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 "... Hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast ..." Heb. 6:19.
 "... Strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man;" Eph. 3:16.
 "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Phil. 4:13.

"... Strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power ..." Col. 1:11.
 "... In the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength:" Isa. 25:4.
 "... The Lord is the strength of my life." Psa. 27:1.
 "... Be of good courage ... He shall strengthen thine heart ..." Psa. 27:14.
 "God is our refuge and strength ..." Psa. 46:1.

The Value Of Spiritual Strength

By CORA L. VINAL

This present generation has much to say about the value of its material possessions, its advanced methods of education, its professional and scientific accomplishments, but this world knows very little about the value of spiritual things. The patriarch Abraham in his day was exceeding rich in earthly goods, but that great man of faith was also exceeding rich in spiritual strength. He believed the Word of God, and held fast to it. "And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise." But that is not all, for we read: "Wherein God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it with an oath: that by two immutable things ... we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us ..." (Heb. 6:17-20). A strong consolation is something to be greatly appreciated, but it hardly measures up to the context. Another version clarifies and enriches it thus: "(That we) might have mighty indwelling strength and strong encouragement to grasp and hold fast (the hope that is set before us)."

It Takes Spiritual Strength To Lay Hold Upon Things Unseen. It takes far more than mental calculations of physical ability to gain access to the heavenly realm. The hope which is an anchor to the soul, and which entereth into that within the veil, is altogether foreign to the natural man. He cannot understand it. He cannot imitate it. He cannot destroy it. It takes the Word of God and the Spirit of God working together in the innermost part of man to produce that kind of strength. It takes supernatural ability to grasp and hold fast to something that is invisible and intangible. But that kind of strength is wonderfully real and powerful. It tends to lift the believer out of an ordinary kind of life into a place of achievement and victory.

But without a good measure of inward strength and fortitude what is a professing Christian really worth to the Kingdom of God? Most likely not very much. And how long would the nominal church member be able to withstand the fearful tide of unbelief that is sweeping over this world today without some extra help from God? It is impossible to tell. But there is great danger from many directions, and human resources are altogether insufficient. Only a supernatural supply of infinite grace and power can meet the need.

It Takes Spiritual Strength To Overcome Human Limitations. In the Ephesian epistle we read: "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ ... that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man ..." (Eph. 3:14-20). Here it is again, the need of a mighty indwelling of the Holy Spirit to build up and establish the believers in the Word of God. And although certain of the Ephesians had one-time received the promised Holy Spirit, yet the great apostle coveted for all a rich and satisfying every-day experience. And so his prayer continues: "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that

ye might be filled with all the fulness of God." Thus to be strengthened with might by the Holy Spirit in the inner man leads to an ever-increasing knowledge of Christ and to a richer experience with God. For the wells of salvation are exceeding deep, and the spiritual supply can never be exhausted.

What is the believer's chief objective? Is it to somehow make it through the pearly gates? That is commendable surely. But it should be something far beyond that ultimate goal. It should be to know Christ in the closest possible fellowship. It should be to have His kingly reign established in the heart here and now. It should be to comprehend the out-reachings of His Calvary love, to the end that these vessels of clay might be filled to capacity with the fulness of God. And whether we have travelled very far on this heavenly highway or not, we should keep pressing forward for God's highest and best.

It Takes Spiritual Strength To Bear Patiently With Those That Are Carnally-minded. And again we read: "That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work ... strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness ..." (Col. 1:9-17). Something especially adapted to meet the need under all kinds of conditions and circumstances. Something that supplies the inward strength wherewith to bear patiently with those that are mean and hateful and unkind, and to do it with joyfulness.

Perhaps the most of us have known what it is like to bear with ones that are fault-finders and trouble-makers and busy-bodies, and to speak kindly, and without showing any resentment or ill-will. But it takes a good measure of spiritual strength to do it with joyfulness. And we find it necessary to get alone with God and confess that our spiritual resources have been just about drained out. We need to have the love of God shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost. We need to tune in to the still small voice that is always gentle and kind. We need to be strengthened with might according to His glorious power. And if we wait long enough in the presence of the lovely Christ we may go forth with a more compassionate feeling toward our fellow creatures.

It Takes Spiritual Strength To Endure All Kinds of Hardships And Adversities. We quote again: "I can do all things through Christ Who strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4:13). But that does not mean that the apostle Paul is boasting about his exceeding great ability to accomplish things for the Kingdom of God. It refers to his willingness to endure persecutions and afflictions, and to suffer in various ways for the sake of the Gospel. For the preceding verse reads: "I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound; everywhere and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need." And another Version makes it more clear: "I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me — I am ready for anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me ..." Paul was not claiming to be somebody great, he was trusting in the sufficiency of His exalted and glorified Lord.

And then turning back to the prophet Isaiah we read: "Trust in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord JEHOVAH is everlasting strength" (Isa. 26:4). Strength that can never fail. Strength that can be trusted. Strength to take us through the fearful days that are coming upon the

Praying Ones Will Be Overcomers

By Stanley H. Frodsham

It is written, "Men ought always to pray and not to faint." You have a great adversary who is going about like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. But you also have a great Advocate, you have a great Deliverer. The apostle Paul knew what it was to be assaulted; but he knew he had a great Deliverer, who had delivered, who was delivering, and who would yet deliver. The praying one is a dependent one; and the praying one will learn to be a persistent one. The Lord Jesus told of a widow who came to an unjust judge asking to be avenged of her enemy. She came again and again and again, persisting that there be the overthrowing of the adversary. And even though the judge was unjust, her persistence won. How much more will your just Judge, who knows that the enemy comes to kill, to steal and to destroy, overthrow that thief, that murderer, that destroyer, in response to the cry of His saints.

In the days of Esther there was a great adversary, Haman, whose purpose was to destroy. But Mordecai sent up a great cry and he caused all the Jews in Shushan to fast and pray; Esther and her maidens also fasted and prayed, and God heard. The destroyer and his seed were destroyed.

The enemy is a deceiver; he deceived Eve; he deceived Israel, and that nation said, "As for this Moses, we don't know what has become of him. Let us make

earth. The kind of strength that has been recorded thus: "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear: the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" (Psa. 27:1). And again: "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord" (Psa. 27:14).

Are we trying to somehow work things out by ourselves? It is so needless. It is so disappointing. It is such a wearisome effort, and in the end we have accomplished little or nothing. We look around upon this troubled world and we see chaos and hatred and fear and despair. What shall we do? Whither shall we turn? If we are wise we will turn to the comfort and encouragement of the Word of God. And if we are truly children of God we will exclaim with the Psalmist: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psa. 46:1). And we will lift up our heads and journey on with renewed strength toward that better country.

us gods." And Aaron foolishly, wickedly yielded in making that calf of gold. Oh it was that same adversary! When Moses saw the calf what did he do? He returned to the mount to cry to God. There was travail. He was willing to be blotted out himself if only Israel could be saved. And his prayer prevailed. And even though the wicked idolators who did not believe him failed and did not enter into the land, yet God had a generation that was being prepared to enter with Joshua, men of faith. It was by faith the walls of Jericho fell. It was by faith in the word of God that they went conquering through that land and subdued the enemy. God had heard the prayers of Moses, they availed much. When the Amalekites came to destroy Israel, Moses did not call Israel together and give them a pep talk. He went up the hill with Aaron and Hur, and prayed. As they prayed with uplifted hands, without wrath or doubting, Israel prevailed. There was victory; and victory is of the Lord.

It was the same in Elijah's day. He prayed, and God brought judgment. In those three and a half years of drouth the people were in poverty and need. But God caused Elijah to get the people of Ahab together; and there that man of God made a demonstration that Baal and all his prophets were powerless against. There was a mighty demonstration before Israel of the powerlessness of Baal and of the power of God. The fire fell and consumed the sacrifice, the altar, and the water. Before that mighty sign a cry went up from Israel, "Jehovah is God!" Then the man of faith made his way up the mountain and prayed. And despite all the opposition of all the powers of hell he prayed, prayed, prayed, prayed. And the fervent praying of that man availed much, and the mighty, mighty rains came — a mighty demonstration that our God hears prayer. It was the prayer of faith. Prayer and faith are definitely united together.

It is the praying ones who are filled with faith, and those who do not pray are filled with unbelief. The Lord has said, "Men ought always to pray and not to faint." And knowing the things that are coming, and the great sin of prayerlessness, the Lord also said, "When the Son of man cometh shall he find faith on the earth?" He will find it in those who pray, but He will not find it in those who neglect to pray. Daniel prayed, a continuous praying, and things began to happen in the heavenlies. You don't know what happens in the heavenlies when you pray the prayer of faith; but the prayer of faith avails much for the overthrowing of the wicked powers of the adversaries, and the adversary himself. The Lord who ever lives to make intercession is looking

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**To Our Readers
and Prayer Band**

Greetings in the name of Christ, our wonderful Lord.

How swift time seems to fly. I guess as one becomes older, the days seem to quicken their pace. It seems only yesterday that I was beginning my ministry among the poor country people in the hills of southern Ohio. Those were wonderful years. I knew very little about many things but God taught me much in those days as I read and prayed. The great depression was on and money and many food items were scarce. We learned to pray about everything for it seemed to us that if we did not pray we could not hope to survive. The answer to many of my problems came direct from the Word of God. Every now and then the Blessed Holy Spirit would bring me a direct revelation of God's will or some personal guidance I was seeking. I saw miracles of faith in those days, in provision, healing and other deliverances.

Well, those early years are past and gone, but God has not changed. He is still the great Provider and the Wonderful deliverer. I constantly see him supply for this Herald of Hope work. The supplying of thousands of dollars needed each month for the printing and mailing of this faith publication is to me as great a miracle as manna in the wilderness must have been to the children of Israel as they wandered through those barren places. Since there is no subscription price for the Herald of Hope, we never know in which way God will supply nor whom he will use to make up the lack. I can truthfully say "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

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Brethren, pray for us. We have long ago extended our efforts for Christ far beyond our own means. Now faith alone can help us. Your prayers and offerings further enable us to lengthen our cords, strengthen our stakes and attempt ever greater things for God.

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H. J. SMITH, Editor

Praying Ones . . .

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for co-prayers with Himself. He said to Peter, "I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not." There is many a Peter today failing because they are not upheld by those who are too inconsiderate to give time to prayer, too lacking in love to give time to prayer, too lacking in the spirit of obedience.

He would have you meditate on this word, "Men ought ALWAYS to pray and not to faint." The Lord definitely warned of great judgments. He bid his people pray, bid them to pray that their flight be not in the winter. He bid them to pray that they might be counted worthy to escape and to stand before Him in that day. One of the greatest weapons against the powers of darkness is that which is mentioned in the whole armor of God. It is mentioned last, but the last shall be first—"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the spirit, and watching, watching thereunto with all perseverance." That, together with the shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit and the other equipment which He provides, will enable you to stand and to withstand, and to overcome your adversary. For as you pray you will be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. It is the praying ones who will be the overcomers who shall reign with Him, not only through that thousand years but throughout all eternity.

Our Mexican Orphanage

I know it will cause the hearts of our readers to rejoice at the good news of the opening of the orphanage at Colonio Guerrero, 170 miles below the U. S. border, in the State of Baja California in Mexico.

For some time it has been upon the hearts of certain of our workers to do something for the needy and deserted children of Mexico. The opening of the Christ Faith Mission Orphanage at Colonio Guerrero is the first step into this needy area. The Baja Peninsula of Mexico is over a thousand miles in length, extending from Tijuana on the North to La Paz in the South. The area is mostly a rural desert area with over a hundred thousand population. Except for those few living in the small cities, the people are in great poverty, unchurched, ill-fed and needing most every basic essential for normal healthy living. In this area we have taken under lease 72 acres of good land with water wells, a large theatre building, cafe and motel. A vegetable garden has been planted and distribution of clothing to needy families has begun.

The orphanage staff is now comprised of, The Brodie's, The Adams', The Barclay's and Joe Levens. These together with the faithful Mexican Nationals will do their best to alleviate the suffering of the needy ones that come to them.

We need your prayers. We are not underwritten nor sponsored by any wealthy individuals nor foundation. We are just a poor people, called of God to try to alleviate the suffering of those less fortunate than we. This orphanage is a work of faith and is dependent upon the gifts of God's people. We are trusting that God will move upon the hearts of those who have, that they may help those who have not.

Your letters of comfort and encouragement will certainly be greatly appreciated. Send your offerings for this work among the needy children of Mexico to,

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H. J. SMITH, Editor

Tomorrow

He was going to be all he wanted to be,
tomorrow;

No one should be kinder or braver
than he, tomorrow;

A friend who was troubled and weary
he knew

Who would be glad of a lift, and
needed it too;

On him he'd call, and see what he
could do, tomorrow.

Each morning he stacked up the letters
he'd write, tomorrow;

And thought of the folks he would fill
with delight, tomorrow;

It was too bad indeed that he was busy
today and hadn't a minute to stop
on his way;

Much time will I have to give others,
he'd say, tomorrow

The greatest of workers this man would
have been, tomorrow;

The world would have known him had
he even seen tomorrow;

But, in fact, he passed on and he faded
from view,

And all that he left here when living
was through

Was a mountain of things he intended
to do . . . tomorrow.

—Selected

No Time For God

No time for God, yet we've time for ourselves.

Time to eat foods that He puts on our shelves,

Time to breathe air that He made for our lungs.

Time to waste talk, yet he fashioned our tongues.

Time to go places, and time to do things
That little or nothing of recompense brings

Time for the cumbersome duties of life.
Time for amusement, and even for strife.

Time for all things, yet the day may soon dawn

When we wish we from selfish ambitions
were drawn.

To do the Lord's work and more thankful to be

That we live in God's world in the land
of the free!

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Faith Heart or Head?

Mrs. C. Nuzum

"With the heart man believeth unto righteousness." We have narrowed the word righteousness down to mean only the right condition of the soul. The true meaning of the word is, being right, and it includes spirit, soul and body. When man felt his whole being suffered through it, God provided a full salvation for the whole man. Jesus did all that was necessary to secure this redemption, and we can get it by faith.

There is a head faith and a heart faith. The head faith brings us nothing. The heart faith brings us everything that Jesus secured for us which is perfect rightness in spirit, soul and body. Most people believe with the head only, and so do not get what God has promised. The head sees, understands and counts things true, but only the heart can appropriate or lay hold of and cling to things that are "Freely given us of God." The head looks at the surroundings, difficulties and hindrances. The heart looks at the thing desired and the promise of God and refuses to see the hindrances. It is the heart faith that "Laughs at impossibilities, and cries, 'It SHALL be done.'" Head faith is strong when things are favorable, but the heart faith is just as strong when all things are against it, because it rests on the Almighty God Who cannot be hindered by any person, power or thing.

Head faith grows weak and fails when the answer is delayed. Heart faith says, "I received when I prayed, and the answer is as much mine NOW as it will be when I have it manifested." Head faith says, "Be careful not to profess until you can see, for by so doing you may bring reproach on the cause." Heart faith says, "The thing I am asking is sure to appear soon and confirm my profession and I shall honor His cause because God ALWAYS rewards faith." Head faith says, "There might be a failure." Heart faith says, "Because of God's promise and His oath to keep His promise, it is impossible for failure to come." Head faith says, "I trusted until I saw everything getting worse." Heart faith says, "Though He slay me YET will I trust in Him," and "I shall yet praise Him for the help of His Countenance." (Psalms 42:5).

The head reasons about things. God says, Casting down reasonings (marginal of imaginations) and everything that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God. (2 Cor. 10:5). The heart lays hold of things that are beyond ALL reason; holds fast and expects God to do things that are impossible—contrary to reason. The head investigates as to how God is working, the progress and results. The heart clings to His Word, even when there is nothing in evidence. The head says, "I shall know I have my petition when my senses give evidence that it is in my possession—when I can see it, feel it and experience it." The heart says, "I KNOW I have it NOW, because I have met the conditions and have taken it." It is the heart that "Stands still and SEES what, to others, is invisible." It is the heart faith Paul is speaking of when he says it is "The evidence of things NOT seen."

Head faith gives up easily, but the heart faith is that of Jacob that cries, "I WILL not let Thee go, except Thou bless me." It was heart faith that caused the Syrophenician woman (see Matt. 15: 22-29) to hold on to Jesus when "He answered her not a word," and not to leave when the disciples wanted Him to send her away. It is heart faith that would not be discouraged even when Jesus told her that He was not sent to her, because she was not an Israelite and that it was not right to give "the children's bread" to her. Heart faith, when all else has failed, will do what she did, fall down at Jesus' feet in humility and worship until He says, "Be it unto thee even as thou wilt." Jesus will always say that to heart faith when we are seeking after anything that God has promised in His Word. It is only to heart faith that He says, "As thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee." Head faith gets discouraged easily, but it is of heart faith that the Bible says, "THIS is the victory that overcometh the world, even your faith." Jesus said that Satan was the prince of this world. If faith overcomes the world, it must overcome its prince, so the above includes all our spiritual enemies.

If you have been believing for something and have not yet had it in evidence, see if your faith has not been the head faith, which is dependent upon seeing, feeling and experiencing before it can rejoice in the answer. See if you have not been reasoning and have not been affected by obstacles in the way. Perhaps you have the head faith that

The Secret of Peace

By I. CHAMBERS

There are few days which do not call for patience. The fret and hurry of life tear down the bowers of the Lord where God would have us rest by the way and listen to the inner wisdom of the Spirit.

We are so much afraid of losing time and in our haste we sacrifice that calm which descends from the tranquil hours of communion. There is deeper and more vital substance to life than meat and drink. Those souls alone secure this richer treasure who are trained to wait quietly with God. The greater gain of life is not conditioned upon the distance we travel, nor upon the noise of the multitude's applause, but in conscious heirship with God through Christ our Lord. Thus the soul is brought into its perfect peace, and finds an untroubled fellowship in the path of patient obedience.

Peace is the soul living and breathing in its rightful atmosphere. This is a gift from God and the lawful inheritance of all who share in life in Christ. That sense of "keptness" which his abiding presence assures is the heaven of the soul. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is staid" through trusting. This is the present experience which brightens daily with the unmistakable evidences of the glory that shall be. The blessings of the riches of God in Christ Jesus are to be tasted here and now. Life holds more than a foregleam, for over the hill of the cross we have found an open tomb and met with our risen Lord, who brought life and immortality to light through the gospel which we are working practically into the experiences of the heart.

There are sorrows we bear of which the world knows nothing. Human sympathy holds no key to unlock their mysteries. Deep within the soul, where only God can come, and where no language but that of divine love can answer the cry, there we bear our sorrows alone. Here at the soul's inner mercy-seat weakness leans on God and rises to new vision and power. With added confidence and serenity of spirit we lift our hands to the old tasks and turn toward duty with the fortitude and heroism of those whose sight has been cleansed by tears.

To do our best each day, even through hindrance; to accept our limitations heroically and serve as those who regard life as a holy trust, is the secret of victory. Our ideals ever soar beyond plain attainment, and hopes fade in the commonplace actualities of daily life, yet even here in our bearing of the cross we become more certain of a crowning. Day dreams are not victories, but faithfulness to the tasks given, however far we may fail, means breadth of character and wholeness of endeavor which are sure to count with Him, whose love and strength and prayers are our victories of achievement.

Troubles, like babies, grow larger by nursing.

says, "It will be done sometime," instead of the heart faith that says, "It WAS done when I prayed." Oh, exercise the heart faith that deals with the unseen and counts things that be NOT, as though they WERE, and then you will overcome all obstacles, even the Devil himself, by that faith which overcomes the world.

The Bible says that God looketh on the heart. He will not see or regard your head faith. He is not looking at your head and it will not matter how much head faith you have, but He will see the heart faith, even when it is as small as a grain of mustard seed and will NEVER fail to say to that faith, "According to thy faith be it unto thee." You must remember, however, that it is the heart faith that worketh "by love." If there is the least bit of dislike or criticism in your heart to even the most trying person, this heart faith cannot work because it worketh ONLY by love. The Bible says, "If your heart condemn us not, THEN have we confidence toward God." Many of God's children do not FEEL condemned by things that God's Word condemns. If there is any person I will not forgive and truly love, if I will not fully obey God, if there is pride, selfishness, or wilfulness in my heart, these things condemn me before God and hinder my heart faith. It is only when we are abiding in Christ that "there is no condemnation" and we have "confidence (faith) towards God." God says we abide in Christ ONLY as we walk, as HE walked. 1 John 2:6).

Examine your faith, and if you have been exercising head faith, exchange it quickly for the heart faith that will bring to you all God has promised in His precious Word.

Act Your Faith

By ZELMA ARGUE

In Matthew 14:36 we read of Jesus, "And when the men of that place had knowledge of him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto him all that were diseased; and besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole."

Jesus always expected those who desired healing or other help from Him to do something about it. If they cared enough and believed enough to ask for help, then He responded by challenging them to act out their faith. It was whole on this occasion. They acted out their faith.

He called Peter and Andrew to follow Him they were busy, but straightway they left their nets and followed Him. Going on, He saw James and John in a ship with their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the ship and their father, and followed Him. Here again was prompt action.

We are to act in full confidence. When the children of Israel came to the Red Sea, Moses said confidently, "Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will show you today . . . The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace." Moses was acting upon direct word from the Lord. He was not left in confusion. His orders were to be crying to the Lord no longer but to act, and to command the children of Israel to act. "Wherefore criest thou unto me? Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward. But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it." Moses obeyed in confidence, and stretched out his hand over the sea, "and the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground."

Elisha had to act his faith in the face of death. Although two futile attempts had been made to raise the dead son of the Shunammite woman, Elisha continued to believe God. He walked to and fro in the room until he knew he was in contact with God and his faith was quickened. Then he acted upon his faith by going to the child and, stretching his body over the dead body of the child, believed God for a miracle. And God responded to his active faith by raising the boy from the dead.

David acted his faith, and suffered considerable humiliation in doing so. He meekly overlooked the fact that his parents did not consider him worth sending to the battle against the Philistines. And when they sent him with supplies to his brothers, he accepted humiliation from his oldest brother Eliab. "Why camest thou down hither . . . with whom hast thou left those few sheep? . . . I know thy pride and the naughtiness of thine heart. Thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle."

He accepted humiliation from King Saul also: "Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war." In reply, David rehearsed the deliverances God had already given him—from the bear and from the lion.

David was put to humiliation by the arrogant words of Goliath who disdained him and cursed him. "Am I a dog, that thou comest to me . . . ?" David's reply was twofold. First he declared his faith. "Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield; but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, whom thou hast defied. This day will the Lord deliver thee into my hand . . . and this assembly shall know that the Lord saveth not with sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's."

Then, David acted his faith without hesitation. He ran with confidence to meet the enraged Philistine. "When the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, David hasted, and ran to . . . meet the Philistine." The result is well known. "And Saul was afraid of David because the Lord was with him . . . and David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and the Lord was with him."

Joshua faced the waters of the Jordan and acted his faith. He required the people likewise to act their faith. The priests must dip their feet in the waters of the Jordan while it was still swollen over all its banks in order to see its waters divide. They found that when they obeyed, God did not fail them.

But there were still obstacles on the other side of Jordan. They came to the wall of Jericho and, following orders from the Lord, began what must have seemed a very foolish course of

"Count It All Joy"

(James 1:2)

"We do not always feel joyful but we are to count it all joy. The word 'reckon' is one of the key words of Scripture. It is the same word used about our being dead. We do not feel dead. We are painfully conscious of something that would gladly return to life. But we are to treat ourselves as dead and neither fear nor obey the old nature."

So we are to reckon the thing that comes as a blessing. We are determined to rejoice, to say, 'My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.' This rejoicing, by faith, will soon become a habit, and will ever bring speedily the spirit of gladness and the spontaneous overflow of praise."

—A. B. Simpson

Nothing Shall Separate Us . . .

God's people are fanatics. Fanatically they hold to His promises in the power of faith which He supplies. In faith they are established in a hope that knows no end. Fanatically they believe that heaven and earth shall pass away, but God's Word shall never die. Fanatically they rise from suffering and sorrow to worship the One they say loves them. Fanatically they carry the cross of the Crucified because there is nothing else for them to do. They are people who know of no other life than that which rests in the promises of God.

—Sacred Design

You can't change the past so don't ruin the present by worrying about the future.

Worry is the interest we pay on borrowed trouble.

action to the watchers on the wall. Once around the wall each day the whole army marched, until the seventh day. Then at the seventh time around on the seventh day, "Joshua said unto the people, Shout; for the Lord hath given you the city." They acted their faith. The time had come to shout and they shouted. And amid the blowing of trumpets and the shouts of faith "the wall fell down flat."

Consider the commands of Jesus to the sick and suffering who sought His help. "Rise, take up thy bed and walk." He commanded the man by the pool of Bethesda. And the man did what he could not do before, because now he was acting his faith.

"Stretch forth thine hand," was His command to the man with the withered hand. "And he stretched it forth, and it was restored whole like as the other."

"Go, wash in the pool of Siloam." He said to a blind man, and "he went and washed and came seeing." He acted his faith.

"Go show yourself to the priest," He commanded the ten lepers. "And as they went, they were cleansed."

"Maid, arise," He said to a dead girl, and "she arose straightway."

There is something about acting upon our faith that wins God's response. When the woman with the issue of blood for twelve years came to Jesus to be healed, she disregarded the crowds and pressed her way through until she touched the hem of His garment. She was healed because she acted her faith.

"She only touched the hem of His garment"

As to His side she stole,
Amide the crowd that gathered around Him,

And straightway she was whole.
"Oh, touch the hem of His garment,
And thou too shalt be free!"

His saving power this very hour
Shall bring new life to thee."

My earliest camp meeting memories take me back to the world-wide camp meeting in the Arroyo Seco, Los Angeles, at which time my brother Watson and I both were filled with the Spirit in the children's services. Mrs. Woodworth Etter was praying nightly for the sick. I can remember how insistent she was that those who were prayed for lift their hands in praise and give God the glory, and how the power of God came down! In Smith Wigglesworth's early meetings he would insist after praying for someone, "Roon, now, roon! (Run)." Both of these veterans knew the value of acting out one's faith for victory.

Our Lord still requires of us today that we act our faith. And however feeble our act of faith, he sees and responds. "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6).

Blest Handkerchief

Our authority for sending these handkerchiefs is based on the Word of God as found in Acts 19:11, 12, "And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: so that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them." If it could be done then, why not now? Elijah was a man of like passions as we, yet he prayed and God heard and answered him. God will hear and answer yet today.

Paul said, "It is no more I, but Christ," We can also say, "It is no more I, but Christ." To Him be the glory. Do you want to add glory to His great name? One way you may be able to do this is to get the poor, sick, and discouraged ones, the devil-ridden ones, to write to us in a brief way, describing their case or situation. We will pray for them and send them the handkerchief, and our paper. We are sure that God will bless you in doing this as you do it in His name.

Please do not fail to read the Gospel tracts that are enclosed in the letters. They are sent for your benefit and better understanding. Read prayerfully the Scripture references and we are sure that you will be greatly benefited, for it is the entrance of the Word that giveth light.

Please do not send for handkerchiefs without giving the name of the person, their disease or trouble. We send them out, not only for the healing of the body and casting out demons, but also to take the place of laying on of hands of the elders for special blessing, as well as for power of service when elders are not available.

TESTIMONIES OF HEALING

NOTICE!

In view of the fact that the writers of the testimonies sent to us have sometimes been bothered by those writing to them for help, which they are unable to give in most cases, we have decided to omit their names and addresses.

SHOWERS OF BLESSING

I have been healed of stomach trouble, a congested breathing condition, a serious attack of appendicitis, and a nervous condition that four doctors gave up on. My husband received a raise in pay. He and my four daughters were saved and two of my girls received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Truly, God has been wonderful us.

Our Church was able to sell the undesirable location and buy a larger building in a much better location; our Sunday School attendance has increased from 23 or 24 to 70 and 100. All other services have increased in attendance. Folks are being saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and reclaimed. Praise God, we seem to be in a period of re-awakening here.

—Mrs. L.G., Georgetown, Ky.

SCHOOL WORK IMPROVES

I wrote you before about my son's school work, and you sent me a blest cloth. His school work is really improved and his grade went up.

—R.C.B., Cleveland, Ohio

TRACTS CONVEY HEALING

Your little packet of anointed tracts, which was sent to us in Mexico, followed us around until we finally arrived in Louisville, Kentucky. When it arrived, I was very sick with a decayed tooth. Brethren, that very moment the Lord set me free of my affliction. How many times have I been used of God to minister His Word to others in the same and worse conditions, I don't know . . . but this I do know, God most certainly heard the prayers of you brethren.

—T.A., Baja, Calif. Colonia, Mexicali

VICTORY

I wrote to you a few months ago telling of my trouble and asking you to pray for me. Glory to God, your prayer was answered. My partner has come back to me, and the case that I had in court was won in the name of Jesus.

E.L., Jamaica

HEALED OF ULCER

I wrote you all to pray for our son, who had a nervous stomach. It looked like he was going to have to quit high school. Oh, praise the Lord, he heard and answer prayer. His stomach is healed and he is a senior in high school.

—E.S., Theodosia, Mo.

ANSWERED PRAYERS

The high school student, for whom we asked prayer, has taken more interest in his school work, has greatly improved in his test work, and now has been placed on the Honor Roll.

A brother, for whom we asked prayer re. tithing, has responded to the Word and is now paying his tithe weekly and the Lord is already blessing this step in His direction.

—East Geddore, Nova Scotia

FIRST IN CLASS

I requested you to pray for my brother, and God answered. He got admission in B. Pharmacy course and now is first in his class.

—T.S., Tirunelveli, India

KNEE CAP HEALED

God bless you for your prayers. I fell and broke my knee cap this last year—but I have had a miraculous healing.

—Mrs. J. L., Port Arthur, Texas

GETS JOB

Last year I wrote you to pray for my brother who was out of a job. Thanks to God, he got a job sometime in February and is still working and able to support his family.

B.D., Kingston, Jamaica

ASTHMA GONE

I received the handkerchief and used it three days, and since then I am free from bronchial asthma, thank God. I am so happy, for I could hardly do my housework before.

—M.B., Goldsboro, N. C.

DELIVERED

I wrote requesting your prayers on behalf of a girl aged 12 years who was suffering from devil possession. By God's grace, I am thankful to say she has been delivered.

S.P.V., Madras-Chromepet, India

SORE SPOT GONE

I wrote for prayer about a sore spot in my side, which I had had for several years. Thank God, it is gone.

—Mrs. R.H., Albany, Oregon

GETS JOB

I wrote you to pray that my daughter would get a job, and now she is sending the tithe of her first pay to you. No one but God could have gotten her this job.

—Mrs. J.C., New Brighton, Pa.

GOD WITH US

I couldn't believe these marvelous miracles, but I have to, because from the time your letter arrived God has been with me.

—Jamaica, W. I.

VICTORY

It was through your prayers and anointed cloth that I can say I am healed today. Praise the Lord. I had a heart condition and high blood pressure, also I had an adversary that withstood me. Praise God. I don't have an enlarged heart, nor blood pressure, and I can eat anything I want. My mind is clear, praise God, and I'm feeling fine. Have been through many tests, but God did deliver me.

—M.T., Portsmouth, Va.

STINGS HEALED

Two weeks ago my husband was stung by yellow jackets. When he came home he was suffering so I put one of your anointed cloths on him and the next morning most of the pain was gone. Then last week he took a serious hurting around his heart. I again put the cloth on him in the name of Jesus, and prayed. He is back at work again. Praise God.

—Mrs. S.H., Satartia, Miss.

PASSES FIRST EXAM

I must share my joy with you. I sent and asked you to pray for me so that I would be a good nurse and I have passed my first exam two weeks ago. Praise be to God.

J. M., Birmingham, England

NOTHING IMPOSSIBLE

I requested prayer for a Mrs. T., who was taken to the hospital for first baby. She was in her forties and came through so beautifully in just a few hours, with hardly a pain and a beautiful 7 lb. 8 oz. baby girl.

BLOOD PRESSURE HEALED

A few months ago I wrote you to pray for me regarding high blood pressure. I received the healing cloth, and thank Jesus, for your prayers, I am healed. I got a check up and didn't need any medicine.

Mrs. E. G., Soperton, Ga.

PASSES EXAMINATION

I wrote for prayer that I might pass my examination. The Lord was so good—he answered and I was successful. — K.B., Jamaica, W.I.

CASTS NOT NEEDED

My 1 year old great granddaughter was born with a club foot and had worn a cast, and was to have three more casts yet to be put on, but your prayers intervened — the blessed cloth was applied and no more casts are needed. Praise the Lord.

Mrs. C. B., Au Gres, Mich.

GRATEFUL FOR HERALD OF HOPE

I am very grateful to you for the Herald of Hope, a lively evangelist entering my threshold with bounteous blessings. As the 60 day paddy to the farmer, as the periodic visits of a doctor to a village, and as the timely rain to the crops, the Herald of Hope brings special spiritual blessings and physical health to me every two months.

P. D., Ramnad District, South India

NEW AGAIN

I feel new again in my body and soul. Thank God and your prayer band for what they have done for me. I use to feel ever so sick, couldn't eat much or any kind of food, but thanks to God, I am new again.

Miss J., Birmingham, England

HEALED OF T.B.

I had an X-ray taken when I wrote you and the doctor told me I had spots on my lungs, but thank God, I had another X-ray and no tuberculosis. Thank God and thank you for praying for me. — W.C., Harbor Breton, Canada

MANY ANSWERS

God healed me of some bad bed sores after you prayed for me sometime ago. I also asked you to pray for my eldest son who at that time was out of a job and couldn't find one anywhere. He has found a good job, and was not forced to move from his home in order to find work. He likes his job and is doing well. Sometime ago I had an ulcer in my right eye, and I thought surely I would lose my sight, but the Lord healed that. — Mrs. E.H.J., Bridgeton, N.C.

GOD BLESSES

I was just out of the hospital and very sick. I asked you to pray that I would be able to attend my church service again, and that my husband would get a regular job. I am back singing in the choir and my husband is working every day. Thanks to the good Lord and for your prayers. — R.F.S., Philadelphia, Pa.

RHEUMATISM LEAVES

I was suffering for many years with rheumatism in my knee. As soon as I received your kerchief I placed it on the knee and immediately the pain left. I can walk strong and well now, thank God. — S.S., Barbados, W.I.

PAINS ARE GONE

I received the blessed handkerchief and, to God's glory, the pains in my chest have been healed, and most of all, the terrible pain that used to be in my ear, along with the lump I used to feel, have been healed. — M.H., Kingston, Jamaica

EMPLYED

On the last occasion I wrote telling you of my brother's unemployment and within two weeks from thence he received a call to sail on a large oil tanker to the Eastern countries. — G.T., Trinidad, W.I.

VEIN HEALED

I was suffering with a strained vein in my left leg and I went to prayer, using the blessed kerchief to mark the spot, and with a sincerity of heart I believed.

—B.C., Kingston, Jamaica

BETTER JOB

My husband was worried about better employment. I told him to write to the Herald of Hope. Shortly afterward he came to this city and was placed on a construction job supposed to have been for a week, but they kept him on when others were turned off. And now all jobs are on strike, but this one. — Houston, Texas

BLOOD PRESSURE HEALED

I asked you to pray for my blood pressure. I had a check-up and the Doctor said it was normal — hadn't been in 13 years. My heart was bothering me and I placed the handkerchief over my chest and the misery left. — M.W., Pilot Point, Texas

FAITH INSPIRED

After reading the Herald of Hope and seeing all that the Lord Jesus had done for so many, I believed he would do the same for me, so I laid my hand on the paper and cried unto God, my Maker. He heard and answered. I have not taken any medicine from then, and every day I find myself getting better and better. I am feeling happy down in my soul and I can't stop praising Him for his goodness. — T.J., Bristol, England

GOD HEALS

My husband is going any where he wants to go. Since you prayed for him, the Lord answered and healed him. — Mrs. C.M., Hamlet, N. C.

HEALED OF ASTHMA

Praise the Lord, I can say I am healed of asthma. I am praising Him more and more for His deliverance. — Kingston, Jamaica, W.I.

RENTAL

I had written asking you to pray for rental of my home and business place. Before the letter could reach you I got a call one evening that someone wanted it. J.H., Jamaica, W.I.

HEALING RECEIVED

I received the healing cloth, also the healing. My back doesn't hurt any more. I could hardly walk, but, praise God, I can go all day at my work and it doesn't hurt. — Mrs. M.D., Chicago, Ill.

FOOT HEALED

Thank you for your prayers for the correction of my daughter's foot. She is now walking and her foot is healed. Praise God. — M.F., Stamford, Conn.

GETS JOB

My husband got a job here close to home. I really thank God for it. — Mrs. G.K., Drakesboro, Ky.

HOUSE IS SOLD

You prayed with me for the selling of my house. Well, I sold it — not a cash buyer, but had the most down payment. It was sold quicker than I expected. — J.N., Hershey, Pa.

BABY RECOVERS

My 2 year old baby swallowed some kerosene and became very sick. The doctor said he would develop pneumonia, and when his fever began to rise to rush him back to be placed in an oxygen tent. He gave the baby a shot and dismissed us. At home I placed the Herald of Hope paper under his pillow as he slept. It was about 11:30 a.m. About 2:30 p.m. he slid from bed and began playing. — Texas

HOME AGAIN

Praise God, your prayer is answered. N.B. is home again with his children. I am feeling much better, free from worries over him. — L.A., Charles Town, Nevis

SELLS HOME

I wrote you about 3 months ago concerning selling a home and some other things. Thank God with me that the prayer has been answered. — M.B., Charmco, W. Va.

THYROID HEALED

I wrote to you seeking healing of thyroid gland trouble. After wearing the handkerchief for some weeks I went into the hospital for tests and was certified completely free from the trouble. I did not take drugs or medicine of any kind, nor had any operation. Praise God. — T.K., Portadown, N. Ireland

WOUND NOW HEALING

The Lord has truly heard prayer on my behalf in that an old wound on my left leg for three years is now showing signs of perfect healing.

Please send me one of your blest kerchiefs, as there is a severe pain in my right hip — your last kerchief gave immediate cure. — J.O., Balcarras P.O., Parish of Portland

SAFE DELIVERY

I asked you to pray for me that I would go through my pregnancy safely, because the doctors said I have rheumatic heart trouble. Surely I really do thank the good Lord that he brought me safely through, and I had the baby quicker than I have ever had one. — Mrs. L.P., Newport News, Va.

QUITS SMOKING

I was a smoker, but God started to come into my life and now I am not a smoker any more. I know God is able to do anything in one's life to make him one of those that are counted in the number for eternal life, as long as they believe and have faith in Him. — Mrs. L.W., Benson, Jamaica

Thank you for praying for me. The cold I used to suffer from at night, especially when I go to bed, has gone, and the sneezing which used to come at night and morning, has gone. Thank God! — V.M., Kingston, Jamaica

GOD ANSWERS

Several days ago I called you on the phone and requested prayer for my husband 89 years of age. He was in terrible condition — mind completely deranged and fall after fall. I wish to praise God and thank you that his mind is greatly improved and he can walk again. — Mrs. W.C.M., Seal Beach, Calif.

RENTS HOUSE

I wrote you for prayer that I may rent my house. Thank the good Lord, my house is rented.—A.G., Chicago, Ill

ALL RIGHT NOW

I can't tell on what date I received your answer, but as from that very date I got better and better, until I am O.K. Thank God for such a blessing.—J.G., Ginger Land, Nevis

QUITS SMOKING AND DRINKING

I am writing because I have been delivered of smoking and drinking. I had prayed for over four years for the Lord to take them away.—E.M., Ghana, W. Africa

BLESSED

My wife and I often have said the Lord has kept us for nearly 60 years. I am 58 and my wife one year younger. The Lord has touched our bodies many times. You sent me an anointed handkerchief awhile back for pain in my chest. The pain left.—E.R.P., Utica, N. Y.

WORK OBTAINED

As usual, your prayer band has given me results, because one week after I wrote you the letter I got a job. Isn't that wonderful?—Mrs. N.H., Kingston, Jamaica

FULL OF THANKS

The very day I received your letter, I have to say with heart full of thanks, I got a message by telegram to report the following morning at a post office for temporary employment. Oh, I am so happy.—L.G., Kingston, Jamaica

SALVATION

My husband used to drink a lot, and so one day while I was reading your paper I read where someone had put it under some one's pillow. So I put the paper under my husband's pillow and prayed that God would have his way with us and that our lives would change. We didn't go to church then, but a little while after that we were invited to a little church and went. We've been going ever since. I was saved about 3 months ago, and my husband 2½ months ago. We are so happy now. — Mr. and Mrs. W.M., Bridgman, Mich.

GETS JOB

I wrote to you to pray for my daughter that she may get a job, and the Lord has given her a first class one.—C.A.M., Hagley Park, Jamaica

GAINING OVER PERNICIOUS ANEMIA

God is healing me of pernicious anemia. I had called for prayer the day before I was going to the hospital, then after taking blood transfusions and coming home, I wrote you for prayer. The evening before I came home the doctors told me they couldn't cure me, but control the condition for a time. Right then and there I turned it over to God, knowing that with Him all things are possible. Each time I go for a checkup the doctor is thrilled over the improvement. P.B., Los Angeles, Calif.

GOD GRANTS DESIRE

Through your prayers I entered into Police work, for which I wrote you for prayer.—A.U.A., Nigeria, W.A.

HEALED OF T.B.

I wrote to you sometime ago about a case of tuberculosis that I had, and praise to the Lord, I have been healed. I went for an X-ray test and everything is fine. — C.V.C., Jamaica, W.I.

BURDENS LIFTED

How happy I am to let you know of the wonderful blessings that has come my way through the loving Saviour and the Herald of Hope. I got a job two weeks ago. I can pay my debts little by little, thank God. I did not know where to turn for help, but through your glorious magazine and your prayer, God has released me of my burdens.—G.Y., Jamaica, B.W.I.

GOD DELIVERED

After a test from '51 to '54, how the enemy worked to destroy my mind; but I fasted and prayed, and waited on God, and in His own time He came in and delivered me.—D.H., Los Angeles, Calif.

HEALED OF GASTRITIS

Thanks for your prayers and your blest kerchief. I was suffering greatly with gastritis in my stomach. Everything I ate was against me. I went to doctors until they were tired of me and, praise be to God, I can eat anything now and rest. M.T., St. Mary, Jamaica

SAVED

After reading your little green tract I took note of my life and made full surrender to the Lord. I gave the tract to the service to read, and gave a testimony the first time in my life for Christ. I feel like a giant refreshed with new wine! — I.M., Cayman Isl.

SKIN ERUPTION GONE

I wrote to you in 1958 for six blest handkerchiefs, as I was suffering from a terrible skin eruption. It was awful — just came on suddenly. I saw several doctors, but they did me no good. I received the six kerchiefs and laid them all over my body and thank God, I was cured.—S.EdeB., Maracaibo

REJOICING

Oh, praise God! I am so much better—my ulcers are drying up — and diabetes better — high blood improved. So happy! —Mrs. B.H., Elmonte, Calif.

MORTGAGE PAID

Sometime ago I asked you to pray for me to sell my house. Thank God. I sold it, paid off all my mortgage, and am back home in my own home.—Mrs. C.M., Baltimore, Md.

RETURNED TO WORK

About 2 months ago I wrote you for a prayer cloth, for which I thank you very much, as it brought great relief. My husband was very ill, but has now returned to work. —Mrs. C.K., Ontario, Canada

ANSWERED PRAYER

I wrote you, asking for prayer for my son. Well, God has answered that prayer. He has a very good job now, some more money, a new car, and is very much more comfortable. The working conditions are very good. I am thanking God night and day, and my heart is overflowing with gratitude.—Mrs. P.M., Barbados, B.W.I.

HEALED AND SERVING GOD

I have used the blest handkerchief to pray for three persons and they became well at once. From that, I saw the power of God, for He can heal anyone at any time. These three persons were pagans at first, but from the day that I prayed for them they have been attending church every Sunday and are good Christian workers.—F.E.I., Abak, Africa

GOD A VERY PRESENT HELP

At Pembroke, one Sunday morning last year, we were in difficulty in getting matches to light our stove. After searching every shelf and everywhere, we were obliged to come to the conclusion that I would have to go quite a couple of yards through burning sun to buy a box of matches. Suddenly, a force came into me, and I felt the strong persuasion of, "Why not ask God for matches?" Faith flooded me, and I told C- (my wife) that God was going to give us matches. I stood in that house that Sunday morning and prayed for matches. When I had finished, I was immediately persuaded to look on a nearby shelf. There I found a box almost full with matches! I called out to C-, and she was amazed, because she too had searched that small shelf, thoroughly, before. Blessings to our God. We do not know why we had searched that particular shelf so carefully, but of the truth, we had searched it more carefully than the others. And what was on it? Only about five ordinary bottles and a few small sheets of paper. Yet when God supplied the matches, He did not hide it among the papers. It was easily found.—V.L., Tobago, West Indies

PAIN AND DIZZINESS GONE

I am wonderfully glad to say that applying the kerchief to the pain in my side, it is completely gone.—Mrs. V.M., London, England

ANSWERS TO PRAYER

I had got the answers to both prayers I requested: 1st, God is enabling me to send my son to a secondary school. 2nd, after undergoing one of the hardest times one could ever experience on earth, I received your tract "God Knows Where Every Good Job Is." I can testify that I got the very best job I ever had in my life time.—C.S., Jamaica, W. I.

A CHANGED HOME

My husband got a good job the same week I wrote to you, and he has really been a changed man. Our home doesn't seem like the same place at all. He doesn't drink any more. Praise the Lord.—Mrs. M.S., Suffolk, Va.

HEALED AND SAVED

I am very, very happy to report that my father has been healed of his sickness (the stroke he got which took away his speech) and most of all he has been healed from the sickness of SIN; he is now a Christian and was baptized last Sunday.—J.L., Jamaica, W. I.

RAPID IMPROVEMENT

I have received your healing kerchief and tracts, and oh, the power that it carries. I must say for over four weeks I had been bound down by the old dragon taking away my sleep at night, and taking away my appetite. Before receiving your answers I could eat plenty, sleep well, thank God, and my body is making a rapid improvement.—B.D., Jamaica, W.I.

FAMILY TOGETHER AGAIN

Possibly six or seven years ago I requested prayer that the Lord would bless and bring my family together again and he did it. Praise His Wonderful Name! —Mrs. E.K.J., Roswell, N.M.

THROAT HEALED

I asked you many times to pray for a throat ailment, and after many months of pain and suffering, I am at last completely healed. My throat feels like new and hasn't bothered me for so long, and I can eat anything and use my throat normally, no pain or soreness.

CALMS THE TROUBLED SEA

I wrote you to pray for a couple with one child about 6 months old, who had separated. She came home from California. Divorce proceedings were all ready and court was to be in a few days to decide on who would have the child. The Lord answered your prayers. How else could things have gotten so calm? Everything is peaceful and all praise to the Lord for answering prayer. Only the Lord could right things like this.—Mrs. S., San Antonio, Texas

RECLAIMED

I wrote you all for prayer for my children. Thank God, they came back to the Lord and are working in the Church.—H. & M.G., Beaumont, Texas

ON THE MEND

The sister of mine that was in such a serious and dangerous condition, took food Sunday; swelling went down, also temperature, and she is now at home. — E.D., Hot Springs, Arkansas

NO T.B.

I wrote you to pray for my nephew's wife. The doctor took X-ray and said she had T.B., and sent her to Shreveport, Louisiana, for another X-ray. Thank you all for praying — the good Lord healed her. She now has a fine baby girl and has good health. — Mrs. D.H., Jefferson,

WONDERFUL LORD

I wrote you to pray for my son to get a good job. He had signed up for a job at the Post Office 10 years ago. He didn't think he would get a job there; but, praise God, he did! —Mrs. G.S., Salem, Mo.

HAPPILY EMPLOYED

The very day I got your letter I went to a big Department Store and ask for a job. They told me to return next morning. Well, for twelve days I worked as a maid, but I went on cheerfully, thinking on the Herald of Hope. They first told me the work was just for the holiday so I asked for a job in the receiving. To my great surprise, I was called in and given a job in the Receiving. Just Saturday I learned that the man over us in that Department is putting me to run that floor. Can I ever cease from praising and thanking God for His wonderful goodness to me?—D.D., Brooklyn

NO MORE PAINS

My wife received the blest handkerchief and put it on the spot where it hurt. She had it on just a few minutes when she told me she did not have any more pain; she has not had any more pain since. — C.B., Traskwood, Arkansas

FOOT HEALED

I requested healing for my foot, which had been breaking out for about 18 years. I put the healing cloth on the part I needed healing for, and prayed. My foot healed up completely. — D.M., Columbus, Ohio

GETS WORK

The very same day that I received your letter I was called to work at one of the hospitals here.—A.M., Houston, Texas

EASY DELIVERY

I wrote to you requesting prayers for a quick, easy delivery of my first child. I can assure you that God answered prayer. I had a very easy birth, and the baby boy who is now three months old is growing wonderfully. —V.J., Kingston, Jamaica

STRENGTHENED

My heart is strengthened remarkably since I got your kerchief, also my body and head. I even walk to church a mile sometimes.—Mrs. M.H., Manchester, W.I.

MOTHER'S PRAYERS ANSWERED

I am a new Christian in a way. I have been saved about two years. I was an alcoholic and was drinking myself to death and, praise God, I had a Mother praying for me and now the desire is gone.—Bro. J., Compton, Calif.

BACKSLIDER RETURNS

Your prayers were a help in God saving my soul. Thank Jesus, I have come back home. I was a backslider. — Mrs. P.T.P., Blounts Creek, N.C.

GETS RAISE

I wrote you in June of last year that my husband was supposed to lose his job in July. The Lord heard and answered. They kept him and gave him a raise. — A.M., Carrabelle, Fla.

HEALED OF ASTHMA

I want to send in my testimony, healing of my child Joan, who was sick with asthma. Praise God, she is healed.—L.S., St. Anns, Jamaica

TOGETHER AGAIN

I wrote you a few months ago about my son and his wife. She was suing him for separate maintenance and he didn't know if he was going to jail or what might happen. It has taken every cent of money to support her and (him separate) and the 4 children and pay the lawyer for each of them; but through prayer she lifted the charge and they went back together and are still together. I praise God for it.—Mrs. M.M., Jacksonville, Fla.

EYE HEALED

Before I wrote to you I couldn't see plain out of my left eye, but when I put the healing cloth under my pillow and one on my body, now thank God, I can see well as ever.—M.R., Waynetown, Indiana

HOME FROM MENTAL HOSPITAL

A few weeks ago I asked for prayer for J.M., who was in a mental hospital. Thank God, he is home now, real well.—Mrs. J.M., Newport, Nebr.

STOMACH HEALED

In July my husband was so sick and the doctor wasn't doing any good. I laid the blest cloth on his stomach, and ever since, he has been healed. — A.S., Pleasantville, N.J.

HEALED OF WHOOPING COUGH

I wrote you when my little girl had whooping cough and asked for an anointed cloth, and she was instantly healed. She never coughed or whooped any more after we placed the cloth on her.—Mrs. D.R., Sweetwater, Tenn.

GETS A HOUSE

I wrote you two years ago to pray for us that the Lord would help us to get a home and you sent us some nice encouraging tracts. The Lord has heard and answered on our behalf and we have got a house, at a spot that was so very hard to get.—S.D., Sobers Lane City, B.W.I.

CHILDREN SAVED

Sometime ago I asked you to pray for my children to be saved, and since then God saved all three of my daughters, their children, and two of my sons-in-law, and filled them with the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. A.N., Waterford, Mich.

HEART TROUBLE GONE

I had something wrong with my heart. The doctor could not give me medicine but what would make me sick. I wrote you and you sent me a handkerchief. I put it on my heart side, and the doctor has okayed by heart. — R.J.C., Nevada, Iowa.

BLEEDING STOPPED

I wrote to you about my bleeding that could not stop. I must say that from the day you received my letter I am healed. P.H., Kingston, Jamaica

HEALED FROM FEARS

A few years ago I was in a bad condition. I feared greatly that I would or had already sinned against the Holy Ghost. I had terribly bad thoughts which I tried to drive away, but my efforts were in vain. I was tormented day and night for a period of time. I finally wrote to the Herald of Hope and received a personal letter. That most comforting letter was a great instrument for my deliverance, for God has delivered me. Since then I have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. —L.F.D., Hillsville, Va.

SAVED

Many thanks for your prayers, as I had a daughter saved and delivered from the smoke habit that I had prayed many years for.—A.S., Charles City, Iowa

GETS JOB

Thank you very much for your prayer toward my son. I asked you to pray for him to get a job and he got one.—Mrs. H.L., Jamaica, W.I.

ALL PAIN GONE

Your prayers have been answered. The Lord completely healed my knee and leg. I haven't felt a pain or stiffness since. It's been over 2 years since I've been without pain. I was lying in the bed, reading when the Lord healed me. I moved my leg and didn't feel any pain, and was so surprised I got up and got down on my knees and thanked the Lord. Before, I could not get on my knees without great pain.—Mrs. G.J., Seguin, Texas

The Pentecostal Revival Among The Traditional Churches

Baptist Preacher Describes Experience
Andrew J. Smith, of St. Louis, Mo., was a Baptist minister for 14 years. neither education nor a successful pastorate satisfied his soul. He testifies:

"The hidden cry of my soul was for a deeper experience with God. In my devotions, I read Acts 2 on the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. As I concluded my fellowship with the Lord, I asked Him to give me a sign, if He had greater power for my life.

"It was Monday morning when I was alone to have fellowship with the Lord. There in the quietness of my home I began to think upon Jesus Christ and what He really meant to me. I cried, 'Jesus, you died for me! Then words began to flow which I could not understand.

"I am thoroughly convinced that all believers, irrespective of their creed, denomination, age, sex, or culture, must have the anointing of God if they would be spiritually victorious in the apostate hour. In an age of extraordinary evil, we need extraordinary faith and power. This only comes through the baptism of the believer in the Holy Ghost and fire. The day of miracles has not passed.

Reformed Pastor Receives The Baptism
Harald Bredesen, pastor of the First Reformed Church, Mount. Vernon, N.Y., writes this testimony of his own Pentecostal experience:

"I came to Green Lane Camp meeting all expectant. Nine days, early and late, I sought the face of the Lord. People all around me were filled. I was not. Maybe the Baptism was not for me after all? Maybe there was some fatal flaw . . . ?

"I arose that morning and went into the big open-sided, sawdust-floored tabernacle, unaware that this would be the day. The preacher, Arthur Graves, spoke under a heavy anointing. My heart was stirred and melted. A hush was coming off. Suddenly in the message in tongues which followed the preaching, I had a bare-soul experience with God.

"Till then I had loved God—with reservation. Hence I reasoned, He loved me—with reservation. But the love I saw in His heart was undimmed by any failure on my part. It was without reservation. All my shortcomings, I saw, could no more shut out His love for me than a fly speck could shut out the sun.

"No words could express the tremendous joy and gratitude of my heart. Then to my vast relief, the Lord did it for me and a torrent of words poured out of my lips in another tongue."

Revival Comes To Baltimore Church
Evangelist Hattie Hammond recently ministered at the Belvedere Baptist Church in Baltimore, Maryland. She reports that a wonderful outpouring of the Spirit occurred during the meetings. Prayer continued into the early hours of the morning as hungry hearts sought the Lord.

Frank A. Downing, pastor of the Belvedere Baptist Church, a Southern Baptist in polity, reports concerning what the Lord Jesus Christ has done in their fellowship, as follows:

"One night, alone in my study and on my knees by the chair where I usually pray, my prayer to God was a prayer of desperation. I felt empty and dry—spiritually dead.

"O God," I cried, "give me all that you have for me. Give me your best!"

"A period of quiet followed. How long I was there on my knees I do not now know, perhaps an hour or more. Then I began to praise God. In the midst of my praise in English, words of which I did not know the meaning began to come forth.

"Since I had never heard anyone speak in tongues, I was not sure what had happened to me, but the peace, love and joy of the experience were such a blessing! It was three months later that I met a fellow Southern Baptist and learned that my experience was indeed the baptism of the Holy Spirit; he said he enjoyed the same experience two years before.

"Truly, we are living in the last days and God is pouring His Spirit out on all flesh. We believe that God has His good gifts for all His children, including the Baptists."

Church Of Christ Pastor Filled

A Church of Christ pastor, who has asked that his name should not be mentioned here, has described his experience in a personal letter, as follows:

"I praise God quietly for His very presence and love. The more I praised Him and forgot about myself, the more I became aware of His presence and fullness—within!

"A rest and a peace unexplainable—

and certainly not demonstrable—flowed through my being. All anxiety and doubt left and in its place was the thought and feeling of love. (As a matter of fact, 1 Corinthians 13 was constantly before me in my thoughts). When I became aware of this blessed rest I imagined I had slipped into a dreamlike trance—but all of my faculties were alert—and soon unintelligible sounds from the depths of my soul came forth in praise as I communed in and through His Spirit."

David Duplessis writes at the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship Conference in Miami, Florida.—Joy and enthusiasm glowed from every face that I saw, and how their testimonies thrilled me! Episcopalian ministers . . . Bennett, Stube and Sherwood; Lutheran-Reformed Bredesen; Baptist, Ervin; Presbyterian, Brown; and many others, just bubbled over with good news and blessing. That evening Rev. Dennis Bennett gave his testimony—90 minutes—and then the power FELL UPON THE SEEKERS and over 100 received the confirmation of the Baptism in the Spirit—they spake with tongues as the SPIRIT gave utterance. Thursday—Friday—it will take pages to tell all that happened just while I was there. Well known Episcopal, Surgeon Bill Reed, was used to cast out demons from suffering souls, and "gifts of healing" were manifested. Young people were saved and filled. It was the most wonderful and most glorious Business Men's Conference I had been to yet.

VERMONT — A newly-filled Methodist Minister from Louisiana and his wife took me to Miami airport. It was glory till I boarded the plane for New York. Then on to Vermont, Rev. R. E. and Helen Simpson met me at Glenn's Falls, N. Y. Airport. Sunday morning, July 8, 18 of us — a study group — gathered with others in the Methodist Church. In the afternoon we began our study sessions in the Sunporch of Chimneyside. These sessions got us deeper into the WORD, closer to the LORD and ever fuller of the SPIRIT, until NOT ONE remained unbaptized in the Spirit . . . "they were ALL FILLED" and then ALL SPAKE WITH TONGUES as the Spirit gave utterance . . . YES all . . . Episcopalians, Methodists, Congregationalists, Presbyterians, Quakers . . . ministers, wives of ministers, laymen and women . . . indeed ALL. They sat there and listened to good Holy Ghost teaching . . . hour after hour . . . one day it was eight hours . . . from 8 a.m. till 8 p.m. . . . with a few breaks in between, but in all I spoke for eight hours . . . then we prayed from 8 p.m. till 12 and such glorious baptisms . . . facing the regular Episcopal altar in the chapel . . . OH it was good to see the wife of the Dean of the Cathedral out of whom I cast a "nicotine demon" . . . she smoked two packs a day . . . and THEN the following night it was good to see her filled with the Holy Spirit and hear her speak in tongues and glorify Jesus.

HOLLAND—First a great Pentecostal Rally in Utrecht on the day of arrival, May 22. Then three days of the best fellowship with 50 Dutch Reformed ministers and their wives at De Hezenberg. We hardly ever got outside the ACTS and the MINISTRIES of the Holy Spirit. During my stay of 10 days in Holland I met with over 100 Reformed ministers and professors. I spoke over the radio twice at the request of the National Christian Radio Union, a Reformed Church operation, and I was asked to speak freely on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and the ministries and gifts. In fact I hardly spoke about anything else anywhere at any time.

ENGLAND — Then on to High Leigh where about 150 Americans gathered for a Healing ADVANCE. Rev. W. Wood was in charge. Dr. Alfred Price, of St. Stephen's in Philadelphia, Pa., with many other wonderful speakers ministered. Twice I was privileged to minister the word. I shall never forget High Leigh. Such sweet depth of grace and glory. Such freedom in the Spirit. Such prayer and worship. I was asked to pray with hungry souls seeking the Baptism in the Spirit and many received. Some that were there had been baptised before but longed for another overwhelming of the Holy Spirit and they got all they asked for. Praise the Lord!

LIMA, PERU — The second Evangelical Conference of Latin America has become history. There were 200 delegates and visitors from 22 countries, belonging to most non-R.C. churches, from Episcopal to Pentecostal. The last such meeting was in Buenos Aires in 1949. Many were present in Lima, Peru, that had never met each other before. During the past 12 years, Protestantism has made tremendous strides forward in Latin American countries, and great changes have come over the churches that had been established. NO other church claimed the phenomenal growth of the PENTECOS-

This Growing Church

H. J. SMITH

It is surely God's will that good shall continue. The church of God is God's company of called-out ones and, as such, God wants her to grow and prosper. Before the end comes, it is prophesied that this Gospel shall be preached in all the earth. Though evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived, they that are the Lord's shall be strong and do exploits. Persecution may seem to hinder the progress of the church, trials and afflictions may be her lot, but the church shall go forward, even upon her knees. Her head may be bloodied by evil rulers, and some weak ones within her gates may fail, but good men will rally to her need and she will arise once more from the ashes of defeat and become the potent power of peace and purity that the call and anointing of God directs her to be.

The church will grow when the power of God falls upon the waiting ones. It was upon that early feast of Pentecost (Acts 2:4), after the power descended, that three thousand souls were added to their number. Pentecost means power, and power brings effectual witness. The net result of such is always accessions to the church.

Again, a rejoicing church attracts the distressed and sad. In Acts 2:46-47 we read that the believers ate their meat with gladness . . . of heart, praising God, and having favor with all the people." Again it was written, . . . "the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

After Pentecost (we read about this in Acts 4:4), there was great preaching of the Word of God. The preaching of the Word brought hearing of the Word, and it was written here that during this period immediately after the initial outpouring and the three thousand had come in one day, about five thousand more men joined themselves to the believing company. This was a phenomenal growth. But God always honors His Word, for it is through the foolishness of preaching men come to believe.

Further on, in Acts 5:14, we read of the steady growth of the church, "and believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women." It undoubtedly appeared that everyone in Jerusalem would become believers. No wonder it was said of certain of the disciples of the Lord that they were turning the world upside down.

It wasn't only the common people who eagerly heard the Word of the Lord, for in Acts 6:7 we read, "and the Word of God increased; and the number of disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly, and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith." There have always been those among the church leadership who, seeing the emptiness and futility of formal profession, embrace evangelical reality. In this outpouring of the Spirit among the Episcopalians in this area, a great number of priests have received the infilling with accompanying scriptural evidence. They are not all open in their profession as yet, for there is still in this area an atmosphere of rejection in their particular church, especially among fellow priests and high church officials; yet the Word of God is not bound, and it is left to each recipient of this power from heaven to find his own level of operation and witness. Many are still being filled today, for the witness among the traditional churches continues unabated.

It was not only in Jerusalem that the TAL MOVEMENT during recent years.

In the very first meeting delegates began to tell of the amazing progress of Evangelical Christianity in their various fields through the testimony of the Pentecostal people. There seemed to be a constant plea for an effort to try to discover the secrets of their success, and then to emulate them. I was deeply troubled to find that many thought Pentecostals had a special TECHNIQUE and that this could be applied by training people to follow the same method. THEY COULD NOT BE FARTHER WRONG. I was happy to inform "inquirers" that the SECRET was the "power of the Holy Spirit" in the ministry of the WORD and in the lives of converts. The only name for this "technique" is the BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, by the Lord Jesus Christ, the mighty Baptiser. The teaching ministry of Dr. John A. Mackay, former President of Princeton Theological Seminary, and of Bishop Leslie Newbiggin, Secretary of the I.M.C., reached profound depths, and did much to unify all in word and in spirit . . . Many churches and countries urged me to visit them as soon as possible, that I may encourage a Pentecostal revival among ALL, and a consequent UNITY IN THE SPIRIT.—Abridged from "Pentecost", & Treasures of Grace.

Prayer Changes Things

Luke 11:2

Prayer changes things—and yet how blind And slow we are to taste and see The blessedness that comes to those Who trust in Thee.

Prayer changes things—the heavy load That pressed me down 'mid shades of night, Somehow through prayer has lost its power, By morning light.

Prayer changes things—my burdens fall, And disappear or slip away, When at His feet I leave them all, And kneel to pray.

Prayer changes things—there comes to me New aspirations while I pray, For in His light I see the light And sunlit way.

Prayer changes things—my old desires Ambitions, doubts and trembling fears Disperse, as morning changes night, And smiles sad tears.

Prayer changes things—the unkind word, Or memory of "what they say," Within the atmosphere of prayer, Must melt away.

Prayer changes things—my vision clears, And eyes that failed to see a star Get fresh anointing, till I view The hills afar.

Prayer changes things—I learn to see The value of all God has given, The length and breadth, and depth and height Of His pure heaven.

Prayer changes things — nay, more, it shows God's estimate of right and wrong, Fresh courage given, fresh joy implants, And brings a song.

Prayer changes things—the circumstances That seemed unfortunate or bad, Must work God's purpose out, so I Am no more sad. —Laura A. Barter Snow.

St. Francis of Assisi Prayed

Lord, make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring love; Where there is wrong, forgiveness Where there is doubt, let me bring faith, Where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light. Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.

Lord, grant that I may seek rather to Comfort than to be comforted, To understand than to be understood, To love, than to be loved.

For it is by giving that one receives, It is by self-forgetting, that one finds, It is by forgiving that one is forgiven.

church grew, for at Antioch where the disciples were first called Christians (Acts 11:21), we read "And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord."

Miracles accompanied the ministry of holy men, for under the hands of Stephen, Peter and John there were visible evidences of God's will and desire.

God has not changed today. It is written that in every nation, those who fear God and work righteousness are accepted of Him. Perhaps in these end-time days we can expect the church to grow as never before, for it is written that when God's judgments are in the earth, men will learn righteousness. And again the Word of God, which is truth, must be fulfilled, for though heaven and earth pass away, the truth of His Word can never fail. "In the last days," we read both in Joel 2:28 and Acts 2:17, "I will pour out my Spirit upon ALL flesh." Such an outpouring has not been known to this present time, but it is surely coming, my friend. Who knows but that the present visitation of the Holy Ghost, known by the Pentecostals for so many years, and now becoming evident among the traditional churches, will continue unabated until in power and scope it transcends all previous outpourings.

My friend, God is visiting His people. His church is once more "on the march." Will you not lay aside all your prejudices and reservations and become a part of this last day outpouring of God? The promise is still unto you and your children and all those who are afar off, even as many as God shall call. Will you be added today to the ranks of Spirit-filled believers whose voice is now rising triumphantly throughout the whole earth?

Herald of Hope Broadcast

The Tragedy Of Saturday Night

By WILLIAM F. McDERMOTT

I'm proud of my son and his charming wife. They have taught me, as a Christian, a lesson that I should have realized long ago.

It came about when I offered to do some free baby-sitting.

"If you'd like to go out some Saturday night to visit friends or have a good time, I'll be glad to take care of the children," I once volunteered when in a generous frame of mind.

"Sorry, but we can't take you up on that," they responded with a smile.

"Why not?" I said. "I'm responsible. After all, didn't I help rear five of my own?"

"You see, Father," they patiently rejoined, "we don't go out Saturday nights."

"And why not?"

"You know, of course, that we are Sunday school teachers. Well, we realize that we can't go out frolicking the night before, possibly returning home after midnight, and be in a refreshed, eager frame of mind to deal with a bunch of rollicking youngsters. Besides we feel that study of the Sunday school lesson and prayer preparation for leading children into a real fellowship with Christ is by far the best engagement we can have for Saturday night. With us, the engagement is permanent and unbreakable."

I nodded in assent and commended them for their good judgment and Christian devotion in the face of a universal trend the other way. It took courage to battle upstream, not only because of the time involved but because of the activity.

Saturday night has become such an occasion for pleasure, both good and bad, for drinking, carousing, going to shows and dances, having parties, parking in outdoor movies and lovers' lanes, and indulgences of all sorts, even long after the midnight hour, that Sunday mornings have become the popular time for sleeping off the effects.

Even in many towns where church colleges exist, hardly a corporal's guard of students can be found at Sunday school or Sunday morning worship. It is not infrequently that students who do hold fast to their family custom of attending Sunday services are derided by their college mates as being "old-fogeyish" and out of touch with the times.

The tragedy of Saturday night is nothing new in police circles. Violence, debauchery, drunkenness, robberies and murders reach their peak on Saturday nights. It was that way half a century or more ago.

But for decent, even nominally Christian people to make it the occasion for pleasures and indulgences that leave them too tired or sleepy to attend church or even to bring their children to Sunday school, is a newer development. It bodes evil for spreading the gospel or building the Kingdom of God. It simply means that Sunday is not set aside as a holy day for fellowship with the Lord or to serve Christ as a Sunday school teacher, choir member or church attendant.

Surely the way Saturday night is being exploited and misused, with disastrous results as far as zealous service for the Kingdom of God is concerned, cannot be labeled otherwise than as a tragedy. Millions of parents are setting a ruinous example to their children. While their Saturday night pleasures in themselves may be innocent of evil, yet the fact that parents give little or no consideration to being rested and refreshed, eager and alert, for Sunday school and divine worship on the next day impresses their children that Sunday is not important except for sleep or diversion. I noted in a recent "Inquiring Reporter" column that of all those asked as to how they like to spend Sunday, not one said church or Sunday school interested him or her.

It is no use to sigh for the "good old days," because they never return, but the fact remains that rugged Protestant Christianity developed because people took their religion tremendously in earnest. The open Bible was a common sight; more than that, it was earnestly studied and its teachings applied. People had family worship daily. Sunday school lessons were studied and teachers prepared themselves for their coveted tasks. Saturday night was a time for thoughtful consideration of the Sabbath and for early retirement, in order to be fresh and eager for worshipping God.

Christians might well learn something of the psychological soundness of the historic Jewish observance of the Sabbath as being "from sundown to

Christianity

After an intense study of Western Christianity, Sundar Singh made this observation:

"While sitting on the bank of a river one day, I picked up a solid round stone from the water and broke it open. It was perfectly dry in spite of the fact that it had been immersed in water for centuries.

"The same is true of many people in the Western world. For centuries they have been surrounded by Christianity. They live immersed in the waters of its benefits. And yet it has not penetrated their hearts; they do not love it.

"The fault is not in Christianity, but in men's hearts which have been hardened by materialism and intellectualism."

—Leaves

What Have You To Use For God?

Shamgar had an oxgoad,
Rahab had a string;
Gideon had a trumpet,
David had a sling;
Samson had a jawbone;
Moses had a rod,
Dorcas had a needle,
All were used for God.

—Selected

A GLOWING EMBER REMOVED FROM THE FIRE, FIRST COOLS THEN GOES OUT. LIKEWISE A PERSON WHO STAYS HOME FROM CHURCH.

sundown," that is from Friday night sunset to Saturday night sunset. That means that the evening hours before the day of worship are sacred and to be observed quietly and meditatively, accompanied by synagogue rites. Then adherents arise mentally, physically and spiritually refreshed for the holy day. Even though most evangelical Christians observe Sunday as the holy day, lessons in the value of observing the night before — Saturday night — could well be learned.

I believe a ground swell of opposition to Saturday night revelries and pleasures, innocent perhaps in themselves but destructive of wise and joyous observance of Sunday as the holy day for worshipping and serving the Lord, is developing. Hundreds of thousands of young people in "Youth for Christ" and similar Christian movements for youth now spend Saturday evenings in mass meetings for the worship of God, dedicating themselves to His service and preparing to make the Sabbath count for the salvation of others.

In a suburb of a large city lived a family with two teen-age daughters, one in high school, the other in the eighth grade. They were encouraged by their parents to get into the social swim, to go in for dances and Saturday night parties. There was a sort of midnight curfew, but it wasn't rigorously enforced. They could stay out later on occasion, with no reproof offered. There was no question about their being good girls, with impeccable morals. Their parents were not churchgoers, and the girls went only occasionally to Sunday school.

Then some neighboring girls invited them to an evangelical Sunday school and church. They found there delightful, friendly people swarming the huge edifice and Sunday school building. It was a new world to the youngsters, and they were enthralled by it. They became devout attendants at Saturday night rallies of youth, Sunday school, Sunday evening youth meetings and revival services. They dropped dancing and other indulgences and began molding their lives in a true Christian pattern, having a wealth of fun at the same time. Their parents tried to get them to follow the former pattern, but they refused. Now they are praying for their parents, that a true Christian experience may come to them.

By and large, the most dependable, consecrated members of most churches are those who use Saturday evenings in preparation for Sunday observance. They have found the unbeatable formula which, if carried out, will guarantee an alert, eager mind and a spiritually receptive heart for each and every Sunday morning.

What is it? Simply this. Go early to bed the night before! Have a restful sleep, then awaken with keen expectation of a rich fellowship with God.

You will always get it. Our Heavenly Father never disappoints His truly worshipping children. There's no limit to the number of those who can use this prescription successfully and have its joys for themselves. All are invited to share in it!

Boy Kidnapped

Yes, I saw it with my own eyes! A six year old boy was kidnapped right out of our church just last Sunday morning! It was a terrible thing but I was helpless as I sat on the platform. The choir was coming in and there was a general unrest for a moment — then it happened!

A lady who was supposed to have a good reputation in our community — who was a member of our church — secured the cooperation of some other people nearby, and grabbed this little lad by the arm and started out the door. At first I had the impulse to jump off the platform and race back to stop this child-stealing. Then I thought the ushers would do it, so I sat still. But the ushers were busy, and somehow, the three adults just surrounded this little fellow as he looked back pleadingly, and marched him out past everybody!

My heart sank as they tossed him in the car and roared away! It was one of the worst things that I have seen since I have been preaching. And it happened right under my nose — right in the beginning of our worship service!

I wanted to call the police but I didn't. I wanted to dismiss the service and get out a posse, but I didn't. I wanted to notify the F.B.I. but I didn't. In fact, with all the congregation waiting before me, I just proceeded with the service — sadly.

You see, the boy was "kidnapped" away from God's worship by his mother and her neighbors who didn't stay for church!

—Selected.

Mary Had A Little Boy

Mary had a little Boy

His soul was white as snow,
He never went to Sunday School
'Cause Mary wouldn't go.
He never heard the love of Christ,
That thrilled the childish mind,
While other children went to class,
This child was left behind.
And as he grew from babe to youth,
She saw to her dismay,
A soul that once was snowy white
Had turned an ugly grey.
Realizing he was lost
She tried to win him back
But now the soul that once was white
Had turned on Christ his back.
She even started back to church,
And Sunday School, too.
She begged the preacher, "Isn't there a thing that we can do?"
The preacher tried and failed and said,
"We're just too far behind,
I tried to tell you years ago
But you would pay no mind."
And so another soul is lost,
That was as white as snow
Sunday School would have helped
But Mary wouldn't go.

Ten Commandments For Fathers

1. You shall so live as to transmit to your children physical bodies strong and clean.
2. You shall be the head of your home, and model it after God's law in love and justice.
3. You shall preserve the love between yourself and the mother of your children, and promote love between your children.
4. You shall not teach by precept alone but by personal example.
5. You shall so intently live to please and serve God that it will inspire the same zeal in your children.
6. You shall seek to develop your child's potential to its greatest degree, for the eternal blessing of his fellow men and for the glory of God.
7. You shall provide and participate in recreation diversions and lead your family in having fun and wholesome frolic.
8. You shall be the instigator and the leader in daily family worship. And you shall conduct this worship time in such a manner that your children may develop a relish for God's Word and a faith in the exercise of prayer.
9. You shall set the example by going with your wife and children to Sunday School and Church regularly.
10. You shall make your primary objective the introduction of each child to Jesus, as Lord and Savior, and thus fit him for life here and qualify him for life eternal and the reunion of the complete family circle in heaven.

—Selected.

LOST BECAUSE

So many are lost because in youth they are "too young;" in manhood, too busy; in maturity, too worried; when aged, too old; when sick, too ill; and dead, it is too late.

That Wayward Boy

The true story is told of a Christian mother who gave her testimony in a church in a large city. She said:

"I have a son who lived a life of sin. I brought him up in the right way, but he, at a certain stage in life, rejected all that I had taught him of God, and started on the downward path. I did everything possible for a mother to do. I pleaded with him and prayed for him, but nothing seemed to avail. After years of anguish and trial, becoming pressed above measure, a whisper came to me. 'Why not commit him to Me? You cannot do anything with him.' By an act of faith I committed him to God, according to His promise to me and my children, and I told the Lord that I believed that He took my boy. And I thanked Him.

"I expected that there would be an improvement, but he seemed only to become worse. When I would get down to pray, the only prayer I could pray was, 'Lord, I believe Thee and I praise Thee.' I would sit up for him at night. He would come late, sometimes intoxicated; and it would have broken my heart if I had not believed God. I would quietly say, 'Lord, I believe Thee and I praise Thee.'

"One night it seemed as though he was not coming home, but finally there was a knock at the door. I looked out and saw that they were bringing my boy home on a stretcher.

"He had cut his throat and was unconscious. No one can describe the feeling that came to my heart. I felt that I must pray for him, for there were still some signs of life.

"I knelt down, but the only prayer I could offer was, 'Lord, I still believe Thee and praise Thee.' While thus kneeling, he opened his eyes and said, 'Mother pray for me.' The surgeon came, and finding the jugular vein had not been severed, he sewed up the wound. My son recovered; his life was changed, and he gave himself to God."

Continuing her testimony in that city church, the saintly mother added: "That was just a few years ago. I have just received a telegram from him saying, 'Mother, I have entered the ministry, and today I preach my first sermon.'"

P. P. Hyde has written: "Every moment of faith is a moment of His working. One can commit, and trust, and praise. It is the way to win souls; to gain deliverance for the captives; to find solution to those problems; to loose money that is needed; to seek guidance, to be baptised with the Holy Spirit, or to be filled afresh with the blessed Spirit. To commit and trust and praise is to receive the reality of the thing committed."

—Riches of Grace

Faithful Is He Who Hath Promised

Are you passing through a testing,
Is your pillow wet with tears?
Do you wonder what the reason,
Why it seems God never hears?
Why it is you have no answer
To your oft-repeated plea,
Why the Heaven still is leaden
As you wait on bended knee?
Do you wonder as you suffer,
Whether God does understand,
And if so, why He ignores you,
Fails to hold you in His hand?
Do black doubts creep in, assail you,
Fears without, and fears within,
Till your brave heart almost falters
And gives way to deadly sin?
All God's testings have a purpose—
Some day you will see the light.
All He asks is that you trust Him
Walk by faith and not by sight.
Do not fear when doubts beset you,
Just remember—He is near;
He will never, never leave you,
He will always, always hear.
Faithful is He Who hath promised,
He will never let you fail;
Daily will the strength be given,
Strength for each and strength for all.

—Selected

How deeply rooted unbelief must be in our hearts when we are surprised to find our prayers are answered.

The Bible is a book of prayers. Out of 667 recorded prayers there are 454 recorded answers.

Some people never look up until they are flat on their backs; they never think of God until they are face to face with some disaster.

Prayer is the key of the day and the lock of the night.

THE MEN WHO MOVE THE WORLD ARE MEN THE WORLD CANNOT MOVE.

The Place for Christian Nationals

By Clay Cooper

We come now, in this series, to the unaccustomed role which the National Christian finds himself suddenly called up to fill.

Where does all this rash of anti-white, anti-western sentiment place him?

What new responsibility, for example, does the Christian Oriental bear to the Orient?

Any thinking person will surely doubt the validity of the claim, "The Orient for the Oriental . . . all by himself, just as he would attribute to stupidity the coining of such a phrase as "America for the Americans . . . all by themselves." Any nation that exists for its own, only, simply isn't going to exist. At least not for long.

As someone said, "We have always known selfishness to be bad manners. But now we know it as bad economics." The inference drawn is fairly obvious. A selfish nation cannot survive!

But, for the sake of yielding for the moment, let's admit, "The Oriental FOR the Orient . . . all by himself." Let's suppose the Occidental has nothing to contribute. Where does this lead in the field of world missions? To but one conclusion! The Christian Oriental to the Orient . . . all by himself, in his efforts to fulfill the Great Commission.

This is an issue every Christian National must face up to. And in so doing it could help project him into his shining hour. The temporary rise of exuberant nationalism could be the very lever of God to pry National Believers into a long-vacated niche and rocket missions into its Great Leap Forward.

Too long has the average Oriental (and African) regarded the evangelization of his continent, and world missions in general, as an Occidental matter. Too long has the black man regarded the Gospel as the white man's cult. Too long have they both regarded the prosecution of the Lord's last command as one of their affair. This notion has got to go!

At first glance it is hard to accept the fact that large foreign Christian constituencies have yet to discover the truth that Matthew 28:19, 20, includes themselves. Take Korea for example. Here we find the largest body of believers in any Oriental country. Korea has a church graduation the fourth highest number of seminary students of any country in the world. Yet, you can count on the fingers on one hand the foreign missionaries the Korean church has sent to the regions beyond in the last decade.

Fifty years ago, however, the Korean church was missionary minded. And fifty years ago the church had one thousand five hundred book titles on its library shelves. Today there are around fifty! And the introversion has resulted in the Korean Church of Korea being rent with schism.

Incident

Perhaps the following incident will indicate where the trouble lies. A wealthy churchman in Seoul was pressed with the matter of world missions. He shrugged it off with, "That's the American's job. Let them do it."

Extreme? Perhaps, but it is clear-cut evidence of the need for a revamping of the "Orient for the Oriental" credo, to "The Oriental to the Orient." And there will probably be no significant leap forward in missions without it.

In the recent past, two young Japanese left their home islands to go as missionaries to Okinawa. It made international headlines, but it should not have. Such an occurrence should be old hat. It should happen often. Wouldn't God expect the Japanese church to contribute more than this to world evangelism?

The Japanese are, in many respects, the most wonderful, amazing people on earth. In war, they were able to mobilize men, women, and children and they launched an effort from their tiny island empire that conquered most of the Orient. Within six months Japan wrested twenty million square miles of the Pacific world from the so-called great powers. And yet, these incredible, wonderful, capable people are doing next to nothing in missions. But, someone objects, Christians in Japan are only a minority group. To this, there is but one reply . . . "so were the original 120."

A Potent Factor

The overseas Chinese could be a potent factor in missions. Already, they are fanned out across the Pacific area, 25 million strong. Among them are literally tens of thousands of Christians, the majority aggressive and hardworking. And not a few are successful in business and prominent in affairs. Here again, however, is that overshadowing element of error which attributes to Americans some strange sort of monopoly in missions. It is woven into the very warp and woof of their thought processes.

We cannot forget how this was exemplified by a certain Chinese woman in the Orient. Both she and her husband were Christians in their adopted land. Quite

Gifts That Cost Nothing!

Most of us hold in fine contempt that system of exchanging gifts on a barter basis, in which the appreciation of the gift is to be measured by its price. A very great deal of our modern Christmas shopping, for instance, is little better than Christmas swapping.

On the other hand the gift that costs the giver nothing is seldom greatly appreciated.

A nine-year-old that had been given "pennies for Sunday School" all of his life appeared at breakfast one Sunday morning with the announcement that he was going to make his own offering this morning. He had earned a small sum of money on Saturday by running errands for a neighbor, "And I am going to really give my own offering this time," he proudly declared.

It is a part of the nobility of David that, in the midst of a national crisis, he refused to accept the gift of a loyal subject and pass it on as his own. Instead, he insisted upon purchasing the threshing floor and the sacrificial animals, that the sacrifice he offered might really represent his own soul.

There has been no real giving until there has been some sacrifice.

"I never wear this shirt," said a business man whose income would have made it possible for him to buy anything he really wanted in the way of clothing, "that I do not feel very humble." "My daughter made it for me with her own hands. She and her husband are trying very hard to make ends meet on an extremely small salary, and this was her Christmas gift to me — one of the most beautiful I have ever received."

Maybe God feels that way about some of our giving. The cattle upon a thousand hills are His, and the gold and silver are His also. He can have all the wealth He wants; but there is something about my humble service, which represents my devotion, which I am sure makes Him as happy as a father who is wearing a shirt his daughter made for him with her own hands.

"The gift without the giver is bare," is the opinion of the poet, and he must have sensed something of the feeling of God.

"Give until you are sure that you have made God happy," said a pastor to his people one morning; and when you have done that you can be very sure that your pastor will be quite satisfied."

"I never look at this envelope that I do not have a very guilty feeling," the church treasurer said, as he held out a small yellow envelope bearing a trembling signature. "Mrs. Abrams lives in the old people's home. She has absolutely no income whatever. Where she gets the money I have no idea, but there is an envelope in the plate every Sunday bearing her name."

"And when I compare her money with the contents of my envelope I confess that I am ashamed of myself almost to tears. That poor old lady has given, like the woman in the Bible, (out of her penury,) While I have given out of my plenty."

As we give cheerfully to the Lord and to one another the blessing of the Lord will be upon our gift and upon us.

— Selected.

The greatest sit-down strike in the world is in our churches where those who claim to be saved have never yet become fishers of men.

—Robert G. Lee

THE CHURCH IS FULL OF WILLING PEOPLE; 20 PERCENT ARE WILLING TO WORK, AND 80 PERCENT ARE WILLING TO LET THEM.

wealthy ones, we learned. Yet, at the close of a Sunday morning service, held in a borrowed school room, we were approached and a request was made by this prominent lady that we present the need of a church to the radio listeners back in the United States. The desire was that Christians in America should contribute foreign missionary dollars to build them a church, dollars well within their own power to give. In their thinking, it was the thing to do!

Not that the foreign national Christians are to be censured for this attitude. We missionaries must assume most of the blame for the philosophy which has produced such an anemic spiritual and mental posture. It is only in recent times that the average foreign missionary among us has ventured to champion the indigenous principle for the foreign church. And even now many think of it as too idealistic for the immediate. Some day, perhaps, it might become a reality.

We speak as if self-support and self-government were desired ends in themselves! The "Indigenous church" is often referred to, by missionary leaders, as the goal. Heaven prevent! Anything that terminates on "self" falls far short of approximately the spirit and scope of the Great Commission.

Three Kinds Of Givers

There are three kinds of givers. The FLINT—the SPONGE—the HONEYCOMB.

To get anything out of the FLINT you must hammer it and then you can get only chips and sparks.

To get water out of a SPONGE you must squeeze it, and the more you squeeze it the more you will get.

But the HONEYCOMB just overflows with its own sweetness.

Some people are stingy and hard—they give nothing away if they can help it.

Others are good-natured; they yield to pressure and the more they are pressed the more they will give.

A few delight in giving without being asked at all and of these the Bible says, "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

—Selected—

A sponge takes in freely but does not give out until you put the squeeze on it. Think it over, neighbor. Who wants to be a sponge?

Who Do I Tithe?

The reason why we pay our tithes, I ask, is it because the law makes it our task? Perhaps because the Word enjoins "thou shalt".

We think we must or feel God's judgment dealt,

'Tis true the precept still remains the same,

Though some men say that since the Saviour came,

The law is not for those who live to-day, The Jews alone, they say, the tithes must pay.

When we bring back our tithes to God Who gave,

Is it because we hope by this to save Our fruit from frost, or grain from nature's storm

And hope angelic wall we thus can form? It seems we cannot see our selfishness

To tithe in solemn hope that God will bless, By giving us more land, or gold or wealth,

And watch o'er us to give us better health. Although the law still says we must

And likewise show the claim on us is just That we as stewards are, for He owns all,

And has a right on us for tithes to call; A better way the Lord to us would show;

The way to love our God would have us know;

It is for love that He would have us bring To Him our tithes, our love, our everything.

—Selected—

God has never been able to use any man in a large way who could not be trusted to faithfully handle small matters.

The Saloon Keeper's Prayer

Satan, send me hundreds of boys and girls, teen-agers and young married couples, for most of our old customers are dropping out. Ten committed suicide last week, fifty are in jail, eight are on the chain gang, twenty-five were killed in drunken automobile wrecks, fifteen were sent to the poor house, thirty-five went to the insane asylum, five were electrocuted, three went to the gas chambers and one was hanged.

Satan, I am up against it and must have new customers at once or I will have to close down my drinkin' house. Now Satan, it doesn't make any difference whose boys and girls they are, just send them on and I'll guarantee when we once get them started we'll wreck them, ruin them and send them to hell. Remember now, I can't carry on my business without your help, Satan. I'm totally dependent on you for, as you know, we work together hand in hand as my merchandise is a sure way to a devil's hell. Remember, Satan, I'm counting on you.

Signed: The Local Saloon Keeper, and Liquor Dealer.

The drinking man commits suicide on the installment plan.

A Christian Expert on Communism Says:—

"Communism is conquering the world. They now have 900,000,000 souls under their control. THE GREATEST SINGLE CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO THIS INCREDIBLE ADVANCE HAS BEEN LITERATURE DISTRIBUTION.

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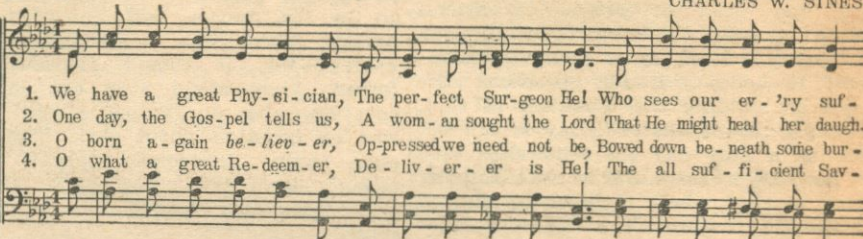
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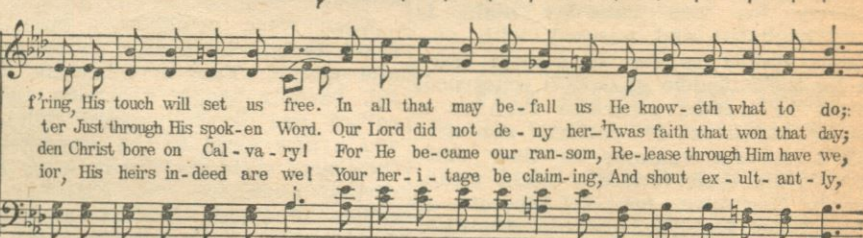
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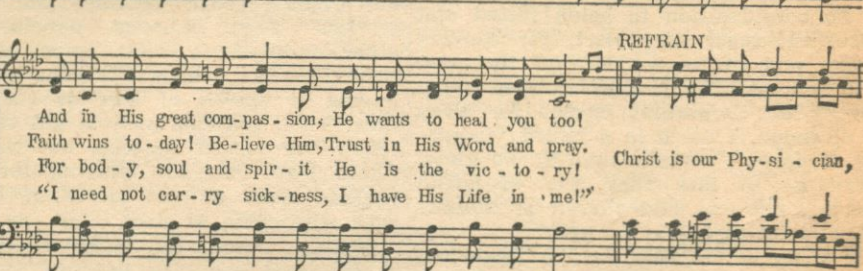
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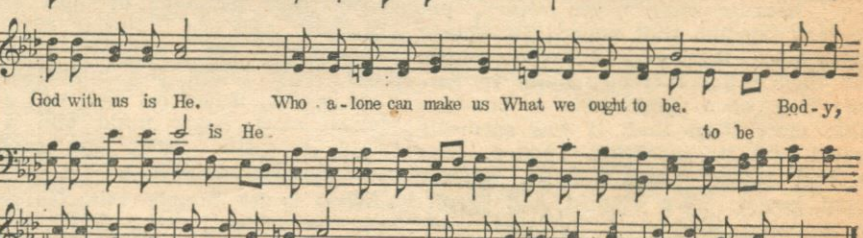
1. We have a great Phy-si-cian, The per-fect Sur-geon He! Who sees our ev-'ry suf-
2. One day, the Gos-pel tells us, A wom-an sought the Lord That He might heal her daugh-
3. O born a-gain be-liev-er, Op-pressed we need not be, Bowed down be-neath some bur-
4. O what a great Re-deem-er, De-liv-er-er is He! The all suf-fi-cient Sav-



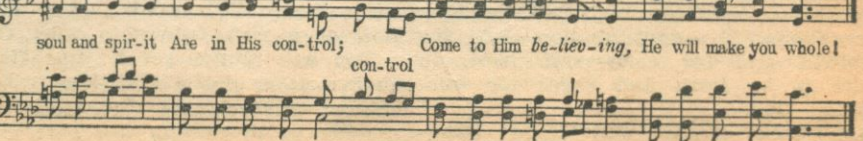
f'ring His touch will set us free. In all that may be-fall us He know-eth what to do; ter Just through His spok-en Word. Our Lord did not de-ny her—'Twas faith that won that day; den Christ bore on Cal-va-ry! For He be-came our ran-som, Re-lease through Him have we, ior, His heirs in-deed are we! Your her-i-tage be claim-ing, And shout ex-ult-ant-ly,



And in His great com-pas-sion, He wants to heal you too! Faith wins to-day! Be-lieve Him, Trust in His Word and pray. For bod-y, soul and spir-it He is the vic-to-ry! Christ is our Phy-si-cian, "I need not car-ry sick-ness, I have His Life in me!"



God with us is He. Who a-lone can make us What we ought to be. Bod-y, is He. to be



soul and spir-it Are in His con-trol; Come to Him be-liev-ing, He will make you whole!

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