessing the work there. A number of people attend the services from Hutchison. The Sunday school attendance has increased and the interest is good.

Brother and Sister Edd Stark are being blessed in the work of the Lord at the church at Ralls, Texas. Their ministry is proving a blessing to the people there.

The Full Gospel Mission at 1314 S. Main is being well attended and they have especially good Sunday night crowds. Bro. Audley Hervey, Pastor.

Evangelist E. W. Dickson and wife have recently closed revivals at Gause, Texas, also at Hanover Community. They are now in a revival at the Apostolic Faith Tabernacle in Rockdale, Texas. Rev. Roy Wooster, Pastor.

The Lord is blessing in the Tuesday night prayer meetings conducted at the home of Brother and Sister Joe Smith of Brookshire, Texas.

Recent visitors to the Parham home were: Rev. and Mrs. Paul Franklin and son of Tulsa, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Martin of Tulsa, Okla.; Evang. Lee Drachenberg of Galena, Kansas; Brother Albert Durham and Harold Cooper of Granby, Mo.; Brother and Sister John Hockersmith and family of Purcell, Mo.; Brother and Sister Charles R. Dale and family of Greenland, Ark.; Mrs. Elmer Stockdick of Katy, Texas, Dorothy Mae Stockdick of John Brown University, Siloam Springs, Ark.; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stockdick, Jr., of Katy, Texas; and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Peck of Katy, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Russell and family of Ouray, Colo., and Wichita, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Pearson of Lamar, Mo.; Mrs. Maxine McCullough of Columbuia, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Girouard of Webb City, Mo.; Evangelist Glayron Rees and Wayne Boulware of Center Point, Texas.

Brother and Sister R. L. Snoke, Pastors, of Elkhart, Ind., are doing a fine work for the Lord. God is blessing their church and they are receiving many marvelous answers to prayer.

Rev. John A. Dice of Hazel Park, Michigan is building a lovely new church of the Apostolic Faith in Hazel Park. Bro Dice is well known in Detroit, Mich., having worked among the Holiness people for a number of years and has recently been filled with the Holy Spirit and is rejoicing in the love of God.

Brother and Sister Howard Burke of Clio, Mich., has been holding special services and preaching at Flint, Pontiac and Detroit, Mich.

Brother Amos Watkins and party has just closed a revival meeting at the Apostolic Faith Church in Alief, Texas. Brother Claude Pruitt, Pastor.

The last Young Peoples Rally of South Texas was held at the Apostolic Faith Church in Alief, Texas. Boyce Tucker, President.

Brother and Sister A. J. Anderson of Detroit, Mich., who were Ordained at the convention in Pontiac, Mich., write the Lord is blessing as they labor for Him.

Sister Jasper Arnold of Chriesman, Texas writes she was wonderfully healed after receiving a blessed handkerchief from the Camp Meeting at Granby, Mo.

Sister Beulah Clay has been very ill, but is feeling well again and they are in special meetings in and around their home community at Golden, Mo. They are looking forward to a revival in the Roach community soon.

Sister Etta Mae Peters has been at the church in Seneca, Mo., while the Pastor, Bro. Tica Tabor has been in Evangelistic meetings in Texas. Sister Peters has also been filling in at the Granby, Tabernacle, in Granby, Mo., while the Pastor, Brother Albert Durham has been in a revival at Greenland, Ark.

Sister Mae Hinckley, in the work at Kellogg, Idaho, writes God is blessing there. She has been in the work of the Lord thirty-six years and tells of the marvelous healings she has received from the Lord.

Sunday, November 29, was a scene of great blessing and fellowship as Ministers, workers and laity gathered to the Gospel Tabernacle, Granby, Mo., for an all day meeting with basket dinner. About twenty-five ministers were present and people came from Greenland, Ark., Lamar, Mo., and all the towns of the Tri-State District and a number of visitors were present from Texas. Albert Durham, Pastor of the Granby, Mo., Tabernacle was in charge of the services.

Dorothy Mae Stockdick and a group of girls from the John Brown University of Siloam Springs, Ark., are in charge of services every Sunday at the little country church near Siloam Springs.

Brother and Sister Hap Watkins have just closed a meeting at Clearlake, Okla. Joe Lilly assisted in the meeting.

Brother A. J. Anderson and Brother Howard Jewel of Detroit, Mich., are planning on going into the Evangelistic work together and expect to have some special meetings in Florida.

Evangelist Elmer Russell and family have just closed a successful tent revival at Hempstead, Texas. Several were saved, God blessed in every service, the church was builded up and is on fire for God.

Sister Lula A. Parham has returned from California and is now assisting on the publishing of the paper.

Evangelist Edna Mae Long just closed a meeting at the Silver Strand Country church in Palm City, Calif. Brother and Sister Charles Mahan are looking after the work of the Lord there.

Sister Carolyn Stillmanks of Albuquerque, New Mexico writes God is blessing and making it possible to continue the work on the little church there in the country. Attendance is increasing and much interest is being shown in the young peoples work.

Evangelist and Mrs. Amos Watkins and Brother and Sister Grant Hall have been working on the building of the new church, Heights Faith Tabernacle at 20th and Gostick Sts., in Houston, Texas.

The congregation of the Heights Faith Tabernacle, 20th and Gostick Sts., Houston, Texas, have been worshipping with the church at 909 Knox St., during the building of their new church.

The Sutton Brothers Evangelist party are now in a revival at the Apostolic Faith Church, 909 Knox St., in Houston, Texas. Brother and Sister LaVerne Johnson, Pastors.

Brother Elmer Russell and family are now in a revival meeting at the Apostolic Faith church in Katy, Texas. Brother Russell and family are locating in Katy and have taken the Pastorate of the new church.

The Lord is blessing in the work at Meade, Kansas, Brother and Sister R. J. Eakens, Pastors.

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Evangelist Bob Palmer and Brother Wilbur Fullbright have returned from the convention at Pontiac, Mich., and have been in special services in the Tri-State District. Brother Wilbur Fullbright has now returned to his home at Spearman, Texas for a while.

The Lord is blessing the ministry of Brother and Sister Robert Girouard at the Frisco Mission in Webb City, Mo. They are anticipating a revival in the near future.

The Friday all day meetings, of the Mizpah Bible class of the Frisco Mission, Webb City, Mo., are well attended every week with local people as well as a number from out of town. The meetings are a real spiritual feast to all who attend. Sister Robert Girouard, President.

Brother and Sister W. C. Parham are now in charge of the work at Calvary Chapel, 1100 E. Tunas Blvd., San Gabriel, Calif. The Lord is blessing their work and they hope to have a radio program soon.

Brother Earl J. Bliss is now Pastor of the Victory Tabernacle, Ingleside Terrace, Kalamazoo, Mich. Evangelist Robert L. Parham held a revival in this tabernacle 13 years ago, and

was very glad to be there again in a special service while in Michigan. God is blessing the work of Brother Bliss there.

Brother and Sister J. M. Scott have been having some fine prayer meetings in the home of Brother and Sister Ware in Magnolia, Ark.

Brother F. P. Copeland is making plans to build a church of the Apostolic Faith at Dumas, Texas. May God bless their efforts to His glory.

Sister Mary King and Sister Neola Moore have just closed a revival at Purcell, Mo. God blessed in the meeting and it was well attended.

Brother and Sister C. G. Menke are having weekly services in the different homes at Norwich, Kansas. Attendance is good and several have been sanctified. God is also blessing in the regular services at the Cheney Mission.

The Lord is blessing in the work at Alvin, San Leon and Galveston, Texas. Brother Alford Whitely is pastoring the three churches. They are all looking forward to a great time of refreshing from the Lord at the Convocation to be held in Alvin.

Evangelist Robert L. Parham expects to have special revival services in the high school auditorium at Bayard, Nebr., after the first of the year. Brother George Hintergardt, Pastor.

Evangelist and Mrs. Fred Peters of the Union Rescue Mission, Flint, Mich., are a very talented and efficient young couple and are doing a great work for God in the Rescue Home for girls in Flint.

Rev. L. A. Schrimpf and family have been having services in the home of M. E. Babcock at Ouray, Colo. God blessed in the prayer meetings and the folks at Ouray are rejoicing in the blessings of the Lord.

The believers of the Faith at Olathe, Colo., with the help of Brother and Sister L. A. Schrimpf have bought 6 lots and a nice building for a church and are now refinishing and remodeling the building which will make them a lovely little church right in town and on U. S. Highway No. 50. They are very happy over their new church and in the near future we hope to have a picture and write up about the work there.

Evangelist Lyle West and Levoid West have been in an evangelistic meeting at the Hoover Orchard church in West Wichita, Kansas. Ollie Molton, Pastor.

Evangelist and Mrs. Albert A. Durham and Evangelist and Mrs. Harold Cooper have just closed a very good meeting at Greenland, Arkansas in the Apostolic Faith Church. Five were saved and two sanctified and every one was blessed by the meeting. Brother Charles Dale, Pastor.

Evangelist Irene Dilworth and Bertha Turner have just recently held a revival in Uniontown, Kansas.

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Evangelist and Mrs. Homer Coberly and daughter, Euteva, have been in Roswell, New Mexico and have now returned to Cave Springs, Arkansas and they held services in the different Missions along the way.

Rev. Ralph Durham, Pastor of the Perryton Tabernacle, Perryton, Texas was called home on account of the illness of his father near Stella, Mo.

Brother and Sister Virgil Peter of the Union Rescue Mission of Pontiac, Michigan are looking forward to a revival after the first of the year to be conducted by Evangelist Gail W. Schultz of Laverne, Okla.

Evangelist Edna Pryer of Cheney, Kansas, assisted by Sister Francis Taylor of Norwich, Kansas will conduct their next revival at Corsicana, Mo. God is blessing their labor for the Master.

Brother and Sister Marcus Adair are pastoring the church at Curtis, Oklahoma and conduct services in homes every Tuesday night in Woodward, Okla., and every Friday night in Mooreland, Okla. God is blessing in these services and in the work at Curtis, the people are encouraged and showing fine progress.

Brother John E. Lawrence of Spur, Texas writes he is open for calls in the Evangelistic work. Anyone desiring his services may get in touch with him at the above address.

We were glad for the privilege of two fine services with Brother and Sister Raymond House, Pastors of the Full Gospel Church, 229½ S. Washington St., in Lansing, Michigan.

Brother and Sister Sidney Reese have taken the Pastorate of the Union Church at Spearman, Texas.

This issue of the paper will be read by over 25,000 people. Just think of your sermon or announcement reaching that many people. If you are a minister, why not write a good sermon for the next paper? If you are a laymember and need healing why not send in your request for prayer to be put on the prayer list.

Evangelist Olen Bachlor and wife, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Hap Watkins and the Mahan Sisters have closed a revival at the Full Gospel Church in Booker, Texas. Brother and Sister Olen Bachlor are now Pastors of the Booker church.

Sister R. E. Feagin of Hempstead, Texas conducts regular appointments the second Sunday of each month at Belleville, Texas.

The Lord is blessing in the work at Logan, Oklahoma under the leadership of Brother and Sister Johnnie Modrick. The mid-week prayer meetings are especially good, and the church as a whole is moving forward in the thigs of God.

Brother Glenn Keifer of Webb City, Missouri is now in the Navy stationed at Pensacola, Florida. He is now in boat training there and may be called for sea duty before long. He asks for the prayers of the Christians that he may stand up as a disciple of Christ to witness to the boys around him about our Lord who has shown us so great a salvation. Brother Keifer's address is: Glenn Keifer, Co. 1, Platoon 2, Recruiting Battalion, Pensacola, Florida.

The Lord is blessing the Mission at Waller, Texas. They are having an increase in Sunday school. May God bless the people there.

A NATIONAL JEWISH ARMY

Jews are pleading with Great Britain for the right to establish a military unit under their own flag and name to help the British, just as other conquered peoples have done. They are impatient of delays, and ask not only for a just settlement after victory is assured, but the right to mobilize now their material and spiritual forces. The British government gives no indication that such a military unit is to be established, but the Jewish Agency has begun a recruiting campaign to double the 12,000 Jewish soldiers now serving in the East. After peace is secured they request the land of Palestine as their home.

DEVELOPMENT IN TEL AVIV

Tel Aviv is growing in spite of difficulties, with almost as astonishing speed as the wall of Jerusalem grew under the hands of Nehemiah. The city has laid fourteen miles of new roads so that now fifty miles of paved roads crisscross the city. Suburban areas have been developed for the increased population, which increase is due to immigration more than to birth. A large Central Market was opened in the city, and a new wing has been added to the Hadassah hospital.

A SUCCESSFUL FAILURE

JOHN BUNYAN. No one gave him much attention. He was just a mender of pots and pans, clocks and sundials, a tinker by trade. Then something happened. He was converted, and uneducated as he was, began to preach. He had no church, no hall, and so began preaching on the streets.

His English was poor, his theology uncertain, his clothes were patched, and his general appearance was such as to cause some of the high churchmen to protest. Magistrates arrested him and threw him into jail. He was promised freedom if he would go home, quit preaching and behave himself. But each time he was released, he started it all over again.

When no persuasion would stop him, he went to jail again and again. Twelve years of his life were spent in old Bedford jail. Of course he had failed. The smart world laughed at him; good people, so called, scoffed. His family was almost starving, his beloved daughter going blind. But with all these heart breaking failures, Bunyan was busy. On every bit of waste paper, smuggled into the jail, on old envelopes, wrappers, lunch boxes, on all these he was busy writing, writing, writing, apparently no end to it. The jailer was only amused at all this, and did not object much. On this scrap paper, a book, "Pilgrim's Progress," was written, and the man who had failed a thousand times was now the biggest success in England.

—Y. P. Standard.

DOCTRINE

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REPENTANCE TOWARD GOD — Repentance is godly sorrow for sin (Acts 20: 21; II Cor.. 7: 10; Mark 1: 15).

RESTITUTION — The Blood of Jesus will never blot out any sin that we can make right. We must have a conscience void of offense toward God and man. Restitution includes restoring where you have defrauded or stolen, paying back-debts, and making confession (Luke 19: 8, 9; Ezekiel 33: 15).

JUSTIFICATION is that act of God's grace by which we receive remission of sins (Acts 10: 43 Romans 5: 1; Romans 3: 25; Acts 13: 38, 39; John 1: 12; John 3: 3).

SANCTIFICATION is that act of God's grace by which He makes us holy. It is a second, definite work wrought by the Blood of Jesus through faith (John 17: 15-17; I Thess. 4: 3; Heb. 13: 12; Heb. 2: 11; Heb. 12: 14; I John 1: 7):

THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST is the gift of power upon the sanctified life (Luke 24: 49); Matt. 3: 11; John 7:38, 39; John 14: 16, 17, 26; Acts 1: 5-8).

And when we receive it, we have the same sign or Bible evidence as the disciples had on the day of Pentecost, speaking with tongues, as the Spirit gives utterance (Mark 16: 17; 1 Cor. 14: 21, 22. Examples — Acts 2: 4; Acts 10: 45, 46; Acts 19: 6).

HEALING OF THE BODY—Sickness and diseases are destroyed through the previous atonement of Jesus (Isa. 53: 4, 5; Matt. 8: 17; Mark 16: 18; James 5: 14-16). All sickness is the work of the devil, which Jesus came to destroy (I John 3: 8; Luke 13: 16, Acts 10:38). Jesus cast out devils and commissioned His disciples to do the same (Mark 16: 17, 18; Luke 10: 19; Mark 9: 25, 26).

THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS — The return of Jesus is just as literal as His going away (Acts 1: 9-11; John 14: 3). There will be two appearances under one coming; first, to catch away His waiting bride (Matt. 24: 40-44; I Thess. 4: 15-17); second, to execute judgment upon the ungodly (II Thess. 1: 7-10; Jude 14, 15; Zech. 14: 3, 4).

Season's Greeting

Joys to cheer you,
Peace to enfold you,
Love to bless you—
May these greatest of
Christmas gifts
Be yours in
Fullest measure!



Your Editors and Co-laborers,
Robert and Pauline Parham

ORDINANCES: 1st — WATER BAPTISM BY IMMERSION (Single) —Jesus went down into the water and came up out of the water, giving us an example that we should follow (Matt. 3: 16; Acts 8: 38, 39; Matt. 28: 19; Rom. 6: 5; Col. 2: 12).

2nd: THE LORD'S SUPPER—Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper that we might "show the Lord's death till He come." (I Cor. 11: 23, 26; Luke 22: 17, 20; Matt. 26: 26-29).

It brings healing to our bodies if we discern the Lord's body (I Cor. 11: 29, 30).

3rd: WASHING THE DISCIPLES' FEET—Jesus said: "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you." (John 13: 14, 15).

THE TRIBULATION — Jesus prophesied a great tribulation such as was not from the beginning of the world (Matt. 24: 21, 22, 29; Rev. 9; Rev. 16; Isa. 26: 20, 21; Mal. 4: 1).

CHRIST'S MILLENNIAL REIGN is the 1000 years of the literal reign of Jesus on this earth. It will be

ushered in by the coming of Jesus back to earth with ten thousands of His saints (Jude 14, 15; II Thess. 1: 7-10). During this time the devil will be bound (Rev. 20: 2, 3). It will be a reign of peace and blessing (Isa. 11: 6-9; Isa. 65: 25; Hos. 2: 18; Zech. 14: 9, 20; Isa. 2: 2-4).

THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT — God will judge the quick and dead according to their works (Rev. 20: 11-14; Dan. 12: 2; Acts 10: 42).

FINAL RESTRUCTION OF THE WICKED: And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. Rev. 20:8-15. Malachi 4:1-3.

"NEW HEAVENS AND NEW EARTH"—The word teaches that this earth which has been polluted by sin, shall pass away after the White Throne Judgment, and God will make a new heaven and a new earth in which righteousness shall dwell (Matt. 24: 35; II Peter 3:12; 13; Rev. 21: 1-3; Isa. 65: 17; Isa. 66: 22).

NO DIVORCE—The word teaches

that marriage is binding for life. Under the New Testament law, the law of Christ, there is but one cause for separation, fornication, and no right to marry again while the first companion lives (Matt. 5: 31, 32; Matt. 19: 9; Mark 10: 12, 12; Luke 16: 18; Rom. 7: 2, 3).

LAST WORD

As we go to press we have received a letter from Brother Ralph Durham stating that they plan a Convocation for the Pan-Handle District to be held at the Perryton Gospel Tabernacle, Perryton, Texas, from December 26 to December 31, conducted by Brother Ralph Durham, Brother Olen Bachelor and Brother Sidney Rees.

Sister Alice Parham has taken over the Pastorate of Calvary Chapel, 1100 Los Tunas Blvd., San Gabriel, Calif., which Brother and Sister Reuben J. Davis have been pastoring. Brother W. C. Parham has taken over the Pastorate of the Big White Tabernacle, which was founded and Pastored by Sister Essie Locy West, of Glendale, Calif., at Chevy Chase and Colorado. We hope to have a nice write up and pictures of these churches in the next paper.

Sister Beulah Clay and family are opening a new field and expect to evangelize in and around Mountain Home, Ark., all this winter. Sister Clay is able to be up now and desires the prayers of the Christian people.

Pvt. R. L. Coberly writes God is blessing him in the camp and he has led a number of soldier boys to Christ in the recent meeting held there by Evangelist Raymond T. Richey. He says Brother Richey is doing a great work among the soldier boys in the camps. He is at Fort Lawton, Washington.

Naomi and Dorcas Mahan have been in the Evangelistic work with Brother and Sister Hap Watkins for several months and have returned to Palm City, Calif., and are assisting in the work of the Lord there.



Big White Tabernacle, 225 Chevy Chase Drive near Colorado Blvd., Glendale, California, founded and pastored by Sister Essie Locy West for eleven years, is a lovely church. Everyone is invited to attend, Bro. W. C. Parham has recently taken the pastorate.

TESTIMONIES

For over two years I had an affliction which, though I had been prayed for a number of times at the Camp Meetings, could never seem to gain victory. It seem the muscles in my hip and leg would go to sleep or become temporarily paralyzed. The pain at these times was terrible. It became so bad that I could hardly stand up and had to lie in bed part of the time.

One night, Brother Sol Getz came to our church to preach, and after church he had prayer for the sick. I was instantly touched and healed by the mighty power of God. And from that time I have never even had symptoms of the affliction. How I praise God for His healing power.

Brother Charles Menke,
Cheney, Kansas.

Dear Ones in Christ:

Just a few lines to let you know our baby Lona Lynn is all right now. We sent out several requests for prayer and God healed her. We do thank Him for it.

Love and Prayers,
Ivan and Midge Perkins and girls.

We hope to see as many as possible at the Convocation at Alvin, Texas. Your Co-laborer and Editors, Bro. and Sister Robert L. Parham plan to be there. D. V.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Scott of Magnolia, Ark., have haved to Katy, Texas,

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THE PRINCE OF PEACE

William Jennings Bryan

I was thinking a few years ago of the Christmas which was then approaching and of him in whose honor the day is celebrated. I recalled the message, "Peace on earth, good will to men," and then my thoughts ran back to the prophecy uttered centuries before his birth, in which he was described as the Prince of Peace. To reinforce my memory I re-read the prophecy and found immediately following a verse which I had forgotten—a verse which declares that of the increase of his peace and government there shall be no end, for, adds Isaiah, "He shall judge his people with justice and with judgment." Thinking of the prophecy, I have selected this theme that I may present some of the reasons which lead me to believe that Christ has fully earned the title, The Prince of Peace, and that in the years to come it will be more and more applied to him. Faith in him brings peace to the heart and his teachings, when applied, will bring peace between man and man. And if he can bring peace to each heart, and if his creed will bring peace throughout the earth, who will deny his right to be called The Prince of Peace?

All the world is in search of peace; every heart that ever beat has sought for peace and many have been the methods employed to secure it. Some have thought to purchase it with riches and they have labored to secure wealth, hoping to find peace.

Some have sought peace in social distinction, but whether they have been within the charmed circle and fearful lest they might fall out, or outside and hopeful that they might get in, they have not found peace.

To those who have grown gray in the faith I need not speak of the peace to be found in the belief in an overruling Providence. Christ taught that our lives are precious in the sight of God, and poets have taken up the theme and woven it into immortal verse. No uninspired writer has expressed the idea more beautifully than William Cullen Bryant in the Ode to a Water-fowl. After following the wanderings of the bird of passage as it seeks first its northern and then its southern home, he concludes:

"Thou art gone; the abyss of heaven

Hath swallowed up thy form, but on my heart
Deeply hath sunk the lesson thou hast given,

And shall not soon depart.

"He who, from zone to zone,

Guides through the boundless sky thy certain flight,
In the long way that I must tread alone,
Will lead my steps, aright."

GOD'S WAY IS BEST

God has a perfect plan for the financial blessing of His people, which will fully provide the means for sending forth the glorious message of salvation. This plan is tithing, which means that the Christian will give God one-tenth of his net income.

Many Christians are under the impression that tithing was a part of the Mosaic law, and therefore is not binding upon the Christian today. I wonder if you know that tithing was practiced hundreds of years before the law was given? See Genesis 14-17-20.

Tithing was practiced from the very beginning of creation. It was confirmed under the dispensation of law, and later under grace. Christians are instructed to give REGULARLY (on the first day of the week, not after all other bills are paid giving God the leftover). They are to give PROPORTIONALLY (as God has prospered them). I Corinthians 16:1-3.

If Abraham and Jacob gave the tithe even before the law was given; and if Israel, under law, could give the tenth in faith, how much more should we, who have received the abundant revelation of the Gospel of Grace!

If you have never known the joy and satisfaction which come from honoring God with the tithe of your income, let me urge you to begin at once.

Remember, "Faith honors God, God honors faith!"

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