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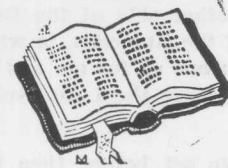
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I. SEARCH "Search the Scriptures . . .
They Testify to Me." Jesus in John 5:39.

II. STUDY "Study, to show thyself approved unto God . . ."
2 Timothy 2:15

III. MEDITATE "This book . . . thou shalt meditate therein
day and night . . ." Joshua 1:8.

IV. PRAY FOR UNDERSTANDING "Open thou mine eyes,
that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law."
Psalms 119:8.

V. CHERISH THE WORD OF GOD "Thy Word have I hid
in my heart . . ." Psalms 119:11.

VI. BELIEVE Unbelief is sin. Hebrews 3:12.

VII. OBEY "If you love me, keep my Commandments."
John 14:15.



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Youth Camps and our Camp Meetings be what they should be because we did not shirk our responsibilities. May be ready as a vessel of honour unto God, to respond and to yield to the Holy Spirit in His demonstrations and manifestations.

May The Apostolic Faith Report bless hundreds of people and help to establish many hearts because every one concerned did their part. I want to do my part. Bro. Jerry McClenagan wants to do his part. We want you to do your part, and we want you to want to do your part. Will you resolve?

Send your offerings to the Bible School or to the Report when the Spirit moves you. Resolve now, that you will do it. Resolve now that by God's help you'll work in your church with your influence and support in tithes and offerings. Resolve now that you will back the Missionaries and Evangelists with your prayers and money.

Ministers, please send in the reports of your work for the Lord. We can not publish it if we do not know it. Write that good sermon that's on your heart and send it in. You will be surprised to know that it may bless over 3,000 readers in a few days. **God Bless You.**

"And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house we will serve the Lord. Joshua 25:15.

"See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; In that I command thee this day to love the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the Lord thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it. Deuteronomy 30:15-16.

"Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach." Hebrews 13:12-13.

The three quotations above are taken from the Holy Bible. To the person that is familiar with the scripture, these words are quite familiar. These scriptures are recommendations for resolutions. They are commands for resolutions. Yes indeed, they are challenges of resolutions.

Just how good are resolutions? is it not a wrong philosophy for us to regard "New Year's Resolutions" with an air of levity and regard them as good ideas for jokes? Yes, I think so. Let me explain.

In every instance in the Bible where any person made a consecration to serve God and humanity in any capacity, they first resolved to do it. Without the resolution first, the consecration never would have been made.

God resolved in the first place to make man in His own image. God resolved to grant grace to the human family by offering His only-begotten Son to take the form of flesh. Christ

Jesus resolved to be obedient unto death when he found himself in the form of a servant. We hear Him say, "Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father. St. John 10:17-19.

The prophets of the past whom God used to give us His eternal word, resolved first to do the will of God. From the book of James we learn that the prophet Elijah was an ordinary man of passions like other men, but he was a righteous man of fervent prayer. That made him different. He resolved first to do God's will.

We learn from the parable that Jesus used concerning the young man we call the "prodigal" or spendthrift, when he repented, that he first resolved that he would " . . . arise and go to my father's house."

Now for our resolutions for 1960. This new year holds a great challenge for the Full-Gospel believers in the Apostolic Faith Movement. We can move forward to greater success if we will. But we will first resolve to make the necessary sacrifices, bear the necessary burdens, apply ourselves to the necessary tasks, consecrate ourselves unreservedly to Christ's kingdom, and quench not the Spirit. Certainly we know that we must do more than merely say we resolve. Our resolutions will be another "joke" along with countless others if we do not take God as our partner and by His help accomplish our tasks we resolve to do.

May 1960 be a year of revivals because we individually did our part in prayer, testimony, and sacrifice. May 1960 be a year of church growth because we each did our part in the same way. May our Bible School, our

Asleep in Church

By HARROL WATERBURY



No right thinking Christian can doubt that the most urgent need of this hour is to awaken a sleeping church from our present-day lackadaisical churchism into a mass attack against invading iniquity; and so important and far reaching is the subject, that it becomes us to approach it with solemn hearts, and to pray God to aid us with His enlightening grace, that we may indeed hear, mark, learn, and inwardly digest what God's word teaches concerning this age and our responsibility.

Jesus had scorching words of rebuke for those who were able to read the coming storms by the skies, but were blind to the signs of the times. As this dispensation runs out, and the day of the Lord approaches, the sky grows crimson with the threatening storm of world distress.

In statements made concerning the close of the age, Our Lord has taught us that iniquity shall abound. The appalling arrogance of sin is most disturbing. Make no mistake, iniquity does not slink down a back street anymore with its head down, but rather rears its ugly head in position, affluence, and leadership. Because of this condition, the love of many has cooled. Where love declines, bad practices soon creep in. From the gradual decline of first love, we have one steady, onward march, till that line of development reaches its climax in the scarlet woman. The rule for many today is disgusting lukewarmness, empty profession, and base conceit, with Christ Himself excluded.

It is saddening, but very wise to be awake and understand all of the conditions that go on in the church. The general condition is farther reaching than denominations and creeds, and yet affects us all. We must realize that never has there been a sowing of God on earth but that it has been oversown by Satan; or a growth for Christ which the plantings of the wicked one did not mingle with the

good. God sowed good seed in Paradise, but when it came to the harvest, the principal product was tares. At earth's first altar appeared the murderer with the saint—Cain with Abel. God had His sons before the flood, but more numerous were the children of the wicked one. In all ages and dispensations, the plants of grace have ever found the weeds upspringing by their sides, their roots intertwining, and their stalks and leaves and fruits putting forth together. The church is not an exception, and never will be so long as the present dispensation lasts. Even in its first and purest periods, the Scriptural accounts attest that it was intermixed with what pertained not to it. There was a Judas among the Apostles, an Ananias and a Simon Magus among its first converts, a Demos and a Diotrefes among its first public servants. As long as it continues in this world, Christ will have His antichrist, and the temple of God its men of sin. He who sets out to find a perfect church, in which there are no unworthy elements and no disfigurements, proposes to himself a hopeless search. Go where he will, worship where he may, in any country or in any age, he will soon find tares among the wheat, sin mixing with all earthly holiness, self-deceivers, hypocrites and unchristians in every assembly of saints—Satan pushing himself into every gathering of the sons of God to present themselves before the Lord. No preaching however pure, no discipline however strict or prudent, no watchfulness however searching and faithful, can ever make it different. Paul told the Thessalonians that the day of the Lord should not come until there came a falling away first, and an extraordinary manifestation of sin and guilt in the church itself, and assured them that embodied apostasy was to live and work on until the Lord Himself should come and destroy it by the manifestation of His own personal presence. The Saviour Himself

has taught us that in the gospel field, wheat and tares are to be found; that it is forbidden to pluck up the bad, lest the good also be damaged, and that both are to "grow together until the harvest," which is the close of our age, the winding up of our present order of things: "The end of the world." "Watch ye therefore: lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping."

The last phase of the church is described in striking terms in Revelation, Chapter 3. I am convinced that we have already entered into this phase, and these conditions. It tells of some whom Christ still loves, mostly suffering ones, under the rebukes and chastenings of their gracious Lord. However, the body of Christendom is quite apostate, with Christ outside and knocking for admission into His own professed church. Paul prophesied of the church that in the last period, men would be "lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof." II Tim. 3:1-5. This is a fearful picture, almost as dark as that which he gave of the heathen world before Christianity touched it (Romans 1:26-32), but it answers precisely to the Saviour's portraiture of the characteristics of the church in its last phase.

According to Scripture, this church of the last age is conformed in everything to the popular judgment and will, the extreme opposite of the healthy New Testament church set forth in the Acts of the Apostles. Instead of the body, the living organism, with Christ as the head, it is the church of the domineering mob, in which nothing may be safely preached except what the people are pleased to hear, in which the teachings of the pulpit are fashioned to the tastes of the pew, and the feelings of the individual override the enactments of God's authority.

It is lukewarm, nothing decided—partly hot and partly cold—divided between Christ and the world . . . not willing to give up pretension and claim to the heavenly, and yet clinging close to the earthly, having too

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THE GIFT OF THE WORD OF WISDOM

By ROBERT GIROUARD

The third in a series on the gifts of the Spirit

IT IS ONLY fair to our readers to say that the writer makes no special claims for originality in these articles. The Lord has opened our understanding to many of the truths presented here, but we have also profited from the labors of others who have written on these subjects!

When James wrote, **"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him"**, he did not have the Gift of the Word of Wisdom in mind, but general wisdom in the things of God. The gift under discussion does not make one wise, and many who have general wisdom in the things of God are strangers to this Gift. The wisdom that Solomon received in answer to prayer was not identical with the Spiritual Gift of the Word of Wisdom. God gave him a wise and understanding heart. I Kings 3:12. No doubt the Spirit of God quickened his mental faculties and he received a divine increase of natural wisdom.

The Spiritual Gift of the Word of Wisdom does not depend on our mental faculties. It is a direct revelation from God without human contribution. The Gift may be manifested by dream or vision, by angels, by the audible voice of God, by the inaudible voice of the Spirit to one's heart, or through the Spiritual Gifts of Prophecy, or Tongues and Interpretation. This is also true of the Gift of the Word of Knowledge.

God knows everything, past, present and future. **In God are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.** Col. 2:3. God's consciousness of the past and present is His knowledge. His knowledge of the future is His foreknowledge.

Wisdom has been defined as knowledge properly applied. Since God is an all-wise God, it must necessarily follow that all His knowledge is applied in wisdom. So when God wills, plans purposes for something to take

place—that represents His wisdom. His power to enforce that plan or purpose is His determinate counsel. Acts 2.23.

When God reveals to man some future event that involves divine purpose, He does so by the Gift of the Word of Wisdom. Hence prophecy would come under this classification. By the Word of Knowledge the condition of the seven churches were revealed to John on the Isle of Patmos; by the Word of Wisdom the will, plan, and purpose of God concerning things then future was revealed to him. Some Bible students believe that God's revelation to Paul during the storm recorded in Acts 27:21-26 would be classed as the Word of Knowledge. The writer takes the position that since the revelation contains a declaration of divine purpose to save Paul and his shipmates that it would be the Word of Wisdom.

Jesus told His disciples that when they would be persecuted and brought before magistrates, kings, and rulers for His Name's sake, not to use their natural wisdom in their defense but that He would give them a **"mouth and wisdom"**. Luke 21:12-15. He also made it plain that it would be the Holy Spirit Himself doing the talking. Mat. 10:17-20; Luke 12:11& 12. This is one way in which the Gift of the Word of Wisdom operates. It is wholly supernatural. It is not the gift of wisdom, but the Gift of the WORD of Wisdom. God gives at the time of need a fragment, a small portion a Word of His Wisdom.

In the early days of the Apostolic Church, sharp dissension arose as to whether Gentiles should be circumcised and keep the law of Moses in order to be saved. Many Christian Jews tried to make a Jewish Sect out of the Christian Church. So great was the dissension over the matter that Paul and Barnabas decided to go to Jerusalem to thresh out the matter with the apostles and elders. Af-

ter much discussion and **"disputing"**, James seems to have been given the Word of Wisdom which satisfied the Church and brought a happy solution to this vexing problem. They gave credit to the Holy Spirit for their decision. Acts 15:28; Acts 15:1-29.

When Jesus was baptized in water the Spirit of God came upon him like a dove. Matt. 3:16. The Holy Spirit of God led Him into the wilderness to face the temptations of the devil. Matt. 4:1; Luke 4:1 & 2. After forty days of temptations of the devil, Jesus began to preach in the power of the Spirit and to work miracles. He experienced the Spirit's power in full measure. John 3:34. Jesus made many enemies by His fearless preaching. His enemies did their best to try to prove that He was disloyal to the law of Moses or to the Roman government. Many times Jesus escaped the snares of His enemies by the Gift of the Word of Wisdom. One incident will be given as example. On one occasion some of His enemies brought to Jesus a woman who had been caught in the act of committing adultery. **"They say unto Him, Master, this woman was taken in Adultery, in the very act. Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?"** If Jesus had said for them to release her, He would be accused of breaking the law which He said He had come to fulfill. If He said to stone her, He would be turning aside from His own teaching of mercy and forgiveness. Whatever His answer would be, His questioners thought that Jesus would be thoroughly discredited. At first Jesus gave them no answer, but wrote in the sand. What did Jesus write in the sand? Was it a list of their own companions in the same sin that this woman had committed? Only God knows. They were so sure that they had Jesus in a position of perplexity and distress that they kept pressing Him for an answer. Then came the supernatural Word of Wisdom, **"He that is without sin among you, let him cast a stone at her."**

In His answer Jesus did not deny the just claims of the law nor His gospel of mercy and forgiveness. His enemies could find no fault in His answer to their question, but rather convicted of their own sinfulness. Jesus forgave the woman and told her to quit sinning.

Our next article will be on the Gift of the Discerning of Spirits.

PASTORAL REPORTS

PINE HILL, ALABAMA

Brother Harold Bollinger reports they are still using the Warehouse building for their church services. Brother L. J. Ehrlich recently conducted a 6-night revival. Several children were at the altar. One man sought the Lord for a closer walk with God. From twenty to thirty attended. The Bollingers will be working in the Bible School. Thus far temporary pastor has not been secured. Pray for this new church.

SPENARD, ALASKA

Sister Edna Neff reports she is happy in beautiful Alaska. She is busy in the Lord's work. God is blessing her labours among the Youth. Several service men are attending the Youth Services. She sends an offering for the "Report".

SPEARMAN, TEXAS

The Apostolic Faith Church at Spearman is very happy with the special Bible Studies Brother and Sister Gail W. Schultz have been conducting.

TYLER, TEXAS

Brother J. W. Elliott plans to move back to Tyler, Texas in January. He will preach on the streets and enter whatever door is open to his ministry. Bro. Elliott reports that he is looking up for redemption is drawing nigh. Signs on every side should keep us alert.

DONIPHAN, MISSOURI

Bro. and Sis. George Hintergardt enjoyed the revival conducted in November by Bro. and Sis. Ross Briles. The Mill Creek Church is doing fine and they worship the Lord for it.

ALIEF, TEXAS

Bro. Bennie Stanberry reports the Revival conducted by Bro. & Sis. Kerr blessed the church. He mentioned the folk in South Texas are looking for a location for a **Permanent Youth Camp**.

EDNA, TEXAS

The Wayside Chapel folk are enjoying the ministry of their pastor's family, Bro. Steve Welsh. They worked hard to produce an interesting Christmas Program.

CENTER POINT, TEXAS

Bro. and Sis. Charles O. Mahan have accepted this pastorate. Let us assist them with our continued prayers. Bro. Mahan's health is much improved.

TANEYVILLE MISSOURI

Here is an excerpt from a letter from Taneyville: "Enclosed is \$5.00 for the paper. I was asked by a man in our church, "Why don't each church make a tape recording of their preaching and special singing and change it with other churches? That way we'd know each other better." Pray for our church. **Maxine & Allen Long**.

LAVERNE, OKLAHOMA

The Harrol Waterbury's report the work is doing fine. The attendance is good and a good spirit prevails.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Sister Opal Ferry reports one was sanctified in their work recently. She also mentioned the Lord's blessing her efforts in her revival in Quitman, Mississippi in October: Four were at the altar for Salvation and two were for consecration. "A missionary group was also formed among the church women."

CAMP WOOD, TEXAS

Bro. Lloyd Schrimpf reports that the Lord is blessing the church at Camp Wood as usual. "Things are about normal." They are enjoying the Apostolic Faith Report and encourage us to keep up the work.

BALKO, OKLAHOMA

Attendance at the Apostolic Faith Church in Balko, Oklahoma has been good. Sister Shirley Woodson has been assisting the pastors, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ferguson with the Youth services.

ARNETT, OKLAHOMA

Sister Jessie Huff and Sister Walter Barker report they are enjoying the ministry of their pastors, Mr. & Mrs. Sherman Sutton and that the Lord is blessing the church. They also say they enjoy the "Report".

ROCKDALE, TEXAS

The Apostolic Faith Church in Rockdale is still progressing under the direction of their pastor, Bro. Austin Morgan. Bro. Morgan and family plan to visit his kinsfolk December 22-24, then they plan to attend the Convocation at Ralls, Texas. Mrs. R. D. Busch of Rockdale sent an offering to the "Report". She said, "Not because it is Christmas, because every day is Christmas in my heart." **Praise the Lord!**

POST, TEXAS

Another excerpt from a letter, "Dear Sir: Our granddaughter had you send us the Apostolic Faith Report. We like it and read it. Am sending \$3.00 for a free will offering. **Charlie Davis**

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

The remodeling of the Church Building is progressing nicely. New Pews have been installed. The folk are encouraged. Praise the Lord! Brother & Sister Eugene Cornell have made this their home church the past two months.

ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO

Brother Truman Summerford conducted a Singing School here recently. This type of work would bless any of our churches.

STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

Sister Glen Oyler says that the "Musical Assistance" given the Stockton Church by Bro. & Sis. Brock and Bro. & Sis. Robert Wayne Girouard is really a blessing to them. The Brocks have their "Hammond Organ" in the church which so definitely enhances the services.

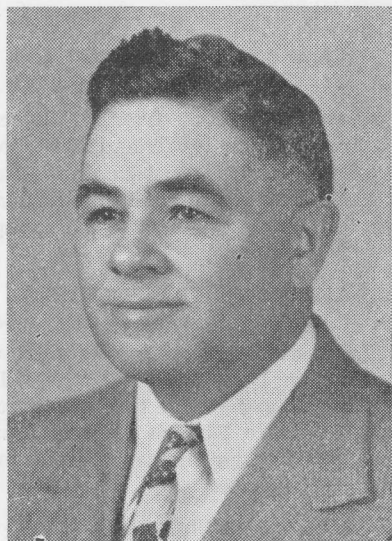
GRANBY, MISSOURI

The ministry of Bro. Otto Busch is deeply appreciated here. Sister Busch is in invaluable service too, both to the "Youth" and the more mature folk.

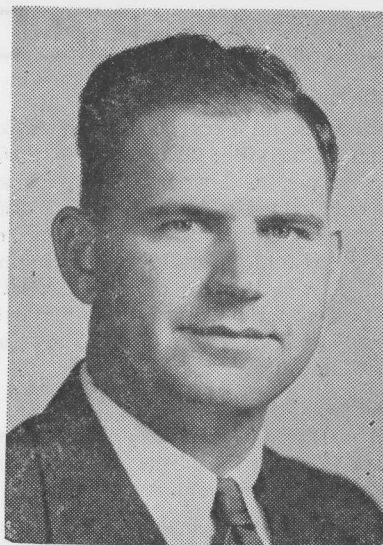
WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Miss Sandra Raney, daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Eugene Raney of Roswell, New Mexico, and **Wayne Blythe**, son of Mr. & Mrs. William Blythe of Snyder, Texas were married in the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. Grace Walters at Snyder, Texas on December 4, 1959. Rev. Van Earl Blythe, brother of the groom, performed the wedding ceremony.

Miss Sue Scott, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Scott of Webb City, Missouri was married to **Rev. Homer Allen**, pastor of the church in Boise City, Oklahoma on December 11, 1959. Bro. Allen is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Mohler of Imperial Beach California. The wedding took place in the Frisco Mission Church in Webb City, Missouri. The pastor, Bro. G. K. Ress officiated.



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The Work of the Apostolic Faith Bible School

By THE EDITOR

The First of Three Articles

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH BIBLE SCHOOL is a "faith" school? We know the subject of faith is among the greatest and books upon books have been written about it. We will explain "faith" in this article only as it is applied to the work of the Apostolic Faith Movement.

When the Apostolic Faith Movement was born under the ministry of the late Charles F. Parham, the entire work of the Lord under his supervision was directed under the "faith" system. No preacher received a salary, no worker received a salary, no tuition was charged for entry in Bible School and no charges were made for meals. Many other things that cost money and material to operate and maintain were operated on the Free-Will Offering Plan. This did not mean that no money was needed but it meant that no charges were made. The "faith" system worked like this: Whenever any one felt an urge or "nudge" or were led by the Spirit to give money, donate food, pay expenses, buy automobiles or train-fares or anything that was needed, they did it as unto the Lord. The Lord surely blessed and prospered them.

The Apostolic Faith Bible School is conducted in this fashion. If anyone feels the urge, is led by the

Spirit, or responds to his knowledge of the needs of the Bible School, he should do it in the name of the Lord. Everyone concerned will be blessed if this is done.

In this issue and the following issues of the Apostolic Faith Report, we plan to present three articles concerning the Bible School. On these pages we wish to show the pictures of the men and women who work in the School. We will tell you of their work. These people receive no salary. They are supported by your tithes as you respond to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Brother Robert Girouard is the Superintendent of the Bible School. This is his second year to serve in this capacity. He has worked in the School at other times as a Bible Teacher.

It is the responsibility of Brother Girouard to see that the classes and other divine services are conducted in an orderly and spiritual way. He has the oversight of all the Bible School activities. The problems that arise day by day pertaining to the classes, the teachers, the students, and the visitors fall under his supervision. It is also his responsibility to receive and disburse the finances and other supplies sent in by the people. He pays the bills that come in the course of time. He receives the

guests as they come to visit the school.

During the nine months of the year that the School is closed, Brother Girouard takes care of the Bible School property. This is quite a task within itself.

Brother Girouard serves also as the pastor of the Church in the Bible School Chapel in Baxter Springs, Kansas. This is a good church.

Brother Girouard has been a preacher in the Apostolic Faith for over thirty year. He is well known as pastor and Bible Teacher.

Brother Paul A. Clanton is the assistant Superintendent and Business Manager of the Bible School. His duties are as the titles declare. He assists the Superintendent and helps him with decisions, problems and administration. As business manager, Brother Clanton does the buying of the foodstuffs needed for the community cafeteria. He tends to the physical needs of the School. This includes the unpleasant tasks of keeping the plumbing and heating systems of the buildings in good operation. Some have humorously said the title of the Assistant Superintendent should be "General Flunky".

Brother Clanton was reared in a Full Gospel home. He answered the call to the ministry when he was young and has served as evangelist



ALFORD WHITELEY
Doctrine

and pastor for fifteen years or more. He is the pastor of the Apostolic Faith Church in Joplin, Missouri.

Brother Marcus L. Adair is serving as teacher of three Bible subjects. These are, (1) Prophecy One, (2) Prophecy Two, and (3) History. Any one of these three subjects is a task to teach. He conducts three classes daily. The class in Prophecy One will chiefly learn the basic prophecies of the Old Testament relative to the coming of Christ as Saviour. Many remote and little-known facts concerning the prophecies are revealed in this class. In Prophecy Two the studies are more advanced. In this class the unfulfilled Bible Prophecies are studied. The happenings of our present day with its International aspects are compared with the Scriptures. The "Close of the Age" and the "Soon Return of Christ" are studied in this class.

In HISTORY, Brother Adair takes a Bible History Text Book and also the Bible and brings his students up-to-date in their need of knowledge from a historical standpoint.

Brother Marcus Adair was converted while young and has been a preacher and teacher of the Apostolic Faith for over twenty years. He has served as Evangelist, Pastor and Missionary. He has made two trips abroad. His experience, his vision, and his burden indeed are assets to his work in the classroom.

He is presently the Pastor of the Church in Follett, Texas.

What Did it Profit Me?

By JERRY McCLENAGAN

(Bro. Robert Girouard, Apostolic Faith Bible School Superintendent, has requested the following article by Jerry McClenagan, written from his viewpoint as a former student.)

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." II Timothy 3:16-17.

Those who have been faithful to work in the Bible School in past years, and those who are continuing to fulfil their Christian responsibility this year, are earnestly obeying Paul's exhortation to Timothy: "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (II Timothy 2:2).

Capable teachers (who do not work for a salary), come to the School devoted to God's work and deeply concerned about the pupil's advantage and preparation for Christian service. They are there for the student's profit, not their own; and they teach the word of God which is profitable to those who receive it. (Heb. 4:2)

I was one who, through the gracious guidance of God, profited much from the School. And the priceless pearls of instruction I received I now consider no longer mine, but those whom I may now teach—"I am a debtor."

Why did I attend the Apostolic Faith Bible School? I cannot recall my first incentive to attend. But upon finishing by High School education I firmly decided to enter A. F. B. S. I was advised to attend college one semester, which I did, then to enter

BROTHER ALFORD WHITELEY is serving in the capacity of teacher of Doctrine. This is a very important study. Without the study of "Doctrine" there is danger of Christians becoming unstable. In this study, the Bible is explored to learn the true teachings of the Holy Scriptures. First it is necessary to learn what doctrine is. Then it is necessary to learn to distinguish between "false" and "true" doctrine.

Bible School. I sensed the need of some college training aside from my Bible training, and was able to secure a part of this before entering my first term of Bible School.

But what a difference in environment and atmosphere! When I left college and entered the Bible School I felt a relief beyond words. My anticipation of spiritual help was assured; the School exceeded my highest hopes, Praise God for the spiritual value of the School!

Perhaps you have taken for granted that I was planning on a vocation of Gospel preaching before entering the School. But I had no intentions of doing this. I cannot recall the slightest hint in the back of my mind of this field of Christian work.

As I look back I can remember an unexplainable compulsion drawing me to the School. I realize now that it was the Hand of God guiding me into His design for my life. That may not seem very important to my reader, but it is outstanding to me, because I cannot recall one single plan for a life's vocation, absolutely no boyhood or teen-age desire to be this or that in life! I was being unconsciously led into the preaching of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ!

Another thing that's remarkable about this to me is the method which the School endorses in accepting students into it. One is not required to be a preacher or to have plans to be a laborer in the Gospel fields. It is for anyone who wants to apply themselves to Scriptural teachings. Had it not have been this way I would not have gone!

The months I spent in the Apostolic Faith School were inspiring and beneficial. What did it profit me? Really, its value is priceless.

Among the subjects studied in Brother Whiteley's classes are: (1) Conviction of Sin, (2) Repentance, (3) Conversion, (4) Complete Consecration, (5) Entire Sanctification, (6) The anointing of the Holy Spirit, (7) The Baptism of the Holy Spirit, (8) The Gifts of the Spirit and (9) Divine Healing. These could be classified under the **Plan of Salvation**. Some of the other important Bible Studies

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IT STARTED WITH A SMILE

One morning as Betty was going to school she saw a small boy looking out of his window. Betty waved and gave him her biggest smile. A few minutes later the small boy gave his new smile to his mother when she came into his room to say good morning.

Then as the mailman came up the walk the mother met him at the door. The mailman gave her a letter and she gave him the smile. So off went Betty's Smile on the face of the mailman. He gave it to old Mrs. Wilson and she gave it to the delivery boy when he brought her weekly groceries. The delivery boy took it back to the store and gave it to the store owner, who gave it to a little boy who was helping his mother push the big basket.

The little boy gave his new smile to the traffic policeman. And now we see Betty's Smile out in the middle of the street on the face of a policeman. He gave the smile to the driver of a big diesel truck. The driver took

Friends of Christ



MY FAVORITE BIBLE STORY

Kendy and Kathy Barker of the Liberal, Kansas church say their favorite story is "David and the Giant," found in I Samuel 17.

Tommy and Joy Bollinger, also of Liberal, Kansas church, like the story of Jesus feeding the 5000 with only five loaves and two fishes, found in Matthew 14:15-21.

What is your Favorite Bible Story? Send it to "The Apostolic Faith Report," Box 313, Hardesty, Oklahoma.

the smile to a city a long way from where Betty lives. When he stopped for his lunch he gave it to a friend, who gave it to a neighbor, who also passed it on. It went on and on. Wouldn't it have been sad if Betty's biggest smile had been stopped by the small boy, or the policeman, or the truck driver?

Boys and Girls, a frown travels the same way a smile. The only difference is, we must never give away the frown, and we must never keep the smile.

CHURCH MANNERS

1. Do you try to always be on time?
2. Do you whisper often during church?
3. Do you check to see if your shoes are clean before entering church?
4. Do you drop paper on the church floor?
5. Do you run in the church building?
6. Do you turn around and stare at late-comers?
7. Do you sit as still as you can during the service?
8. Do you make pencil marks in the hymn books?

If you answer "Yes" to questions than 1, 3, and 7, begin today to learn better church manners.

EMPTY HANDED

"Look," whispered Sue to her mother as Sunday School was about to start, "Here comes a little girl and she doesn't even have a mommie in her hand." **Parents, do your children attend Sunday School with nothing in their small hand but the offering?**

Asleep In CHURCH

(Continued from Page 3)

much conscience to cast off the name of Christ, and too much love for the world to take a firm and honest stand entirely on His side. There is much religiousness but very little religion, much sentiment but very little fire to correspond, much profession but very little faith, a joining of the ballroom to the communion table, of the rock'n'roll with the worship of God, and of the feasting and riot of the world with pretended charity and Christian benevolence.

It is self-satisfied, boastful, and empty, having come down to the world's tastes, and gained the world's praise and patronage, the Laodiceans think they are rich and increased with goods, and have need of nothing. Such splendid churches with influen-

tial, intelligent congregations, and learned, agreeable preachers, such admirable worship and music, such excellently manned and endowed institutions, so many missionaries on the field, so much given for benevolent charities, such an array in all the attributes of greatness and power—what more could be wanted?

Will it answer to say that all this is largely and characteristically the state of things at this very hour? Can any man narrowly scrutinize the professed church of our today, and say that we have not reached the Laodicean Age? Is it not the voice of this Christendom of ours which says "I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need in nothing?" And is it not equally the fact that this self-same Christendom of ours is "the wretched, and the pitiable, and poor, and blind, and naked"? Did the "mene, mene, tsel upharsin" of Belshazzar's palace better fit the ancient heathen than this modern Christian Babylon?

Men talk of it as destined to glor-

ious triumph; they proclaim it commissioned of God to convert the world. They point to its onward march as about to take speedy possession of the race for Christ and heaven. But "The Amen" hath spoken. "The faithful and true Witness" hath given His word: "I am about to spue it out of my mouth". "He that hath an ear, let him hear."

Let us learn to view the church's errors, corruptions, mistakes, and sins as Christ views them—to love what He loves, to hate what He hates, and to hope only as God has given us authority to hope.

God, give us more men aflame for Thee! Men sick of the monopoly of the devil, men with burning hearts, brimming eyes, and bursting lips. Men who fear nothing but sin, love nothing but Thy supreme will, desire nothing but to die that other men might live. Awake us O Lord, to hear and heed the truth lest finally we have to confess that we were sleeping and out of oil, crying "Lord, open to us."

Crusaders for Christ

Resolutions for 1960

I resolve to . . .

1. **Practice Praying**
to God each day. For praying brings peace (Phil. 4:6).

2. **Practice Praying**
into God's Word. For the riches of Christ will then be mine (Col. 3:16).

3. **Practice Paying** . . .
a tenth (at least) of my income to the Ministry of the Gospel. For God loves me if I give cheerfully (II Cor. 9:7).

4. **Practice Playing**
the game of life fair and square for Christ. For it pays to live like him. (I Tim. 4:12).

Let's mean it when we sing: . . .
"I am determined, I've made up my mind, I'll serve the Lord."

Crusader's Identification

The symbol of the first crusaders was the cross. Every crusader displayed the cross on his banner, wore it on his tunic, and blazoned it on his shield.

The cross stands for the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. It is the symbol of Christ's death for you. We have nothing to boast of in our own lives—only in the cross of Christ! Those who believe on Christ and accept Him as their personal Saviour should regard the cross as their identification.

We should never be ashamed of our identity, or unity, with Christ. "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." (Galatians 6:14.)

SPECIAL YOUTH
ARTICLE

God's Tools

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Youth Asks ?

WHY DOES A TEEN-AGER NEED CHRIST?

Jesus has told us that no one can be saved except they accept Him. (John 10:9; John 14:6; John 6:37; John 1:12.) Everyone needs Christ; all have sinned. (Rom. 3:23.) Yes, even you! You really might be a good, upright person—but, have you accepted Christ? If you haven't believed on Him (that is, accepted Him as your Saviour from sin, trusted in Him as your Sin-bearer, relied on Him to forgive you and cleanse you,) you have committed the **greatest sin** by refusing Him! For the Bible tells us that the Holy Spirit was sent to convince young people like you of their sin, because they believed not on Christ! (John 16:7-9.) If you haven't believed on Christ you are guilty before God! (John 3:18.)

Think About It!

If I am a sinner because of rejecting Christ what must I do to change my life? How do I accept Christ?

Next Month

You will learn one of the first things you need to know in order to be saved.

QUICK QUIZ

Who was called "the friend of God"?

(Ans. Abraham. James 2:23.)

Be God's Friend in 1960!

He needs you! You need Him!

NOTICE TO APOSTOLIC FAITH MINISTERS!

Notice to Apostolic Faith Ministers

We will print a list of revisions to the **Minister's Directory** in the February issue of the Apostolic Faith Report.

Did we have your name or address incorrect? Was your name left out? If so, please send us your correct name, address and telephone number before January 15

The Editors

HIDE IN YOUR HEART

"Thy word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against thee." Psalms 119:11. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; . . ." Colossians 3:16.

Beneath this title, "Hide In Your Heart," will be a portion of Scripture each month. Will you "hide" it in your heart? Memorize it. It will be a lasting memorial of your Quiet Time with God. The Word will be a constant lamp unto your feet, inspiring your faith in time of trial, enlightening your mind when you need guidance, strengthening your spiritual life in Christ.

Have you ever searched for words in a Testimony Meeting? Have you lacked insight for a Sermonette for a Youth Rally or a Youth Meeting? Memorizing the Scripture may be the answer to your problems.

Hide in your heart the words of Christ and you may rejoice daily over your **Hidden Treasure!**

WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE.

What difference does it make that we can measure the distance from here to the sun if we can not close the distance between man's heart and the heart of God? What difference does it make that we can propel ourselves with lightning speed over the face of the earth, if at the same time we cannot go fast enough to escape the sense of guilt that plagues the conscience of a wrongdoer? Granted that we can look into the intricacies of the microscopic world and search out treasures of the great deep and tunnel through the rocky vastness of the earth's mineral resource, what will this profit us if we cannot discover how to obtain the riches of eternal life? What good will it do to spin elaborate theories about God, and dream great dreams of progress and peace, if we cannot be assured that God is interested in us, that He loves us and will save us? This is indeed the central problem of human existence.

—Tom Olson in NOW

God's Tools . . .

By MRS. LENORE PECK

*Would you rather be a hammer, help construct a building tall?
Would you rather be a hand-saw that would cause a tree to fall?*

*Would you rather be a hatchet with a keen, sharp edge,
Or a plane, or a level, or a crowbar, or a sledge?*

*Take a moment to consider, then you'll decide I'm sure,
To be the kind of Instrument, that Jesus would prefer.*

Building the kingdom of God is a ceaseless task. God is the Great Master Builders, we are the tools he uses to build his church. Tools are instruments of work, but one definition of a tool given thus: a person used to carry out the designs of another. An old and familiar proverb says, "An idle mind is the devil's workshop; idle hands are the devil's tools." The scripture says, "Neither yield ye your members as INSTRUMENTS of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as INSTRUMENTS of righteousness unto God." Rom. 6:13. The kind of tools we are depend upon whether we yield ourselves unto God and righteousness or Satan and sin. We do not expect a finished product of fine work from any instrument, even a power driven tool, until it is guided by a skilled hand of a workman. And God does not ask his children to work for Him in their own strength, his guiding hand is our stay. Our part is to yield to God.

There are tools of construction and tools of destruction. A carpenter finds satisfaction and a feeling of accomplishment in construction but destruction is an unpleasant word. Young people, do you know there are tools of destruction sometimes found in the church? Let us learn a lesson from a few of the carpenter's tools.

The **CROWBAR** is certainly a destructive tool. It is sometimes called a wrecking-bar and it is useful in breaking down or tearing apart. The wise man of the Old Testament

wrote, "An hypocrite with his mouth destroyeth his neighbor." Prov. 11:9a. Sometime with careless words of criticism or envy against a neighbor will turn their tongue into an instrument of destruction, and thereby hinder God's work. A sharpened AXE and a sharpened tongue may both be tools of destruction. Cutting words, which can never be unsaid, sever friendships. "There is that speaketh like piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health." Prov. 12:18.

The **SLEDGE HAMMER** is another destructive tool. It reminds me of people who are always "knocking". Complainers who murmur and find fault with their fellow-men. Yes, even young people often complain about their own parents or murmur against their pastor. In doing such they fail to show respect. It is such an easy thing to murmur when things do not go the way we wish. It is easy to find fault with others. Do we realize what a dangerous and sinful acts these truly are? The children of Israel were so displeasing to God because of their murmurings and complaining, many were destroyed. We are commanded, "Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured and were destroyed of the destroyer." I Cor. 10:10. It was a dangerous thing for Miriam when she murmured against her own brother Moses: (Read the story in Numbers chapter 12). Miriam and Aaron were unhappy with Moses because he had married a woman they did not like. They spoke to each other against Moses, God's chosen leader. They must have felt some jealousy in their heart and their conversation went something like this: "Just who

does Moses think he is? He is just our younger brother. Does he think the Lord can speak only by him? Has the Lord not spoken by us also?" Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth. God was listening to the conversation and his anger was kindled against them. Miriam became a leper, as white as snow. Wasn't it dangerous for Miriam to find fault with her leader? Let us take note of our words and be especially careful lest we find fault with one of God's messengers, chosen to bring the gospel to us. Aaron and Miriam were immediately sorry and recognized their sin. They admitted to Moses that they had acted foolishly and begged that he lay not this sin to their charge. Moses could have reprimanded them but he only cried out to God to heal Miriam. Wasn't he a wonderful example of a man of God?

Let us consider a few of the carpenter's tools that are constructive. A **PLANE** is used to make a rough surface smooth. The person who tries to smooth out trouble is called peace-maker. Jesus said this kind of person is happy. Matt. 5:9. "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God."

The **LEVEL** is used to keep things on an even keel. I think of a person who is called level-headed. One who can keep calm in time of tumult. "A soft answer turneth away wrath but grievous words stir up anger." Prov. 15:1. It takes wisdom from God and a level head to give the right answer that will keep peace. A hot-headed answer will only cause more strife. If we desire to be constructive tool such as the level, we have the privilege to ask God for wisdom. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." James 1:5.

The **PLUMB-LINE** is a simple instrument to keep things straight and upright. David wrote, "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace." Psa. 37:37. "No good thing will he withhold from those that walk uprightly." Psa. 84:11b.

Measure yourself by the scripture and ask yourself, "What kind of a tool am I?" Lord, I do yield myself as an instrument of righteousness unto you that I might carry out your design for me. Make me an instrument meet for the Master's use.

Christ Jesus is Knocking

By Mrs. Odessa Summerford

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Revelation 3:20

Jesus stands on the outside of your heart's door, knocking. There is no latch on the outside so you must open from the inside if you want Him to come in. Jesus will not come uninvited but if you refuse to open the door, He will turn sorrowfully away, not because He feels sorry for Himself, but because you have chosen the ways of death rather than eternal life.

Are you keeping Jesus at arm's length? The rich young ruler heard Jesus knock but he wouldn't open the door to his heart and let him in. So he sadly continued down the road of life that leads to death and destruction.

King Agrippa heard Jesus knock at his door and he was almost persuaded to let Him in but decided not to, choosing to go through this life without this precious friend and had nothing to look forward to except death and the day of Judgement.

Pilate heard that knock and paused long enough to ask, "Who is there?" However because he was seeking the praise, power, and popularity of people, he did not take time to open the door, going down the road of life without Jesus. He lost all of the prestige he had and kept going deeper in sin until he took his own life.

On the other side of the picture we find a young man, Nathaniel. Jesus knocked at his heart's door and he enthusiastically opened the door and let Jesus come in and sup with him. He followed Jesus everywhere and became one of Jesus' twelve apostles. He went down in death, not in defeat, but knowing that he would only be waiting for a great reward of eternal life, with the privilege of ruling over one of the tribes of Israel during the thousand year rest period.

At Pilate's judgement hall, Peter at first steadfastly refused to answer the knock that came to his heart because he was afraid of what the people would say. Later his heart was so filled with sorrow and remorse that he decided he had rather have Jesus than the whole world. He opened the door, let Jesus in and became one of the greatest ministers of all time, persuading as many as three thousand people in one day to open their heart's door in answer to Jesus' knock.

Saul was enroute to Damascus to take the Christians to prison and have them put to death, but while he was going, Jesus knocked at his door, and asked him why he was doing these things. Saul was pricked in his heart and opened the door wide for Jesus to come in. He supped with Jesus for the rest of his life and just before his death he had this testimony, **"I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith and henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord the righteous judge shall give me at that day."**

Jesus knocked at my heart's door one day and although I did not know much about Him, I let Him into the entrance hall of my heart and He blotted out my sins and gave me peace of heart. I went on my way rather unconcerned about Him, going to church once in a while, praying occassionally, but I didn't seem to think I needed Jesus very much since He had forgiven my transgressions.

I had a beautiful little brown-eyed son, two years old, that was the apple of my eye and my only child. I fed him his dinner one warm August day and he got out of his high-chair to play with some of his little cousins. The next time I saw him, I was picking his little lifeless form out of the muddy waters. I was crushed with grief, heartbroken, with no desire to live. I found no sleep at night except the few hours I received under the

influence of a morphine tablet.

I traveled through Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Alabama seeking to find peace and comfort in the beautiful scenery and new surroundings but I was only more miserable than ever. My nerves broke under the strain and I went to pieces. Then fever set in and I had been bedfast for three weeks just hopelessly wasting away when one day I thought about Jesus, whom I had left in the entrance hall of my heart.

I ran and opened the door and invited Him into the living room of my heart and asked Him to help me. He graciously came in and helped me, spirit, body and soul. I loved Him so for giving me new life and hope that from that day forward I put Him first in my life, and He has blessed abundantly more than I could think or expect. Although I have lost those that were near and dear to me in death since that day, yet I have never felt alone because Jesus has always been with me to comfort, cheer and give me that peace of mind that the world can not give neither can it take away.

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

The Work of the Apostolic Faith Bible School

in the Doctrine classes include, (1) The Fall of Man, (2) The Destruction of the Wicked, (3) Conditional Immortality, (4) Church government, (5) Tithing and Offerings, and (6) Christian Morality. All of these demand much study and Bible research.

Brother Whitely has been a minister of the Apostolic Faith for over thirty years and has served as Evangelist, Pastor and Teacher as well as Camp Meeting Director. He is now the pastor of the Church in Cave Springs Arkansas.

Next month's issue will explain the work of Brother and Sister Joe B. Dewees; Brother and Sister Lowell Long; and Brother and Sister Harold J. Bollinger.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT	
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from August 12, 1959 to	
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August 12, 1959	\$260.82
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Miscellaneous	88.26
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We are now printing 2950 copies of the "Apostolic Faith Report" each issue. We will soon have to print more than that number due to the increase of our mailing list. The cost of mailing and printing is increasing as is every other commodity in our country. We commend you for supporting this publishing effort so generously. Many are not able and some do not feel the burden. God bless you,
Jacob C. Regier

**RECIPE FOR A
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Take twelve, fine, full-grown months, see that these are thoroughly free from all old memories of bitterness, rancor, hate and jealousy; cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past—have them as fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time.

Cut these months into thirtyone equal parts. This batch will keep for just one year. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot in this way), but prepare one day at a time, as follows:

Into each day put twelve parts of faith, eleven of patience, ten of courage, nine of work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), eight of hope, seven of fidelity, six of liberality, five of kindness, four of rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out the salad—don't do it), three of prayer, two of meditations, and one well selected

HERE'S HOW!

To Read the Bible Through in 1960

Here is how you can read the Bible through from Cover-to-Cover this year. If you will begin now and read four chapters or more each day and never fail, you'll have finished before the year is through. There are 66 books in the Bible containing 1189 chapters. Read 3 chapters each week-day and 5 chapters on each Sunday and you'll finish the entire Bible this year.

If you wish to read your Bible three times daily here is a good chart to guide you:

MONTH	MORNING	NOON	NIGHT
January	Genesis	Psalms 1-41	Matthew
February	Exodus	Psalms 42-72	Mark
March	Leviticus	Psalms 73-106	Luke
April	Numbers	Psalms 107-150	John
May	Deuteronomy	Proverbs	Acts
June	Joshua to Ruth	Eccles., S. of Sol.	Romans
July	1 Samuel	Isaiah	1 Corinthians
August	2 Samuel	Jer. & Lam.	2 Corinthians
September	1 & 2 Kings	Ezekial	Gal. & Eph.
October	1 Chronicles	Daniel to Amos	Phillipians & Philemon
November	2 Chronicles	Obadiah to Malachi	Hebrews to 1 & 2 Peter
December	Ezra & Esther	Job	I, II, III John Jude & Revelation

resolution. If you have no conscientious scruples, put in about a teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humor.

Pour into the whole love *ad libitum* and mix with a vim. Cook thoroughly in a fervent heat; garnish with a few smiles and a sprig of joy; then serve with quietness, unselfishness, and cheerfulness, and a Happy New Year is a certainty.

—H.M.S.

NEW YEAR

1. Face the New Year with the Old Book.
2. Face the New Needs with the Old Promises.
3. Face the New Problems with the Old Gospel.
4. Face the New Life with the Old Remedies.

—Selected.

NOTES OF INTEREST

Josephus said: "O Children of Israel! There is but one source of happiness, the favour of God.

—Moses Antiq. IV:8

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