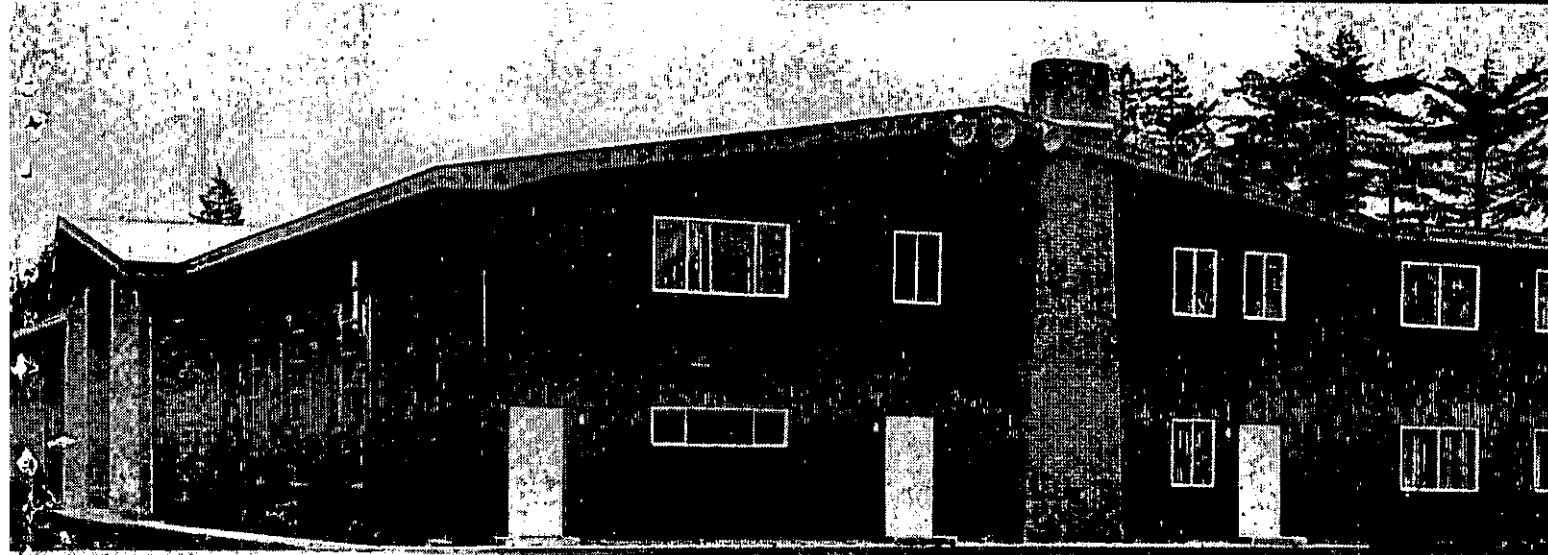
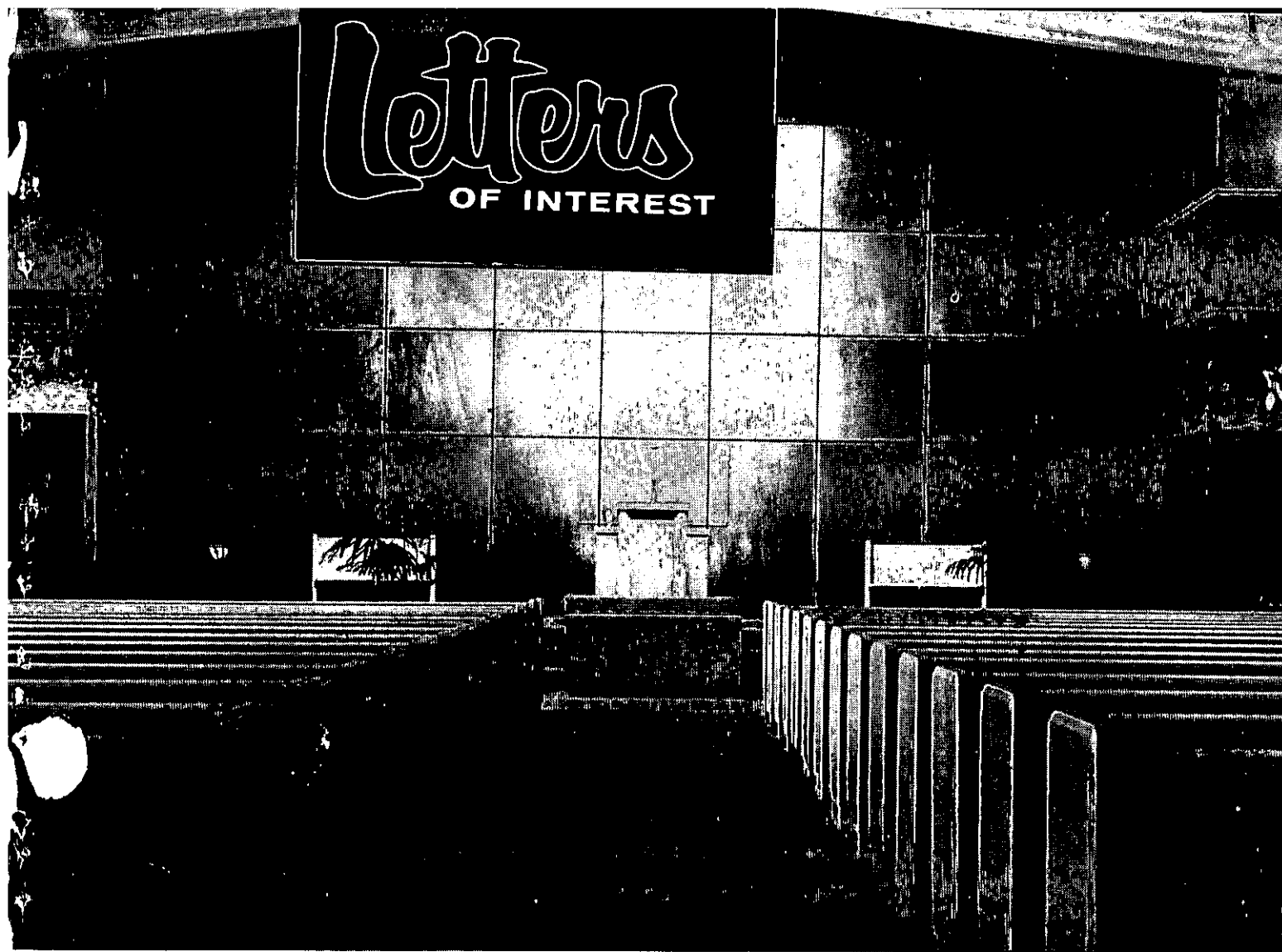


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HOW TO BE A WITNESSING ASSEMBLY IN THE COMMUNITY

Henry Petersen

Jesus said, "Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men" (Matt. 4:19). As we fellowship with Christ we learn His methods. He was a skillful Fisherman Who constantly changed His approach in winning men. We, too, must learn to "catch men," by constantly changing the bait and revising our methods. We must not be like the brother who reportedly prayed, "Lord whatever you do, start me out right because you know I'll never change." Neither must we be like concrete, "thoroughly mixed up and permanently set." It is certainly true that we have absolutely no right to change the *message* but it is equally true that by example and precept we are urged to change our *methods*.

We have already noticed that the Great Commission was not limited to public preaching nor to inviting people into a building but that it rather implied going directly to them with a personal witness. To do this effectively in any community a survey must be taken. How can we learn the spiritual status of the families in the neighborhood more quickly and efficiently than by calling upon them and recording the results? A large chart of the area showing the streets to be canvassed should be drawn. In city areas this can be obtained from a subdivision map usually furnished by a local real estate office.

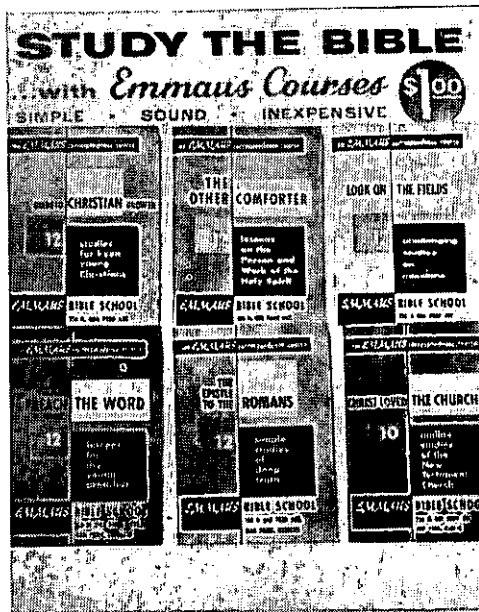
Census cards of various types are available. Walterick Publishers (Box 2216, Kansas City, Kansas) supplies Form CC for the initial survey and Form PWR for the follow-up. "The Sunday School House," Glendale 4, California, also carries a good census card, Form # R901.

Most surveys have indicated that ten to twenty per cent of those contacted are prospects. By "prospects" we mean those persons who are not actual members of some church. These should have prior claim in our follow-up. They should be contacted in a friendly manner, courteously invited to the services and a good tract left with them. It would not be wise to carry a large Bible when calling. A New Testament carried in the pocket or handbag would be better. A good fisherman conceals his hook.

Some plan of regular calls on these and all other prospects should be devised. Several couples or individuals meeting on a week night or Saturday or Sunday afternoon can reach many families over a period of time. An assembly that does not call on a few families every week is completely static and failing both Christ and the Great Commission He gave. "Home-calling visitors make meeting-going people." Let us make certain that when we *preach* we also *reach* by visita-

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tion *each* family in the community. This is the Great Commission. This is how to be a witnessing assembly, *preach, reach, each*.

I called one day on a family just a few doors from one of our chapels. They had several children in the Sunday school. They expressed surprise at my call. I inquired if anyone from the chapel had called. They said I was the first one. I inquired how long they had lived there. They said, "Seven years." Seven years in the very shadow of the chapel and no one had called! May the Lord forgive us for our shameful neglect of the most important asset to assembly growth and progress, *visitation*.

CHICAGO SOUTH SIDE TO OPEN FALL BIBLE SCHOOL

Chicago's South Side assemblies are co-operating in an evening Bible School during the months of October and November. Sessions will be held at the Washington Heights Bible Chapel on Monday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30, October 5 through November 23. Courses offered are "Sunday School Teaching," by Dan Smith of Emmaus Bible School; and "Peter's Epistles," by John Phillips of Moody Bible Institute. A similar session last spring proved very worthwhile.

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The 25th session of the Guelph Summer Bible School at the Guelph (Ontario) Conference Grounds attracted young people from the distant points of Berinuda, Texas, Iowa, Nova Scotia and Timmins in the far north. Raising the minimum age to seventeen brought more mature young people, who benefited greatly from the studies.

The Bible study classes were taken by H. G. Lockett and Ernest Woodhouse while A. P. Gibbs and C. H. Brooks taught special classes in Personal Evangelism and the New Testament Church respectively. A. E. Horton assisted in general ministry as well as in the missionary program. Music Nights under the direction of Percy A. Smith were outstanding, and the congregational singing was never better.

Mr. Lockett completed 25 years as principal and will be succeeded by J. C. Ruddle, who has worked with him for the last six years. The annual reunion is scheduled for Saturday, January 23, 1960. Next year's dates are August 13 to 28.

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Editors' Page

THE LORD'S SUPPER

When we come to consider holy worship and holy priesthood in its collective aspect we move into a rare atmosphere.

How elaborate and searching was the preparation before the priests of old entered the holy place.

They had first to come to the laver of cleansing before approaching the altar of incense, and the call from God is that "a man (should) examine himself and so let him draw near."

We know too little of individual worship. For this we need a trying place, time, and the Bible. Have we lost the sacred art of meditation in this age of rush and speed? The Bible without meditation is unfruitful and meditation without the Bible is dangerous.

To retrace the path the Savior trod and ponder anew the stainless steps "from Bethlehem to the Tree" is to shepherd our thinking so that our hearts are overflowing with "good matter and we speak of the things we have made touching the King."

This blessed activity should characterize every occasion when we meet to "remember the Lord." The feast concentrates all on Christ and the character of the feast determines the spirit in which it should be eaten.

We are convinced that the commemoration of this remembrance feast has safeguarded us from doctrinal evil, and is a bulwark against modernism.

It is or should be marked by scripturalness, hence no heresy; simplicity, hence no ritualism; sincerity, hence no hypocrisy; spirituality, hence no formality; submissiveness, hence no pride.

Heavy indeed our hearts if when we are leaving such a gathering we are faced with the challenge of the Savior's words, "Thou gavest me no kiss."

Wherein have we come short?

Do we in very truth believe that the Holy Spirit indwells the Church, that God is in His Holy Temple?

Is it a burning conviction among us that God in all His holiness is in the midst of His church?

Are we conscious of the presence of our Lord as promised in Matthew 18:20?

The Old Testament tells of two men—a man called Jacob, who confessed in a crisis of his life that God was in the place and he did not know it; and a man called Samson, who wist not that the Spirit of God had departed from him.

They shared this double experience: first, they had no sensitivity to the presence of God; second, God will never compromise His standards.

We pay lip service to this all-embracing truth of the Lord's presence in our assembly gatherings and all the while there is a pitiless, relentless, cancer of a vanished consciousness that in the midst of the Lampstands is the Son of Man, whose kind but searching glance can scan the very wounds that shame would hide and His unfaltering testimony is "I know thy works."

Selected and arranged
by Wm. R. Simpson

A NEGLECTED SOURCE OF HAPPINESS

The young ruler who came to Jesus had attained much of what is generally considered a sufficient source of happiness: wealth, position, and character. Yet he was still dissatisfied and was seeking something more. He knew that the Lord had the answer, for he had seen the light and joy in the faces of His devoted followers. Jesus soon saw that the young man's difficulty was his self-centeredness and attachment to material things. The challenge presented to him, "Come follow me," meant a complete abandonment of all that he had counted on for happiness and the finding of it in an entirely new course. He did not dare to follow, as he was very rich, and so he went away sorrowful.

The Lord Jesus preached that we find life by losing it for Him, but that method, in these days of materialism, is very much neglected. Happiness is never won by directly seeking it or following a certain creed or dogma.

It naturally comes to a life lived in fellowship with Christ and given over to a self-forgetful service. Should we not as Christians in the future explore this true source of happiness, by wholly following our Lord and Master?

—J. W. Kennedy

NOT CONFORMED, BUT TRANSFORMED

"And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Romans 12:2).

If snowflakes were man-made in factories they would be all precisely alike, or at most would be manufactured in a limited number of models. Coming from the heavens instead in multiplied billions, no two are exactly the same. Each snowflake has its individuality, just as each finger has its own unique print. The heavens declare the glory of God and one mark of that glory is that star differs from star in glory.

The world would force us all into common molds. Communistic brainwashing is one frightening evidence of this. Communism must make men think what they are told to think if it is to achieve its goal of world domination. A more pleasant but also dangerous molder of men is fashion: fashion in clothes, in furniture, in homes, in cars, in speech, in amusement, in pursuit, in business and society and in almost every area of life. It is from such vain conversation, received by tradition from our fathers, that we have been redeemed (1 Peter 1:18, 19).

Conformity is a mark of poverty. The most ingenuous fashion setter is limited. The conformist is poor in thought and abject in spirit. Yet the fashions of this world of necessity change, for all worldly pursuits grow stale.

On the other hand, while there are perpetual standards in spiritual matters, there is infinite variety. Our Lord Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever, but we will need eternity to know Him. The Word of God is fixed, unchanging, forever settled in the heavens, but we find no

end to its depth and wonders and revelations.

Surrendering our lives to God, we, through the Word and prayer by the Holy Spirit are transformed day by day into the image of the Lord. Yet in such process we gain rather than lose in individuality of thought and character. What rugged individualists are the men of Scripture: Abraham, Moses, David, Isaiah, Daniel, Peter, Paul, John. The Creator is bound to perfect rather than nullify the work of His own hands.

World conformity stultifies. Transformation glorifies.

World conformation makes men machines. Spiritual transformation, by the renewing of the mind, purges out the dross from character and sharpens the emotions, the thoughts, the will, the discernment, and thereby develops the individual. One day we shall all be like God's beloved Son, yet each saint shall be himself and each heart shall sing his own peculiar praises to Him that loved us and loosed us from our sins and sefdom, in which we walked conformed to the course of this world.

Donald M. Taylor

MONEY

"Money can buy everything but love and happiness and open every gate but heaven's." That familiar cynical generalization, like most generalizations, is not altogether true. There are many things beside love and happiness which money cannot buy. For one single example, it cannot buy an education; education is earned by effort. There are other

doors than heaven's to which money is not the key. We don't open the doors of our homes to boors with wealth.

Also there are many good things which money can do. To love money is interdicted by Scripture, but to express love with money is commended. Our Lord Jesus Christ commended the poor widow who cast into the treasury her two mites, all she had. The late T.D.W. Muir once called on a co-worker who had suffered bereavement. He spoke no word, but simply placed in his hand a \$20 bill. The man was not in want. The money was given to express sympathy.

Money often expresses our valuation of an object. Mary expended what was to her a fortune to anoint the Lord's feet for burial, and Judas betrayed Him for 30 pieces of silver.

Money lovingly given has encouraged many a downhearted missionary and pioneer to keep plodding. Money withheld has caused the failure of some good gospel enterprises, and has discouraged many a servant of the Lord. "Be ye warned and fed" is best expressed with dollars.

After our Lord Jesus told his disciples the parable of the unjust steward who provided for his own future at the expense of his employer, He counselled them to make to themselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness. May we suggest that this speaks of employing that which the world deifies to make provision for our eternal future: not to love money, but to express our love for the Lord, for His work and for His workers with the money that comes to our hands. The world may think it waste. But we will know it is laying up treasure in heaven.

—Donald M. Taylor

COMMENDATION

Elizabeth Beattie

Christians of the Weston Ave. Gospel Chapel, Niagara Falls, N. Y., commend Miss Elizabeth (Betty) Beatty, a public school teacher whose heart the Lord has touched and exercised with regard to the work of the Lord in Chilondó, Angola. She plans to leave for Portugal in October, 1959, to study the language preparatory to joining Mr. and Mrs. Don Cole. She has been in happy fellowship at Weston Ave., has been keenly interested in the things of the Lord, and has been active in the Sunday school and young people's work and in tract distribution and camp work.

The Tenafly Assembly, with which Miss Beatty's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Beatty, are affiliated, reports hearty concurrence in the commendation.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gross

The Dwight Street Bible Chapel, Jersey City, N. J., commends to the Lord's work in Nigeria, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gross. During their stay in Jersey City they were a great help and encouragement in every phase of the work. They have not spared themselves in any way, so that their departure will leave a great gap in the assembly.

The saints gathered here are united in commending them to the work, and to the Lord's people everywhere.



Ruthmary and Alex Bergman, Sharon (1), Lynotto (3)

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bergman

The Northgate Gospel Chapel, Seattle, Wash., assembly announces that Alex and Ruthmary Bergman have felt the call of God to the foreign field. They have been at Northgate for the past three years and during that time have continually sought the will of the Lord. Now He has directed them to service with Dr. Robt. Carpenter in Nyankunde, Belgian

Congo, where a definite need has developed for talents such as they possess.

Observation of their Christian walk, and desires toward the Lord indicate they have truly been called of God and therefore the assembly whole-heartedly commends them to this work.

They and their two children plan to leave for the field as soon as the Lord directs.

COMMENDATION

David F. Metler

In New Mexico are several places where believers are exercised about establishing scriptural New Testament gatherings, and the Bible Truth Center, Colmar Manor (Maryland), has commended Brother Metler to the ministry of the gospel and to pastoral work in this state. Their address will be Box 91, Clovis, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pugh

The South Side and the Northeast Bible Chapels of Colorado Springs, Colorado, commend to the work of the Lord Mr. and Mrs. George Pugh, who served the Lord for six years in Mexico, and return now to the field. The commendation states that it is their desire that souls be saved and assemblies of Christians formed in full accord with the divine principles of the New Testament.

For two years they have been in fellowship with assemblies of Christians in Colorado Springs and have learned the ways of the Lord more perfectly in a practical way. They have appreciated the gathering together of saints simply in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John T. Rae

The Farmington, Mich., assembly has joined with eleven Vancouver, B. C., assemblies (see February issue) in commending Brother Rae to full-time ministry in Hawaii.

Tommy Steele

The Christians of the assembly in Raleigh, N. C. commended Tommy Steele to the ministry and work of the Lord on August 2, 1959.

Brother Steele has been a radio preacher and evangelist for 21 years, often sharing his program with assembly evangelists. He some time ago expressed a desire for full fellowship in the local assembly and as doors opened in the various assemblies in the Piedmont, he gave acceptable ministry. When the need arose and a request for help came from the Winston-Salem assembly, he felt the burden and is now in that city giving them a helping hand.

Brother Steele states that "he has fully accepted the truths and practices for which the assemblies stand, and has cast his lot with them," a stand which cost him a great deal.

Miss Roberta Taylor

"The Lord directing the contact of our sister with Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Presson resulted in our saying farewell to Miss Roberta Taylor as she sailed from Seattle, August 9, to a new field of endeavor, the

children's work of the Christian Academy in Japan.

"We have known Roberta for the past four years and have come to love her and esteem her highly. Not only have we recognized in her the characteristics that mark one enjoying constant fellowship with the Lord, but also her practical capabilities and necessary qualifications.

"For this reason we have wholeheartedly commended Roberta Taylor to the above-mentioned work in Japan."

The letter is signed on behalf of Northgate Gospel Chapel, Seattle, Wash., by Vincent C. Marcus, Correspondent.

WITH THE LORD

John Hunt, Jr.

The body of John Hunt, Jr., age 37, son of Evangelist John Hunt of Bellingham, Wash., was laid to rest on Monday, August 31. John was cruelly murdered in his automobile on a lonely road in Idaho while enroute to take a teaching position at Yale University. Greatly appreciated and much loved by all who knew him, John Hunt was an outstanding witness for the Lord in every circle in which he moved.

His father, John Hunt, Sr., has been serving the Lord for many years, ministering the Word among the assemblies in the far west.

The service at the chapel was taken by Dr. Albert Hunt and Walter Purcell. A well deserved tribute was paid to John, words of comfort spoken to the family, and a very pointed but loving message on the gospel was given. At the grave Dan Hayden spoke tenderly to all there, reading appropriate passages from the Word.

Our love and sympathy go out to the bereaved parents and members of the family. Some of the relatives are still outside the fold and it was said that John would gladly have given his life if it would bring them to the Savior.

The Psalmist wrote, "Thou art good and doest good." It was true then and is still true. God has also said, "My grace is sufficient for thee."

We at *Letters of Interest* join a host of others in commending the family to that all-sufficient grace.

—C. S. Howard

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The several hospitals owned and operated under Christian administrators by Stewards Foundation have found a happy sphere of service in being able to provide hospital care without expense to a number of the Lord's servants, and also to dependent members of their families in need of medical attention.

There are three hospitals now owned by the Foundation, a fourth is for convenience the property of a corporation whose officers and directors are the same as those of Stewards Foundation. And several other hospitals are in prospect. The four are: Belmont Community Hospital, 4058 W. Melrose, Chicago, with J. W. McCracken as administrator; Bethesda Hospital, 2451 W. Howard, Chicago, with Neil M. Glass as administrator; Centralia General Hospital, 522 Iron Street, Centralia, Washington, and Auburn General Hospital, 20 Second Street, N. E., Auburn, Washington—these two being administered by Robert A. Hanson.

In all of these hospitals missionaries and their families returning for medical treatment will find a warm welcome and tender loving care, as will also those serving the Lord as preachers and teachers in the home fields. Correspondence of those anticipating need of medical attention may be directed either to the office of Stewards Foundation or to the hospital administrators.

Fees for medical treatment and surgery, however, are not in the province of the hospitals, and are strictly between the doctor and the patient. But doctors on the staffs of the several hospitals have been most cooperative in treating such patients, in many cases greatly reducing their fees or eliminating them entirely.

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Letters

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KENNETH K. BAIRD
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It is good to be home after a busy summer in camps in Texas and Colorado, a Bible school, and a youth conference. The Lord gave increase among the boys and girls and young people. We look forward to conferences in New Mexico and Iowa in September.

JAMES K. BOSWELL
605 Emery Street, London, Ontario, Can.

At Ebenezer Hall, Winnipeg, we saw strangers in each evening as a direct result of assembly visitation, and seven professed faith in Christ, four in one family.

A month was spent here in London, speaking at all four assemblies. They started an open air testimony in one of the public parks, using the band shell. We had the joy of leading a lady to Christ the Tuesday following the first meeting after a ministry meeting at Hamilton Road. It was reported in the daily paper that 300 were present at this service and attendance has increased ever since.

A month was spent in Fort William, Ontario, where it thrilled us to see an average of 75 to 79 boys and girls gathering each day. More than 30 professed faith in Christ. This has been a real joy and encouragement to the little assembly, and we were further encouraged by seeing the response from neighbors in this residential area. Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Jones have been working to the point of sacrifice, placing their basement at the disposal of the children, and Brother Jones gave two weeks of his vacation to this work.

Brother Wager, instead of going to Western Varsity to continue his summer courses, gave that time to the DVBS, coming in twelve miles each day and bringing five teenagers from his group at Slate River to help with the smaller children. The closing night brought in 33 of the parents and friends. These folks are also sponsoring a radio program conducted by Bob MacLaren. He is the nearest evangelist in the north and has willingly offered to help.

At Sioux Lookout the little assembly was in the midst of their second year of camp. Quite a number of the children are Indian, and it thrilled us to see them so joyful and keen. The Southall families worked hard clearing the site and building four new cabins this year.

Another two couples, who were saved when Chester Donaldson paid a visit there some time ago, are also "standing in" with the Southalls.

DAVID R. EDNIE
Route 3, Marlon, Va.

We have recommenced our young people's group and are preparing a study of God's Word for them. We have begun a weekly gospel broadcast, and the first week will be on the air each morning with the message of the gospel.

We will be visiting the prison camp the same week, bringing the message of the gospel to 70 or 80 convicts, who are very receptive.

The work at the chapel goes on steadily. We had a baptismal service three weeks ago, when four young people were baptized.

V. PAUL FLINT
156 N. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park, Ill.

We are happy to be back at Emmaus once more to resume the teaching and administrative duties here. For the time being, we will direct the Emmaus correspondence course work.

We enjoyed very much our year's leave of absence, which was spent in the Seattle area in general assembly ministry. We gave more time to the new work at Bellevue and trust the Lord has blessed and will bless our efforts there. We experienced very definitely the hand of the enemy in various ways in the launching of a new effort but the saints have been drawn more closely to their Lord through, or as a result of the enemy's attacks.

LOUIS J. GERMAIN
444 Bank St., Ottawa 4, Ont.

As two French families in Quebec Province had invited me to visit them, I went first to a section in the mountains and the bush where there are a number of French Christians whom I have known for many years. For over two weeks I visited in the homes, reading the Word of God, praying and encouraging them. While there I visited other towns. In one place a Christian woman has six children. The husband and two oldest sons are drunkards. They are bushmen and make good money, but all they earn is spent in liquor, leaving the mother and four younger children with little to eat and a broken down house. I have talked to them a good many times but Satan holds them hard and they are unwilling to repent and to trust Christ.

I was well received wherever I went, was invited to other places, but as I had work in Ottawa I had to return.

GEORGE HOEKSTRA
11137 S. Normal Ave., Chicago 28, Ill.

We had a happy time in His service recently, first on the Gaspé coast of Canada and just recently in Hopewell and Nokesville, Virginia.

We now look forward to the fall and winter work in our own assembly, in meetings in and around Chicago, and in the small assemblies in Indiana.

JOHN GOVAN
14530 Forrer Ave., Detroit 27, Mich.

I have been in the east having meetings, in Bridgeport, Hartford and Manchester, Conn.; also in East Boston, Mass., and more recently in the immediate area of Michigan. I returned east for the Labor Day Conference at Hartford, and for meetings with my chart, thereafter.

E. H. GROSS
Box 1113, Greenville, S. C.

I expect to give some help at Charlotte, N. C., and Anderson, S. C., and possibly Oak Ridge, Tenn., in the next couple of months. We expect Tom Olson for two weeks, commencing November 8 and to have our Annual Sunday School Worker's Conference in Greenville, November 7, with Don Parker and Tom Olson. We would value the prayers of the Lord's people.

PRESTON L. KEITH
Route 1, Zebulon, N. Car.

The work at Union Hope Gospel Chapel continues to be encouraging. Our Sunday school shows signs of increasing interest. The other meetings also go along well. A regular weekly meeting for teenagers has been initiated and we trust, under God, that it will meet the great need that exists in this locality among this age group.

Opportunities abound for reaching out into surrounding areas. At present we go each Tuesday night to Rocky Mount, N. C., for a cottage meeting, where the response has been encouraging.

About 40 miles southeast of here there is a community called Eureka, where for some months now we have held a meeting one Sunday night of each month. August 30 we began a two-week series there.

Contacts have also been made in Wilson, N. C., about 25 miles east of here, where we trust soon we shall be able to begin cottage meetings.

We ask the prayers of God's people for these efforts as we are keenly aware of the obstacles and road blocks that Satan employs where there is an effort made to gather God's people together in New Testament simplicity.

H. FREEMAN MARKS
3385 E. 5th Ave., Vancouver, B.C.

I am now visiting Victoria and other

places on Vancouver Island, it being some months since I was over here. I have been glad to help in meetings in the Bethesda assembly and have much enjoyed happy fellowship with friends there and in other places in the city. I hope tomorrow to visit Imadene Camp enroute to Courtenay for a week or more.

Mrs. Marks is fairly well but did not feel equal to accompany me this time. In September I entered my 88th year. In the mercy of God I keep well as I continue by His grace in His blessed service and when in Vancouver seek to help in some of the smaller assemblies.

A. ROSS McCONKEY
11730 Hubbell Ave., Detroit 27, Mich.

We were in Ontario during the late summer, at Belleville, Deacon, and the assemblies at Bethel Chapel and Hamilton Rd. in London.

We went from there to Curtis Chapel in Detroit, and then on to Roanoke, Va., to be with the assembly there from August 30 through October 4.

We are to have two weeks of ministry meetings at Paterson, N. J., beginning October 18, and then to spend the month of November with assemblies in New Jersey, Long Island, and New York City.

T. R. MCCULLAGH
4111 E. Logan, Guthrie, Okla.

After three months spent in visiting and ministering the Word of God in a number of assemblies in the eastern states, Michigan and Iowa, we are back in Guthrie. We had the joy of knowing of some who trusted Christ as Savior.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Newell, who stayed in our home while we were gone, visited many homes and gave out tracts and invitations to meetings with the result that some new ones are coming to the Sunday school and gospel meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Martindale and family have moved back to Guthrie, which is an encouragement to the assembly. For the past six weeks he has had a daily broadcast on local station KWRW, which he calls the Family Bible Hour. He is away at present so it has been my privilege to sound out the Word over the air each day for 15 minutes.

WOODY MURPHY
Box 9, Siler City, N. C.

We have had a busy but profitable summer in camp, conference and DVBS work. Interest was good and souls were saved in DVBS in Siler City, Winston-Salem, and Greensboro, N. C., and Newport News, Va. More than 12 professed in the Greensboro DVBS, most of them 11 to 13 years of age. The Lord blessed in our effort with the boys and girls at the Blue Ridge and Bristol conferences. We spoke for the first time at the Bethel Bible Camp near Hinton, W. Va. Two

more profitable weeks were spent at our Piedmont Boys' and Girls' Bible camp near Greensboro, N. C. Souls were saved and others restored to the Lord.

Last week we had the joy of speaking at the Damascus Home for Alcoholics near Siler City. At the close of the service a man and his wife accepted Christ as Savior.

I was called to the hospital this morning by the family of a lady who has been given only a few hours to live. We trust God will speak to her ten children, and that we might have the opportunity to point them to Christ.

Cecil Simms gave us a week of ministry, and Tommy Steele had two weeks of meetings with us in September. Attendance was good and the Lord's people were blessed.

GEORGE RAINEY
Mount Plymouth
via Sorrento, Lake County, Florida

I have been having profitable meetings at Trenton, Hackensack, Kearny and Nutley, N. J. Now I am in Bancroft, Ont., seeking to help the saints and reach the unsaved with the gospel. I gave one evening to the little meeting at New Carlou and was blessed in hearing so many brethren take part in prayer before the Bible reading that night. Prior to coming here I had meetings in Foxmead and Stirling.

Now I go on to Peterborough, Trenton, Brantford and Toronto. There are many open doors and we need prayer and power if God is to be glorified and His Church comforted. Mrs. Rainey and I are much better.

W. ROSS RAINEY
4321 Eichelberger St., St. Louis 16, Mo.

During the past five weeks I ministered the Word of God at Akron and Cleveland, Ohio and Toronto, Foxmead, Guelph, and Brantford, Ont., returning via Windsor, Ont.

I am looking forward to ministry in the St. Louis area through the balance of the year. I am at the Bel Ridge Bible Chapel for the month of October with two weeks of children's meetings planned for the last half of my ministry there. Also, at the invitation of the brethren, I am giving as much time as possible to the former Kossuth Gospel Chapel, now the Hazelwood Bible Chapel. Ground was broken for the new building on September 20.

DAVID SHARP
835 Kimball Ave., Seaside, Calif.

I have been laboring on the West Coast since March 15, spending two months in each of various places, seeing the hand of God in blessing and salvation.

F. W. SCHWARTZ
14283 Terry St., Detroit 27, Mich.

We are home from North Carolina after ten weeks in that area and in Virginia. The Lord gave help and used His Word, for which we praise Him. For the present I am spending a little time in the home area.

ERNEST B. SPRUNT
18 Haynes Avenue, St. Catharines, Ontario

After much exercise before the Lord, we have decided to move to St. Catharines, Ontario. We first came to reside in Owen Sound eleven years ago and we feel the time has come for a change. The new location will be more central and more convenient in many ways. I believe my family will find it better physically and spiritually. Our new address is as above.

DAVID WARD
8 Watrous Avenue, RFD #1, Mystic, Conn.

At Joy Bible Camp the Labor Day Conference saw the chapel filled to capacity and we rejoiced together in witnessing eight believers from the surrounding area baptized in the lake. A man who attended the conference and got stirred up about his soul's salvation, although the messages were essentially directed to Christians, returned later and told us he had accepted the Lord upon returning home.

We are ministering to the new work at Darien, Conn., for the month of October.

JOHN WELCH
Suite 3, 1250 Pembina Hwy.
Winnipeg 9, Man.

For a year now I have been privileged to minister the Word to saints and proclaim the gospel uninterruptedly.

Places visited for consecutive ministry were Stratford and Joy Bible Camp, Ontario; Vancouver, and Prince George, B. C. and Calgary, Alta., and Winnipeg, Man.; Washington, D. C.; Arlington, Va.; Greenwood Hills, Pa.; and again at Peterborough, Belleville, Toronto, and Guelph, Ontario. I am now at the Woodside and Lombard assemblies in the Chicago area.

RAY ZANDER
Box 884, Key West, Florida

The Lord has truly blessed His word here in Richmond, Va., in an unusual way and the assembly has been greatly strengthened.

We have seen His hand in salvation, assurance, and restoration and continue to look to Him who gives the increase.

Brother T. Ernest Wilson spoke from the book of Revelation for one week and saw blessing and much interest.

PIONEERING TODAY

Edited by Donald M. Taylor

BRATTLEBORO, VERMONT

Two weeks of Daily Vacation Bible School were held in a vacant store and two weeks in a tent furnished by a friend. We visited 303 homes and 87 children were in attendance. Some professed salvation.

Many good contacts were made.

Those who helped with the work were Dr. and Mrs. Norman Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Crossman, and Miss Lois English.

Proposed meetings for future months are Breaking of Bread, Sunday school, Youth club and adult Bible study class.

We will be pleased to have correspondence with anyone exercised about work of this nature. The potential seems to be present. The prayer fellowship of the Lord's people will be much appreciated.

—Dean Crossman

BRUSETT, MONTANA

We recently had the privilege while on vacation of staying for a few days at the Shawver ranch in Brusett, Montana. At that time two brethren from Colorado Springs were there preaching the gospel in nearby schoolhouses. We had the joy of witnessing four believers obey the Lord in baptism, and of remembering the Lord's death in the Shawver home where this is done each Lord's Day. This little group of young believers is exercised about carrying on a simple New Testament testimony apart from any of men's traditions. Any brethren who could visit them would get a real welcome. The address is George H. Shawver, Brusett, Montana.

W. D. Milligan
Bethany Gospel Chapel
Worcester, Massachusetts

CENTRAL ISLIP, NEW YORK

We are praying that the Lord will use us to His glory here in our town and have begun a weekly Bible study and Breaking of Bread at 122 Applegate Drive, but expect to move to a more suitable location this month.

—Edward B. Everett

DAVID F. METLER 1001 E. Elbe St., Portales, N. Mex.

We are living in Portales and at present are meeting in homes for Bible study. Mondays we meet in Portales; Tuesday in Mulshoe, Texas; Wednesday in Clovis; Thursday in Roswell, N. M.; and Friday

in Portales. These meetings are all in homes as we are seeking to teach the saints the scriptural way of gathering to our Lord Jesus. There is an assembly family in each one of these places and all are praying for an assembly in their town. There is much interest in what we are doing and also much opposition from the enemy.

STEPHEN MICK 1514 Wisconsin Ave., Boscobel, Wis.

Brother Hamilton and I are in tent work in Livingston, Wis. We have covered Livingston, Mufflin, Rewey, and Montfort with tracts. The people, including the farmers for miles around, received us pleasantly but have not turned out to hear the Word as we expected they would. However, last night we had quite a number out so felt quite encouraged.

ROLAND LACOMBE 2020 Boulevard Mercure, C.P. 191, Drummondville, P. Que.

(The following is a translation from the French)

We have had a man saved lately, the father of nine children, who has much need of our prayers, for already the persecutions are being felt.

The priests are trying to imitate us by distributing tracts in the homes, and are seeking to refute the truths of the gospel by imposing tradition.

The authorities are starting to complain in the Province of Quebec, saying that religion and the French language are menaced by subversive doctrines, which are in reality the gospel. For here, those who do not submit to their religion, in the eyes of these backward people, are godless or communists. Happily for the people in general our testimony is now known, and we have access to many homes.

There is something true in the complaints of the authorities, because, not having a French Protestant school, we have to send our children to the English school, and when educated in English they speak English more often than French. In that way the French language is menaced.

We hope that one day the authorities will recognize that public instruction should not be attached to one particular confession, and that the Bible only should be taught.

We hope to dedicate our chapel next October 4. The Christians of Drummondville have put their whole heart and strength, and even their whole pocket-book into the construction, and I take this occasion to thank all those who have contributed by their money and their prayers. The Lord knew our need and we can highly praise His Holy Name for the marvels He has accomplished in our

favor. At the opening we are happy to tell you that nine will be baptized.

RAYMOND TAYLOR 12416 Parent Street, Pointe-Aux-Trembles, Quebec

A few good contacts have been made here in the eastern part of Montreal and gospel literature distribution has been started. Our aim is to cover 15,000 homes in the next few weeks. Mr. Norman Buchanan has been a great help in printing and supplying most of the literature. The Montreal people seem harder to reach because of their indifference.

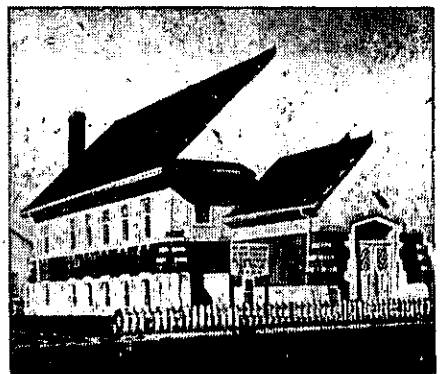
Until the Lord opens the way for gospel meetings in our area we are enjoying the fellowship of the Christians at the Maramatha assembly, a little French assembly in the heart of the city. I minister the Word here and plan to continue to help in open-air work as well as in other meetings.

Our children have been little missionaries, bringing their friends home for Bible stories and Marguerite has had the joy of telling the old, old story on quite a few occasions.

At our junior and senior French camps boys and girls from all over the province gathered for spiritual refreshing. Some confessed Christ as Savior while others consecrated their lives to Jesus Christ.

WESTMOUNT GOSPEL CHAPEL Cor. Brock & Edward Sts., Fort William, Ont.

This small assembly, started early last year with three young couples in the home of F. O. Jones, 605 Rosewood Crescent, was moving into the church building pictured here on October 1. Since undertaking purchase of this property



there has been added to the company a public health nurse transferred from Brantford, Ontario, and a couple from Sault Ste. Marie with three saved children. Brother William Russell, has moved to Fort William to help in this pioneer effort.

The schedule of meetings planned for the new building, formerly a Presbyterian church, is: Lord's Day 9:30 a.m. Breaking of Bread, 11 a.m. Sunday School, 7:30

p.m. Gospel; Tuesday 8 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study.

Official opening in the new location is set for Saturday and Sunday, October 24-25 with J. K. Boswell and Robert McLaren.

See Mr. Boswell's letter for further word about Fort William.

R. PEACOCK
6807 Rupert St., Vancouver 16, B. C.

I am enjoying house-to-house visitation work in Prince George and hope (D. V.) to go on to Prince Rupert to do the same work. There is an island called Mettakatta, about seven miles out from Prince Rupert, which I hope (D. V.) to visit.

DON SAUER
Box 1674, Fairbanks, Alaska

God has graciously brought us to the end of another northern summer, and through another camp period here in Fairbanks. We thank Him for the privilege of having the spiritual and physical care of some 56 boys and girls at Camp LiWa (Living Waters) and we trust that this permanent site in this area will be the spiritual birthplace of many in the years to come, D.V. A number of boys and girls confessed Christ, and the Word was faithfully ministered. Camp is a season of sowing and reaping.

During the summer we had five young men with us. Their trip north was specifically to help in the building program at camp, and to work with the boys and girls. They came with a mind to work, and have been a real blessing in our homes as well as at the camp and in the assembly. With the Lord's help, and the interest of some of the local believers, we were able to erect necessary buildings including a large dining-room-kitchen building which also served as the auditorium this summer. Much used material and native lumber was used. We are thankful for the willing assistance of many of the Fairbanks believers, the presence of Stan King and others from Dawson, and for the prayer fellowship of the Lord's people in the United States and Canada.

The annual two-week Bible school was a concentrated effort in the homes in the area around the chapel, and we trust that fruit may result.

We covet prayer that the Lord will bless in the preaching of the gospel and ministry of the Word this coming winter among adults and children.

T. G. WILKIE
Box 183, Forest, Ont.

Regarding the tent work in Berry Mills, N. B., we are in our seventh week, and the Lord has given us fruit for our labors. The tent has been filled on Sun-

day nights, and a nice number come on week nights.

Monday night is reserved for children and last week we had 96 boys and girls and 31 adults. Some of these adults were unsaved, and the gospel made simple for the children was good for them. Six have professed faith in Christ. This has encouraged the brethren in the Moncton assembly, as well as cheering our hearts. It proves that labor in tent work is still worthwhile.

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RESUME OF 1959 TENT SEASON

By J. W. Kennedy

Place and Worker	Comments
Everett, Pa. George Baldwin Route #5, Box 671, Hickory, N. C. Robert Graham	Much opposition, attendance fair
Ravenswood, Ont. Norman Crawford 744 Gettysburg Ave., Jackson, Mich. J. D. Lipke 2018 West Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio	Very encouraging, fifteen professed salvation
Eldora, Iowa Paul Elliott Aplington, Iowa	Tent first pitched at Union, Iowa. Some nights attendance was encouraging but hard to get people to come back. Farms and homes well visited.
Clyde, Ohio A. P. Klabunda 2783 Archwood Place, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	A scene of former blessing. This year a varied interest shown. At last report there were no conversions.
Moncton, N. B. James Blackwood 160 Morrow St., Peterborough, Ont. Tom Wilkie Box 183, Forest, Ont.	Gospel tracts faithfully left at homes near Moncton where tent was pitched. Numbers heard the Word. Some saved.
Sheldon, Ill. J. Clarkquist 9328 Sproat Ave., Oak Lawn, Ill. S. Mick 1514 Wisconsin Ave., Boscobel, Wisc. H. G. Dobson 9431 Springfield Ave., Evergreen Pk., Ill.	A new place. A few unsaved out each night. No results as far as we know.
Togo, Sask. J. A. Ronald 126 Royal Rd., N, Portage La Prairie, Manitoba R. Boyle 845 Detroit Ave., Port Arthur, Ont.	Found tent work this summer very encouraging.
Saginaw, Mich. D. O. Calderhead 1568 Virginia Lane, Mansfield, Ohio	Fair interest

The above represents some of the tents that were in operation this past summer season. On the others we do not have a report. We feel the gospel in these places was faithfully preached and we are sure that "His Word will not return unto Him void." Much prayer should ascend on behalf of these efforts that God will yet bless His Word.

NEWS FROM ALASKA

T. J. Thompson

Cordova

Vacation Bible School ended August 7. There was fair interest shown by the girls and boys. Attendance was not high, averaging 35 daily. Mrs. June Miller and Miss Clara Eccles of Anchorage were over to help in this work. A luncheon was held the last day and parents and friends attended and enjoyed the handwork exhibit as well as the lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Fenty and family expect to leave for Anchorage, as soon as the way is opened, where they will work with soldiers and men of the air force. A place will be prepared where the men may visit and enjoy a home-like atmosphere.

Pray for the work at Cordova and for this new work in Alaska's largest city.

Nome

Friends in Seattle sent 2,000 bottles and corks specially made for long distance ocean trips. They arrived on the first ship of the year, and will keep us busy getting them launched.

Mr. Everett Batchelder is again able to go on trips to the outlying areas. One trip was to Council, meeting with the Eskimos in their fish camps and villages, and with miners in isolated locations.

Anchorage

July 6 to 17 was the date for Vacation Bible School. The number of girls and boys attending was smaller than expected; but the interest was good. Of greater value than numbers were the girls who were saved and the number added to the Sunday school because of this effort.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Fenty of Cordova assisted and Mr. Arthur B. Rodgers was the speaker at the closing program.

While here Brother Rodgers ministered to the believers as well as speaking to the unsaved Sunday evenings.

Copper Vale Good News Camp

More than 60 girls and boys were in Chitina for the first week of camp. They arrived by car loads from Anchorage, the Valley Christian Home, Copper Center, Mentasta Lake, and the last to arrive were those from Cordova by plane. For a while it looked as though some would have to sleep in evergreen booths. Finally space was allotted and the camp program began. Workers were drawn from all places represented, except Copper Center.

A well rounded program was put together: Bible study, sports, just plain fun, and the very important eating program.

A number of those attending the first week returned home over the weekend and a few new faces were added to the group, holding the number between 50

A New Dress, But a Familiar Envelope

This issue of *Letters Of Interest* appearing in a new format brings with it the familiar Annual Survey envelope for your personal attention. We appeal to each reader to complete and return this envelope.

Never was a time probably since Indians roamed the land that Americans (we speak in the generic sense, not the restricted) moved about as much as they do today. As a result our magazine mailing list doubtless contains some duplications: two or more addresses for one person. Also we may well have quite a few wrong addresses.

The Annual Survey is intended to right all this: eliminate duplications, provide correct addresses. And also to bring us names of persons not now on the mailing list who would like to have the publication. The magazine is sent free and freely to all Christians who want it. There is no subscription price.

However, there is a sizable cost of publication. And this cost is met by free will gifts from Christians. In past years a considerable part of the money to meet the expense has come from gifts sent with the return of the Annual Survey envelopes. May we suggest that if you want to contribute to the cost of publishing and distributing the 20,000 copies monthly of *Letters Of Interest* the enclosed Annual Survey envelope makes giving convenient. If not too bothersome send check or money order rather than currency. And the gift will come at a convenient time.

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and 60. The second week Mr. Arthur B. Rodgers, more affectionately called "Uncle Arthur," joined the staff. The workers were refreshed by his ministry in the workers' meeting in the morning, while in the evening the message was for the children.

The Lord blessed in the salvation of a few, while others were saved during the two or three weeks to follow.

Those having a part in this work were Mr. Robert Menzel and Mrs. May McKellar of Mentasta Lake; Mrs. Ethel Zinn, Mrs. Janet McCormick and Mrs. Dorothy Whitlock of the Valley Christian Home; Mr. and Mrs. Otto Davis, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Thompson, and Mrs. June Miller of Anchorage; Mrs. Agnes Nichols and Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Fenty of Cordova, and for the second week, Mr. Arthur B. Rodgers of Omaha, Nebraska.

so we had 28 breaking bread, with over 40 in both the Family Bible Hour and the gospel meeting in the evening. We feel that increases will be noted.

—Wm. Murray

HOPEWELL, VIRGINIA

We recently had two weeks of ministry meetings here at the Kenwood Heights Gospel Hall with Brother George Hockstra of Chicago. The weather was uncomfortably warm and the people didn't come out as well as we had hoped for; nevertheless, those who did come received a blessing. The Word was faithfully ministered to God's glory, we believe.

We are looking forward to the winter months of getting the Word into the homes, by gospel tract distribution and perhaps cottage meetings. Pray for this corner of the vineyard.

—L. P. White

BARNEGAT, NEW JERSEY

Christian Fellowship

During the summer months many Christians spending their vacation at Barnegat Bay had fellowship with the believers here.

At the prayer and ministry meetings, held Fridays, we enjoyed Samuel Hart, John Prince, and Charles Hart, missionaries to Jamaica, B. W. I. The Holy Spirit was working and all received a great blessing.

We are thankful for your support in prayer. Barnegat is pioneer ground.

—Max A. Schneider

EDMONTON, ALBERTA

Sharon Chapel

We had the first meetings in the new Sharon Chapel August 2. Quite a number were away on holiday; however, even

MONCTON, NEW BRUNSWICK

Brethren Blackwood and Wilkie closed the tent meetings at Berry Mills after seven weeks. The Lord gave blessing, six professed faith in Christ. Many could not get into the tent on the last night. The saints in Moncton were much cheered.

We have had visits from Brethren Dickson, MacLeod, and Wallace F. Logan from Africa during the past couple of months.

—Norman L. MacNeil



Edited by Charles S. Howard

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

For the third year Bethany Gospel Chapel conducted Sunday drive-in services at the Shopping Centre. Usually over 100 cars were present and the congregation included many unsaved. The speakers during these summer evening services were: W. Coffey, J. Penman, J. Rickard and J. Wilson of Hamilton; S. Thompson of Toronto and J. Welch, E. Tatham, H. Harper, E. Woodhouse and C. H. Brooks from the Guelph Conference. A well-trained choir and special music increased the impressiveness of the services. As a follow-up the gospel was preached in the chapel during September by Brethren Ross Rainey, Jim Wilson, A. E. Horton and Ernest Woodhouse.

HONOLULU, HAWAII 4788 Farmers Road

Brother John Rae and his wife arrived August 27 for full time assembly work, being commended from the Vancouver, B. C., assemblies. He was here three years ago and we are very glad to have him come back as we are short of workers. He knows the work and the people and we pray for the Lord's blessing and value your prayers as well.

It is a real mission field with less than six per cent of the population Protestant and less than two per cent evangelical. The Roman Catholics claim 125,000 or more adherents and the Buddhists about the same number. We get quite a few Chinese and Japanese children to come out, but it is harder to get the adults.

—Ephraim Field

NEWTON, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Three years ago, the first Daily Vacation Bible School was conducted at the Newton Legion Hall. A weekly Bible class was then held Friday evenings in the Newton area, preceded by weekly children's meetings at 7 p.m. at the Newton Ratepayers' Community Hall. The Bible class continued to grow in attendance; and a number have been baptized as a result. Besides the Family Bible Hour now conducted at 11 a.m. on Lord's days in the Newton Legion Hall, a weekly gospel meeting is held at 8 p.m. at the Newton Community Hall. The Lord also blessed the two week gospel effort in the Community Hall recently, with Peter Mathews, Eric McKinley, and Mun Hope as speakers.

The three brethren laboring together with the assistance of other believers from Aldergrove, Langley, Newton, North Surrey and East Kensington, held the third annual Daily Vacation Bible School August 3 to 7, in the Newton Legion Hall. Attendance began with about 87 and continued to increase until a tent had to be erected to accommodate the

overflow crowd, with about 200 eventually being registered. About 35 confessed Christ as Saviour and Lord during this series, including some teenagers.

Three local newspapers cooperated and the VANCOUVER SUN devoted one quarter of its front page to publicize the meetings.

OAK LAWN, ILLINOIS

It has been our privilege to have our commended workers with us for a two-week reunion, purpose of which was to encourage one another in the work that the Lord has called us to do, and mark the opening of our new chapel in Oak Lawn.

All were encouraged and blessed as we heard from Adam Ferguson, George Walker, Michael Hoffman, T. B. Gilbert, William Ingram, Ben Tuininga, Emma Scheidt, Kathryn Hamilton, and Evelyn Varder.

The workers' reunion brought many visitors into our chapel, not only from the Chicago area, but from as far as Indiana, Michigan, Georgia, Colorado and Nebraska.

Last Sunday evening four were baptized and five have come into fellowship with us.

The work at the Laffin Street Gospel Chapel is also most encouraging.

Several unsaved are attending the meetings and show good interest. Pray that the Lord will save them.

OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA Castlemont Bible Chapel

At the first week of summer Bible Camp (for grammar school children), Castlemont sent over one-third of the total of 150 children enrolled. Of the total, some 52 professed faith in Christ. In the second week for junior highs, some 22 professed.

We had Owen Hoffman here for one night, with his rock demonstration, and packed the chapel. Even during August, we had full regular seating of the chapel, not overflow, at morning gospel services, despite wholesale absences of vacationers.

Stan Ford was with us for a week of meetings prior to our Labor Day Conference.

At the conference we had Stan Ford, Walter Purcell, and Stuart Wilson of Tucson. We brought Earl Fries of Claremont up from Los Angeles for a few days for chapel services and he was a tremendous success. This young man, converted while attending a Jesuit school in Philadelphia, without any human intermediary, has a marvelous testimony and is an excellent preacher, a teacher in the public schools by profession.

—O. J. Gibson

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

With several months occupancy of our new quarters behind us, we have much for which to be thankful. The continuing support of those who regularly fellowshiped with us in the past has been gratifying, even through the normally difficult summer season. Then, too, we have had several new contacts who have continued to show interest and have attended a number of meetings. One of these, a husband and wife who are Christians and firmly evangelical, are coming regularly to our prayer and Bible study meeting on Wednesday. They live nearby and dropped in one Sunday evening at the close of the meeting, having been attracted by the gospel hymn that we were singing. In addition, the son-in-law of one of our brethren has received Christ as his Lord and Savior and has been received into fellowship. We are expecting to baptize him and several of our Sunday school girls next month, Lord willing.

Brother Wallace Logan and his wife and daughter visited recently and gave a very enlightening and challenging message on their missionary work in Northern Rhodesia. A number of visitors were present and all seemed deeply impressed.

The dedication of our new quarters held on June 21 was a complete success. Brother Robert Willey came up from Birmingham and spoke three times that Sunday. The main meeting was held in the afternoon and attendance from other assemblies in the area was good. We estimated that about 125 to 130 people were present, some coming from as far away as Baltimore, and New York.

—Edgar N. Brightbill

NEW TORONTO ASSEMBLY STARTS IN HILLTOP AREA

TORONTO, ONTARIO

A meeting for the remembrance of the Lord commenced September 13 in Hilltop Public School, located on Trehorne Drive, Etobicoke.

This culminates six months of prayer and preparation on the part of a group of Christians living in the western outskirts of Metropolitan Toronto. For the present, Sunday school will be held at 11 o'clock, preceded by the Lord's Supper at 9:30. In the will of the Lord a Family Bible Hour is planned for the near future.

We covet your prayerful interest in the establishment of this testimony for God. We would welcome to our fellowship interested Christians living in this area.

—John M. Ellis, Correspondent

A. JAMES DAVIES
533 Gilmour St., Peterborough, Ont.

Having spent three months on the West Coast of the U. S. and Canada where we had the joy of seeing fruit for our labors, I returned to Allentown, Pa., for two weeks of DVBS.

From there I went to Richmond, Va. for a week of children's meetings when a number accepted Him as Savior.

I just returned from Pinebush Bible Camp where again we had the joy of seeing blessing. We plan to spend the fall months on Vancouver Island with children's campaigns at Ladysmith and Chemainus and a week of ministry at Courtenay, B. C. I am invited also to the Victoria Teachers' and Young People's Conference on November 11.

I now work mainly among children and teenagers.

ABE H. HARTSEMA
1060 Allen Ave., Muskegon, Michigan

We were at Lake Geneva Youth Camp, Lake Geneva, Wis., for two weeks of Girls' Camp where there was keen interest and good response to simplified "Eternity" chart talks. Considerable improvements have been made to provide for adult conferences, which are kept separate from the Youth Camp.

From here we went to the Young People's Camp at the Lower Peninsula Bible Camp in Michigan.

LIONEL A. HUNT
17 Thursfield Crescent, Toronto 17, Ontario

The DVBS at Durham, N. C., this year was an inspiration. Brother Welcome Detweiler and his co-workers brought in over 750 children each morning (peak attendance was 803), and a real consciousness of the Spirit's presence prevailed. An encouraging number of boys and girls sought counsel for salvation or assurance and several parents commented on the testimony of their children.

It was also an inspiration to minister to adults on the Sundays as these number several hundreds at each meeting. Three or four came up after the meetings for tracts and a word. Many of our assemblies could learn much by observing and studying the causes of God's manifest blessing on this Durham work, the most spiritually prosperous I have seen among the assemblies. The audience of about 500 adults is composed mainly of those saved right in the Center and by visitation. The Family Bible Hour opens with about 1000 present, as the Sunday school also gathers for the opening exercises.

Our fall children's crusades start in Toronto (D. V.) and include a week at Greenwood Chapel, a school effort (Alan Knight Memorial), and two weeks in the Sturgis, Michigan, area with Brother Tatham taking adult meetings while I look after the children.



WILLIAM MORGAN
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The Woodside (Chicago) Bible School went well, the boys and girls were very well behaved, and the attendance went just over the 100 mark each day, not counting the workers. One little girl told us she trusted the Lord in the car. This was the last children's work of the season for me.

The year was very good with large camps and schools, and many children turning to the Lord Jesus. This is what really thrills our hearts. The first two weeks of girls' camp at Lake Geneva, Wisc., were excellent. Our own Bible school at home reached 150 and the program night was a capacity crowd. I have spoken to 870 youngsters this season.

KARL J. PFAFF
2613 S. Martha, Sioux City 6, Iowa

We had a busy summer in Bible camp activity, and one of the most fruitful we have ever seen. We closed the season with a conference for young people at Twin Lakes, Iowa, the weekend of August 28 to 30.

GRACE ROACH
390 King Edward St., St. James, Man.

We praise God for opportunities to spread the Word this summer. A camp of 30 girls began this summer. We were able to use a farm home. We continue to hear of blessing it was to the girls.

Sixteen summer Bible schools kept four of us busy with an average attendance of about 25 children. Many parents also heard the gospel. Some of these parents are our former students, as we have been coming for 21 summers.

Please pray for this Swan River area that the Lord will help those who have come to know Him.

LESLIE SANDBERG
Box 2042, Pueblo, Colorado

In the four youth camps this season a good number of campers put their trust in the Savior. Believers were helped and encouraged in the Christian life.

In the first two camps we were privileged to have Brother Ken Baird from Boulder, Colorado, with us, and his wife helped in the junior high and high school girls' camp. Miss Grace Watson from Colorado Springs helped in everything from transportation to counseling, and including cooking. Besides these from other places, some of the Pueblo Christians gave able help.

The new camp also proved useful for one-day camps for adults who met in the

Bible Hall in Salt Creek, and the ladies' Bible classes enjoyed a blessed time of Bible study and fellowship recently.

We had as well a senior young people's camp and also a one-day camp for the ladies of Miss Grace Watson's Japanese class. These girls are wives of American soldiers stationed in Fort Carson near Colorado Springs and the Lord has given Grace and Miss Jane Easterly the joy of seeing several of these women saved. Some have gone on with the Lord and are now in assembly fellowship in one of the Colorado Springs assemblies.

Sacramento Valley Bible Camp

The three assemblies located in the Sacramento area of northern California, namely, Twelfth Ave. Gospel Chapel, Sacramento, Silica Bible Chapel, in the north area of Sacramento, and the Loomis Gospel Chapel at Loomis, California, combined efforts and established the Sacramento Valley Bible Camp, operated this year for the first time at Meteor Ranch, Clear Lake, in northern California.

Camp convened the week of July 26 through August 1. Speaker and spiritual director was Wm. B. Mackie of Flint, Michigan. Two brethren and a sister from the Portland area assisted.

There was definite interest in the spiritual part of camp from the outset, two teenage boys trusting Christ as Savior the second night.

Brother Mackie directed studies in the Gospel of John, and all who attended were drawn to a deeper appreciation of the person of Christ.

A total of 67 campers (not counting members of the staff) enrolled, and 16 professed faith while at camp. We trust that this is only the beginning of a real work among the young people in the Sacramento vicinity. Please pray with us.

—Jack W. Heseltine

MRS. M. SINCLAIR
c/o Mrs. E. Hinde,
1756 Taylor St., Victoria, B. C.

Since returning to Canada, the Lord has graciously blessed His Word in our Daily Vacation Bible Schools in Vancouver and also in Victoria. I had the senior girls, the group I love most.

We saw twelve of these girls pass from death unto life.

SVEND CHRISTENSEN
Rockingham, S.S. 1, Halifax Co., N. S.

The Lord richly blessed at our Immanuel Camp with many professing sal-

vation. The attendance was better than ever before.

In the Halifax area we conducted two vacation Bible schools. The Lord gave encouragement and we are continuing with Sunday school in each place.

HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA
Hollywood Gospel Chapel,
2300 Hollywood Blvd.

A Youth Gospel Crusade was held at the Hollywood Gospel Chapel August 17 through August 28, with very good results. Designed to appeal to children from the 4th grade up, the meetings were conducted by David Harris, former Emmaus student, with the assistance of other chapel Bible school workers. Attendance ranged from 120 to 208, and there were 25 professions of faith in Christ.

It is planned to use Emmaus Bible courses in follow-up work. We are hopeful that we will see much in permanent results from this effort to reach the young for Christ.

—Lyndon C. Conlon

LAKE GENEVA, WISCONSIN

The tenth season of youth camp activity of the Lake Geneva Foundation closed with a week-long high school and college age Young People's Conference, plus the Labor Day Weekend. Fifty were in attendance during the week and 125 on the weekend. Some professions of salvation were made. A good time was had in the Word with the combined ministry of Brethren William Hynd and William MacDonald.

A total of 880 boys and girls attended camp this season, with approximately 120 making a profession of faith in Christ. These we leave with the One Who knows the thoughts and intents of the heart.

We have been much encouraged by the response of the Lord's people in supplying the funds for our much needed camp auditorium.

Three weeks of adult conference were held on the conference grounds with much encouragement in the attendance; one week with John Bramhall as the speaker; a week with Adam Ferguson; and the third, "Emmaus Week," with William MacDonald and Dr. Chester Woodring.

ROBERT STALEY
Immanuel Mission School, Box 368,
Shiprock, N. Mex.

We are grateful for these months we have had to get settled and adjusted. I have spent some time orienting myself at school and ordering books, supplies, etc. We covet the prayers of the Christians for the coming school year that many of the boys and girls will be won to Christ. It isn't easy for them to break away from their heathen ways and beliefs.

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
Laurel Bible Chapel

In the will of the Lord, assemblies in the Pacific Coast area are planning to conduct a Western Regional Sunday School Attendance Building Contest. Information and entry blanks have been sent to assemblies in the Pacific Coast and Vancouver areas.

Any interested assembly may write to the Contest Chairman if they desire further information concerning this First Annual Sunday school Contest.

Please send all inquiries to:
Sunday School Contest Chairman
4520 Culbertson Street,
La Mesa, California

Every objective of this contest tends to benefit the assembly and bring glory and honor to our Lord Jesus Christ. Its first objective is to increase attendance at Sunday school and other meetings. Through conducting such a contest many other objectives are attained. Through increased activity an effort is made to establish a larger and more effective testimony in the community. To accomplish this a definite effort is made to steer the Christians into public witness with boldness and power in inviting others. A definite objective is to increase the number of Christians participating in prayer meetings and to create a closer spirit of unity among Christians. A challenge is put before the assembly and individual Christians to increase their sense of respons-

ibility to the Lord and to put Him first in their lives. Probably the most fruitful and rewarding objective of this whole effort is to see the salvation of those brought in. The final and long range objective is to launch an expansion program in the community.

Dates are October 18 through November 22 inclusive, a period of five weeks including six Sundays.

MISSIONARY PRAYER
GATHERINGS

PENNSYLVANIA

Month by month, in order, a missionary prayer meeting is held each second Monday night at 8:00 p.m. as follow:

Reading, Pa.—Sept., Dec., March, June
Boyertown, Pa.—Oct., Jan., April, July
Pottstown, Pa.—Nov., Feb., May,
August

Frederick E. Frey

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ENCOURAGING REPORT OF WORK AT
VALLEY CHRISTIAN HOME FOR CHILDREN

Both boys whom we feared would be leaving us are still here, though they still need our prayers for their salvation. One, after being given a final chance by the Welfare to leave the home, decided of his own volition to stay.

A few weeks ago a boy who came to us last spring made a profession of Christ as Savior. This was the first break we had seen for a long time. Also, four of our children have asked for baptism.

About two months ago three of our children left us, returning with their mother to Unalaska out on the Aleutian Islands chain. This mother professed to accept Christ through visitation of some of the Christians in Anchorage while she was in the hospital for T.B. We recently admitted a family of five children to our home, whose mother is also in the hospital.

Bible Camp was held for the children at Chitina this summer. Six children professed to be saved, none of whom were from our home. Another boy who had been at camp accepted Christ this past weekend at a gathering for young at Mentasta Lake (not from our home).

The Iler family, after spending three years with us, have returned to the southern part of the States due to Mrs. Iler's health. We greatly appreciated their help, both spiritual and manual.

Building work has been slow until the past two weeks. Work was practically stopped in order to get the crops in on time. However, now that work has resumed, the construction is taking shape nicely. Most of the framing is done and part of it is boxed in.

After the gospel meeting Sunday night, Billy, one of a family of five in our home, professed to trust Christ as His Savior. On Monday afternoon a boy fell from the roof of the new house, shaking him up badly. We put him to bed for the afternoon, which gave him ample time to think over how serious it might have been for him. In the evening Arthur Rodgers came for a short visit and was able to talk with him and during their conversation, he gave his heart to the Lord. Since then three other children have professed to be saved.

—Harold A. Richards, Supt.

God Holds The Key

by GEOFFREY T. BULL

ON TO THE SKULL FACE

The shadows of the narrow room were deep, clothing its naked walls with the velvet of the night. The bare floor boards and cold plaster ceiling might well have been a universe apart, so much was the brief nine feet between swallowed up in darkness. Nothing stirred. The spiders in the corners kept their vigil, motionless, held to their posts, the inflexible sentinels of a distorted justice. Within the confines of the commandeered building, the prey was bound, awaiting there the slow disposal of the rising classes. It was a night of steel; a situation in bands of iron . . . And so to wait through all those blackest hours till the day break and the shadows flee away.

I awoke and turned over in the dirty bedding. The rough wooden mattress creaked and the shabby poverty of the prison room met my eyes for yet another morning. It was some time ere the first glimmer of the day filtered through the rice-paper covering the windows, and I fully realized the mercies of the sunshine in the valley of the shadow. Months had gone by since my capture in the Tibetan border marches, when the first frost was gripping the grasslands, but now it was springtime in China. Winter was past. The time of the singing of birds was come, and the buds were bursting from the branches near the roofwork of my cell. Autumn with its golden whisper had laid its myriad leaves to sleep in winter's silent days. 'Death's keys are in God's hands' had been her word; but now the springtime, shouting from the housetops and applauded from the hills, went forth to sound the great evangel of the life abundant found in Him. Should I not hear, then, the voice of my Beloved crying—'Rise up my love, my fair one, and come away! Should I not take the wings of the morning and soar upwards in the rising of the sun! Surely 'my soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning'; waiteth indeed, till the night of weeping dry its tears in the dawn of joy.

The bolt was drawn back. A yellow-clad soldier put down the rice and unobtrusively withdrew. The hours had begun. For me the standstill of the night had but to merge into the silence of day.

Yet solitude is not of necessity the handmaid of loneliness, for 'if any man serve Me', says the Master, 'let him follow Me and where I am, there shall also My servant be.' The place of His appointment is always where He is. Even in seclusion, or at rest the servants of the Most High God are found at 'the door of the King's house.' His commands are never divided from His company.

This day was the Lord's Day. The rugged coasts of my Patmos isle must take the incessant tempest of China's stormy revolution. In the bars of my circumstance, to be found in the Spirit was paramount, for then it is we know the Kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ so strangely near. The exile need not be servile. God makes His children kings and priests however small the immediate domain. I could look back to the hard riding and the long trekking in the splendour of the Tibetan plateau. There, where the mighty peaks lift to the sky and ridge upon ridge reaches out to the farthest extent of heaven I had known a glad abandon in the service of God; a sense of freedom, boundless as the country at my feet. The horizon had drastically shortened now. The discipline of stillness was upon me in an unimagined way. No longer the ethereal blue of the Central Asian sky but hard walls, cruel whitewash and a bolted door. Thus God prevents our visions from becoming fantasy and waits to turn the bitter waters of our everyday to wine. Our distinctions of the mundane and the miraculous He merges to forge testimony of spiritual soundness and practical use. My portion was to be in the contemplation of the Lord of glory in the secret place; to gain a real experience in the contemplative content of the Christian faith, which the centuries have stolen from our western lives.

In the great world outside that I had left behind, all was in tumult. Traditions were crumbling. Heads were falling. Blood was flowing. People were singing with their lips and crying in their hearts. They were tearing down the old idols and lifting up the new. They were learning the 'right' words to say and yet the wrong motives to say them.

If meditation has become a lost art in this fever driven age, God has his own ways of restoring it. In the case of the author of these excellent ponderings over the Word of God the Lord's method was to put him in prison in Communist China for three years, much of the time being in solitary confinement under rigorous circumstances.

Thrown back on God as his only resource, he occupied his mind and heart with the Word, as with the help of the Holy Spirit he called it to remembrance, and as he mused the fire burned. And as he mused the Word searched him to the depths of his being. Stripped of self, and of all else, he found the Lord all sufficient.

This is a book that we can heartily recommend to every believer seeking spiritual maturity.

Mr. Bull's previous book, *When Iron Gates Yield*, recorded his missionary expedition into Tibet and his captivity and release, and dwelt on his experiences in undergoing brain-washing treatment by the communists. It gave account of the Lord's sustaining grace that gained victory over the terrible assaults of the powers of darkness which none in his own strength could withstand. That record was largely external. This one is internal. In that he was conqueror through Christ. In this he experiences what it is to be more than conqueror. While God gave victory over all the machinations of the enemy at the same time He vastly enriched the life, the mind and heart of his beset servant.

By kind permission of the publisher we reproduce here the first chapter of these prison musings without benefit of Bible, pencil or paper, between October 1950 and December 1953, as recalled in freedom by the author. This chapter is titled: *On To The Skull Face*.

—D. M. T.

Because the editors of LETTERS OF INTEREST believe this book should have as wide a readership as possible, this office will accept and handle orders for it. Send check or postal note for \$3.50 to Christian Libraries, 127 South Wacker Drive, Chicago 6, Illinois. We will pay postage and handling charges.

They were purging and being purged; preaching a utopia yet perpetrating misery. In my enforced retreat, as captive in 'the isle,' I stood in the very maelstrom of the flood yet in 'a scallop shell of quiet.' The mountains were being carried into the midst of the sea but by His favour He had made my mountain to stand strong. The earth was melting in the fires of unleashed hatred, yet from the Rock there flowed that river the streams whereof make glad the city of God.

I had no Bible in my hand, no watch on my wrist, no pencil or paper in my pocket. There was no real hope of release. There was no real hope of life. There was no real possibility of reunion with those I loved. The only reality was my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Divested of all, He was to become everything to me. He was to break my bars and enlarge my coasts in the narrow room. He was to be my fullest nourishment amidst the meagre food. 'My meat,' which my captors 'knew not of'. He would make me glad with His countenance. He would let me hear His voice. As in the days of His nativity, Herod may reign and imagine slaughter against the innocent but let me only see His star and I would come to worship Him.

So it was that on such Lord's Day mornings as this, I sat down under His shadow with great delight. With legs crossed, I would quietly sit on the primitive bunk that occupied almost half the room and begin to turn my thoughts to Him. As I closed my eyes and deliberately focused my tired mind, the things about me would gradually recede. No longer would there be the walls and the papered windows of my prison cell, but, moving backward through the centuries, I would come to that furnished upper room over the house in Jerusalem.

In the friendly candlelight of that Passover evening, I would see them gathered there, at the long table with its simple fare and Jesus in the midst of the men He loved. Standing back in the shadows, I would watch them until that special moment of His soul's desiring was fully come. There He would stand. A bruised reed He would not break, yet in His hands He takes the crisp unleavened bread and in the calmness of divine resolve breaks it apart. His custom was to form and heal, whence then this mystery of His will to sunder? His answer does not linger long. 'Take eat,' He says, 'this is my Body which is broken for you'... Soon they would come for Him, and pious faces sanction cruel hands to rend that stainless vessel, formed so fitly by the hand of God. They would take Him to the skull-faced rock and in their hour and power of darkness, as the crucial moment struck, He would fulfil His word.

Within my cell the day crept on. At certain intervals perhaps the footfall of a guard might break the sequence of my thought or maybe some external shouting of the soldiers bring distraction to the room. For many hours no food would be delivered. Once twelve hours lapsed. Away in Britain, in Africa, in India, as the tide of morning quickly marched across the sands of the nations, others also would be remembering Him. This table would be set in many a common place and yet a myriad hearts in majestic remembrance would taste again the 'broken bread. I could not feel alone, for, in my wilderness His gracious preparations were alike complete... 'Thou preparedst a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.' This was the kindness of His grace, for He spread it there with His own scarred shepherd hands upon the desert floor. Even in the midst of foes, the pleasure of the Lord is to minister to His own; and thus I found how He delights to take the haunts of hatred and, by some strange alchemy, utterly transform them to a royal house of banqueting, where only tender love abounds...

The supper drew to its close, yet as the lamps burned low, I was conscious that something else of deepest moment must transpire. Then the Master took the cup and held it in His hand. For a moment they could see it, lifted up in the flicker-

ing light. 'I will drink no more,' He said... 'until that day'... So it was the last time. He was moving to the Father by the cross. They could not follow now, but afterwards they would. There in the quiet glow of fellowship they sipped the emblem of His treatment. Later, one by one would taste the cup of suffering for the Saviour's sake and the baptism of their Lord be intimately known. As I look back now, I realize that I never saw Him actually partake Himself of that same cup. His portion waited in the garden—'The cup which My Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?' Now I could only remember Him and thank Him and somehow know that in His drinking to exhaustion that dark chalice of the cross, my cup was full to overflowing with His pardon and His joy.

Slowly they rose and following closely behind the Master, passed through the curtain which led to the stone stairway, leading down into the empty street. Earlier, Judas had passed out into the night. He was nowhere to be seen. The darkness had swallowed him and there was no returning. In my mind's eye I would follow the little party wending their way through the sleeping streets of old Jerusalem. After some distance, one of the city gates with its big stone archway loomed heavily in the air above. They passed beneath it, lost for a moment in the gloom and then emerged beyond the wall, where the contour of the hills lay quietly silhouetted against the night horizon. A grey path meandered down the hillside to the little stream gurgling through the valley at their feet. The roadway was so thronged in the daytime, but now it was silent and cold. Down through the dusty way I would trace them, until they came to the stepping stones which bridged the ford in the vicinity of the garden. As the full drama of the cross began to unfold, I would feel my concentration heighten and it would seem that I was crouching low beneath the very trees on Olivet, anxious to witness all I could of the passion of my Lord. Yet I could barely look on Him, or conjure Him. 'For henceforth know we no man after the flesh, no, not even Christ.' Perhaps I felt nearer the disciples than my Lord, as they fought their tiredness hunched together in the bushes of the garden. They loved Him so intensely; failed Him so easily; faltered with such heartbreak. Now there was nothing to say, only to wait and to behold. As the moments passed, the stark silence of crisis came creeping through the heart. After a word with His own He moves forward into the deeper shadow about a stone's cast and there He bows. I am only vaguely conscious of His form in the more distant darkness. The hours go by. He does not seem to move. All I feel is that He is very low to the earth. I was not near enough to hear, but somehow sensed His breaking word breathed in agony of heart upon the night air of that hallowed place. 'O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.' Then again all is silent. He prays on. His sublime work is approaching its completion. The Son of God is laying down His life of Himself. I wait and wait, dumbfounded in the atmosphere of suffering. 'Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.' I seem to be rooted to the ground of Gethsemane: transfixed for a moment at the turn of history. Then again in echoes of amazement. 'O my Father, if this cup may not pass from me except I drink it, Thy will be done.' What sounds under the star-filled sky. Dropping of blood, flutter of angels' wings; the very pain of God felt on earth and registered in heaven.

Suddenly in the darkness below, and coming up from the brook, there is the metallic clink of steel. A glance in that direction and I see the weird light of lanterns ebbing and flowing along the hillside. In the growing tumult, the Lord, in unhurried dignity, comes to His dispirited followers. Their strength has gone but He is strong. In all the eternal force of God's own will He is marching on to Calvary. And so He goes, kissed in betrayal, sold for silver, fettered to judgment.

Somehow in my cell I found it hard to penetrate in thought to the interrogation of the council and the procedure of the

governor's court. Maybe I was so often questioned and so heartlessly harangued, that I unconsciously avoided going there. On such occasions I would often look beyond my persecutors, and through the window glimpse the sky and the wondrous vista of the distant countryside. As Jesus stands lashed by the knotted-ivy of His foes, probed by the goads of impious inquisition, He knows the inward groaning of the prisoner. He has His window too, and from that pit of shame sees to the right hand of the Father's power to behold His ultimate return in glory with the clouds of heaven. Thus do we know the hurt of trial shall pass, and the benison of all we see beyond remain.

Whilst Jesus faced the travesty of justice there in Caiaphas' Palace, my thoughts perhaps would go more often to the cells, which since my boyhood days I always felt existed below the Judgment Hall. I knew of three prisoners there. They were, of course, criminals, hardened no doubt and seared in conscience, yet men for all that. With them I would watch the dawn. For them it was the last morning. I was aware, at least in measure, of what that meant. For weeks I had lived in the threat of the firing squad. How often my interrogators would state the certainty of my execution if I did not yield. That inescapable consideration, 'the last morning,' was a constant companion in all my pondering. Now it had come for them and they would see, as I so often saw, the shadow of the prison bars thrown by the rising sun upon the farther wall. They were waiting for the footsteps of the guard. Prisoners learn to know footsteps. In my prison one man could judge the approach of almost any of the officials by the manner of his footfall in the corridor between the cells. Men are known by their walk. So they waited and then inexorably it came, the slow descending tread, followed by the grating of the bolt pulled harshly backwards. A matter of moments now and they would tread the way to the hill of the gallows, called 'the place of a skull'. It would be the last walk and the last fresh breath of dawn. They would know the last feel of the rough earth underfoot ere the nails were driven and, at the last, their wayward legs crushed cruelly by the mallet's blow. There would be the last glimpse of the sky and then. . . . I could live their thoughts. Other people were living and going on to live. Dogs were barking in the street. They were free. Children perhaps were playing hopscotch, an old woman selling things—some-one drawing water from the well. The world was still going about its daily duties. Amongst the millions, how can it be that I must die today? Outside the cell was another universe. Now only the prisoner and the cross. All else receding, all other persons fleeing, all affairs culminated. Each execution sees but one man and one death; for human beings die alone. 'It is certain we can carry nothing out.'

As they sat in the filthy straw they gazed like men hypnotised at the wooden door swinging slowly open on its rusty hinges. Framed in the doorway stood the Roman guard, sword at the alert. He scanned the condemned men and, turning to the most notorious, he gruffly snarled, 'Barrabas! you are free!'

As one who has spent some years behind locked doors, I

EARLY WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING FOUND PROFITABLE

Some months ago a young Christian businessman on the South Side of Chicago had the vision of a group of men meeting early in the morning for prayer for the purpose of encouraging one another to a greater personal witness and to pray in a definite way for the unsaved.

Monday morning was chosen, as it was the beginning of the work week, and 6:00 a.m. the time, so that at least an hour

could be spent together. Psalm 5:3 was the theme chosen: "My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up."

At the first meeting, April 6, 1959, eighteen men were present. The meetings have continued up to the present time without interruption and from fifteen to 25 men gather each week, at the Washington Heights assembly, a centrally located meeting place.

Each man present takes part, briefly

still feel scarcely able to describe the emotions concentrated in this mode of release. Psychologically, the experience is almost insupportable at the moment of impact, by the human mind. I have sat in a cell with other prisoners waiting for the names to be called. The unspoken question, 'Is it freedom, execution, or something else?' filling the very air. Behind each mask of fortitude you could sense a face of fear. Thus Barrabas, speechless, moves out to liberty, as prisoners do; and likewise silently, the other two trudge on to doom.

I knew the explanation; Jesus was going to die in his place. It is only as we see that for ourselves, that the meaning of the Cross begins. From another door at the rear of Judgment Hall, which opened into a courtyard strewn with timber, I saw another man now emerging with a number of soldiers. I can never forget the desolation of prison yards. What must it have been after the scourging, the ribaldry and the harrowing hours, to come out into that yard where the rough tree-trunks, cut and bound into crosses, were waiting for the shoulder of a man to die? Harshly the burden was heaped upon Him. Although I could not see His face, marred more than any man's, I knew it was the Lord they were hurting and hurrying on.

And so through the hard streets and the harder hearts; up through the stone walls and the stonier consciences, and on to the hill. I wonder how many saw it happen. Thousands, I suppose, out there under the great dome of heaven. In my cell, I could only see Him stumbling along there, up the steepening slopes of the skull-cliff, falling under the tree-trunk, physically ploughed under, by the chariots of wickedness. 'He was crucified in weakness', yet beyond the blood and the hurt of His enduring, I see a man ascending there, up and into the hill of the Lord. He has come in the cleanness of His hands and the innocence of His heart, spotless to the altar. He has arrived in the Great Appointment to 'accomplish His Departure'. The hour is come and the Father glorifies His Name.

He is well on to the summit now and the crowds are shouting and weeping as He goes. '... weep not for me', He pleads. '... weep for yourselves.' And the grass and the trees are green as He climbs, and as He goes, my heart goes with Him, for all the love of God to me and the sin of my life that brings Him there. . . . The minutes linger and then there comes the low swing of a hammer and it is very dreadful; and I can hardly think any more, but sit, perhaps, for a very long time on the wooden bed. . . and then at length a guard comes and leaves the evening meal and in a little while I turn into the old bedding again and, maybe, lie and ponder still. I have tasted of the meat of His table today and, as I lie, the night creeps on and the darkness deepens till I can see no longer the tiny spiders in the corners of the walls. . .

'Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hand. . . went forth into a place. . . of a skull. . .'

From the days of solitude in Chungking, whilst confined there by the Chinese Army in spring 1951.

but definitely, laying hold of God with specific requests and thanksgivings. Un-saved ones are mentioned by name. After prayer, one of the brethren brings a short devotional message with emphasis on personal witness and testimony. During this time coffee and rolls are served so that those who start work at earlier hours can leave when necessary. Men from five South Side assemblies are participating.

Two of the men prayed for confessed the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior at a recent gospel meeting in Oak Lawn Chapel.

Conferences

Edited by J. W. Kennedy

BUFFALO, NEW YORK Elmwood Gospel Chapel, 111 Elmwood Ave.

The date of our annual conference, usually held at Thanksgiving time, has been set ahead to avoid bad weather. The dates are Saturday and Sunday, November 7 and 8.

Speakers will be Brethren John Smart of Plainfield, N. J., and Albert Horton recently returned from Angola, Africa.

The sessions will be: Saturday 8:00 and 7:00 p.m. Ministry, Sunday 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, and 7:00 p.m. Gospel.

—Chas. A. Parsons

ELM SPRINGS, KANSAS

Christians gathering in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ here plan (D. V.) to hold their 21st annual Bible Conference October 16, 17, and 18, starting with a prayer meeting the evening of October 15. Speakers expected are O. E. Magée, Leonard Lindsted and Peter Pell.

The Bible Hall is located ten miles west and one mile north of Tampa, Kansas.

Address all communications to Arvid Johnson, Route 1, Gypsum, Kansas.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

The annual all-day conference at the Eastern Avenue Gospel Hall, Grand Rapids, Michigan, will be held Thanksgiving Day, November 26. Speakers expected are Wm. MacDonald and Charles Van Ryn. Visitors are cordially invited to enjoy the day of ministry. Meals will be provided for all. Those desiring overnight accommodations should write to Bert Brunsink, 201 W. Fulton St.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The 77th Annual Fall Bible Conference of Chicagoland assemblies of Christians gathered in the name of the Lord Jesus will be held October 24 and 25, 1959. All sessions are to be in the Emmaus Bible School Auditorium, 156 North Oak Park Ave., Oak Park, Illinois. Brethren expected to minister will be H. Welcome Detweiler, Peter J. Pell, Jr., and T. Ernest Wilson. The Saturday morning session will be in the form of a Bible reading on the subject of "World Evangelism."

Further information may be had by writing Mr. Ernest Sandeen, 208 Iowa St., Oak Park, Ill. The Lord's people are urged to attend.

GREENWOOD HILLS, PENNSYLVANIA

At the Greenwood Hills Chapel, Rt. 2, Fayetteville, Pa. (on the Lincoln Highway, two miles east of Fayetteville), an all-day Thanksgiving Conference will be held November 26. Sessions are at 10:00 a.m., 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. Speakers expected are Walter Jensen and Geo. M. Landis. Dinner and supper will be served. For further information write R. C. McIntire, 131 S. Sixth St., Chambersburg, Pa.

GREENWOOD HILLS, PENNSYLVANIA

The Greenwood Hills Bible Conference Association experienced the best season in the 27 years of its history. Attendance was increased at all the conferences. Two baptismal services were held. At the end of the first conference thirteen were baptized. On the last Lord's Day of the season seven others obeyed their Lord in baptism. The Girl's Camp, directed by Mrs. R. E. Harlow, had a record attendance of 122. Fifteen girls professed to be saved. The Boys' Camp, directed by Wm. J. Oglesby, had 102 in attendance and seventeen boys professed to be saved. No high pressure methods were employed.

HOUSTON, TEXAS

The 58th annual conference of Christians gathered in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ at 2402 Louisiana St., Houston, Texas, will be held (D. V.) on October 31 and November 1, with prayer meeting preceding on October 30. All visitors will be freely entertained, as usual; early advice of your coming will be appreciated. Speakers invited.

—H. W. Dedman, Correspondent
3219 Fannin St., Houston 4, Texas

LAKE LOUISE, GEORGIA

The First Annual Believers' Bible Conference at Lake Louise in northeast Georgia was attended by Christians from thirteen states August 24 to 30. A total of 100 attended the conference and all spoke highly of the facilities and food at Lake Louise, as well as the spiritual ministry by speakers Robert V. Willey, Dominic Lipsi and Tommy Steele. The conference was designed for family groups, and families came from as far west as Iowa and as far north as New Jersey. One of the speakers, after comparing the conference grounds with other places said, "I believe the facilities here are the best of any that I know in the United States. It is ideal," he said, "for family groups."

Plans are already under way for next year's conference to begin Sunday, August 21, 1960. Plans are being made for special service for four groups: adults, teen-agers, school age and a nursery for babies and very small children. Speakers are being contacted and will be announced within the next two months.

Lake Louise is a conference ground

built in 1939 by Mr. R. G. LeTourneau and is equipped as a hotel. Guests do not have to bring anything but a good appetite. Rates are reasonable, the food delicious. Only two meetings are planned per day so as to give ample time for rest and relaxation. Details about registration and speakers will be given in a later issue.

—Shockley Few,

Chairman of Conveners

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

The 84th Annual Reunion of Christians will be held on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 1959 in the Metropolitan-Duane Church, 13th Street and 7th Avenue, New York City, at 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. (D.V.). (Note change in time for afternoon meeting from previous years.) Speakers expected are James Gunn of Canada and T. Ernest Wilson of Angola. There will be special services for the children at the same hours as those for the adults. Refreshments will be served between meetings. Please come and bring the family with you!

ORILLIA, ONTARIO

West Street Gospel Hall

In the will of the Lord we expect to hold our 78th Annual Conference of Believers on the Canadian Thanksgiving October 11 and 12. We extend to all the Lord's people a cordial invitation to attend and visitors will be freely entertained. Speakers expected are Mr. W. Fraser Naismith of Scotland, Mr. John Smart of New York, and Mr. Robert J. Little of Chicago. We invite the prayerful fellowship of the Lord's people that this will be a time of heart searching ministry from the Lord. Please address all communications to: G. V. Hartshorn, 345 Colborne Street West, Orillia, Ontario.

WEST READING, PENNSYLVANIA Bible Truth Chapel

At the annual Thanksgiving Day Conference, November 26, we expect the following speakers, D. V.: C. Stacey Woods, C. Ernest Tatham and John Smart.

—John E. Yorgey

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

The annual conference of the St. James assembly will be held (D. V.) over the Canadian Thanksgiving weekend October 10, 11, and 12. We are looking forward to ministry from the Lord; through our brethren James Gunn of Midland, Ont., and David Kirk of Hamilton, Ont. Brother Gunn will be remaining after the conference for ministry meetings.

—D. Bell

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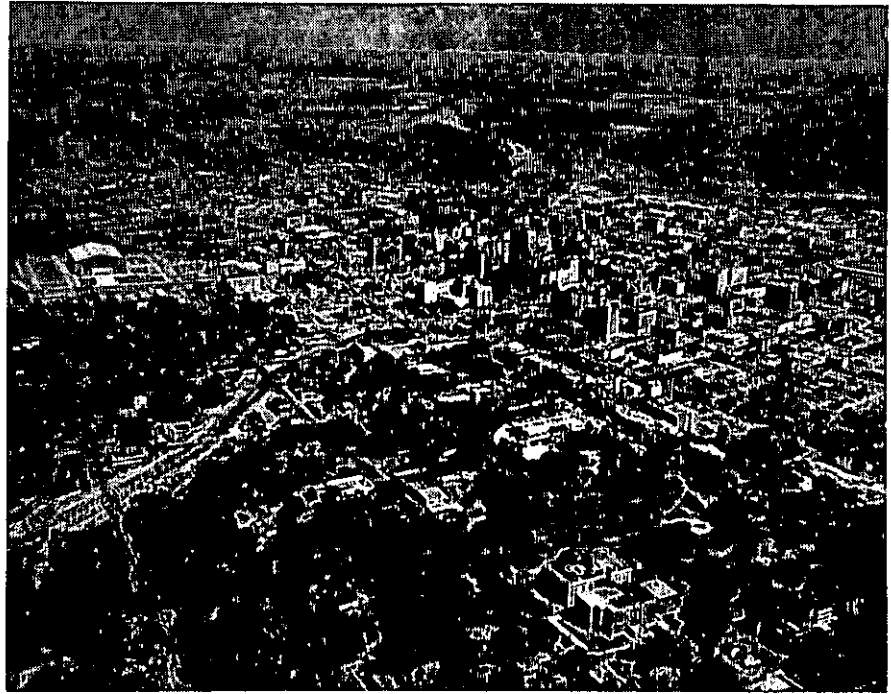
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WILL MEETING GIVE PUSH TO PIONEERING?

Are annual Workers' Conferences worthwhile? Des Moines, Iowa, Christians think they are, for again and again they have entertained these gatherings. But this 22nd annual conference, Thursday through Saturday, November 5, 6 and 7, should prove what such meetings can accomplish. Previous conferences have been devoted to discussion. This one is designed especially to develop action in pioneering, a much talked about but too little "done about" project.

But if there is to be action, effective action, there must be attendance. Attendance of commended workers. Attendance of elder brethren. Attendance of all who have a heart for getting out the gospel and getting in the people, so that testimonies to the worthy Name of our Lord Jesus Christ might be planted all over this land.

There must be prayer. There must be forethought. And there must be unity: oneness of purpose coupled with esteem for one another.

A telephone conversation with James S. Green of Des Moines shortly before press time disclosed that the brethren there are canvassing an area of 200 miles around to stimulate attendance. Not that they would limit the conference to those within that circumference. They want those from all around the United States and Canada as well as from other lands who are interested in furtherance of the work of the Lord to come. They are prepared to entertain as many as come. (See air view of Des Moines above).

The Des Moines brethren will appreciate as much advance notice as possible from those who plan to attend. Write, stating probable time of arrival, to: James S. Green, 2819 Capitol Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

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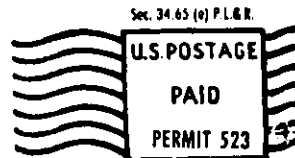
WITH THE LORD

Mrs. C. J. Rolls

After a long illness, Mrs. Rolls, wife of Dr. Chas. J. Rolls, Bible teacher of Kansas City, Mo., passed to be with the Lord on July 23, and was laid to rest in Purewa Lawn Cemetery, Auckland, New Zealand, on Saturday, July 25. Messrs. R. A. Laidlaw and J. S. Burt, together with Dr. William Pettit, officiated at the funeral service. About eight months ago Dr. Rolls brought his wife home to New Zealand to be close to her relatives. Dr. Rolls returns to Kansas City this month.

While traveling through northern Ontario a few years ago observing the many little towns and villages along the railway, I became exercised about bringing the gospel to them. Sometime later, while having meetings in Trenton, I spoke to Brother Ray Fox, who was similarly exercised. We began to lay plans for a canvass of the area to see what was being done along the north shore of Lake Superior. This tour was made the late summer of 1958 by Ray Fox, Aubrey Dellandrea, Len Fex and me. We sought to evaluate evangelical work from the lakehead to Sudbury following the main C. P. R. line.

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PIONEERING TOUR FOLLOWS SURVEY OF NORTHERN ONTARIO DISTRICT

By John Martin, Box 38, Hawkesville, Ontario

Our findings were startling. For a distance of 500 miles only a few feeble gospel efforts were being made. Traveling east from Port Arthur we found a small mission at Schreiber carried on by two girls. A few Pentecostal families were trying to get a foothold in Manitowadge. A very small assembly had just begun at Chapleau and a little larger assembly at Larchwood—nothing more from Port Arthur to Sudbury.

During the fall and winter we prayed and spoke to others about this area and planned a gospel tour for August, 1959. This is now history.

The tour was made by Brethren John Aitken (of Shelburne), Len Fex and me. The Lord provided us with a cabin trailer some years ago and we found it God-sent on this tour. It became our home for the month.

We have now covered all the towns and villages from Port Arthur to White River with gospel tracts, had open-air meetings almost every night, knocked at every door and sought to engage people in spiritual conversation. Reception differed greatly. Some were glad, others angry. However, literally thousands of tracts were distributed in towns and villages, lumber camps and on Indian reserves. Many heard the message of salvation at the open-air meetings. Many will never be able to plead an excuse before God, saying they never heard.

We also have made the acquaintance of a few Christians in difficult places. Several families are living in Marathon and we are seeking the Lord's mind about visiting that town and making an effort to gather them around the Word, hoping that through its ministry a testimony of a permanent nature can be established.

Leaving the lakehead, we started for home via Highway 11, and stopped at Beardmore and Hearst.

At Hearst we found a Christian couple who were formerly in fellowship at

Gatchell, Ontario. They are quite exercised about the need of that town and would like to see a work started there. On August 31 we started for home, and are now meeting previous engagements.

Northern Ontario presents a tremendous challenge to Christians in the south. There are many opportunities for young couples to serve the Lord on a part-time basis. In some of the above named towns it is not too difficult to get employment at fairly good wages. Anyone interested in this area can have further information by writing to me at the above address.

During the fall and early winter we will be laboring in Montreal, Que., and Clinton and Chapleau, Ontario.

BOOK REVIEW

JUNGLE PILOT, The Life and Witness of Nate Saint—the Inventive Genius of the Operation Auca, by Russell T. Hitt. Harper & Brothers. 303 pages. Illustrated. \$3.75.

This biography of Nate Saint is a good successor to the two books by Betty Elliot, *Through Gates of Splendor* and *Shadow of the Almighty*, concerning the Ecuador martyrs, although it is not written with her poetic skill.

It is of necessity a more humorous book, for much of it came from Nate's

diaries and letters and he was ever full of natural humor. Serious in his devotion to Christ and most conscientious about his duties, he was yet bubbling over with fun. He had a keen eye for the ridiculous and for the humorous in every situation. He had not the scholarship of Jim and Betty Elliot to enable him to translate portions of scripture direct from the Greek text into English, but he was a translator of the Word in his own way: he translated it into everyday living, and in consequence found life enjoyable, fruitful.

Commenting on native food in a letter written when he was in Mexico repairing a crashed plane, he wrote: "A tortilla looks like it should line a saddle. It would make an excellent potholder or you might use it as a doily. You might saw holes in them and pitch them as quoits. Oh well, the dogs under the table like them. With rugged determination, I downed three-quarters of one. It tasted like a generous helping of bad cardboard, treated and coated with terra firma..."

This book is valuable in describing many of the ingenious devices Nate developed for making dangerous jungle flying safer and more effective.

It is valuable, too, as an inspiration to young and old as it depicts the leading of the Lord in the life of Nate Saint, his growth into a true man of God, and in its portrayal of the fact that surrender of one's life to the Lord does not obliterate the personality, but rather develops it into happy, attractive effectiveness.

—D. M. T.

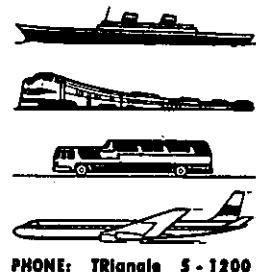
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HOSPITAL VISITATION FULL-TIME JOB FOR VICTORIA, VIRGINIA, SISTER

By Arthur W. Dewhurst

A sister in Christ who fellowships at Northside Gospel Chapel, Victoria, Va., has for thirteen years carried on a unique ministry at Piedmont Sanatorium, Burkeville, Va.

In 1946 Mrs. D. K. Coolidge, who had been widowed six years previously, began visiting tuberculosis patients at the Piedmont Sanatorium, an all-colored institution insofar as patients are concerned. Presently it cares for 380 victims of the disease. The patients range in age from very young boys and girls to aged men and women.

Mrs. Coolidge, affectionately known to the Northside Chapel Christians as "Allie Mae," devotes a full five-day week to bringing the Word of Life to each patient throughout the entire hospital.

Her labors can only be evaluated as one sees firsthand the scope and the results of her untiring efforts in reaching so many each week. A conservative accounting would show that year after year one soul weekly, on the average, receives Christ and testifies to that fact. Mrs. Coolidge for ten years taught high school mathematics and so is trained to teach the truths of the gospel to young and old alike.

Each patient entering the sanatorium receives from her a series of booklets and other helps. She also has a lending library of scriptural booklets and books for all ages. Up until three years ago she gave daily flannelgraph talks and sang for the patients, but a throat operation has made it necessary for class work to give way to other and more personal contacts each week.

Mrs. Coolidge is able to get into the nurses' home and has a list of 150 other hospital personnel whom she supplies with good scriptural reading material. Many send booklets, etc., home to friends and families after they have read them.

Mrs. Coolidge is quite alone in this work, except, as occasionally happens, when she is able to get someone to come and speak to groups in their respective areas. All in all she has a "family" of about 530 to care for spiritually week after week.

This work warrants serious prayer consideration. The literature bill is high and is only partially paid for by a group of interested Christians.



Above, Mrs. Coolidge visits with Margaret Louise Martin, 6, who has trusted the Lord since coming to sanitarium. Below, both patients in this picture testify to faith in Christ Jesus. For thirteen years "Allie Mae" Coolidge has been visiting Piedmont Sanitarium with the gospel five days a week.

Recently a patient suffering extreme mental depression was about to be committed to a mental institution. After Mrs. Coolidge visited twice there was a complete transformation.



Sightless for nineteen years, Charles Turner, below, received spiritual sight seven years; has a real hunger for God's Word.



At left, Mrs. Coolidge visits two sisters of about 90 years of age.

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WORKERS' CHANGE OF STATUS

Sydney Sauerlender

Brother Sauerlender has decided to go back to college to train for work in Christian literature. We are wholeheartedly in favour of this and are glad to see that our brother has both the opportunity and the desire to go into this most important field.

The fact that he has gone back to what we call secular activity means that, on his request, his name should be removed from our list of missionaries in British Honduras. I think at the same time, a word of explanation should be added so that all will know that Brother Sydney has further plans for serving the Lord.

Dr. Arthur C. Hill
for Grace Chapel
Sherbrook, Quebec

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE

TILLSONBURG, ONTARIO

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—J. C. McCormack

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Editors' Page

SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Man by nature is a builder. Each of us has within himself a desire to create and each of us possesses a certain amount of ambition. There is one kind of ambition, however, that is decidedly wrong, and that is the kind that leaves God out of the picture and aims only at glorifying and exalting human effort.

Cain is an example of one possessing the trait of self-sufficiency. He is credited with being the first city builder, but his ambition was to achieve personal fame thereby and not to glorify God. In his day the tower that was to be built was not to reach unto heaven in order to bring the people nearer to God, but because they wanted to make a name for themselves. As a result the efforts came to nought.

This is a warning to us not to be dependent on our own strength and ability but to seek God's will and guidance in all that we do. God wants to be our partner and helper. All self-seekers, however diligent, are Babel builders. They ignore God and His plan for them. The towers they build are doomed to decay and will crumble under them because they are not built on the foundation of God which standeth sure.

—James W. Kennedy

EXCURSIONS FROM RIGHTEOUSNESS

As children of God traveling heavenward we have an earnest desire to please the Lord, and to walk in fellowship with Him. We know that the only way we can have in our hearts the peace of God and the quiet joy of communion with Him is to walk as He walked.

Yet are we not inclined to take excursions that interrupt our fellowship? Do we not wander off the path of righteousness? We do, most of us must confess.

How frequently? Once a week? Once a day? Several times a day? Probably much more frequently. We wander waking and sleeping. A billboard meets our eyes and our thoughts go astray. An annoyance crosses our path. A newspaper headline or picture captures our eye and then engages our mind. And off we go on another excursion from righteousness. Outwardly we are pious. In fact, usually we do not realize we are straying. But our minds go drifting away.

Then there are the demands which our restless minds make, sometimes legitimate, sometimes not. We ought to take time to pray just now, but shouldn't we first take a look at the news, or see what the weather is going to be tomorrow? There's a little chore that needs doing. And we ought to telephone Jim or Margaret before we forget it. We need to relax a bit with a game or a book or some other hobby. And with this and that we occupy the time we should be giving to communion with God.

We pray before we start out in the morning and watch to please the Lord through the day, but so many things demand our attention that we forget Him. Or we so enjoy the serenity of our thoughts of Him that we begin to congratulate ourselves on the superiority of our experience over

that of others. The joy oozes out and off we go downhearted on another excursion.

We read the Word and the Holy Spirit graciously reveals some new truth and we pride ourselves on our spiritual intelligence. We are off again.

Or we are busily engaged in our God-appointed task or path and there comes an interruption which we take with ill grace, not realizing that this interruption, too, is of the Lord. Observe how our Lord Jesus Christ took the many interruptions He encountered. His ear attuned morning by morning to His Father's directions, He did always and only those things that pleased Him. Therefore, when the abrupt intrusions came, He took them as from heaven, and invariably that which seemed to cut across the progress of His way He laid hold of to further His purpose and His teaching.

But what is the cure for our wandering thoughts, our wavering purposes? Paul prescribes it in his letter to the Philippians: "Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you."

—Donald M. Taylor

"LET ALL THE PEOPLE SAY AMEN"

(Psalm 106:48)

This is a Scriptural exhortation. In the New Testament we read in I Cor. 14:16, "How shall he... say amen?" This would indicate that it was common practice in the early Church also. There is a lack in many assemblies of this expression of interest and fellowship and one gets the feeling of coldness and indifference which may or may not be real. When one leads in prayer in a public gathering he is expressing the thanksgiving, requests, and desires of all present, therefore it behooves all to pay attention and acknowledge agreement with a quiet, reverent, "Amen."

We are not advocating turning our meetings into noisy, emotional gatherings, but we should be alert and have a sympathetic oneness of mind when meeting together. While visiting assemblies in Mexico we were much impressed with the practice there of everyone, men, women and children, saying a hearty "Amen" at the end of each prayer. In case any should be concerned that we go too far we suggest that we keep in mind I Cor. 14:40, "Let all things be done decently and in order."

—C. S. Howard

PICTURING THE INVISIBLE

Travelers observe differences of procedure at the remembrance feast in different places. In Spain a hymn is sung between partaking of the bread and the cup. In Switzerland the entire company kneels at commencement of the Lord's Supper for a time of heart searching in prayer. In some assemblies the same brother who gives thanks for the bread also leads in thanksgiving for the cup, sometimes going forward to the table and reciting as he takes the emblems "This is my body. . . This is the new testament in my blood." In others invariably after one man has given thanks for the bread another returns thanks for the cup. These variations, which are a few from among a number, demonstrate that we have been given in the Word not a prescribed ritual but a simple remembrance feast.

There is, however, in many American assemblies a custom that we cannot so appreciate and commend.

When our Lord Jesus Christ instituted the feast He said in reference to the bread, which He broke after giving thanks, "This is my body which is given for you: *this* do in remembrance of me." Referring to the cup, He said, "This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you." When Paul relates to the Corinthians what he had received from the Lord concerning this supper he quotes Him as to

the bread: "Take, eat: *this* is my body, which is broken for you: *this* do in remembrance of me," and as to the cup, "This cup is the new testament in my blood, *this* do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me." And then he adds: "For as often as ye eat *this* bread, and drink *this* cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come."

There is no doubt of the intention that these emblems of the Lord's body and blood should be visible tokens of that which is invisible. Yet the practice has developed of concealing the bread and cup under a napkin or napkins until the very moment in which we partake of them.

In all probability this began in all innocence to protect the emblems from insects. But now where there is rarely need for such protection it has developed into a ritual, a symbol without meaning. And some conceal both bread and cup both before and after the observance. We gather Lord's day by Lord's day for the express purpose of remembering Him in this feast of His providing. The bread to symbolize the Lord's body should be visible. The cup to symbolize the new testament in His blood should be visible. Him whom having not seen we love is pictured in His death for us by these tokens. Should they not then be visible from the first to the last of this simple, glorious occasion?

—James G. Humphrey

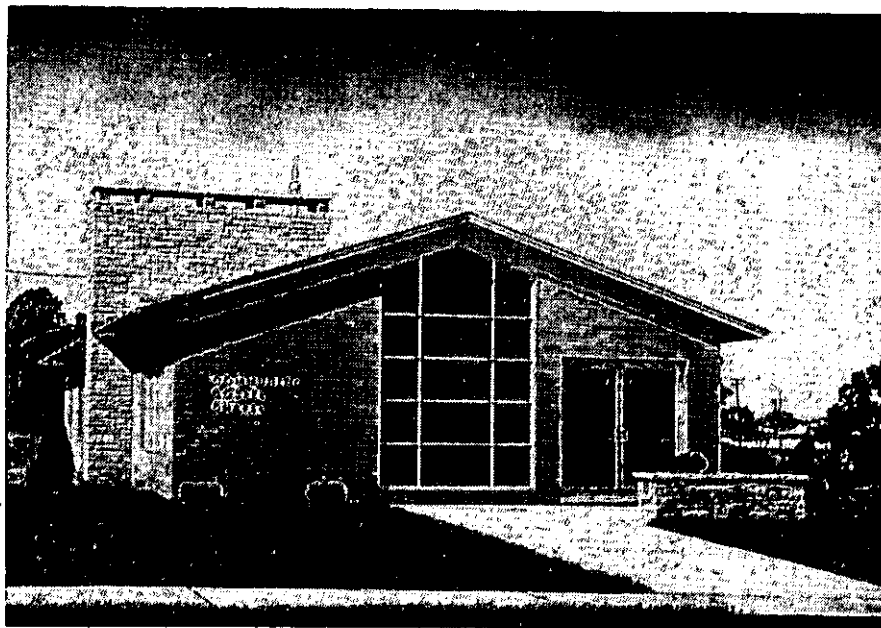


Evangelists Balsan and Pfaff, who spoke at the dedication of the Community Gospel Chapel, helped launch the work at Kaukauna with a tent campaign held in the summer of 1958.

GOSPEL SERIES OPENS NEW KAUKAUNA CHAPEL

A gospel campaign September 20 through October 4 with Joseph Balsan of Des Moines, Iowa, and Karl Pfaff of Sioux City, Iowa, coordinated with house-to-house visitation by members of the assembly, officially opened the new Community Gospel Chapel at 1717 Main Avenue, Kaukauna, Wisconsin.

A Sunday afternoon dedication service was held September 27, which was attended by more than 110 persons. The assembly, which currently numbers about



Work on the chapel was started late in the fall of 1958 but an early frost halted operations until April of this year. The chapel is city's first new church structure since 1950.

45, has occupied the building, however, since mid-July, when a two-week vacation Bible school was held.

The new chapel, with its grounds and furnishings, is conservatively valued at \$85,000, but cost less than \$25,000 due to the amount of voluntary labor supplied by members of the assembly.

ASSEMBLY ADDRESS CHANGE

Grace and Truth Assembly, Portland, Ore., is now meeting temporarily in the chapel formerly occupied by the Stark Street Assembly at 2845 S.E. Stark Street, Portland, Oregon, while its own new meeting place is under construction.

—A. Edwin Gill

GIVING TO GOD

By Robert Laidlaw
of Auckland, New Zealand
(Reprinted from The Witness)

One of the most difficult subjects to deal with is that of "Giving," for it can easily lead to argument and controversy, to discussion on law versus grace, and percentages versus all, and so end in no definite action being taken.

To be effective the subject must be lifted far above the plane of controversy to the high level of personal dealing between one's own soul and God, in the light of the Holy Scriptures. Let us put it there, for only there can it be settled satisfactorily. I believe it to be one of the most vital things in the Christian life, and failure to be liberal with God, one of the most prolific causes of spiritual barrenness.

In Matthew 6:24 Christ says: "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." Mammon (or money) is the great symbol of materialism, and never before has it been so true a symbol as today. Our attitude toward money has a great deal to do with whether we are serving man or God, and the amount of our weekly wages has very little to do with it. A man with 10 pounds a week may be more interested in money than one with 10,000 pounds a year; or a girl with 5 pounds a week than a woman with a house-keeping allowance of 1,000 pounds per annum. "According to that a man hath," is God's standard; it is not the amount we have, but our attitude towards it that counts.

Many Christians sincerely think they would be more liberal if they had more, but our Lord's greatest example of liberality is that of a poor widow in Mark 12, whose total resources were two mites, which make one farthing. God's basis of testing our liberality is according to what we now have, and as we all have more than a farthing, what the Bible has to say about giving touches everyone of us.

Christian Tithing is not Derived from the Law of Moses

As the first reference in the Word of God to any subject is usually of great significance, look for a moment at Genesis 14:17-15. Here we have the first instance of tithing and, note carefully, it happened some 400 years before the law was given and in the time when God was dealing with Abraham on the basis of free grace, entered into by faith; that is, on the same basis as our own relationship to God, which makes us the seed of faithful Abraham (Gal. 3:7).

Abraham has pursued Chedorlaomer and recaptured all the goods of Sodom

and has returned as far as Salem, which we today call Jerusalem. Here he is confronted by two representative men, Melchizedek, King of Salem and priest of the most high God, and the King of Sodom, the representative of the world and its sinful self-indulgence.

Melchizedek, the King Priest, according to Heb. 7 is a type of Christ in resurrection. He gives Abraham bread and wine, symbols of sacrifice, and tells him that it was God Who had given him the victory over his enemy, and Abraham, to acknowledge this indebtedness to God, gave Him a tithe of all the spoils.

Thus the origin of the tithe. It is not something one gives to God that puts God under an obligation to us for our liberality, but is the Scriptural way of acknowledging that we are already indebted to God for the ten tenths. In other words, to give a tithe is the Scriptural method of saying "Thank you" to God for what He has already given to us, our acknowledgment that He is "El Elyon," the "Bestower of all spiritual and all material blessings.

I go to a home where there is a little girl, five or six years of age, and give her a box of chocolates. She straightway disappears, and when she returns her lips and fingers are covered with chocolate. In another home, however, the box is opened at once and the little lassie brings it to me and says, "You have the first one." "Oh! no," I say, "they are for you;" but "Please," she pleads, "you brought them to me, do please have the first one," and helping myself I say, "Thank you, dear." Which child has the warmest spot in my affections, and which is the more likely to get another box of chocolates?

King of Sodom Has Nothing at all to Give

Let us notice too, that Melchizedek was Priest as well as King. As King, who has the right to dues, he accepts the tithe and then, as Priest, he bears it in as a tribute of thanks to God. Is this not a beautiful illustration of what Christ does with our gifts today?

Then comes the King of Sodom and says "Abraham, I saw what took place between you and Melchizedek, the representative of God. He gave you the emblems of sacrifice and took a tithe from you; well, I represent the world; I ask for no sacrifice and I give everything to you, and ask for nothing in return. Keep all the gold and goods of Sodom

and expend them on yourself." "But," replied Abraham, "I have just been introduced to God under a new title, El Elyon, 'Possessor of heaven and earth.' You have nothing to give; it is all God's and, therefore, only what comes to me from Him can truly be mine. You are not in a position to enrich me even to the extent of a shoe's latchet."

Note what happens in Genesis 15:1. "After these things" the Lord appears to Abraham, saying, "I am thy exceeding great reward." You took the emblems of sacrifice and turned away from the indulgence of Sodom and, by giving a tithe, you acknowledged Me as the One Who alone had blessed you. It is therefore My good pleasure to give *Myself* to you. Is this not the thought our Lord expresses in Luke 16:11 where He says: "If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?" Or, in other words, if you are unfaithful in money, God will not commit to you spiritual blessings and gifts.

I remember an honoured servant of the Lord, after fifty years' public service, saying: "In all my wide experience I have never met a man who was mean in money matters with God, who was blessed with spiritual gift." Malachi 3:10 gives us the same thought: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse," and the promise follows that "the windows of heaven" shall be opened and the blessing poured out; while verse 11 adds that there shall be material reward as well.

Even in God's dealings with His earthly people under Law we have lessons to learn, for I Cor. 10:11 tells us, "All these things happened unto them (Israel) for ensamples; and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come," and to admonish us means to warn us of our faults.

In Exodus 23:19 the first of the first-fruits of the land is to be brought into the house of the Lord; not what is left over after the rent, and the butcher, and the baker are paid, but the first charge is to be the Lord's portion. To give a definite portion to God as a first charge on the wages, salary, or income, lifts giving to a high level, because the money is first *Given to God*, and that makes all the difference, for it becomes a transaction between one's self and God; and then guidance is sought about its distribution; whereas if there is no definite portion set aside, money is just given to a work, or worker, as different matters are brought to one's attention.

**Christian Tithing is in Harmony
with New Testament Teaching**

But there is another way of viewing this important matter—not as a question of *Generosity*, but as a question of *Honesty*. In Malachi 3:8 God says to His people, "Ye have robbed Me in tithes and offerings." Perhaps when we stand at the Judgment Seat of Christ, it will not be a lack of reward for giving sparingly, but of definite judgment for withholding the Lord's portion. Every Christian would shrink from the disgrace of being charged in a court on earth with robbing his fellow man, but how much more terrible to be charged in heaven with robbing God—yes, He has a claim. 1 Cor. 16:2 says—"Let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him."

Let us remember, if we persist in failing to give God His portion, there is no forgiveness. We can confess something we have done, and be forgiven (1 John 1:9), but we cannot confess something we are still doing, and be forgiven. God, according to Malachi, withheld spiritual blessings because His people withheld the tithe from Him, and who knows how much of the Church's unspirituality today is because of the withheld portion!

Few realize what a prominent place these truths have in the Word of God. *Israel* starts with an individual, Achan by name, robbing God, in Joshua 7, for the gold of Jericho was to go into the Lord's treasury; and *Israel* ends in Malachi 3 with the whole nation robbing God by withholding the tithe. The first ended in death of the individual—the second in the nation being cast off and scattered.

The *Church* starts in Acts 5 with an individual, Ananias, robbing God, and ends in Rev. 3 with the whole professing church apparently doing the same thing; saying in verse 17—"I am rich and increased with goods, and have need of nothing." The proof that she was withholding is seen in Christ's words to her—"Thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked." If she had been giving to God, she would not have been poor. The first resulted in sudden death (Acts 5:5), the second in being spued out of Christ's mouth (Rev. 3:16).

"As God hath prospered him" (1 Cor. 16:2) means only one thing—that the giving is to be in proportion of God's Blessing. If you can think of a better proportion than ten per cent, that makes you glad when you kneel and tell God about it, then use that percentage, but if not why not start with 2/—in the pound, ten per cent, as Abraham did and maybe, like him, rise higher and higher till eventually you stand on a Moriah with your all on the Altar for God.

May I be permitted to tell you of my personal experience in this matter. I have

an old note book which contains these entries:

"Feb. 1, 1904, age eighteen and a half, wages 1 pound per week. I have decided to start giving one tenth to the Lord.

Feb. 12, 1906. Before money gets a grip of my heart, by the grace of God I enter into the following pledge with my Lord that:

I will give ten per cent of all I earn up to—

If the Lord blesses me with—

I will give fifteen per cent of all I earn.

If the Lord blesses me with—

I will give twenty per cent of all I earn.

If the Lord blesses me with—

I will give twenty-five per cent of all I earn.

The Lord help me to keep this promise for Christ's sake; Who gave all for me."

Followed by my signature.

A later entry reads:

"Sept. 1910, aged twenty-five, I have decided to change the above graduated scale and start now giving half (fifty per cent) of all my earnings."

Now, over seventy years of age, I want to bear testimony that, in spiritual communion and in material things, God has blessed me one hundredfold, and has graciously entrusted to me a stewardship far beyond my expectations when, as a lad of eighteen, I started to give God a definite portion of my wages.

Get to know El Elyon, the "Possessor of heaven and earth," Who graciously accepts from us the material things He has first given us, and pours into our lives untold spiritual wealth.

God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work. . . (2 Cor. 9:8).

P. S. I earnestly suggest that you do not wait till you are willing to give fifteen or twenty per cent, but that you start *Today* on Abraham's tithe, and let the future grow out of that Divinely ordained beginning.

Now therefore perform the doing of it: that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have.

For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not. (2 Cor. 8:11, 12).

But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver.

(2 Cor. 9:6, 7).

SICK

MRS. A. R. CROCKER
1507 S. Stanley, Los Angeles, Calif.

Mrs. Crocker, widow of the late servant of Christ, A. R. Crocker, has been a patient in the hospital where I am nursing. She is quite ill, and has asked me to write requesting prayer on her behalf.

Perhaps interested friends who read **LETTERS OF INTEREST** will join in prayer for her speedy recovery.

—Thelma Carson, R.N.

MRS. H. FLETCHER
487A Parkside Dr., Toronto 3, Ontario

Mrs. Fletcher has had a relapse and has been confined to bed with a heart condition for the past three weeks. Prayer would be valued.

MISS FLORENCE MCKAY
Gospel Hall Home for Aged, Longport, N. J.

Miss McKay writes, "For the last year my eyesight has been much worse, and someone must write for me. I am to undergo surgery soon, and pray it may be a success."

**BELIEVERS' GIFTS HELP
BUILD VALLEY HOME**

We of the Valley Christian Home for Children wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the many who have so generously given, no doubt some from their deep poverty, toward the building fund for the remodeling of the home.

We are also grateful to those who have given of their personal help and time, some from the lower States, some from our own, and at present we have with us a brother from Sydney, B. C. We do pray God's richest blessing upon each, for they have done what they could.

Apart from those who have freely given of their own labor, work has been done by Wilbur McAfee and Harold Richards.

We are thankful to say the framework is up, and most of the sheathing and roofing on. We have the windows and doors on hand, and as soon as the building is enclosed we can work inside, which we hope to do this winter. We have the insulation on hand and will get the plywood for floors and the wall-board as soon as we are ready for them.

The last three weeks it has been raining so much we can neither build or gather in our harvest, which we are also trying to do.

—Harold Richards
for The Staff of Valley Christian Home for Children.



Edited by Charles S. Howard

ALBANY, GEORGIA

Brother Cecil Simms had a two-week effort with us and it was indeed blessed of God; three bright cases professed and two others received assurance. The Christians were helped.

We baptized thirteen last Sunday night. Some had been waiting for quite awhile but finally obeyed the Lord. The interest is excellent and we face a promising winter in the will of God.

—Lester Wilson

GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

We have been getting ready for our fall series of meetings with Tom Olson, to begin November 8 and go on for two weeks. On November 7 Don Parker and Tom Olson will be the speakers at our Annual Sunday School Workers' Conference at which we expect 100 to 125 teachers from the area assemblies.

—Ernie Gross

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

We just completed two weeks of meetings at our new chapel with Robert Clark of Shelbyville, Tennessee. The first week was for children and the second week for adults. We were very pleased with the attendance at the children's meetings which ranged from a low of 80 to a high of 102. The adult meetings were not as well attended, but there were some who came and heard the gospel.

We are now going to undertake children's meetings every Friday night, which we hope will be a further means of encouraging the neighborhood children to look upon the chapel as the place where they should go.

—J. E. Lees

KEARNEY GOSPEL CHAPEL Bergen Ave. and Maple St.

We have seen the hand of the Lord in blessing here in Kearny, for which we praise Him.

Two young people have been baptized and received unto fellowship. One was a young lady who came here from Scotland to open up a dance studio. She was invited to our gospel meeting by two of our brethren, who were visiting in the home where she was staying. She came for six weeks and following a message by Don Parker of Yonkers, after which Mrs. Parker spoke to her, she accepted the Lord as her Savior. A few weeks later she received

word that her father was dying and she hastened home to Scotland to tell him of the One she had accepted. A week before he died she wrote back that he, too, was now trusting the Lord. Soon after her return to the States, she expressed a desire to be baptized and received into fellowship.

A young man of 22, saved in one of our local churches, after visiting the worship meeting for a time, was baptized, and is remembering the Lord with us. He shows signs of being a real asset to our assembly.

—John Thomson

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA South Side Gospel Hall

Since moving to our new location we are seeing signs of blessing. One woman has confessed Christ, been baptized and is happily going on in the meeting. Work among the children is encouraging, as the numbers are beginning to increase.

—Edwin Barry

PRINCE RUPERT, BRITISH COLUMBIA

This year we have had visits from Mr. Matthew Pollock, and from Mr. Robert Peacock, who spent six weeks here in August and September. Mr. W. S. Hall was here also for one week and visited many Italian homes in this area.

We have witnessed two adults, two teenagers and four Sunday school scholars profess salvation over this period. We have had the joy of baptizing one young boy.

The recent visit of Brother Peacock saw many homes visited here and a ten-day DVBS held on adjacent Digby Island.

We began week night children's meetings October 6.

While we are asking for prayer interest in the work here, we are also trusting that the Lord will exercise hearts concerning the need for workers in the outlying districts of this province.

Mr. K. Chitty is the new assembly correspondent.

—K. Chitty

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

Mr. David Sharp, who has been residing in Seaside, California, will be moving to Sacramento early in December. Mr. Sharp plans to engage in visitation work in the Sacramento area, making it his permanent headquarters. During the past year he traveled extensively in Oregon, Washington and Canada, engaging in Bible camp work and doing house-to-house visitation. The results of this ministry were gratifying. He and Mrs. Sharp are looking forward to a furtherance of this ministry in the coming year as the Lord leads.

—E. H. Smith

TERRYVILLE, NEW YORK

For some time there has been exercise about a rapidly growing community in the area of Terryville, Selden, Centereach, Port Jefferson Station and Lake Grove, Long Island.

Since November, 1958, Sunday school has been held in the Terryville Union Hall. At the Christmas program 39 were present.

In March, 1959, Breaking of Bread was begun at the Hall. A growing Sunday school, the result of visitation, makes larger and more adequate facilities essential.

Purchase of a large, well constructed house with one acre of property in the center of housing developments in Terryville is now being considered. This is a half mile south of the new highway to Port Jefferson.

The assembly is incorporating under the name of Terryville Bible Chapel. Following is the order of meetings:

Sunday—Breaking of Bread—9:30 a.m.,
Sunday School and Family Bible Hour—10:45 a.m.

Monday—Prayer Meeting and Bible Study in the home of Mrs. Jane McNair, 102 Alice St., Port Jefferson at 8:00 p.m.

Correspondent is T. A. Catchpole, Prince Road, Rocky Point, L. I., N. Y.

TORONTO, ONTARIO Danforth Gospel Hall

We have just completed a four weeks gospel campaign in the Danforth Gospel Hall, Toronto, Ontario, which was conducted by Mr. Aubrey Dellandrea of North Bay, Ontario. It was called the Good News Campaign, as it was eight years ago when Mr. Dellandrea had a previous campaign.

Letters were sent around the district just prior to the special meetings, inviting the neighbors to the special meetings. This was followed up by a door-to-door canvass of the district, giving a personal invitation to the meetings. The campaign was also advertised in the newspapers.

The meetings were well attended. A number were also brought to the meetings by personal invitation of the Christians in the assembly. Five professed faith in Christ.

—A. Johnston

VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA Victoria Gospel Hall

Brother Stan Ford of England recently concluded a two week gospel campaign with probably the largest number of strangers ever seen in the hall attending.

FORT WILLIAM

The radio program of Bob McLaren mentioned in Mr. James K. Boswell's report in October on the work at Fort William is tied in with the assembly here, but is financed through Glad Tidings Crusaders, Inc., of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

The hall was well filled every night, overflowing on the two Sunday nights. A number accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior, among them a Hungarian refugee and a young soldier. There was a wonderful spirit of fellowship among all the Victoria assemblies during the campaign, and the Lord's people were much encouraged. A large number of young people attended the meetings.

Brother Ford also conducted children's meetings each evening prior to the gospel meetings and these also were very well attended. In addition he spoke in various city schools, and visited hospitals, and in homes.

—J. C. Russell

BOOK REVIEWS

CHOICE GLEANINGS 1960 CALENDAR, Gospel Folio Press, \$1.75 to \$2.00.

Will S. Pell, the unannounced but well known editor of this delightful day by day, leaf by leaf commentary on the Scriptures, has made two improvements this year. First, he has named names rather than initials only of other contributors of meditations. Second, he has added a new, all purpose model, which can be used for wall, desk or book.

We recommend this \$2.00 over the single purpose wall (\$1.75) or desk (\$1.85) models, because the individual or family can take it wherever they go. We think it is more attractive. If this sounds more like an advertisement than a book review, we don't mind. Because we think this calendar might well be in every Christian home and office.

Some months ago a brother spoke slightly of our practice of reviewing Choice Gleanings annually. Call it a book or a calendar or whatever you will, over many years it has been and we trust it will continue to be of great help, encouragement and instruction to the Lord's people. So in our simplicity we mention it in the book review column.

Here's a sample from so far back in the 1960 calendar the reader will have forgotten he has seen it before when he comes to it. It is a comment on the text: "All scripture... is profitable."

"Are you still giving them the Bible?" inquired one servant of Christ of another, as he sympathetically asked how the work of the Lord was prospering his hands. 'Yes,' was the prompt reply, 'I have nothing else to give.' Whereupon another friend chimed in, 'Oh, that reminds me of the parable of an old mother herring saying to a young one, 'Remember, child, you are restricted to the ocean.'"

DEVOTIONAL STUDIES IN PHILIPPIANS by Lehman Strauss. Loizeaux Brothers, Inc. 253 pages. \$3.00.

Dr. Strauss has given here 21 chapters on Paul's four-chapter prison letter to the Philippians. His especial gift for alliteration is evident throughout the table of contents. The book, which is the seventh of his published by Loizeaux, is a compilation of Sunday morning messages.

The book is easy reading and may, as the publisher declares, kindle our re-reading of this epistle. A hasty glance through it shows no unusual thought. However, we can be grateful for the author's gentle treatment of the Eudias-Syntiche passage (Philippians 4:2), which other expositors have employed as a launching pad for attacking women as the cause of most of the troubles in the church.

LIVING PEACEFULLY, A Devotional Exposition of the First Epistle of Peter by J. Allen Blair. Loizeaux Brothers. 255 pages. \$3.00.

This simple exposition of First Peter, replete with illustrative anecdotes, reminds one of the late J. Nieboer's book on the same epistle, and somewhat of H. A. Ironside's writings. It is easy to read and grasp. The illustrations frequently apply the text aptly to everyday living.

One could wish, however, that authors and preachers would bring to their studies new incidents out of their own experiences or out of wider-reading, rather than employ again and again those that have grown hoary-headed in expository service. This is not to say that the author of this study is altogether lacking in fresh anecdotes.

The study is broken into 31 chapters.

After nineteen years in various pastorates, the author entered full-time Bible conference ministry in 1956, and since 1957 has carried on a weekly network radio program.

HOLY BIBLE, The Berkeley Version in Modern English. Gerrit Verkuy, Editor-in-chief. Zondervan Publishing House. Cloth \$7.95.

In 1945 this publisher produced Dr. Verkuy's translation of the New Testament, which he named after his home city, Berkeley, California. It met with good acceptance as a helpful version in modern language.

During the fourteen years since then Dr. Verkuy has headed a corps of translators in rendering the Old Testament. "Some of the leading Bible scholars and teachers of the country have devoted months and years of persistent study and research to this large task," declares the publisher. Among the 20 scholars listed is Professor S.

Lewis Johnson, Jr., Th.D., Dallas Theological Seminary, who is active in the assembly meeting at Polk Street Bible Chapel, Dallas, Texas.

A useful feature of the version is dating, "for which," says Dr. Verkuy, "we claim no inspiration, and we are aware of disagreement on the part of scholars regarding even important dates. But the Bible mentions considerable dating, and events did occur at certain times which are scripturally related one to another."

This reviewer has found the Berkeley Version helpful in studying the book of Job. While he is not qualified to determine the accuracy of the translation, he has found several sections, difficult to understand in the Authorized Version, apparently clarified in this version. Example from Job 13:7-10: "Will you speak unfairly on behalf of God and talk deceitfully for Him? Will you choose His side, posing as special pleaders for God? Will it be well, when He examines you, or can you deceive Him as one deceives a man? He will severely discipline you, if you secretly practice partiality."

While both the Berkeley Version and the recent Amplified New Testament employ "you" and "your" in place of "thee" and "thine," the Amplified always capitalizes these pronouns when they refer to our Lord Jesus Christ, regardless of the attitude of the speaker; whereas the Berkeley, seeking to reflect the attitude of the speaker, does not capitalize when His disciples in addressing Him are still unaware of His deity, or when His enemies accost Him. The Berkeley capitalizes "He" and "Him" when they refer to our Lord.

We can recommend this version as a study help and also, as we could not the Amplified, for public reading on occasion.

This translation, along with its rather numerous companions of recent years, does evidence the continuing demand for a text "in the language of the people," to replace the well-loved but, for younger generations, often difficult Authorized Version. This is no plea for a "simplified" Bible, but rather for one that will, insofar as possible, translate faithfully into our everyday English the sense of the original text.

The Bible is of necessity a difficult Book, requiring the guidance of the Holy Spirit for its interpretation. There is no virtue in adding to the problem by employing archaic words which do not convey to the modern reader or hearer the meaning of the original. Any version which honestly undertakes to give us in our commonly used language the sense of the original text, and whose translators are qualified for such an undertaking, is doing us a valuable service. The Berkeley Bible is such a version.

—D. M. T.

Letters

Edited by W. G. Mc Cartney

WALTER ANGST
Bethel Bible School, Inc.,
Lennoxville, Quebec, Canada

We had our eleventh French children's camp this year, one of the best so far. Ninety children and some fifteen adults attended. Over 20 children made spontaneous decisions for Christ.

At Bethel Bible School we have this year between fifteen and 20 students. From October 16 to 18 we had our fourth French Canadian Bible Conference at Bethel. General theme: Le Saint Esprit et le Chretien (The Holy Spirit and the Christian). A French Workers and Elders Conference was also held October 15 at Sherbrooke.

This winter, I plan to spend three weeks out of every month in and around Sherbrooke, teaching at Bethel and helping in the French assembly. Every fourth week will be devoted to a series of Bible studies in a different French assembly.

ROBERT ARTHUR
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I am visiting Vancouver for the first time in my experience, and anticipate spending some six weeks in the ministry of God's Word here. Earliest impressions are of the happiest kind!

JOSEPH BALSAN
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Due to my wife's illness I have been staying around Des Moines most of the summer, giving help at Central Gospel Chapel. The fellowship and care of many of God's saints has been a source of strength and encouragement to our hearts and we praise God for His mercy. My wife continues to make favorable progress but still suffers quite a lot of pain in arm and side so we continue to look to God for His healing and restoration.

September 20 to October 4 Brother Karl Pfaff and I had two weeks with the little assembly at Kaukauna, Wis. We canvassed nearly the whole town with tracts and had some profitable chats with souls about the Savior. It is a strong R. C. center so we had hard going at times but the Lord gave encouragement and the saints were helped, so we trust there will be fruit for God in eternity.

ROBERT BOOTH
23 Parkcrest Dr., Scarborough, Ont.

I had a few meetings at Newbury before leaving for the Canadian Soo for a series of gospel meetings which commenced October 18.

JAMES K. BOSWELL
605 Emery Street, London, Ontario

An unexpected call from the South during September resulted in a very fruitful visit. At Marietta, Ga., it was a special joy to see a work started there some years ago as a Bible class, now developed into a flourishing assembly, with a grand group of young people coming along and taking part intelligently. Brother Ed Wagner and a group of keen workers are making a real impact upon the city. They are building a new chapel. D.V. I hope to return there in February.

My first visit to Florida resulted in definite blessing, especially at Tampa, where God gave us good numbers and His seal of approval. An interesting service was held in a trailer court owned by an Italian brother and his wife. Their recreation room was filled to capacity. Each Tuesday evening they gather for a Bible Study, and the response from the folks in the court is most encouraging.

Appreciated visits were also paid to St. Petersburg, and to Lakeland, where Brother Jim Redling, from Columbia, S. C., is proving a real blessing and help, especially among the young folks. He has also gained the confidence of the older people. It is a needy field. Pray for Jim. He is staying there indefinitely. D.V. I am returning to Tampa for their conference and ministry during January.

At present I am up in the north land at Larchwood, Ontario, where we find a healthy young assembly. We are seeing His blessing upon the ministry. After two weeks here I go to Gatchell for their conference and two weeks of ministry; then to Fort William for the opening of their new chapel.

In November (D.V.) I will be at Sioux Lookout, Detroit, Windsor, and at London I start a campaign in November, to continue through December 6. Here at Larchwood, Gordon Tulloch and Arnold Speers are doing a splendid job. They both work in the mines to pay expenses, but their main work is in the assembly and they are seeing souls saved.

VENUS BROOKS
P.O. Box 224, Fembroke, N. C.

Recent meetings in Syria, Va., with our Brother E. A. Robinson, and meetings at Beechwood Chapel, Pittsburgh, Pa., were blessed of our Lord in a marvelous way. Sinners were reached and saints were refreshed. Thus His work continues to progress under His hand. Prayer support is vital. We value it highly.

WILLIAM BOUSFIELD
Duntroon, Ontario, Canada

While with the small assembly in Grimsby recently a youth of sixteen was saved, which encouraged the Christians.

During October I am having meetings in Collingwood, and value prayer for this effort.

NORMAN R. BUCHANAN
140 rue Thibeau, Cap de la Madeleine, P.Q.

We decided to build a house behind the chapel here. We tried hard to find a place to rent or to buy but found nothing suitable, and finally decided to build. It is far from finished but we are happy to be in it.

Until a month ago, Fernand Petit-Clerc was with us in the printing shop, but he left for further studies in Toronto in preparation for full time missionary work in Quebec. Sam and I have been alone since then, but Ruth Bloodow, recently commended from Leaside Chapel in Toronto has now arrived, and gotten settled, and will be with us this week. She is going to look after correspondence, bookkeeping, subscription lists, and "typesetting." We are thankful for this provision of the Lord and trust that we will be able to work together effectively for the spread of the gospel by the printed page among French Canadians.

Starting with the January issue of VERS MINUIT, our French gospel magazine, we plan a series of six articles, starting with the very simplest truths of the gospel and gradually building up to a complete presentation. These we want to send to as many thousands as we can in the centers or near the centers where there are workers, so that follow-up work can be done. In the past we have usually covered a district just once, but we feel now it would be more effective to cover the same district several times with a message in monthly installments. We have found that French Canadians do not usually believe the gospel the first time they hear it. Please pray that this slightly different approach may be more effective.

Workers tell us of a number of interesting contacts made through the distribution of VERS MINUIT, and we thank the Lord for this. But we have hardly scratched the surface. There is an open door for literature work here. Almost everyone in the province can read. What we need is wisdom from the Lord to know how to write and how to print most effectively for French Canadians.

WILLIAM M. BROWN
6790 N.W. 33rd Street, W. Hollywood, Fla.

Attendance at West Hollywood is growing consistently. Despite flooded streets due to a severe rain storm through the night and this morning, we had 105 at

the Family Bible Hour today. Tomorrow we hope to lay out the foundation and break ground for our addition to provide some badly needed classrooms at the chapel.

During October and November I am giving a series of Sunday night gospel messages on the chart, "Two Roads," with a view to reaching more adults.

C. CLOHSEY
3949 N. Menard, Chicago, Ill.

I visited every house with gospel tracts in Nixa, Mo., which has a population of about 1000 people, and also preached the gospel for two weeks in Renter, Mo., a small town nearby. I sought to help the believers in Belleville, Ill., by doing visitation work, then went to Sparta, Ill., where the saints were refreshed and encouraged to continue on for our Lord.

JOSEPH GIORDANO
65 Sidehill Road, Hamden 17, Conn.

A fine nucleus of young couples have, under the Lord's hand, formed an assembly in the growing Framingham, Mass., area. The purpose of my visit there is in connection with visitation work, without which no work—new or old—can grow.

Then I'm leaving for a brief visit to Toronto and Peterborough. This is my first trip to Ontario in almost ten years, so it will be a real joy to see friends whom we came to know and love during Emmaus days from '46 to '49. In Peterborough I'll have the privilege of addressing a young people's conference held on the weekend.

JOHN A. W. HALLIDAY
5936 Jomez Drive, El Paso, Texas

It has been a great privilege to minister in different areas in the east but it is also very pleasant to be back on the Mexican border. Already I have received gospels and portions of scripture in Spanish. Please ask for prayer that these might be handed out where most needed. So much Spanish is spoken in this area, even on the U. S. side of the line. Of course, many Mexicans come across to work in the cotton fields. It seems to me that perhaps they are even more approachable once away from their own country.

ABE H. HARTSEMA
1060 Allen Ave., Muskegon, Mich.

Recently we had the joy of being with the saints in Harmony, Imler and Cowan, Pennsylvania. We had good interest in the meetings.

We are now in Sheboygan, Wis., and will go on to Appleton, Casco and Cudahy before going to Greenfield, Iowa, where we will give help in starting a regional Missionary Study Class.

In a few weeks we expect (D.V.) to leave for meetings in the south and from there go on to the west coast. We appreciate very much the prayerful interest of the Lord's people.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Q. What does it cost to produce *Letters Of Interest*? How much for editorial work (writing the articles, etc.), art work, photographs, printing, mailings, postage, maintaining the mailing list, and also for the work of serving as a channel for contributions to the work of the Lord, and for the other service functions of the office?

A. For editorial work, nothing. For the sizable volume of work on the mailing list, channelling funds, for office rent, etc., in effect nothing. But for the work done outside, such as printing, mailing, engraving, art, and for postage, etc., just about \$2,000 a month. Some months more. Some months a bit less.

Q. That's a lot of money. Where does it all come from?

A. A little from advertising. The rest from contributions, and the bulk of these contributions usually come from the Annual Survey. And occasionally there is a deficit to make up.

Q. Why don't you sell more advertising? Why don't you have a subscription price?

A. We restrict our advertising to that which we believe to be definitely of service to the Lord's people. Over the years we have declined a fair quantity of ads we didn't consider helpful.

As for subscription versus free distribution, we established the latter as a policy from the outset and have found it gives us a far wider circulation, and does a much more effective job of acquainting the readers in assemblies throughout the country with the work that is going on. That results in a greater volume of prayer and financial support for pioneers, etc.

It makes *Letters Of Interest* a medium for communication with individual Christians in assemblies across Canada and the United States and with workers at home and abroad to a vastly greater extent than any other publication.

Q. What financial response is customarily received to this Annual Survey? How many readers make contributions at that time?

A. Last year 18½% of the readers sent in Survey envelopes, not all with contributions. Their gifts over the four-month period October through January totaled roundly \$8,600. Beside that, of course, across the balance of the year quite a lot came in in gifts for the publication, along with gifts for the Lord's servants.

Q. Why do not more readers respond?

A. We don't know. We really want every reader to answer the Survey, whether they have an address change or a comment to make or a contribution to give. We just like to hear from everybody. And we welcome every Survey envelope whether or not a contribution toward expenses is enclosed. We are aware that some cannot give. We are aware that others give most sacrificially. We do not want to deprive any other work or worker of support so that it might be sent to us. But we do want to hear from you.

Q. What is the present circulation of *Letters Of Interest*?

A. Just over 20,000.

Q. How many readers do you expect to send in a Survey Envelope response during the Survey period?

A. Just over 20,000.

Q. But how many will respond?

A. We don't know, but we hope you will. If you respond everybody will.

Q. What do you mean by that?

A. That that *you* is broad enough to embrace the 20,000 reader families—like this, Y-2-0-0-0-U.

HERB HARRIS
8 Valley Rd., Corner Brook, Nfld.

We have just returned with our boat, the M. G. M., after the summer's work up the Labrador coast. The Lord continues to bless His word. This was our fourth season with the boat and we trust to see the fourth assembly formed on that coast this winter, D.V. The work is followed up with the plane in the winter time. We were 400 miles up the coast this past summer.

LEONARD LINDSTED
753 S. Chataqua St., Wichita 16, Kan.
Brother Ben Parmer of Burlington,

Colorado, began gospel meetings in Wichita, Kansas, October 18. I expect to have a week of children's meetings in Topeka, Kansas, in the near future, as an effort will be made to reach the youngsters in the neighborhood of the chapel. Prayer for the meetings will be appreciated.

T. R. MCCULLAGH
411 E. Logan, Guthrie, Okla.

Guthrie and Stillwater were hard hit by floods in October. The Cottonwood, which goes through the west side of Guthrie, overflowed its banks, making a

lake out of ten blocks west of all streets and twelve blocks north, which included places of business, churches, and hundreds of homes. We live on the east side and the chapel is also away from the flooded area. We volunteered to help in any way we could.

I am still keeping busy in Guthrie helping in regular meetings and doing visitation and personal work. We still need help.

W. B. MACKIE
c/o 6475 Clara Lee Ave.,
San Diego 20, California

We will be visiting three assemblies in Washington: Yakima, Sunnyside, and Bellevue, each for two weeks of children's services. Then we will be in Oregon at Seaside and Eugene for two weeks each for children.

DAVID F. METLER
1001 E. Elbe St., Portales, N. Mex.

There were 25 at the Breaking of Bread today and the saints are rejoicing that they may gather to remember Him.

We started a Bible study in a home at Olton, Texas, on Friday nights, with the hope that there may be an assembly there in the future.

We are getting ready for a number of children's classes to meet in different homes, each day of the week.

On Mondays and Fridays we are teaching regarding "The Church" and most who come have never heard these truths. There is much interest in what we are teaching and a lot of opposition, but we do not hesitate to boldly proclaim the Word.

EARL MILLER
702 West Barner Street, Frankfort, Indiana

Things are moving along nicely here. The radio broadcast is off to a good start. We know that it reaches Lebanon, a town to the south of here, but do not know yet exactly how far it reaches. The station is not powerful, 250 watts, but we believe many people in the immediate vicinity do listen.

The Billy Graham Counselor classes are in progress. Three classes have already been held, two more are scheduled before the crusade begins. I have been at all three classes and can say that they are very thorough and sound in the gospel. I expect to serve as counselor as much as I can.

DONALD B. MOFFATT
Box 21, Arlington, Washington

The past few months have been spent in the Pacific Northwest in some of the assemblies in this area. We have had the joy of pointing some to Christ during this time.

This past summer has been the most cheering in the eight years we have been in radio work. There has been a sustained interest on the part of listeners, with numerous requests for literature, and for

help in spiritual things. A number have told us they have been led to Christ through this ministry. The Family Bible Hour is now being aired over nine stations in Canada, the U.S., and West Indies. Our most recent outlet is WMUZ-FM of Detroit where the program is sponsored by Detroit assemblies. We are also continuing to sponsor a program on two stations in Japan. The Lord is blessing there also. We would value continued prayer.

Any assembly or brother wishing to audition our program with a view to sponsoring it on a local station may have a free sample half-hour tape. In Canada such requests should be sent to the Family Bible Hour, 7 Strathmore Road, St. Catharines, Ontario, and in the U.S.A. to the Family Bible Hour, Box 21, Arlington, Wash.

LOUIS MONTALVO
151 Noll St., Brooklyn 6, N. Y.

The work seems to be going on nicely. Last night I had a meeting in a very tough section of the city. Quite a few young people were present. Pray for this new work.

The new assembly at 495 Powell St., Brooklyn, is going on well. I baptized quite a few from there recently. There seems to be quite a happy spirit in the meeting and believers seem earnest in seeing others saved. Brother Guzman from Lorain, Ohio, has moved there recently with the intention of helping in that work.

My wife seems to be feeling somewhat better after the operation, although she is weak and would value prayer. My back is also troubling me and I must take treatments all the time.

WM. MORGAN
1004 Locust Street, Atlantic, Iowa

At the children's meetings in Overland Park Chapel, Kansas, we had a good attendance each night and very fine attention to the Word of God. The boys and girls did a good job in bringing in unsaved adults.

I had a part in the Davenport, Iowa, conference with Mr. Peter Pell, Jr., and Mr. William Pell and received a lot of spiritual help from the conference myself.

Please pray for a series of children's meetings in the Willo Gospel Chapel, Willoughby, Ohio, which started Oct. 11.

EMILIO RAMOS
c/o Paul Bitler, 1040 Evergreen Ave.
Bronx 72, N. Y.

While visiting door-to-door in Puerto Rico with the gospel I saw many adults and children from the Roman Catholic and Protestant groups make profession of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. For over three months children were taught the Word of God. However, conditions in the island constrained me to return to the

states and resume my old work of visiting the sick with the glorious gospel of salvation in the various hospitals of New York and its vicinity.

EDWARD RICHMOND
Box 62, Dover, Delaware

The assembly in Dover has grown and is going on very well. Our meetings are well attended by saved and unsaved. The work among the children is very encouraging. We live in a new settlement now, eight miles from the chapel, and already have seen some of the children saved. Quite a number are picked up by the Christians and taken to the chapel for children's meetings. Our tract work and visitation has been most encouraging.

ERMAL A. ROBINSON
Etlan, Virginia

The work in this rural section is encouraging. Interest in the Word is manifested by the good attendance at the gospel services, Sunday school and Bible study.

The Lord is adding to our number and the spiritual growth of the saints is encouraging.

A series of meetings with Brother Venus Brooks was a blessing to all, the chapel was filled to capacity each night, the saints were built up in the faith and several were exercised as to their lost condition. The radio broadcast continues with a good report from several sections. This affords an excellent means of advertising the services together with the opportunity to reach a large number with the gospel.

As the present seating capacity has become inadequate we are endeavoring to construct a new auditorium. The opportunity in the gospel is great and we are exercised to take advantage of it.

F. W. SCHWARTZ
14283 Terry St., Detroit 27, Michigan

The Detroit Conference was a time of happy fellowship and of edification for His people. Brethren who took part in the ministry were W. Pell, G. Reager, R. McClurkin, R. McConkey, O. E. Magee.

I've been giving help locally for a few weeks and expect to be at the Hamilton conference, and then in Toronto, D.V.

Brother Peter Pell, Sr., father of Peter and Will, went to be with Christ and was buried October 7.

SAM STEWART
Box 563, Cosmopolis, Washington

I just returned from a two-month trip to the midwest where I had the privilege of visiting several needy places and assemblies. One sees the urgent need of competent leadership and a sustained ministry, especially in the small, outlying places. At Sunnyside, Wash., there is such a need, and the assembly there would welcome and cooperate with a couple

who would come and locate among them. Any who are willing for such a work may contact me for more information.

My father, A. H. Stewart, of Racine, Wis., is with us at Cosmopolis at the present time. Recovered from ill health, he is ably holding forth the Word among us.

C. E. TATHAM
Box 355, Boca Raton, Fla.

While ministering in Ontario during August the elders of Leaside Bible Chapel, Toronto, gave us a unanimous invitation to return to them from July until Christmas each year.

We have come to the conclusion that this is the will of God for us, and plan, in His will, to retain our home here at Boca Raton, Fla., and our ministry among the Christians at the Bible Conference during the other months of the year. The Lord has blessed His Word during the two years that we have been here, and we are confident that this dividing of our time with Toronto will not impair or hinder the progress and blessing here.

DAVID WARD
8 Watrous Ave., R.F.D. No. 1, Mystic, Conn.

The work through the assembly continues to develop nicely and we are seeking to maintain an outreach commensurate with what the local town officials call a "population explosion." We are planning this fall, Lord willing, to start a week-day club for junior age children and also to begin a young adult (college age) program outside of the regular Family Bible Hour. Certainly in these days, one hour a week is not enough to offset the spirit of the age.

During October I ministered at South Norwalk, Conn. It has been a while since we have been able to give help there.

JOHN WELCH
Suite 3, 1250 Pembina Hwy.,
Winnipeg 9, Manitoba

Since early fall I have been on the prairies, with the Winnipeg assemblies as center, but reaching out to the scattered smaller assemblies in Manitoba, namely, Seekirk, Fortier, Balsam Bay, Grand Marais, Grand Beach, Beaconia.

I expect to stay on the prairies until late December, going east then for conferences at Methuen and Pawtucket in New England.

In the meanwhile, there are two conferences at which I am privilege to speak—the Edmonton Thanksgiving Conference and another at Beaconia.

WANTED—by the Bronx Gospel Hall Assembly, a chart, "The Course of Time, from Eternity to Eternity." Please contact, Archie W. Graham, Correspondent, 242 East 240th Street, New York 70, N. Y.

MY IMPRESSIONS OF THE BILLY GRAHAM CRUSADE AT WHEATON

Some months ago a correspondent took us to task for introducing an article in the magazine with the statement that the opinions expressed were not necessarily those of the publication. He called us "spineless," and then explained that he was not signing his name to the letter because those who stood for righteousness often suffered persecution even from their own brethren.

Now we "spinelessly" introduce an article by one of our own staff on a Billy Graham Crusade with the statement that our publication of these "impressions" does not imply, by any means, blanket endorsement of the methods employed in the crusade. However, we are firm in the conviction that there is much for us to learn from the dedicated efforts of these men, and that we ought to bow our heads in shame and in confession and in prayer because we who claim to uphold the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ have accomplished so little in America for Him, with all the freedom and prosperity we have enjoyed; and then, by His enabling, do better.

By Donald M. Taylor

I found a seat according to my assignment on the front row of the south bleachers in the alumni gymnasium, immediately next to a large, elderly colored woman. It was one of two or three unoccupied seats in the whole gymnasium. A young brother from a nearby assembly with a similar seat assignment as a counselor came up and sat beside me. The center floor began filling up. About fifteen seats were set up there, then that project was abandoned, and hundreds of people came and stood in the area. There remained only a narrow and erratic aisle between the swelling crowd on the gymnasium floor in the center and the bleachers on three sides of the building. For about two hours men, women, and children stood there, or sat on the floor, their attention riveted on a loudspeaker which brought us the music, prayers, scripture reading, singing, and message from the new centennial gymnasium.

That seventh and final meeting of the Billy Graham Crusade in Wheaton, Illinois (population 23,650), sponsored by Wheaton College in connection with its centennial observance, was scheduled for three o'clock that Sunday afternoon, October 4. It was to have been held outdoors, as were all but one of the preceding meetings, but a pouring rain made it necessary to go inside.

Those who could not get in to either of these buildings were directed to Pierce Chapel on the campus, which soon filled up, for there, too, the program was piped in. Then the College Church of Christ (not actually affiliated with the school) across the street from the campus was opened, with an associate evangelist speaking, and it rapidly filled up, upstairs and in the basement. Finally, others coming were directed to the Bible Church. And beside that many stood outside the centennial gymnasium and around the alumni gymnasium in the rain.

It was shortly after two o'clock, and the alumni gymnasium had about all it could

hold. I had left home, about a mile away, about 1:45 p.m. We encountered traffic congestion within two blocks of our home, managed to detour around a considerable distance, and finally my daughter let me off about three blocks from the centennial gymnasium. The cars were inching along and it was far, far faster on foot.

I received my counseling seat assignment and before going to it looked into the large gymnasium which seats 6,000 or more. It was well filled except for some seats being held for ticket holders, such reservations being provided to insure that those invited by Christian friends will be able to get in when they come. Cars and people on foot were coming from all directions. I learned later that many persons arrived early in the morning to be sure of a seat. Doubtless the rain had kept many away, but the total audience scattered over five buildings and standing outside was estimated at 16,000.

Umbrella up, I walked over to the alumni gym. When seated I put my raincoat, overshoes, umbrella and hat under the seat. The young brother next to me smiled as he also disposed of his raincoat. His wife's mother and father had indicated their acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ on Friday night and relatives and friends had observed a marked change in their lives already. The large lady on the other side opened her purse, revealing a Bible. Later when Billy Graham told of a remarkable conversion she breathed softly, "Praise the Lord!"

The service started early because the three auditoriums where the program could be heard were full, and many were standing outside in the rain. After praying briefly Billy Graham read Matthew 26:26-42, and therefrom spoke on various aspects of the Lord's suffering, both in Gethsemane in anticipation and on Golgotha in actuality. The awful evil of sin (in thought, word and deed), the appalling consequences and the terrible destiny of the unforgiven sinner were

brought out forcefully, as were also the efficacy of the work of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God toward the sinner. No clearer gospel message could be asked for.

While it was a powerful, compelling message, there was a complete absence of sentimentalism, and of any effort to play unduly on the emotions. At the conclusion Billy gave a clear, earnest invitation for those who desired to be saved, and those who sought restoration or otherwise wanted to publicly acknowledge the Lord Jesus Christ, to come to the front in the centennial and alumni gymnasiums and in the chapel. While the choir sang, "Just As I Am," the people started moving forward, first a trickle from here and there, then a swelling stream. In all these three buildings and, at the invitation of the associate evangelists, in the two church buildings where the main service was not heard, around 600 persons responded. For the crusade as a whole there were about 2,800 decisions recorded.

As a young man started toward the front in the alumni gym, another young man wearing a counselor badge followed; as an older woman stepped out, an older woman counselor went after her to stand along with her at the front. But there was a shortage of counselors and I found myself talking first with a young married woman, who had come forward hoping her husband would follow, and then to a high school student of 17. The young woman gave her name and address and other data and left. The teen-ager was at first a bit hazy—it all seemed to be quite new to him, though he was a church member. He willingly read aloud suggested Scripture, seemed to understand, and was quite willing to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Before we began dealing with the large number who came forward we listened together to a talk to these inquirers coming over the public address system from Billy Graham, and then to a clear presentation in person by Grady Wilson, associate evangelist. After that each counselor dealt individually with the inquirer assigned to him or her.

Those counseling had been prepared by six counselor meetings conducted over a period of three weeks just prior to the crusade by Charles Riggs, a member of the Graham team. Night after night Mr. Riggs made plain the need of the sinner, the way of salvation and that the counselor's part, as well as that of the preacher, was simply to proclaim the message and instruct the inquirer, while the work of salvation was the prerogative of the Holy Spirit. From the 1000 to 1200 and more who attended these classes, those who did the required memory work, who could give a clear testimony as to their

own salvation and who indicated some previous experience in dealing with souls were selected as regular counselors.

The counselor's equipment beside his Bible consisted of a Gospel of John for the inquirer, the first two of a series of correspondence lessons to be given the inquirer, a mailing envelope for the return of the lesson by the convert, and a Decision Card to be filled out with the inquirer's name, the date, address, age, occupation, school, decision, the name of the minister of his church, and the name and address of the church. There was space for the signatures of the counselor and the advisor with whom the counselor was to leave the inquirer when he had finished.

Below this was a tear-off section for the counselor to fill in with information to enable him in person, by telephone, or by letter to follow up within 24 hours.

When I was finished with my second inquirer I went to the temporary crusade office to lend a hand with the follow-up work. There some 30 or more men and women labored night after night with the decision cards and the follow-up process. After the new incoming cards were counted, they were sorted into four groups: Follow-Up, Research, Designation, and No Follow-Up. The last category included those who expressly asked that there be no further contact. The follow-up group, being those on which some church with sufficient address was given, went immediately to typists who got off notices, with return postcards, to these churches requesting early contact with the inquirer and relating the decision made. The cards requiring research were completed in another section and then sent on to the typists. The designation cards were those showing affiliation with the Roman Catholic church, Jehovah's Witnesses or some other cult, and those which indicated no church affiliation. These were filled in with the names of Christian churches in the neighborhood of the inquirers and sent on to the typists.

After that all the decision cards went on to the statistical division, which broke them down into sex, age groups, and decision categories of the inquirers. The six age groupings are informative: 5-11, 12-14, 15-18, 19-29, 30-49, 50 and over. The largest response was in the 12-14 and 15-18 groups. Women far outnumbered men. The majority of the cards indicated "Acceptance of Christ as Savior and Lord."

The entire crusade, from the planning sessions and counselor classes through the seven gospel meetings, was conducted on a dignified, spiritual level. The gospel could not have been presented more clearly and forcefully, yet without the

least bit of undue pressure. Offerings were taken at each meeting to defray the expenses of the crusade, all receiving and disbursing of finances being handled entirely by the local committee with a requirement that they have the accounts audited and then receipts and disbursements publicized at the conclusion.

Brethren and sisters from assemblies in the vicinity participated wholeheartedly in distribution of invitations around Wheaton, planning, counseling, ushering, advisory work, singing in the chorus, and office work. Bethany Chapel at Wheaton received a few follow-up requests. The Meadowdale assembly brought in bus-loads to three meetings and quite a number of their invitees made decisions, as did also quite a few brought by the Lombard assembly. Decision cards also were referred to the assembly at La-Grange, and the new work starting at Warrenville, about seven miles from Wheaton, should have a sizable number of names to follow up.

Reviewing the crusade, it has seemed to this writer that there are some tremendous lessons to be learned, regardless of whether or not one is in complete agreement with the operations of the Billy Graham team.

One, an undeniable work of the Holy Spirit is done in hearts at these meetings.

Two, clear, unvarnished, fearless presentation of the sinner's need and of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit will draw audiences despite difficulties. (On Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights of the crusade in Wheaton thousands sat outdoors in damp, chilling weather throughout the services. Many persons were there from one to two hours before the meetings began. The crusade came also at the same time as the world series ballgames in Chicago and from the west coast on radio and television.)

Three, teenagers will come to listen and many will be convinced that the gospel in its simplicity is the answer they have been unconsciously seeking.

Four, preaching Jesus Christ and Him crucified will result in sinners being saved. Therefore, we must not be content to see no response week after week to our gospel services.

Five, we should resume holding frequent special evangelistic services, and should wholeheartedly and unitedly work to bring friends and acquaintances to hear the gospel preached ably, lovingly and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Sixth, we should assume that people are willing and even eager to hear the good news of the gospel, and should approach them not as being antagonistic or disinterested, but as intelligent, earnest, friendly prospects.



NEW ENGLAND YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

The third New England Young People's Conference sponsored by the New England Assemblies, will be held, Lord willing, November 6, 7 and 8 in the Daniel L. Marsh Chapel and Hayden Memorial Auditorium of the Boston University campus, Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.

The conference will open with a prayer and ministry session on Friday evening at 7:30. This session will be held at the Union Gospel Chapel in Medford. Saturday morning will be given over to workshops, informal discussion sections dealing with subjects of interest to young people ranging from such topics as "Science and the Scriptures" to a seminar for married couples. The workshop session will begin with a film at 10:30 a.m. Saturday afternoon at 3:30 there will be ministry, followed at 7:30 p.m. by a gospel meeting. The Breaking of Bread will be held at the regularly scheduled time of the local assemblies meeting in the greater Boston area.

The Sunday afternoon ministry session at 3:30 and the evening evangelistic service at 7:00 will be held in the Hayden Memorial Auditorium which is located on the main campus of Boston University.

Speakers will be Dr. H. Chester Woodring of Chicago and Mr. George Landis of Greenwood Hills, Pennsylvania.

Homes of Christians will be open for all those coming from a distance. For further information write to Hospitality Chairman Rowland E. Hill, 8 Joan Avenue, Stoneham, Massachusetts or Mr. Myles Beers, 19 Parkhurst Road, Chelmsford, Mass., Conference General Chairman.

PITTSBORO CHILDREN'S HOME HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

At the annual meeting of the trustees and directors of the Pittsboro Christian Home, Inc. at Pittsboro, N. C., on September 14, a most encouraging report was presented by the superintendent, Mr. W. E. Hollingsworth. With David G. Allen of Raleigh, chairman of the board of directors, presiding, plans for a fuller utilization of the facilities God has graciously given were discussed and adopted.

The large brick building which houses the Home is set on a 45-acre plot of land which affords tremendous possibilities for development. Two twelve-member family

units are in operation, each under a house mother; and these will be expanded as the Lord provides financial means and suitable personnel.

During the seven years the Home has been in operation, the hand of the Lord has been witnessed in a wonderful way. Every need has been met by a faithful God. No debts have been incurred. Many of the children have professed faith in Christ and lives have been transformed. The excellent results obtained on a very limited budget have won the commendation of state and welfare representatives.

The Home is not endowed or underwritten in any manner and the operational expenses and personal needs of the superintendent, his wife and family, and of the co-workers, are met through the Lord's faithfulness day by day, and the exercise of individual believers and assemblies.

The prayers of all saints will be appreciated for the work and workers as needy children are cared for physically and spiritually in a true labor of love.

—Harold G. Mackay,

Member of Board of Directors

THE CHRISTIAN HOME FOR CHILDREN INC. 6 W. Cheyenne Rd., Colorado Springs, Colo.

With regard to personnel changes, Miss Eunice O'Brien, who has been helping us periodically for the past thirteen years, came last October and left again in May of this year. Wes and Mary Grimes left in June after taking care of the older boys for two years. Gil and Thelma Hernandez arrived in April to work with the Grimes and become their replacements.

Thanks to our Lord, our children have been remarkably free from serious sickness or injury this year. We are happy with the way most of our children applied themselves to school work last year. Our chief concern, though, is the spiritual life of our children. We believe that by bringing them to the Savior we can help them, not only in this life, but prepare them for that which is to come. We believe that some boys and girls have realized they need the Savior and have begun their life in Christ. Our interest with them, then, is to teach them how they can please Him Who died for them on the cross.

By the beginning of school this year we had eleven children in Christian foster homes. We are very well pleased with the progress our children are making in foster homes, again, especially in their spiritual development.

LOWER PENINSULA BIBLE CAMP 322 N. Lakeview, Sturgis, Michigan

Many boys and girls came to know the Lord Jesus as Savior. Many of the young people testified that they had received real direction and purpose in their Christian walk and witness.

The number of registrations was above last year in every department, with Family Week being very well attended for the first time. The adults received excellent spiritual food over the Labor Day weekend with over 300 in attendance on Labor Day in a tent erected for that period.

During Junior Boys' Camp two young brothers professed to receive the Lord Jesus as Savior. They went back to a broken home where their testimony was such for the Lord that the estranged parents decided that all was not lost, and that they would make another try to make a home for the boys. They also made an effort to take the boys to a testimony where the truth of the Word of God would be proclaimed. Is camp worth while?

—John W. Harper

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COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

The Christians at Bethany Chapel plan to hold their first Thanksgiving day conference, Thursday, November 25, 1959.

Last year a number of the Christians wished to attend such a conference, but the nearest one was over 200 miles away. Since Columbia is central to twelve assemblies, it was decided to hold a Thanksgiving conference here this year. Columbia is close to all the assemblies so that visitors can come and return in the same day.

The meetings will be held at 10:00 a.m. and at 2:30 p.m. There will be two messages at each service, and no night meetings.

Arrangements will be made for everyone to eat together at one of the Columbia cafeterias.

—Warren F. Hersey

HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA Hollywood Gospel Chapel

The annual Thanksgiving service will be held, Lord willing, at the Hollywood Gospel Chapel on Thanksgiving Day morning. The time will be 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., and the speaker will be announced.

A hearty invitation to attend this service is extended to all who may be in the area at that time.

—Lyndon C. Conlon

IOWA BIBLE CAMP AND CONFERENCE 2613 S. Martha, Sioux City 6, Iowa

This was the third year for Iowa Bible Camp, and the Lord gave blessing exceeding our hopes and desires. We had a total of 200 attending, exactly double the number three years ago. There were 60 who had never attended a Bible Camp, and 40 made profession of faith. There was no undue pleading on the part of staff or counselors, and we trust all was a genuine work of the Spirit of God.

At our fourth Young People's Conference, which is a part of the ministry of Iowa Camp, there were a few less this year, but it was one of the best we have had. Brethren Joe Balsan and Willard Rodgers gave timely ministry to the young people.

—Karl J. Pfaff

METHUEN, MASSACHUSETTS

The Methuen Gospel Chapel will hold its annual conference November 28 and 29 (D.V.). Among the speakers expected

is Brother John Welch from England. Address communications to Robert A. Waters, 5 William St., Andover, Mass.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

The 48th annual conference, sponsored by the Minneapolis area assemblies, was held September 4 to 7. As in the past a good number of Christians from neighboring areas attended, as well as from Canada. Brethren Harold Kesler, Robert Crawford and Neil Fraser ministered the Word. Brother Gerald Wunsch gave a report of the missionary work in New Guinea.

—Wm. Denham, Jr.

SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK

The Becker Street Assembly, Schenectady, N. Y., announces its 64th annual Thanksgiving Conference with Brother George Mortland and Brother W. A. McLellan as speakers.

—Otto Werres

TILLSONBURG, ONTARIO

We purpose (D.V.) holding our 65th Annual Convention November 14 and 15 preceded by a prayer meeting Friday the 13th at 8:00 p.m.

We extend a hearty invitation to come together with us for fellowship, praise, prayer and ministry of the Word of God. Visitors who wish to stay overnight will be freely entertained as usual.

—J. C. McCormack

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WATERLOO, IOWA

Downing Avenue Gospel Chapel

The first missionary conference at the Downing Avenue Gospel Chapel, Waterloo, Iowa, was held September 18, 19, and 20. Speakers present were T. Ernest Wilson, George Walker, and Cyril Brooks. Peter Chu spoke on his experiences in coming from China to this country. The outstanding ministry was a blessing to all who attended, as were also the reports from the respective foreign fields. Encouragement received from this conference furthers our desire, if the Lord wills, to anticipate another missionary conference in 1960.

—Albert R. Nesbit, Corr.

NEW WESTMINSTER, BRITISH COLUMBIA Westminster Gospel Chapel

Please note the changes in our times of meeting, due to the introduction of the Family Bible Hour.

Breaking of Bread 9:30 a.m.

Family Bible Hour 11:00 a.m.

Our Bible Reading and Prayer meeting should be Tuesday 8:00 p.m., not Wednesday as in the assembly address book.

During the month of October we are having a gospel campaign with Brother J. Booker of Ottawa as the speaker.

—Maurice R. Campbell

HAWAII: A BRIEF REPORT FROM OUR 50th STATE

Hawaii has many religious groups. There are approximately 190,000 Roman Catholics, 60,000 Buddhists, 20,000 Mormons, and 60,000 Protestants among a population of 597,000. There are three small assemblies, all on the island of Oahu, which is the most populous island of the chain, and contains the capital city of Honolulu.

The Friendly Bible Center is the largest of the three groups, having approximately 30 in fellowship, the majority of whom have come to know the Lord during the past two years. At present no full time worker is laboring exclusively with this group. Brother William Stout, a commended worker from Idaho, labored here for several years, but recently moved to the island of Kauai to begin a new work there. Brother Joseph Spacek, commended from Yonkers, N. Y., has moved near the location of the Friendly Bible Center and will be helping from time to time in the ministry of the Word. Local brethren have occasional help from service men. Quite a number found Christ during the past year through the ministry of one of the local brethren in a series of home Bible studies. Several have come into fellowship.

Though many different racial groups are represented in the assembly, we are thankful for the unity that prevails. The Friendly Bible Center assembly is currently meeting in a school, and the need is for a building. There is also need for diversity of gift. Some few are spiritual leaders, but for the most part the believers are relatively young in Christ.

Brother Joseph Spacek has been laboring on the other side of the island of Oahu, and a small group meets at a home in the city of Kaneohe. Brother John Rae has recently come to work at the Waiialae Bible Chapel, which is in the city of Honolulu. All of the groups meet on occasions for combined meetings to hear visiting speakers.

The local newspaper states that the island of Oahu will be the site of two tremendous housing areas. One will be located near the Waiialae assembly and the other near the Friendly Bible Center. These two assemblies are located some 15 miles apart.

Christians passing through Honolulu or planning a vacation in this area would be welcomed. The Friendly Bible Center meets in the Radford High School, Salt Lake Boulevard, near Pearl Harbor.

William Clapper, Corr.

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PIONEERING TODAY

Edited by Donald M. Taylor

W. R. BUTTERY
868 Wako St., Arvida, Quebec

Events have brought us into an untouched region of the Northland to do pioneer work as of October first.

While we were praying to know His will we received an invitation to work in the Saguenay region in the north of the province. We consulted with our friends the Russells, met with the assembly (French), and talked with the French-Canadian worker there. All were in accord with the proposed move. It is an area of more than 100,000 people, with a young testimony at Arvida, and only two commended workers, one of whom may be leaving. We have in mind to flood the region with tracts and literature put out by the press in the Cap, and then to follow up the contacts through visitation. From the response and interest shown, we shall know where to move from there as the Lord leads. We have in mind a young French Canadian couple to work with us.

STEPHEN MICK
1514 Wisconsin Ave., Boscobel, Wis.

Brother Herbert Dobson and I are seeking out a building in Milford to follow up the work started in Sheldon, Ill., where there was some fruit in the gospel and where there are a number who have attended the tent meetings quite regularly. For that reason we would like to try the place.

Please pray for this effort that we may see the hand of the Lord with us in the salvation of souls.

CYRIL SHONTOFF
772 Argyle Ave., Sherbrooke, Quebec

In the open air this summer no less than 65 different places (villages, towns and cities) in French Quebec have been visited with the gospel. Precious souls were touched by the gospel message, challenged, and some indicated their desire to be born again and receive Christ.

Not all the meetings, however, were quiet. At Omerville some 100 people (all French Catholic) stood quietly listening to the gospel when a lady shouted, "Don't listen to them; they're Jehovah's Witnesses." Immediately shouting, whistling and yelling seemed to break out all through the crowd. We were able to quiet them when two sisters sang a duet; then

again the noise burst forth. The police arrived, then went away to get the mayor, but he didn't show up. The priest drove by and told the crowd to shout some more, which they did. It became so noisy we were obliged to stop. Upon leaving we were butted, body checked, and stones were thrown at us and the van. Brother Jack Harvie commented, "Another five minutes and there would have been some split heads." Still, fifteen tracts were gratefully received and half of the crowd paid very close attention to the messages. Two couples seemed interested. We have since received a request for a New Testament from a man in Omerville.

Our most encouraging meetings, by way of contrast, were held in Magog, Quebec. With police permission and protection we were able to park the van in the public park on the main street right next to the police station. For four consecutive Thursday nights we were allowed to preach the gospel to French Catholics whose numbers reached 100 at some points and always with some responding to the invitation each night as the opportunity was given. But we were soon asked by the city council to suspend the meetings. The mayor did say, however, that we could have one more meeting before the season ends. No doubt the Catholic church is behind this life-crushing move.

At Sherbrooke, permission was given for two Sundays in Jacques Cartier Park. The first Sunday was cold but good interest was shown resulting in a short interview with the priest. The second Sunday a large crowd of teen-agers was rather riotous but quieted down and several good discussion groups concluded the meeting. The cure arrived at the restaurant across the street but refused to come over, although requested to do so by the young people.

The city authorities as yet refuse to grant permission for regular meetings and intend to go through with the case. May the Lord be pleased to open this door which could be a great blessing all around.

JAMES THOMSON
Box 17, R.R. 4, S. Edmonton, Alberta

I am back now from Montana, having preached the gospel in the open air in 27 towns. A brother in Livingstone has a large bus equipped with a four-way loud speaker which carried the messages for three blocks in every direction. We were allowed in these towns on the condition we were not offensive. We have a recorder which, as I preach, records the message and when I am not there, the young brother can use the tapes over again, as it is God's Word. I am in my 82nd year. One eye has been without

sight nearly 80 years! the other has 65% vision. But as few young men are going out into the field any more, I serve the Lord in Alberta, Saskatchewan, British Columbia, and Montana.

T. J. THOMPSON (Alaska)
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Recently we made two trips interior from Anchorage, Alaska, and on the second one the Indian folks arranged a turkey dinner for us, which really touched our hearts. Mrs. McKellar supervised the cooking and we ended the supper with a word on "The Great Supper." Do pray for our sister and also for the young teacher, Bob Menzel, as they carry on a work for God in Mantasta Lake Village.

A visit was paid to Chitina, and the four Indians left there listened very attentively to the story of "The Prodigal." One elderly man, saved under our ministry, goes on well for the Lord, and is a living testimony to the saving and keeping power of God.

The assembly in Anchorage has much to be thankful for. Attendance at the Family Bible Hour and Sunday School is up in the nineties. Youth night (Friday) is well attended and shows marked improvement over last year, due to the addition of a teenagers group. Three brethren are in charge of this and are ably assisted by a good team of workers.

Two new couples have been added to the meeting, having come from the southern 48, and with the soon coming of veteran missionaries, the Robert Fentys, there is every reason to believe the assembly will go and grow from strength to strength.

It is with mixed feelings that we leave on furlough, but at this stage we feel a rest is needed before our work of pioneering calls us to newer fields.

Our exercise is for Southeast Alaska and an inland town 300 miles from Anchorage. Both places present a great need, but need does not always mean a call, so we covet prayer.

The saints in South Africa have shown practical interest in helping us have a needed change, and the end of October we trust to travel outside by car via the Alaska Highway to New York.

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HOW TO BE A WITNESSING ASSEMBLY

By Henry Petersen

How Can Help Be Enlisted?

Once an individual or group of individuals in an assembly has caught the "vision" like Peter of breaking with routine, and has grasped the tremendous possibilities of personal witnessing, the question is raised, "How can others be enlisted to help?"

God usually begins blessing and revival with one or two persons. These must be moved, so that they in turn can move others. Let these persons meet for prayer and discussion. Prayer and planning usually precede blessing. God seldom uses an unprepared and unexercised soul.

In Acts 8, 9, and 10 God reached men of three different races. In each case he had His instrument prepared, though two of them were at first reluctant. Philip was dealt with before he contacted the eunuch, the black, Ethiopian statesman. Ananias was spoken to before he had courage to face Saul of Tarsus, the religious Jew. Peter had a vision before he broke with tradition to enter the house of Cornelius of Caesarea, the Roman officer. God enlisted and prepared them to reach these three descendants of Noah; Ham, Shem and Japheth. Had God not used these human instruments the man in charge of the queen's treasure would not have had the greater charge of the gospel committed to him. The greatest persecutor of the Church would not have become the tireless planter of churches, nor would the Roman officer have donned the Christian armor.

Certainly the elders, the spiritual leaders of our assemblies, must be men of vision. Often, however, a brother like Phlegon, whose name means, "Burning with zeal" (Rom. 16:14), is the spark God will use to ignite others. "Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth" (James 3:5). Will you be the "little fire" that God can use to enlist others? As a few of like mind meet for prayer and a careful re-examination of the Great Commission it will soon be obvious that God wants every Christian going after "every creature." This must be brought to the attention of all.

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1. A midweek study of the methods of soul-winning used by our Lord, the Apostle Paul, and Philip the evangelist.

2. A servant of the Lord could be invited to give a series of messages on personal evangelism.

3. Helpful books on soul-winning should be circulated among Christians as source material for panel discussions.

4. Articles on personal work appearing in our magazines from time to time can be read and discussed in weekly meeting.

SUNRISE BEYOND THE LAURENTIANS

By Robert McClurkin

Nestling in the woods of Northern Quebec is a community of people in a district called GIRRARDVILLE. Like the people of Galilee (Matt. 4) and all who do not know the Lord Jesus as Savior, they long sat in darkness and in the region of the valley of the shadow of death.

The average French-Canadian is amiable, hospitable and deeply religious. But in this particular community there was an open quarrel between the priest and his parishioners. The priest wanted to build a new church, but instead of erecting it on the old site, as the people wanted, he built it five miles away where there was a larger population. The people protested vehemently but to no avail. When their objections were overruled, they tried to persuade him to come back to the old church for mass. This request was not only rejected but he watched for an opportunity to remove the contents of the old church to the new. One day while the men were all at work in the bush he sent some of his friends with a truck to complete the transfer. He had not reckoned, however, on the temper of the women. These all gathered at the door of the church and forbade the men to touch the contents. He then took his parishioners to court but lost the case on the ground that the church belongs to the parish and not to the priest.

The people were now determined to be rid of the priest. They petitioned the bishop of the diocese for a replacement. This request was rejected. More determined than ever to carry the battle to victory they advertised in a Quebec City French Protestant paper asking for a French Protestant preacher to come and preach in their church. Their motive was to frighten the bishop into taking action against the priest. But French Protestant preachers are scarce in Quebec, and no one replied.

One home in the district had received a New Testament by mail from a tract band in Ontario, giving an address in Montreal for further communications. The people of GIRRARDVILLE therefore

5. A course on Personal Evangelism, by Alfred P. Gibbs, and obtainable from Emmaus Bible School, would be most helpful.

6. A forty-five minute tape on "How To Be a Witnessing Assembly" is obtainable from Mr. Howard Jones, 75 Santa Rita Ave., San Francisco 16, California. It can be borrowed at little more than the cost of mailing.

Are you pulling your weight in the assembly? Are you a spectator or a participant?

wrote to Montreal and asked if a preacher would be available to come to them. After some correspondence, two young itinerating evangelists, Messrs. Spreeman and Gratton, decided to go.

Armed only with the gospel of a Risen Savior and with hearts burning with love for the lost, these young men set out to cover the 450 miles from Montreal to GIRRARDVILLE.

They arrived on Saturday, March 19, 1933. The next day being Lord's day, they had two gospel meetings in a crowded church. The following day the parish received a letter from the bishop forbidding them to let these men into the building again. The evangelists, assuredly gathering that the Lord had sent them, began to preach the gospel from door to door and also to have meetings for the community in the home where they were staying.

The people with whom they were staying were of sterling character. Their word was their bond. Since they had sent for the men they would not only be kind to them, but would protect them from all harm. Yet secretly they had decided, too, that when the men left they would not be invited back again nor be allowed into their home.

After laboring some weeks in the district the evangelists had the joy of seeing some in the home trust Christ. Others in the home were convinced that these men had the truth. Among the firstfruits of the gospel was the mayor's wife, who rested believably on the Lord Jesus and His work on the Cross.

After some time the preachers returned to Montreal. In July they came back to GIRRARDVILLE and found others had been saved through the testimony of the first converts. A baptism was then arranged. When news of this got around opposition began with a vengeance. The mayor, whose wife was to be baptized, was the ringleader of the opposition. The opposers of the Gospel were now determined to get rid of the preachers at all cost.

A trap was laid to kidnap the servants of Christ and forcibly remove them from

the district. A young man who lived five miles away came and pretended that he was interested in the gospel and invited the preachers to visit him. They had barely reached the home when a truck load of men drove up, raided the home, and forced the preachers into the truck and drove them to a town 33 miles away. At one point in the trip, when they were crossing a river, the truck stopped in the middle of the bridge and in a threatening mood the men said, "You were to have a baptism tomorrow night but we will have one tonight." One man spoke out, saying that while he went along with the plot to get rid of the men, he was absolutely opposed to hurting them in any way.

On reaching the town the abductors took the preachers to a hotel and after warning them never to return to GIRRARDVILLE again left them unharmed.

The next morning, with no money in their possession, the men of God were puzzled as to how to get back to GIRRARDVILLE. They were convinced that this was the will of God despite threats. God led them to a man who offered to drive them back to GIRRARDVILLE for five dollars, to be paid when they got there. When they reached the district they found the converts gathered together in prayer for the safety of the preachers, whom they then welcomed with tears of joy.

The mayor's wife, on learning that her husband was the ringleader, was more determined than ever to be baptized. Moreover, she made it a matter of special prayer that her husband would be saved. Her two sons were converted to God, and became noble witnesses. They worked with their father in the bush, trading furs with the Indians. They never left home without their Bibles, from which they continually read to their father. The revelation of Christ through the Word of God melted the father into repentance, and in that lonely bush, disillusioned and broken in the presence of God, he rested his wearied soul on Christ and entered into the joy of sins forgiven.

When the mayor returned to his home he urged his wife to write the preachers, who had gone back to Montreal, to come back as he was now their friend and no longer their enemy.

The following summer the servants of

Christ returned. It was the mayor who met them at the station. He was baptized with a number of others who had been saved and a testimony was raised to the glory of God. This was the first French-speaking assembly to be started in North America. It functions as a witness for God to this present day.

It was the writer's privilege to be at the annual convention this year (1959). It was delightful to hear these brethren heartily sing the praise of God in their native tongue. Nearly 200 gathered from different points throughout the Province to hear the Word of God.

Mr. and Mrs. Spreeman now live in the district, and are loved and respected. Other servants of Christ have gone into the district with God's blessing attending their labors, and dedicated young women have gone to teach in the school. They

have all blended their talents for the advancement of the work of God and enrichment of the people of God.

To our English-speaking brethren, and especially they who labor in the Word and doctrine, may I say: 1) let us not hinder the progress of the gospel with party strife, or destroy the joy of Christian fellowship with a divisive spirit or teaching; 2) there is no need for uniformity, for harmony in Christian service is found in variety, yet behind that variety is the unity of the Godhead and the unity of the Body (vv. 17-20); 3) there is no cause for independence for God has made each member of the Body the complement of the other (vv. 21-25); and 4) there is no room for jealousies, for the one Body is created by God for the members to share their joys and sorrows together (vv. 26-31).

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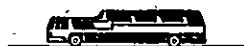
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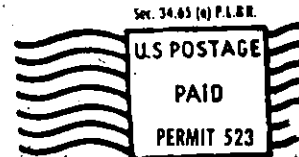
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To the Lord's People Everywhere

Beloved in the Lord,

Greetings in His precious Name, from a group of brethren met together in conference, at Des Moines, Iowa.

The great need of today seems to be for young men and women to launch out into needy centers, either where a small company already meets, or where there is no local testimony as we know it. And we ourselves need to rise to our responsibility to carry the gospel door to door to our neighbors. Let us unitedly pray the Lord of the harvest, that He will raise up laborers to go into His harvest.

To this end we beseech assemblies of Christians in every place that they gather together for prayer, united prayer, so that a continued wave of intercession shall arise to the Lord of the harvest, looking to Him to grant a time of refreshing and renewing of the testimony.

May we request that the first full week of 1960 be set apart to this end, from Monday, January 4 through Sunday, January 10 or longer if felt necessary. May we all join in this mutual exercise, and cry mightily to the Lord that He may graciously grant this return to the duty of reaching out in service for Him. May we suggest that, as "faith without works is dead," such definite prayer should move us to action.

Remember the dates, January 4 through 10, 1960, or as long as the Lord leads.

Yours on the behalf of the brethren gathered,

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others, and each in turn will visit several. This will acquaint them with visitation work, and enable those in the assembly to become better acquainted one with another. Visitation was seen to be a responsibility for every Christian.

Some of the other questions discussed were: How do we solve the dilemma of maintaining the truths we believe while embracing in our thoughts and fellowship the whole household of faith? How could classes be conducted to teach visitation, and how can those who are unconcerned about this ministry be shown their responsibility? Is the Lord concerned about blessing the assemblies as a circle of fellowship? How can we encourage young men who are fitting themselves educationally for the Lord's work to get into service in this land? What is the scriptural manner of commendation, and should this be published in the magazines?

Among those who led discussions or presented papers on various topics on the agenda were H. K. Downie, Ben Tuininga, A. B. Rodgers, Henry Petersen, William Morgan, David Lawrence, Karl Pfaff, T. B. Gilbert and Donald M. Taylor. Harold Kesler, Karl Pfaff, Henry Petersen, Leonard Linsted, Fred Schwartz, T. B. Gilbert and William Murray spoke at the evening sessions.

VISITATION, YOUTH, PIONEERING CHIEF CONFERENCE TOPICS

While a large number of important questions were discussed at the 22nd Annual Workers' Conference, held at Des Moines, Iowa, November 5-7, the three major items occupying the three-day gathering were: door-to-door visitation, fitting young men into service for the Lord, and pioneering.

At the conclusion of the Saturday afternoon discussion sessions and just after the evening meal, a group of fifteen or so brethren met to formulate plans for furthering pioneering, especially in Iowa. William Morgan was named as temporary secretary to coordinate activities for the Iowa pioneering project, and other brethren took on responsibility for a survey to determine likely locations, studying financing, investigating legal aspects, with a view to providing buildings for pioneering brethren.

There were suggestions, too, for similar work in other sections, and also for the Gospel Expansion Foundation, which has operated in the Chicago area, to broaden its scope to cover other U. S. territory. The work of the Florida Gospel Pioneers was mentioned also. The Florida brethren already have undertaken with the backing of Stewards Foundation the financing of two chapel projects, and one of these projects has already assumed full financial responsibility. Gospel Ex-

pansion Foundation has already undertaken three Chicago-area projects, and one of these is now on its own.

Discussion as to young men centered around reports of several now in training in college and Bible schools being prepared to go into full time service. If these young men felt led of the Lord into service in foreign fields and into spiritual, physical, mental and temperamental qualifications, there would be no problem about their being commended by their home assemblies; but despite the tremendous need for young men to devote full time to the work of the Lord in preaching, teaching and pioneering in home fields, there are not as ready openings for them here.

An entire morning session was devoted to discussing door-to-door visitation as the most successful method for propagating the gospel, winning souls, building attendance and teaching the Word. Henry Petersen opened the discussion and others told of experiences, methods of visiting, and plans for visiting programs. The host assembly for the conference, Central Gospel Chapel, reported that they were launching their visitation program with visits between members of the assembly, each family being given a list of names of other families to call on. Each family will be visited by several

The actual attendance was smaller than anticipated because a severe storm prevented a number from coming, but there were nearly 50 registered beside a lot of local men and women who did not register. The consensus seemed to be that the conference was the best that had been held in recent years. An invitation from Laurel Bible Chapel (formerly Marlborough), San Diego, California, was accepted for 1960. The conference unanimously concurred in sending out the annual invitation to prayer to all assemblies, which appears in this issue. To the standing committee of brethren responsible to convene the conference and give it continuity from year to year was added the name of Charles S. Howard of Lombard, Illinois. Others on the committee are T. B. Gilbert, W. G. McCartney, William Murray and Donald M. Taylor.

KNOCKING ON DOORS

"Behold I stand at the door and knock," said our Lord Jesus Christ in His message to the individuals in the Laodicean church. His ministry to saved and unsaved is ever individual, personal: face to face, door to door. So we are in the mind of the Lord when we go knocking on doors with the gospel and ministry of the Word. That is illustrated by our front cover photograph.

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Wesley Kosin Starting Indian Language Work

Commended in 1953 by the assembly at Bethany Chapel, Wheaton, Illinois, for work as chaplain in Cook County Jail, Mr. Wesley Kosin has been equipping himself for the past five years for linguistic work, being concerned especially to provide the Word of God to peoples whose languages are not yet in written form.

Well recommended by the Wycliffe summer school in North Dakota, where he has been active both as student and teacher, he, with Mrs. Kosin, plans to start work among the Shoshone Indians at Fort Washakie, Wyoming, in early December. He has been re-commended for this ministry by Bethany Chapel. He will begin by studying with Indian informants in order to reduce the language to writing, so as to present the gospel to these tribespeople and to get some of the Bible translated into their tongue. His background of education in Greek and Hebrew will prove helpful. There are some 5,000 Shoshones on several reservations.

Prayer for the Kosins in this arduous task will be much appreciated.

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Editors' Page

CHANGED PLANS

All of us who have in some measure walked in fellowship with the Lord at times must have noticed that He has revised or completely reversed our plans. Very often it is to our dismay. It must have seemed strange to the apostle Paul and Silas to go from place to place in preaching the gospel, only to find their way hindered or blocked as it were. Yet this was simply God's way of leading them into a wider sphere of service in the Greek-Roman world.

So in our experience today, when our best laid plans are blocked one by one, it may simply mean that the Lord has a wider horizon of service for us, if we will but explore it. In the apostles' day we find "they were forbidden of the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia." As to others, such as Peter, a vision of unclean beasts was needed to turn him to a world outlook and a blinding light at noon day on the road to Damascus gave Paul a world vision that he never forgot.

Should our path be otherwise directed than we had planned, it will doubtless mean, too, that in the process, our lives will be changed and be greatly benefited. As followers of Christ we on occasion find a blocked path, but it need not matter, if it leads us to a closer walk with God and a greater service to our Lord Jesus Christ.

—J. W. Kennedy

"YOU HAVE NEVER WALKED THIS PATH BEFORE"

Joshua 3:4 (Berkeley)

We live, we act as if we had; as if we were on familiar ground. We are like Job when he told himself, "I shall die in my nest, and shall multiply my days as the sand." At times we are almost like the scoffers of whom Peter speaks, who say, "All things continue as they were from the beginning of creation."

In our individual lives to the extent of our ambition we mark out a path of education, marriage or bachelorhood, business or profession, and of Christian testimony—in fact, though often unconsciously, we plan almost everything but dying. We make little preparation for that. In assembly life we go along week by week with a pattern of remembrance, gospel, ministry, prayer, expecting that all will run along smoothly to the time of our departure or the Lord's coming. Our inclination is to be like Moab: at ease from our youth, settled on our lees, and not emptied from vessel to vessel.

Any disturbing element that intrudes we greet with surprise, even as an undeserved assault on our quiet. For we ignore the fact that God has not promised us ease, and that in His sovereign wisdom He may have determined for the individual and for the corporate testimony quite different paths than those of our choosing. He leads by ways that we know not, for He that has begun a good work in us will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. Our Lord Jesus Christ is going to present the church to Himself glorious, without spot, wrinkle or blemish. And in process of accom-

plishing that purpose He may lead through many deep waters and fiery trials. In dealing with us individually He may upset our plans, bringing us into unanticipated poverty or affluence, triumph or defeat, sorrow or joy, up exhilarating hills and down into gloomy valleys, for our spiritual development.

In every case He will fit the path precisely to our need. Peter said, "For a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptation," and "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you."

We are in a school and, to use an old slang expression, there are no ponies to give us easy answers to the tests. Every test is a genuine one. Every day is examination day. What we truly learn today determines the subject matter of our lesson tomorrow. What we fail to grasp sends us back through the course for a review lesson. It is well then to give close attention to our daily lessons so that we will not have to repeat them over and over. That we may have to repeat is not to say that we will necessarily tread the same ground, for it is quite probable the test will come in another manner.

Few if any have been called on to face such extreme testing as Job. The record of his trial and of "the end of the Lord" is for our encouragement. That he did after all prolong his days and die in his nest "old and full of days" also is for our encouragement. It is to stand over against the truth that "whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth."

God give us grace to measure our steps by the ark before us, not rushing on confidently as if we were treading a familiar path, but moving on vigilantly, learning as we go. For we have never walked this path before.

—Donald M. Taylor

MORE ABOUT GIVING TO GOD

An article on this subject by our esteemed brother Mr. Robert Laidlaw (see November issue) was very timely and we would like to pursue this subject further. This is sound teaching on a subject which has been neglected far too long. It would be well to call this article to the attention of all in our assemblies, old and young alike, and exhort them to give earnest heed to its contents.

The matter of giving to the Lord has not been taught much of late years and in many assemblies a new generation has come up which gives little thought to it and as a result there may be lack of intelligent giving. The question of "How much shall I give?" is very plainly dealt with in Mr. Laidlaw's article and so we need not say more on the subject. We would like to stress another aspect of giving, however, namely, "Where to give."

There are many appeals made these days via radio or by direct mail for funds to carry on religious work of various kinds. Some of these are for the support of fine evangelical projects. Others are either doubtful or in many cases dishonoring to the Word of God. We do not presume to dictate or even to suggest to any of the Lord's people where they

should give their money, but we do feel a responsibility to point out one or two things we think they should consider. We are stewards of the manifold grace of God and whether we have much or little it is still "required of a steward that he be found faithful."

The appeals we have mentioned are sent out to hundreds of thousands of listeners or readers as the case may be. In the case of the more popular radio programs the number may even surpass the million mark. Just think for a moment what this means in the matter of potential receipts. Now contrast the workers commended from our assemblies. They have gone out trusting God alone for their support. No appeal, except in rare cases, is made by these faithful servants of God.

If we really believe in the principles we profess with our lips to believe, is it not our first and last responsibility to

give our full support to those who are seeking to walk in the way we believe to be scriptural? Sometime, somewhere, an assembly committed these to the work of the Lord and we by profession, at least, said amen. By this act we accepted the responsibility of helping to care for them. They are trusting God but are very often forgotten by us. We act out the proverb, "Out of sight, out of mind." Things near at hand are remembered, those far away are forgotten. We might read I Timothy 5:8 and ask our hearers if we have fulfilled our responsibility to those who are fellow-members of the household of faith.

It has been stated many times that if we gave a tenth and gave it faithfully to the assembly work there would be no lack at home or abroad, either of workers or of the necessary tools with which to work.

—C. S. Howard

HOW TO SELECT A CHAPEL SITE

Henry Petersen

Every now and then someone will say, "If we only had known more about the neighborhood we would not have built our chapel here."

It is common knowledge that the big food stores, as well as other merchants, make a careful check before they rent or purchase a site. They take pains to determine how many pedestrians and cars pass a certain point daily. They keep a sharp eye on any new subdivision going up, the number of homes or apartments going in, etc. They also make note of competitors in or near the area.

Our Lord once commended a farsighted man and made this observation: "...The sons of this age are shrewder and more prudent and wiser in (relation to) their own generation—that is, to their own age and kind—than are the sons of light" (Luke 16:8, Amp. N. T.). Among the great gifts of the seven "deacons" of Acts 6, was "wisdom." This could very likely be business acumen in "superintending the distribution of food" (verse 2, Amp. N. T.), without discrimination.

We are concerned in this article especially with the city assembly planning to move to another district. What are some of the factors to be kept in mind before such a move is made?

First of all, do not purchase a site because it is a bargain or because it belongs to one of the saints who desires to make a donation. It could prove to be a costly mistake. I have seen most attractive buildings erected in old and run-down communities because the property was given or purchased at less than market value.

Choosing your chapel site is like selecting a life partner—you do it once—and it had better be good.

Secondly, take a spot survey of the community. It is far better to check carefully before you build than to discover later that you are surrounded by people hostile to the gospel. One assembly made the tragic discovery some years after they had built that the community was 90% Roman Catholic.

Two of us took a spot survey in a New England community where the brethren had a site in mind. We spent one afternoon calling in several blocks in the area. We learned that nearly all the Protestants of the district were elderly, their children grown and gone. We also discovered that practically all the young couples were strict Roman Catholics and the streets were full of children who were lovers of Rome. The spot check revealed that only about 40% were Protestant and most of these were totally indifferent. Obviously the brethren did not purchase a lot there.

A few hours spent "viewing the land" will uncover much that is needful to know. Is there a trend that will produce a racial problem? Here on the West Coast several comparatively new assemblies now find themselves an island in the midst of a racially different population. A little foresight and observation of the trend could have avoided this dilemma. One of the tragic by-products of this situation is the excuse not to canvass the neighborhood with invitations to the assembly. One should also observe transportation, churches and schools. Need it be said that

it would not be Christian ethics to build close to an existing fundamental group?

It is not wise to build on a street with heavy traffic. A quiet side-street close to good transportation would be safer. Some have made the mistake of building in the path of huge transport planes taking off or coming into the airport; others too close to a noisy tavern or the siren of a near-by fire station.

"Investigate before you invest" may well be heeded by those who are casting about for a new location.

The ideal site seems to be in a new community of people of modest means (in contrast to wealthy or transient), young couples who are raising their families and are home-owners. If a Sunday school, children's work, or cottage meeting can be held in the area first this is a great advantage. Many an assembly has been planted as a result of such a humble beginning. Many more would be planted if we had intrepid workers who would "launch out" and let the comfortable assembly shoreline go to "catch men" for the Master.

Today people are not too concerned as to which denomination is building in the community. Recently a poll was taken to determine what questions are usually asked when a new "church" comes into the area. The order of inquiries ran something like this: "What is the pastor like?" "How is the music?" "How large is the Sunday school?" "What are the parking facilities?" "What denomination is it?" What a few years ago would have been the leading question is now the last. It has been my observation that our "non-denominational" attitude as assemblies has a strong appeal to many. This is

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THE PARADISE OF THE PACIFIC

or, Another Look at the 50th State

John T. Rae

It was in paradise that the enemy first established himself as the god of this world, and in the "Paradise of the Pacific" he is still on the throne.

Hawaii can boast of its Chamber of Commerce and its tourist bureau, which have widely publicized its coral strands, palm-bordered beaches, the hula dance, the surf board, etc. "You haven't lived till you've seen Waikiki," goes the slogan.

But "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." Arrive in Hawaii advertising this kind of life and you have walked into conflict. You face the enemy.

The first move into the Paradise of the Pacific under assembly sponsorship was made in 1893 by two young Irishmen, Brethren W. J. McClure and John Moneypenny, who stopped off for three weeks enroute from New Zealand to Vancouver, B. C. They rented a downtown theater at their own expense and held a campaign. No known results survive.

In 1919 there arrived Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Field, who spent three years, then returned in 1940 to make their home in Honolulu. Brother Field, an architect at Pearl Harbor, witnessed the historic attack in 1941 and saw the sinking of several naval ships. They are still active in Waialae Bible Chapel.

The Fields love to enumerate the many brethren who have helped in the assembly since its beginning in 1940. Many are now in full time work among the assemblies at home and abroad. William MacDonald of Emmaus Bible School helped in Hawaii during his navy years. Dr. William Allen, now in Africa, served his internship in Honolulu and is still remembered by many. Miss Idaleen Myers and Mr. and Mrs. James Sinclair

spent some time in Honolulu before going on to the Philippines. They were the means of founding the assembly that met at Damon Tract until forced to vacate because of the enlargement of the airport. This assembly is now known as the Friendly Bible Center and carries on temporarily in the Radford School in the Pearl Harbor area.

William Stout and his family were active in the Damon Tract work and later in Radford School until July of this year when they took up further pioneer work on the island of Kauai. The former Miss Helen Hayashi, now Mrs. Jas. McAlister of Japan, is commended from assemblies in Chicago and Hawaii.

Joseph and Ellie Spacek were helpers at Waialae from 1956 until recently. They are now in Kailua, on the other side of the main island of Oahu. They are active at Friendly Bible Center as well as in the much needed work among servicemen.

Mention of each one specifically is not possible, but the workers in Hawaii have enjoyed periods of fellowship with servicemen from every corner of the mainland United States.

In 1955 the original assembly was housed in a free public park building in Palolo Valley. It was considered essential that something be done to make the testimony permanent. After a great deal of prayer and exercise the Christians bought an old Baptist property known as Waialae Chapel. Buildings consisted of army huts, but the property was a good investment. It has continued to house the group now known as Waialae Bible Chapel. Since the purchase of this site the downtown department stores have built a large shopping center in the immediate area. Across the street on one side an old

Entrance to present Waialae Bible Chapel. The location is growing more and more commercial and the property has tripled in value. The assembly may soon sell and move to a more suitable site.



Japanese cemetery has given way to an open air theater. On the other side a large market has been built. So Waialae has ceased to be the best of sites for assembly work, but the property has almost tripled in value, so it is felt that the Lord has led in the provision of funds rather than in fixing a location.

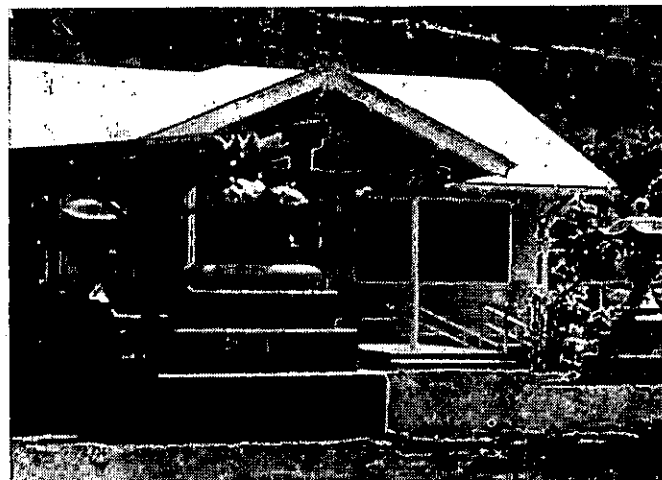
The highway commission is now buying land to widen the roadway, and it is proposed that 26 feet be cut from the corner, eliminating part of two of our buildings. This work is dated two years ahead, but it is expected that the property will soon be sold and something more suitable for the use of the assembly purchased.

The 50th state brings into the Union every form of Oriental religion and cult, and it is a base of operation for the aggression of every form of western doctrine. The Roman Catholics boast of 125,000, the Buddhists 125,000, the Mormons 20,000. About 5% of the population total of 580,000 are nominally Christian; 5% of this segment are evangelicals. But



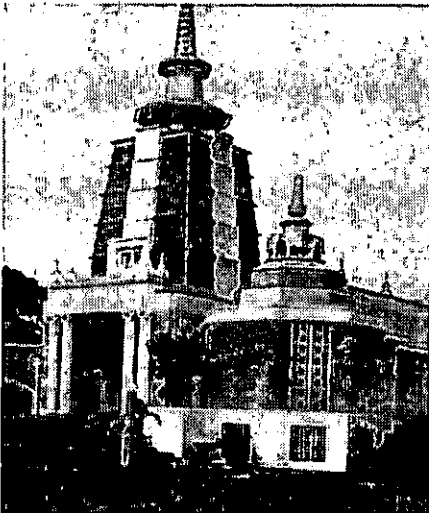
Above, Mormon temple in Laie, at right, Shinto shrine, Honolulu.

Since 65% of Hawaii's population is Oriental they have no Bible-based resistance to Catholicism, Seventh Day Adventism, Jehovah's Witnesses, etc. The Mormons have constituted Hawaii as their number one mission field; have spent \$11,000,000 in recent years, much of it on elaborate buildings. A Mormon col-



lege is currently being built on the big Island of Hawaii and two-by-two, door-to-door teams are seen on every street.

The 50th state boasts 50 Buddhist temples or shrines. One of the local priests is a 70-year old Londoner, an ex-Anglican. With an Englishman's know-how, he has instituted an all-out Sunday school system, uses English-language hymn books and chorus sheets, and holds alternate services in English. In the main Buddhist shrine a daily service in English is timed to coincide with Greyhound tours. Symbolic lotus flowers, chimes and drums, are intermixed with references to the Bible. This is Sotozen Temple, Honolulu, which has English priest.



the chief god of the Islands is the U. S. dollar.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Rae were in Honolulu in 1954 to 1956 as self-supporting workers. They returned in August of 1959, commended by the assemblies in Vancouver, B. C., and have again taken up their work at Waiālae Bible Chapel.

Hawaii, the 50th state, is now a home field, not a foreign one. May we have faith and a spirit of expectancy to pioneer for God in this "Paradise of the Pacific" where Satan, almost unchallenged, operates in all his cunning and subtlety.

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specially true of those who attended formal services; and asking for bread, received but a stone or who asked for fish and received a scorpion.

Let the challenge of countless new communities all over America and Canada stir us to double the number of our assemblies.

SICK

MRS. WALTER JENSEN
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Mrs. Jensen has undergone surgery twice since September 30 and is very weak. Please remember the Jensens in prayer.

Letters

Edited by W. G. McCartney

WALTER ANGST
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We are rejoicing in that God has sent us a good number of students this fall. We have sixteen altogether, and eight of these are French Canadian young people who are preparing to preach the gospel here in Quebec. This is very encouraging, and we are looking to the Lord to touch the hearts of others whom He has chosen.

JOHN Y. M. AITKEN
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During fifteen weeks with the Christians in Bermuda visits were made to various assemblies and happy times of fellowship and mutual blessing were enjoyed.

Ministry of the Word, principally in regard to the person and work of our Lord Jesus Christ, was given in the usual assembly meetings; also at monthly inter-assembly ministry meetings, and at an assembly annual conference.

The gospel was preached in four halls, and to several hundred children and about one hundred adults when five Sundays schools had their annual picnics at the same place.

GEORGE BAXTER
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The work goes along nicely here with full classes in the sewing work, through which we reach many unsaved women. The Sunday schools are both well attended, and the children's work during the week is a time of reaching many who do not come to the Sunday schools.

The rustic chapel at Red Lake is finished. It is made of native lumber with three windows and a door, and is 20' x 20'. We had been meeting outside summer and winter in all kinds of weather before. We were happy at the first prayer meeting to hear so many of the Indians praying, thanking Him for giving them a building. The trip last week was hard, as the roads were in bad shape, but we got through and some heard the gospel who had never been to meeting before. We thank Him for the privilege of giving the gospel in these out-of-the-way places.

Pray much for Shonto, Red Lake and Tisto. The Christmas services will soon be upon us and we ask for prayer that there will be willing Christians to go along, and give the Word in the native language.

WM. BOUSFIELD
Duntroon, Ontario, Canada

I am having gospel meetings in Collingwood. The hall is well filled on Sunday nights, and strangers are coming nightly. Some are interested, and I shall value prayer.

CHARLES O. BOWEN
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I was injured in a car accident some weeks ago, but now am able to return to the work, and am at Westbank in B.C. After this I will be going to Mission, B. C. and several other little places before the year ends, the Lord willing.

CLAUDE E. BULANDER
703 Delamatyr, Knox, Ind.

We have concluded two weeks of gospel meetings at Logansport, Indiana, where we pioneered 25 years ago.

Four young people were saved. Two young ladies came to Christ after Mrs. Bulander talked to them following a meeting. One young man told me after the meeting that he was saved during the preaching. His young brother was saved before the meeting while my wife talked to him. They attended all the remaining meetings and showed keen interest.

The meetings were marked by the steady attendance of the Christians, and a spirit of love, unity and prayer.

My wife and I called in homes nearly every day. For four weeks prior to the meetings we met with the Christians on Wednesday nights, for prayer and study of the scriptures, and also did calling during the day.

In the will of the Lord we expect to follow up for the next six weeks in Bible study, prayer and further visitation.

T. MICHAEL FLOWERS
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Earlier this year we had two families visiting us from the Bahamas—the Mallorys and the Culmers. They gave much help at the chapel in Beaufort and at Grace Bible Camp.

I spoke at both the Cleveland and Detroit conferences and from Detroit went to Terre Haute, Indiana, and had four nights of ministry at the Gospel Chapel. Brethren Russell and Granger are doing a commendable work within the area.

From Terre Haute I went to Rockwood, Tenn., where a week of meetings had been scheduled at Campbell High School for the lunch hour. Interest was splendid and some professions of faith were made. During the evenings I spoke in the surrounding area.

During my absence from Savannah, Brother Leonard Mallory was at the chapel. Through his Spirit-filled ministry two young ladies made a profession of faith and are regular in attending the meetings at the chapel. One is the wife

of a marine sergeant at Parris Island. The whole family is attending the meeting and prayer is being made for the salvation of the husband.

We were unable to get our radio time for November. We are still exercised about this ministry. The inside of our chapel has been improved considerably.

LOUIS J. GERMAIN
444 Bank St., Ottawa 4, Ontario

The work among the children at the Evangel Chapel, 968 St. Laurent Boulevard, Ottawa, is encouraging. There is an attendance of 80 to 100. There have been as many as 120. The Lord has been pleased to raise up three young married men to take care of the work, who are capable and devoted, and a number of helpers, all of whom work together happily for His glory.

I have had contacts with a few French R. C.'s to whom I gave French New Testaments. I am now mailing New Testaments, books and tracts to the French people I met during my trip to Quebec province, not forgetting that "the entrance of Thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple" (Psa. 119:130).

If the Lord does not come I hope to be with my family in Toronto before leaving for Albuquerque, N. M., at the beginning of January, 1960.

JOHN A. W. HALLIDAY
5936 Jemez Drive, El Paso, Texas

Last Lord's day afternoon some of the believers and I were across in Mexico for the distribution of literature and 1,000 gospels in Spanish were handed out. Last week the meeting in Spanish was started up again in the Canutillo area. There has been some opposition, however some contacts resulted which may be followed up. This month the Friday night meetings for children in the Ranchland Hills area have been recommenced. There was good attendance for the opening meeting. If the Lord will there will be a special enrollment meeting next week to start a competition for free trips to summer camp.

MUN HOPE
14713—90th Ave., R.R. 14, N. Surrey, B. C.

I have been helping with meetings at Newton and Aldergrove. Some have confessed the Lord Jesus Christ, young believers have received help, and several were recently baptized.

It was a privilege to distribute tracts again among some of the Chinese immigrants. There seems to be a good response.

We have just moved to the Green Timbers area and are busy winterizing the house at present. Also, the Aldergrove Gospel Chapel is nearing completion. Pray that the main auditorium may be finished shortly and heating installed.

JOHN A. HORN
419 Smith St., Atchison, Kansas

Brother David Horn and I had meetings in Lansing, Illinois, following the Chicago Conference. A young man confessed Christ during the meetings, and others were exercised. We also had a 15-minute broadcast each night at 7:45 on a Hammond (Indiana) station.

HORACE KLENK
Stony Brook, New York

The Holy Spirit is working here in rapidly expanding Suffolk County. We meet in our home Sunday mornings at 9:30 to remember the Lord. Any believers in this section would be very welcome to meet with us. Two small assemblies are getting hold in Terryville and Central Islip. The Rocky Point assembly is going along nicely.

Please continue to pray for us here in Suffolk County, Long Island.

DAVID LAWRENCE
205 South 12th St., Centerville, Iowa

The Worker's Conference in Des Moines was one of the best we have had, and I am sure very practical action will result from it.

Previous to the conference I was at Sioux City for more than two weeks, giving addresses on the tabernacle, which lends itself to the application of the gospel, and though we did not see definite results among the unsaved, the Word was sown, and we trust there will be fruit.

I spend most of my time here in Centerville, giving occasional help to the surrounding assemblies such as Albia, Ottumwa, and sometimes Eddyville.

ROBERT McCLURKIN
46 Aberdeen Rd., S., Galt, Ontario

Mr. James Gunn had profitable meetings in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Much appreciation was expressed by the saints for the good Word of God.

Messrs. James Blackwood and Tom Wilkie continue in the gospel in Ogilvie St. Hall, Montreal.

David Kirk and Robert Crawford began gospel meetings in McNab St. Hall, Hamilton, November 8. Prayer is requested for blessing.

Gordon Reager had good meetings in the Ave. 54 Hall, Los Angeles, and in Normandie Hall, the last two weeks of November.

I am continuing in St. Catharines, Ontario, in the gospel with a little encouragement. We had profitable meetings with the French in Quebec during September.

Ernie Sprunt had two weeks of children's meetings in Brackendale Hall, Toronto, and started in Schoolcraft, Detroit, November 15.

ROBERT L. McLAREN
35 Campbell Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

Here in Fort Williams, where I am for November, we have rejoiced to see the way that the Lord has gathered in under His Word many hungry hearts. Many of these we do sincerely believe will find their way into the assembly here.

To me it has been one of the highlights of my ministry to have had the privilege of working with the few families identified with this new work. It is as if we breathed again the love, faith and hope of the New Testament Church in its days of first love.

It also has been thrilling to see how the Lord is blessing the Glad Tidings Gospel Hour ministry. Through this ministry on radio and the occasional television broadcast we have made many friends for and in the gospel.

A. ROSS McCONKEY
11730 Hubbell Ave., Detroit 27, Mich.

October 18 to 30 we had nightly meetings at Paterson, N. J., for the ministry of God's Word. It was a happy season of fellowship with the Lord's people in the assembly as we considered some of the "things that accompany salvation."

October 31 we went to the Sea Cliff assembly, Long Island, N. Y. and are to be with different assemblies in New Jersey, New York City, and Long Island until December 9, when we return to Detroit to spend some time with the assemblies in that city. We value the prayers of the Lord's dear people.

T. R. McCULLAGH
411 East Logan Ave., Guthrie, Okla.

I spent a few days in Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas, where the Lord is blessing and souls have been saved. The Fort Worth assembly has more than doubled in the last year and a good spirit prevails among the saints.

From here I went to Waco, Texas. A continued growth is seen in the meeting there. November 8 I joined Brother J. Balsan in meetings at Manvel, Texas.

ERIC S. McCULLOUGH
1421 Olive St., Cedar Falls, Iowa

The meetings with Brother Paul Elliott in the tent at Eldora were encouraging and we had the joy of seeing a couple of precious souls trust the Savior before the meetings closed.

WILLIAM McCULLOCH
P.O. Box 16, Stanley, North Carolina

We have been with the little assembly in Stanley for sometime now, seeking to help them, and the Lord has been pleased to be with us in the saving of some souls.

Since we purchased our new building we have been busy making quite a few

changes, but we are now beginning to see the end of our work with the building.

W. A. McLELLAN
21415 Santa Clara, Detroit 19, Mich.

I have just returned from Belleville, Ill., where for two weeks, I conducted special meetings on the chart, "Egypt to Canaan." During this time Mr. John Hammond and I spent most days visiting with tracts. We leave results with the Lord.

November 8 to 22 I had nightly meetings with my son Gordon at Harrow, Ontario.

EARL MILLER
702 West Barner, Frankfort, Ind.

The effects of the Billy Graham Indianapolis Crusade will accumulate for some time yet. The immediate effect on the Indianapolis assembly is an increase in spiritual activity. The training counselors received before the Crusade began was stimulating. Then the experience of doing personal work was a tremendous asset to the counselors themselves, and will yield benefits to the assembly for a long time to come.

One man from Plainfield, whose wife was saved about five years ago and is in fellowship with the assembly, was gloriously saved. A great change came into his life. He is testifying to the grace of God to his fellow-workmen, and is bubbling over with joy. It is stimulating just to come in contact with him. He broke bread with the saints at Indianapolis the Sunday I was there.

One family is beginning attendance at the Indianapolis assembly as a result of the Crusade. There may be more as the follow-up program progresses. So far as Frankfort is concerned, there were only two decision cards filled out from this area. Both were from neighboring communities, but not from Frankfort itself.

The assembly in Indianapolis will reap the greatest benefits.

HENRY PETERSEN
3226 Pontiac, La Crescenta, Calif.

One month was spent in a special evangelistic campaign in Yonkers, New York, where seven made a profession of faith and others were dealt with about their soul's welfare. In addition to the meetings devoted to the gospel we had messages to the family, the assembly, on prophecy, and special messages on Saturday nights to young people, for which other assemblies in the area joined us. There were also radio messages, a luncheon address, an invitation to speak at a large home for the aged and a visit to the new Countryside Chapel in Lexington, Mass. The work there is progressing well, with weekly visitation in this needy area near Boston. Expansion for the Sunday school is already being considered.

I expect to be in Southern California for the next two months, D. V.

HARRY PILKINGTON
Box 24, Allen Junction, W. Va.

We have just completed two weeks in the coal-mining community of Otsego, W. Va., with Brother Woody Murphy of Siler City, N. C. His chart, "The Two Roads and The Two Destinies," caused a most unusual stir in the area. About a week before the meetings commenced the men in this mining camp were laid off and it was feared this would hinder the meetings, but it proved to be a blessing in that they were able to attend consistently.

The Lord gave our brother real help in the gospel every night, and ten souls brightly confessed Christ, six adults and four children. These new converts will be a real help in the meetings and we covet prayers for them.

This year we are again teaching the Bible in seven white and colored schools with an enrollment of about 500. This is an unusual opportunity as schools all over the county are closing their doors to the gospel. Then, too, we feel our visits may lead to further gospel work in many of these communities. So we desire prayer.

GEORGE RAINEY
Mt. Plymouth, via Sorrento,
Lake County, Fla.

I had splendid meetings in Buffalo, Niagara Falls, and Rochester, New York. At present I am in Patterson, New Jersey, where we are being encouraged. The monthly meeting was well attended on the first, and Brother Andrew Craig and I shared the ministry. The Lord gave meat in due season. I go on to Kearny and Nutley, and Harrisburg, Penna.

I am glad to say that I am much stronger physically.

GORDON N. REAGER
123 Pennsylvania Ave., Bryn Mawr, Pa.

I am engaged in a series of gospel meetings in the Avenue 54 Assembly in Los Angeles and expect to have another series in the South Normandie Assembly the latter part of the month.

JOHN REID
c/o W. W. Reid, 1049 Granville St.,
Vancouver, B. C.

I am halfway through my 97th year and still going, although at present we cannot go far from home as my wife is under doctor's care. We were in Victoria Island recently visiting the small meetings up the coast and found them pretty active and striving together for the faith of the gospel.

DAVID SHARP
P.O. Box 8112, Sacramento 18, Calif.

During this year the Lord has blessed indeed, and opened doors for visitation

among small assemblies as far north as Vancouver Island, B. C. At present I am with a small group at Merced, Calif., who seek to be a witness to the Lord in the area.

Now I have come to Sacramento to make my headquarters, and help to meet the challenge of this fast growing capitol city of California.

JAMES A. STAHR
235 Cumberland St., Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Cyril Shontoff of the Quebec French work had a week of gospel meetings in Upton, P. E. I., with Blake Matthews, and then a weekend in the Charlottetown Bible Chapel. We would encourage other missionary workers to visit the young Prince Edward Island assemblies in order that a real missionary vision might be developed. I would be happy to arrange meetings.

I have concluded a five-week radio series on the new birth with an encouraging mail response. The Family Bible Hour has shown increased attendance. A young couple recently professed, and others show interest.

C. ERNEST TATHAM
Box 335, Boca Raton, Florida

I had eight nights on prophetic themes in Sturgis, Mich., and the next week ministered to the small but hearty assembly meeting in their recently-acquired church building in Coldwater, Mich.

The Sturgis brethren did a splendid advertising job, and there were encouraging audiences out each night. The Lord graciously saved a nineteen-year old high school senior the first Sunday evening, and though I had the joy of picking the fruit, the real work was done by the Spirit's use of a Christian teacher in that school, a brother whose witness to this chap issued in his getting under very deep conviction of sin and need.

For two weeks we sought to share spiritual things with the saints of the Pembroke, Martin Rd., and Dearborn assemblies of Detroit. Most of the time was given to Pembroke where we saw the Lord's hand again in blessing. After a four and a half weeks absence I return to Boca Raton for awhile before setting off again for visits to Reading, Pa., and Cleveland, Ohio.

TOMMY STEELE
P.O. Box 7472, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Brother Harold Harper is in the hospital in Winston-Salem, halting a two-weeks campaign with us at the end of the first week. His condition is quite serious but we are very hopeful, trusting the Lord for his quick recovery. A good rest is needed by this faithful servant of the Lord and Christians are urged to pray for him, his dear wife, and other members of his family.

There was one profession of faith during the first week of Mr. Harper's meet-

ings and we praise the Lord for this. Christian hearts were warmed and blessed.

The Lord has enabled the Glenn Avenue Gospel Chapel here in Winston-Salem to retire much of the balance due on lots located on the other side of town, on which we hope to establish another testimony in the city. We have a full month of activity before us, expecting great things from the Lord as we close out the calendar year.

I am having a two-week gospel effort in the eastern part of North Carolina and a few other meetings away from Winston-Salem are anticipated for the coming year. But most of our time will be taken up with local work and our daily radio program on an eight-station hookup in North Carolina and Virginia. Christians' prayers are much needed and will be appreciated.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: *Harold Harper has since written that he is better, but is warned to slow down his pace after 43 years of active service with too little rest.*)

EDWIN J. THARP
31 School St., Rockport, Mass.

It has been my privilege to minister in White Plains, N. Y., Philadelphia, and several other centers in Pennsylvania; and have been cheered by seeing the effectual working of the Holy Spirit.

In New York state I visited a home with friends who have at heart the welfare of hundreds of children, both white and colored. I was greatly encouraged in speaking to two different groups, to see how easily many of the individuals could intelligently answer scriptural questions.

The Pittsburgh conference and a time at the Beechwood assembly were spiritually refreshing.

I am now due at Washington, D. C., and assemblies in Maryland and Virginia.

T. J. THOMPSON
2905 Eide Street, Anchorage, Alaska

Brother Robert Fenty is taking over our home for the prosecution of a "Servicemen's Canteen Work" which commenced November 1. Prayer is valued for this new work and workers too. Brother Fenty will serve as correspondent of the assembly as well.

ERIC S. VETTERS
1516 McLarenwood Terrace, London, Ont.

At present I am in Lakefield, Ontario, for a children's campaign, from here moving on to Tillsonburg, then Kingston.

T. ERNEST WILSON
76 N. Charlotte St., Pottstown, Pa.

It was a great joy to be at the 86th and Bishop assembly in Chicago for the two weeks and also the Chicago Conference. I enjoyed the fellowship with the Lord's people immensely.

From Chicago I went down to the con-

WHAT HAVE YOU GOT TO SAY?

The Annual Survey this year is bringing us more comments, criticisms, commendations and contributions than ever before. Much of it is due to the change in format: most readers like the new size, some don't. We are grateful for all the comments and criticisms, for they help us to work for continual improvement of *Letters Of Interest*. If you haven't sent in your Survey envelope, do it now. Here are some of the remarks:

"Tell Mr. Taylor to read II Corinthians 6:14, 16, 17, 18. Are we losing the real thing?"

"I also enjoy the editorials, even when I disagree with them—they are always thought provoking."

"We appreciate your labor in this service and the wholesome attitude towards the work of the Lord. Just wish something could be done to unite our assemblies. What seems most unfortunate to me is that the very brethren who think they are earnestly contending for the faith are the ones responsible for much of the divided condition, both because of their publications and conference preaching." (We all waste too much time criticizing one another).

"Don't like the new size of LOI—old size better, I think."

"I came near throwing it in the waste basket. It's exactly the size and thickness of a labor magazine that comes here."

"New size helpful, editorials most helpful."

"New format is fine. We're grateful to be on mailing list. The work is an excellent one."

"I like the new format very much. Contents as good as ever."

"I like the new format. Also practical articles on new work in new areas."

"The big new LOI is quite a delightful surprise—had no idea you were planning a larger magazine." (Neither had we—we just suddenly thought it would be a good idea.)

"We think the smaller size magazine was more convenient for those who enjoy reading it on train, bus, subway, etc. to and from work."

"The change in the layout of the magazine is a wonderful improvement and much more complimentary to the material contained therein."

"I depend on LOI giving me a good prayer guide. I am 78 years and on old age. Please count on my prayers this month."

"Like the new dress very much."

"Like the new look, makes easier reading."

"This number is a decided step forward! challenging, ministering, edifying."

"We like your new format very much; in fact your last issue was one of the best. Especially enjoyed the excerpts from Geoffrey Bull's new book."

ference at Houston, Texas, and for some ministry meetings afterwards.

On returning from Texas I was able to spend a little while with my wife in Pottstown. She is now going into Philadelphia twice a week for treatment. It has been a long-drawn out ordeal but we are thankful that she is making progress.

RAY ZANDER
Box 7542, Richmond 31, Va.

Another precious soul has professed faith in Christ here in Richmond, for which we praise His name. The Lord has richly blessed the assembly and the gospel seed is being sown daily in many different ways. Your prayers for future guidance and usefulness will be deeply appreciated.

JAMES W. GIBB
22 Ridge Rd., Belmont 79, Mass.

Despite the newspaper strike in Boston, the papers being my source of information as to arrivals and departures of the various ships, my ship visiting has not suffered, for I have been able to sec-

ure information through the Port Patrol office of the U. S. Customs: On two evenings I spent some three to four hours on two different Dutch ships with many fine opportunities for presenting the gospel to the men. In fact, before I finished with the various members of the crew aft, it was too late to start with the engineers and officers, so I referred this ship to Brother Ralph West, hoping he can finish the work when it arrives in New York.

On the "City of Edinburgh" (Br.), H. Reid, junior engineer, does appreciate the prayers of the Lord's people. The ship arrived from Australia and was to be in Boston only one night. I met him on the ship and asked that he be put through by the inspectors first. This made it possible for him to come with me to my home, from where we went to prayer meeting which he did so much enjoy. He is a real testimony on board ship, but as yet has been unable to get any to definitely come out for the Lord.

On the "Newfoundland" (Br.), Dr. Strachan, ship surgeon, is a born-again Christian, member of the assembly in

"The magazine has come to seem an invaluable item in assembly life. Enjoy the editorials—"

"Sorry—but I and many others do not care for the new size, as it will not slip into purse or Bible and arrives crumpled up!"

"Becoming more practical and attractive all the time."

"Like new style. Appreciate editorials, would like to see more."

"This small contribution is long overdue. LOI is much appreciated. The 'new dress' is lovely—a big improvement."

"Editorials have been a blessing; enjoy their teaching, also it is very encouraging to read how the Lord is using the brethren in spreading the gospel."

"We enjoy the ministry of all the brethren who edit this paper."

"We like your instructive editorials and reports from missionaries and workers in homeland."

Here are a few comments with regards to the magazine as a stimulant to prayer: "Helps to bring to remembrance for prayer fellowship. . . I pray for the evangelists and missionaries. . . keeps us in touch with old friends and [we are] prayer warriors for them. . . A good help because the news of the workers in the fields gets to many for prayer. . . reports of our workers stirs up prayer interest."

"I fear assemblies are becoming a sect and interested in building up themselves instead of furthering the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to every creature. Shun this danger, if it is not too late."

Suggestion: "More emphasis on personal life as secret of vital assembly life. I enjoy every issue."

"We are still a powerless group, aren't we? God does not get much from us."

"It knits the assemblies together."

These are by no means all the comments received. There are many, many more. We have quoted proportionately more of the criticisms than of the commendations received. We want your criticism and/or comments. We do want to hear from every reader—every reader—every reader—from you.

With increased circulation and increased costs, the publication expense—printing, art work, engraving, postage, mailing—runs over \$25,000 a year. There is no expense for editorial work, office services, etc., these are provided free of charge.

What have you got to say?

There's an Annual Survey envelope facing this article. If you haven't answered this Survey yet, do it now. Fill in the Survey envelope with your comments, suggestions, criticisms, contribute to the expense as you are able, and drop it in the mail. No postage necessary. If convenient to send check (cheque in Canada) or money order instead of currency, please do so. It is safer. Thank you.

Peterhead, Scotland. I had him in my home and also took him to our new chapel in Lexington, where he met several of the brethren and enjoyed a short time of fellowship.

PETER PELL

248 Hastings St., N.E., Grand Rapids, Mich.

I have just finished a two weeks series in Muskegon, Mich., on the Epistles of Paul to the Thessalonians, the Blessed Hope predominant in the first and the coming in judgment in the second. God has not appointed us to the wrath to come but to wait for His Son to receive us to the joy of the wedding, the glory of the reign, and the blessedness of the Father's house forevermore.

ASSEMBLY CHANGE OF ADDRESS

VISTA, CALIFORNIA

The assembly now meets at 137 Jefferson St., Vista, California. Breaking of Bread is at 9:30 a.m., Friday Bible Hour and Sunday School at 11:00 a.m., Gospel at 7:30 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study is Thursday at 8:00 p.m.

—Victor Burkinshaw

SISTERS IN THE WORK

BLANCHE DUROCHER

1431 Galt St., W., Sherbrooke, Quebec

In July I came to Sherbrooke from Quebec City to help in the French assembly here. Since my arrival I have been carrying on a mail-box distribution of gospel tracts and offers of New Testaments. Our aim is to leave literature at every home in the city. I have already distributed several thousand tracts, but we have received to date only three requests for New Testaments.

Some of my time has been devoted to visiting the sisters of the assembly, and giving practical help in times of sickness. I have also been following up some of the contacts made previously. One family with ten children, who had received a New Testament, seems to be quite interested.

Thank you for praying for me. Please remember those who receive the Word of God. If we are faithful in sowing and watering the seed, God will give the increase (I Cor. 3:6).

THREE MICHIGAN ASSEMBLIES SPONSOR HIGHWAY "EVANGELISTS"

"The Word of God is quick and powerful" (Hebrews 4:12). "My Word shall not return unto Me void but it shall accomplish that which I please and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I send it" (Isaiah 55:11).

Brethren of the Pasadena Avenue Gospel Chapel of Flint, Michigan, who have been making roadside scripture signs for the last five years, now have eighteen signs of different sizes on the main highways leading into and inside the city of Flint.

Similar groups of assembly men are doing this type of work in Muskegon and Detroit, Michigan: The three groups meet quarterly for fellowship and to discuss problems and ideas.

Most of the signs put up by the Flint group have reflecting "scotch-lite" letters. These signs are silent preachers of the Word of God 24 hours a day, with no expense of installing electric lights and paying monthly light bills. With a reconditioning job every two years, these signs last for many years, with a very small per annum cost.

Most of the signs are made of 1/4" tempered masonite with a 1" x 2 1/2" frame front and back, and are mounted on 4" x 4" posts. Mounted metal Bibles are made by a metal worker and an artist from the Detroit group. The average size is 9 feet by 18 feet. Cost of material for a 6' x 18' sign (two 4' x 8' sheets with 10" trim boards all around) with painted letters is about \$60.00; with "scotch-lite" letters, about \$90.00.

To save the cost of ground rental an effort is made to find Christians with property in suitable locations. The signs are left at each location for a year, then switched with another sign.

For such signs, when placed on busy highways, the potential number of readers per month is staggering. This display of God's own Word is bound to cause many to be concerned and to be a link in the chain of events that will bring them into the family of God.

—Ray Nelson

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE

BLASDELL, NEW YORK

Blasdel Gospel Chapel, 88 Arthur Ave.

Sundays

Lords' Supper 9:30 a.m.

Bible School 10:45 a.m.

Evening Service 7:00 p.m.

Prayer and Bible

Study—Thur. 7:45 p.m.

Missionary Meeting—

1st Thur. 7:45 p.m.

—Edwin Palmer



Edited by Charles S. Howard

ALDERGROVE, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Meetings continue to be well attended, with the lower auditorium already crowded to overflowing on Lord's day mornings for the Bible classes. Ministry by Eric McKinley, Louis Borghardt, Mun Hope, A. J. Davies, and Robert Taylor was deeply appreciated. Several were baptized this year and several professed to be saved last month.

During the past few weeks the assembly has completed the exterior stucco work on the chapel and the main auditorium is nearing completion, with insulation, ceiling tiles, wallboards and flooring being installed. The general appearance has attracted widespread favorable attention throughout the community and the local newspapers gave front-page publicity to the erection of the new chapel.

A 6:45 p.m. Saturday Children's Hour has been added to scheduled meetings and correspondent Mun Hope's address is now 14713-90th Ave., R.R. 14, North Surrey, B. C.

ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS

The "Gospel Messenger" 25-minute program has been on the air every Sunday for more than six years. This is a personal exercise but is helped along by the saints in the Methuen assembly and by others. The response is not spectacular but encouraging. We get a number of letters from older people and shut-ins. Your prayers will be appreciated.

—William Watson

ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

We had a weekend visit from T. E. Wilson, two weeks with Brother L. T. Chambers, and two weeks with Brother Herman Luhm. This last was a new approach for us, as Brother Luhm came not so much to have nightly meetings in the chapel as to visit and have prayer meetings. There were no visible results, but this grand encouragement has come out of it, that he has left us all visitation-minded. He intends to return and go even further, having cottage meetings here and there.

—J. A. Innes

CENTRAL ISLIP, NEW YORK

The Christians meeting in the name of the Lord here in Central Islip come together at the home of Ed Everett, now located at 225 Joshua's Path. The meet-

ing times are: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., Breaking of Bread, 8:00 p.m., Gospel meeting, 9:00 p.m., Prayer and Bible Study, 8:00 p.m. Thursday; Children's meeting, 4:00 p.m., Friday.

Prayer is requested for the Central Islip Bible Fellowship, especially for spiritual leaders, and for a tent for spring gospel meetings.

—Ed Everett

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

We have three new families in fellowship who have come to us in the last three months. One lives in a new neighborhood and has asked me to start a Bible class. We will teach the Emmaus Course on Prophecy to begin with and will appreciate the prayers of Christians for the Lord's blessing. We hope to see the unsaved come to know the Lord and the Christians strengthened by the teaching of His Word. Our work with teenage young people seems to become increasingly difficult. There seems to be more to draw them away than ever before.

—Shockley Few

FORT WILLIAM, ONTARIO

Westmount Gospel Chapel

Our special opening services were held as planned over the weekend of October 24 and 25, with Brethren J. K. Boswell and Robt. McLaren ministering the Word.

At the conclusion of our Saturday night young people's rally we were greatly stunned as word came that Brother Barry Wagar, so useful and valuable to the work here, had been killed in a traffic accident that evening. The manner in which Mrs. Wagar has accepted this has been a testimony to us all. The Lord has knit this little testimony together in a close way through this experience. The funeral was a tremendous testimony. He was a teacher and the funeral chapel was completely filled, with students accommodated in an overflow room. Brethren Boswell and McLaren took the service and the gospel was clearly but tenderly presented.

Brother Bob McLaren stayed on for meetings throughout the whole of November, using a chart, "From Eternity to Eternity." A good number of strangers came in, although the meetings did not draw great numbers. Radio, newspapers and television are being used to introduce the new Westmount Gospel Chapel and advertise the meetings. The energy and experience, as well as the prayerful concern for this work contributed by Brother McLaren has been a great help to the Lord's people here.

We have begun the children's classes in our home again and are getting 40 to 50 out each night. The class carried on by Brother Wagar will be carried on now by Brother Bill Russell and his wife. This work is in a country district known as Slate River. The children have requested

it be continued and have opened their homes to hold the meetings.

—F. O. Jones

LAURINBURG, NORTH CAROLINA

Good News Gospel Chapel

We have been meeting in an old, condemned school building, but with the help of other saints, we are working on a building of our own now. Pray that it may be completed soon, and pray much for Brother O. R. Thompson, who taught us the truth of the Word. His health is failing, so remember him.

Our meetings are as follows: Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., Breaking of Bread, 11:00 a.m., Gospel Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Midweek Bible Study, 8:00 p.m., Thursday.

—Charles E. Locklear
Route 3, Box 103
Laurenburg, N. C.

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Grace Gospel Chapel

The assembly is temporarily meeting at 8 South Second Street (upstairs). Breaking of Bread is at 9:30 a.m.; The Family Bible Hour at 11:00 a.m.; The Gospel and Ministry at 7:30 p.m.

This is a downtown location, ideal for reaching servicemen, which we have the opportunity of using until the new chapel is built. Anyone passing through or coming to Memphis may reach the writer at FA 4-5303, or Louise Sides at BR 4-6051.

Due to our not having usual facilities, it is necessary to cancel the regular New Year's Conference. This we deeply regret but take it as the Lord's will.

—G. B. Humphreys

NEWTON, BRITISH COLUMBIA

The following order of meetings is now in effect. Lord's Day: 9:00 a.m., Breaking of Bread, and 11:00 a.m., Family Bible Hour, Newton Legion Hall; 7:30 p.m., Gospel Meeting, Newton Community Hall, Unwin Road; Tuesday: 8:00 p.m., Prayer meeting at 14713 90th Avenue (Palmer Ave.) North Surrey, B. C., Friday, 7:00 a.m., Children's Hour, and 8:30 p.m., Bible Study, Newton Community Hall.

Correspondent is Eric L. McKinley, 7639 140th Street (Nichol Road), R. R. 15, North Surrey, B. C.

OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Bethany Gospel Chapel

4677 Tompkins Ave.

We have had a month of meetings with David Sharp. The gospel meetings at 11 o'clock were well attended. He also took the Thursday evening ministry, as well as the Sunday evening ministry meetings, at all of which interest was keen.

The Lord blessed during the week as Mr. Sharp and a local brother made many neighborhood calls, which were rewarded with good response.

October 25 fourteen were baptized, the

Ground Broken For New Testimony in Chicago



On Sunday afternoon, November 15, a small group of believers who have been meeting for the past several years at the YMCA, 50th and Indiana, Chicago, gathered at 77th and Indiana to break ground for a new Grace and Glory Gospel Chapel.

In the photograph Lucius McCray, secretary for the assembly, left, and William Mullin dig up shovels full of earth from the snow laden ground, while Owbridge F. Gall stands between, Bible in hand, to symbolize the purpose in

coming into this residential area. Mr. Gall is an evangelist and Bible teacher.

With members of the assembly, which includes a few whites along with a preponderance of Negroes, there are in the picture some white friends from other assemblies. At extreme left is the contractor, James Norgard from the assembly at Oak Lawn Bible Chapel. Grace and Glory chapel while not elaborate, will fit in well with the attractive small homes surrounding it. This will be the first testimony in Chicago in a strictly residential Negro community.

fruit of two or more years of labors. There are also a number who in a very short time will obey the Lord in baptism.

—Wm. Reinheimer

PORTLAND, OREGON Eastgate Bible Chapel 11410 S.E. Stark St.

Since our opening here our Sunday school has more than doubled, and increases each Sunday. The ladies have started a "Coffee Hour" each Wednesday morning. The first time they had two visitors, the second four, and yesterday nine, so they feel encouraged. One lady is a Roman Catholic and she has been bringing her Bible and yesterday brought her sister-in-law along. She is also sending her children to the Sunday school.

—Jack Clark

STURGIS, MICHIGAN Sturgis Bible Chapel

Two weeks of meetings preceded by two weeks of prayer and visitation yielded some fruit. A week of ministry on prophecy with Brother Ernest Tatham and a week of children's meetings with Lionel Hunt were well attended. Several

young people confessed Him and a class of instruction was formed.

Mr. Richard Kribs continues his mid-weekly Bible study with the teen-age group. This class has been held for about ten years and has been a blessing to the assembly. Brother Kribs, who has been an active Sunday school teacher for more than 50 years, and is also actively engaged in Child Evangelism work, was honored for his more than half century of service (see Timothy 5:17) by a special assembly gathering at the chapel October 14.

—Ralph Wolcott

WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND Buttonwoods Chapel

DVBS directed by Brother Mel Wistner of Fanwood, N. J., proved to be a source of encouragement to the saints. Being unable to staff the school with a sufficient number of our own folks we enjoyed the luxury of complete dependence on Him. He did not fail, but supplied workers from near and far. One sister commuted 100 miles every day to help. Over 150 children were enrolled, and about 30 professed faith in the Lord as Savior.

Closing exercises attracted almost 300 parents, friends, and children. Many of these converts are from modernistic and R. C. churches, whom we cannot gather into our Sunday school.

Bible clubs on Saturday mornings have been started, using Emmaus lessons for children and handwork, and many children not reached by Sunday school are being reached.

A recent series of gospel meetings with Mr. Wallace Cudmore proved to be a blessing to the saints, as many unsaved came to the chapel for the first time, and some genuine interest was shown, although no conversions were noted.

The Lord has recently provided a piece of land, and building plans are being formulated.

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(4) Wisdom and guidance for the board of directors, superintendent and staff.

- (5) Material needs.

Pray for:

- (1) Ted Franklin who is presently caring for the boys.
- (2) Our teen-agers.
- (3) The professing Christians, that their testimonies may be bright.
- (4) The salvation of those still without Christ.

—R. B. Matthews
 Superintendent

CHRISTIAN CANTEEN
Colorado Springs, Colorado

The past month has seen a definite increase in the number of servicemen visiting the Christian Canteen. Some have come with burdened hearts seeking peace which only our Savior can give, and have found Him.

The Lord has saved another Japanese war-bride. The class continues to grow, with new ones coming to hear the gospel for the first time in their lives. We were privileged to have Brother Thomas Hay with us for a few hours. He spoke in Japanese to the girls and they were stirred by the Holy Spirit as they listened to the message in their own language.

—Grace H. Weston, Secretary

LIONEL A. HUNT
17 Thursfield Cres., Toronto 17, Ont.

Brother Ernest Tatham and I recently completed a coordinated effort to reach adults and children in Coldwater and Sturgis, Michigan. While Brother Tatham was holding adult meetings in one city I had the children in the other. The meetings were relatively small but the Lord blessed, for which we praise Him. In one family, twins of nine, a sister of ten and a teenage sister, all professed faith in Christ and several other children in both cities gave good evidence of new birth. The brethren of both cities now contemplate taking independent auditoriums for city-wide efforts in 1960 and would appreciate the prayers of the saints concerning this.

LETTERS OF INTEREST

I now go to Orillia, Ontario (West Street), for a week with the children, then (D.V.) January 17 to 22 will be in Windsor for another crusade at Turner Road Chapel. The last week in January we plan for another Alan Knight Memorial Crusade in Toronto and value the prayers of the Lord's people for this.

IMMANUEL MISSION
Shiprock, New Mexico

Recently one of our older girls, who had gone to a government school since the beginning of this school year, returned to our school. She was reportedly very unhappy in the Government School for Navajo students, and recognized that she had made the wrong decision in leaving Immanuel Mission School. We trust her return will be a move for her spiritual betterment.

Mr. Fred Gladstone of Albuquerque is here to have a week of special meetings for the school children. We trust the Holy Spirit will work in a mighty way to convict sinners and bring them to the Lord Jesus, and to strengthen believers.

—Alice Hogg

ROBERT STALEY
Box 368, Shiprock, N. Mex.

It is hard to believe that so much of the school year has come and gone already. The children are beginning to get used to "Mr. Bob" as a teacher and he is beginning to get adjusted to their ways also. I have the four upper grades this year with Alice Huff taking the lower grades. We have 88 in school, counting the five white, school age children here at the mission. I have been teaching one of the Emmaus children's courses to my students during Bible class and have greatly enjoyed it. It is wonderful to have freedom in the school and classroom to tell the boys and girls of the Savior.

The new dormitory progresses well. The floor has been poured and now partitioning, ceiling, wiring, etc. can be done. How we do praise the Lord for the way He has provided for such a large building. We were also able to get the foundation for our house, poured, for which we are very thankful.

ERNEST B. SPRUNT
18 Haynes Ave., St. Catharines, Ontario

During November I had a series of children's meetings in connection with the Bracondale Assembly in Toronto and later in Detroit had children's meetings in the Schoolcraft Hall there. There is great joy in working with boys and girls, planting the good seed in tender hearts

where it will bring forth fruit in a coming day.

I have been encouraged of late through meeting a number of fine Christians who were saved at children's meetings I had in various places some years ago.

12 MEETINGS IN 10 DAYS
EFFECTIVE WITH CHILDREN

Saturday, usually considered an off night for evangelistic meetings and gospel efforts with children, is proving one of the most effective nights in James G. Humphrey's meetings with boys and girls. "I start on a Friday night and continue right through without a break until the conclusion on the second Sunday night. With two meetings on Sundays—morning and night—we get the boys and girls into twelve meetings in ten days. Saturday night attendance is as good as any other night," says Brother Humphrey.

Using object lessons concerning the first six to ten chapters of Genesis, Mr. Humphrey had eight to ten days each at Milton Avenue Chapel, Springfield, Illinois (October 9-18), Grace Chapel, Cudahy, Wisconsin (October 25-November 1), and Washington Heights Gospel Chapel, Chicago, (November 6-15). Increasing attendance in each case built up to capacity audiences, with a good sprinkling of adults along with the boys and girls.

In each assembly there were a number of clear-cut professions of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Some of these were adults. These are being followed up by the assemblies, which have from the attendance cards the names and addresses of those who came, with additional information on those who were saved.

Prizes are given generously for attendance and bringing others, and for answers to the ten-questions asked each time about the lesson of the previous meeting.

—D.M.T.

ALAN KNIGHT MEMORIAL
CRUSADE WINS CHILDREN

Those who prayed for God's blessing on the Alan Knight Memorial children's crusade in Oak Park High School, Toronto, October 13 to 16, will rejoice that the Lord abundantly answered prayer, as 400 boys and girls heard the gospel and many came to the Savior.

Each night of the crusade several stayed for counseling and those who gave evidence of conversion stayed on subsequent nights for special classes, taken by Brother Reg. Brown of Glebemount Chapel and Brethren Robert Grant and Howard Elder of Greenwood Chapel. Counseling was in charge of Brother Elwood Reid of Leaside Chapel.

Conferences

Edited by J. W. Kennedy

EDMONTON, ALBERTA

The fourth Annual Conference of Assemblies in Edmonton was held at the Canadian Thanksgiving October 10 to 12. This year it was held in the new Jubilee Auditorium and greater numbers than ever gathered from the cities, towns and rural areas of Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Very helpful ministry was enjoyed from Brethren Harold Harper, John Welch and Murdy Getty.

Brother Harper continued with special meetings at Bethel Chapel. One young man was baptized.

HAMILTON, ONTARIO MacNab St. Gospel Hall

The Annual Canadian Thanksgiving Conference at Hamilton, Ontario, convened by the Queensdale and MacNab Street assemblies, was held on October 10, 11 and 12.

There was a variety of Christ-exalting and practical ministry which we believe will make for more unity among the people of God and build up the saints in their most holy faith.

The following servants of Christ ministered the word: J. Blackwood, R. Crawford, A. Dellandrea, H. K. Downie, J. Elliott, H. Fletcher, D. Leathem, R. McClurkin, W. Pell, G. T. Pinches, F. W. Schwartz, T. G. Wilkie, T. Ernest Wilson, G. Wilson.

—G. P. Cesar

MONTREAL, CANADA

Our Thanksgiving Conference held October 9 to 12 was a success in every way, both in attendance, quality of ministry, cooperation of the workers, and the general spirit of love and affection exhibited by all. A sister in the Brooklyn meeting chartered a bus and brought in 31 from the New York area.

—Wm. O. Stucker

TENAFLY, NEW JERSEY Grace Chapel

The assembly held a three-day missionary conference from November 6 to 8, marking its 60th anniversary in Tenafly, and fifth since the opening of the new chapel November, 1954. It was decided to have a special missionary project and the goal was set at \$2,000 to purchase a tractor for the Christian Mission Farms in Paraguay, which is being established by Adin Steenland, as a haven for Korean orphans of mixed (American) parent-

age. A great deal of interest was aroused, and all expenses of the conference—ministry, traveling expenses, the one meal served on Saturday, and incidentals—were borne by the assembly in advance.

The conference was successful, not only in achieving its goal, but in increasing missionary interest in the assembly, which has grown greatly this fall. Already plans have been started for a "bigger and better" conference for next year, with a carefully selected project known well in advance.

Speakers for this year's conference—all well received—were: T. E. McCully, of Chicago, speaking on Ecuador; Viriato Sobral, of Portugal; Gerald Wunsch, of New Guinea; and George Mortland of Palisades Park Chapel, brother-in-law of Adin Steenland, speaking on Christian Mission Farms.

—Robert J. Watson

PAWTUCKET, RHODE ISLAND

Lord willing, the annual New Year Conference will be held on January 2 and 3, with a prayer and ministry meeting on January 1 at 7:30 p.m. Meetings on Saturday will be at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 and 7:00 p.m.; Lord's Day, at 10:00 a.m., 2:30 and 7:00 p.m. The Lord's servants expected are Fred Whitmore of England, John Welch of Winnipeg, and William Hynd of Michigan. Please address any communications to Francis Gilkenson, 82 Chapel Street, Saylesville, Rhode Island.

POTTSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA Bible Truth Hall, King and Franklin Sts.

The Annual New Year's Day Conference will be held, as in previous years, at the Pottstown Youth Center building, Firestone Drive, which is located at the extreme end of the borough of Pottstown, Friday, January 1, 1960.

Meetings will be held at 10:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. Meals will be served between the meetings.

Everyone reading this notice is invited to attend the meetings for a real spiritual feast and all are asked to pray for the unsaved as they hear the gospel, that they will come to the Savior.

The following speakers are scheduled to take part in the above meetings: David Kirk, of Hamilton, Canada; T. Ernest Wilson, formerly a missionary to Africa, who now lives in Pottstown; and Dr. Carl Armerding, of Wheaton, Illinois.

—Frederick E. Fry

SOUTH FLORIDA MISSIONARY CLASS

The seven assemblies of the area announce their ninth annual conference, February 25 through February 28, 1960 (D.V.).

Address inquiries to Elliott Van Ryn, General Chairman, 340 West 56th Street, Hialeah, Fla.

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA Twelfth Avenue Gospel Chapel

The annual New Year's Conference of northern California assemblies will be held again this year at the Twelfth Avenue Gospel Chapel, 3601 12th Avenue, Sacramento, commencing with a Watchnight Service Thursday, December 31, at 8:30 p.m.

Tom Westwood, of Glendale, Calif., and William (Bill) Specs, missionary on furlough from Belgian Congo, are the scheduled speakers. Brother Specs' new sound and color film, "Ituri Triumphs," telling of the Lord's work in the Ituri Forest area of Africa, will be shown as part of the Watchnight Service.

The schedule of meetings for Friday and Saturday, January 1 and 2, is: 2:00-4:30 p.m., ministry of the Word; and 7:30-8:45 p.m., ministry of the Word. A service for children will be held each day from 6:45 until 7:15 p.m. Meals will be served following the afternoon meetings.

This conference is sponsored jointly by the Loomis Avenue Chapel, Loomis, Calif., and The Bible Chapel and the Twelfth Avenue Gospel Chapel, Sacramento. Christians who plan to come from a distance and who will need accommodations are asked to contact Ronald A. Warford, 645 Dittmar Way, Sacramento 19, Calif., who is heading the housing committee.

A hearty welcome is extended to all who can come to this conference.

TAMPA, FLORIDA

The annual one-day New Year Conference will be held (D.V.). Friday, January 1, 1960, in the Seminole Gospel Auditorium, 5103 Florida Avenue. It will be preceded by a prayer meeting at the Central Gospel Hall, 2747 Florida Ave., on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. There will also be a meeting Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Central Gospel Hall.

The order of meetings on New Year's Day will be: 10:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. Meals will be served.

Speakers expected are James Boswell, A. H. Hartsema, Wm. Bryson and others. Brother Boswell will continue with nightly meetings after the conference (D.V.).

—F. C. Thisse

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BOX 17 LETTERS OF INTEREST

THE DILEMMA

By a Staff Member

Is it possible that the world sees Christian unity where we deplore open division? Our Lord Jesus Christ prayed: "—That they may be one; as, thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me" (John 17:21-23).

Surely our Lord's prayer has found an answer, and certainly we are one in God and with each other. Yet outwardly the church is torn into segments like Jeroboam's garment. And in fact some of the largest unities are a mixture of believers with unbelievers. How is it then possible that the world believes, that the world knows Jesus Christ to be the Sent One of God the Father through the unity of the church?

We might say there is a family resemblance between true believers that is fairly obvious, and that may be part of the answer. The world, spite of ourselves, links us together consciously or unconsciously. Again, in times of stress there is a drawing together of Christians that surmounts denominational and ecclesiastical barriers. Persecutions bind saints to one another practically as they are bound spiritually. And there, too, the world's recognition of our oneness under our masks of diversity is evident. Also when men are torn away from their environments and brought together, as in military service, there is a tendency for Christians to gravitate toward one another through mutual love of our Lord Jesus Christ. This the world cannot escape observing, even as unbelieving husbands cannot elude the testimony of the godly behavior of their Christian wives (1 Peter 3:1-2).

That, however, is less than all the answer. The Lord desires an open expression of unity, for He said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." And He desires it not just when circumstances force us together, but constantly, voluntarily.

But our dilemma is more than we have touched on so far. Here it is: We are aware, on the one hand, that we ought to embrace in our thoughts all true Christians, and on the other, that we must not just for the sake of expressing unity depart from the truth we have learned. Christians who meet in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ alone and who are intelligent about the principles of our so gathering must have a desire for fellowship with all believers. Yet the very maintenance of that testimony to oneness tends to force us into a denominational position.

We believe in gifts given by the Risen Lord Jesus Christ for the edification of the body and in the priesthood of all believers, so we shun the employment of salaried or unsalaried preachers who undertake to be teacher, evangelist, pastor and priest or leader of worship all in one. In consequence and also through failure to develop local gift we have come to depend largely on a body of traveling preachers and teachers, who are commended to the work. And they itinerate among churches known as assemblies. For their convenience and that of other travelers and for varied other reasons we print address books carrying the names, addresses and other information on such assemblies, so that companies of Christians observing these principles will be known.

We are interested in developing and supporting by prayer and gifts the work of the Lord and His workers at home and overseas, so we publish magazines to tell one another about such work, and to encourage young men and women to give themselves to the work of the Lord. We are

well aware that missionaries, evangelists, preachers, teachers from the assemblies we know cover only a small segment of the harvest field, yet obviously we must confine ourselves exclusively or almost so to this segment. Not alone space limitations but also our inability to know and evaluate correctly other work keeps our coverage of the news within a narrow circle.

We long to see the work of the Lord prosper throughout America. We scan through the address books and discover that in the United States and Canada there are listed less than one thousand assemblies. If each of these were in a different city there would yet be tens of thousands of cities, towns and villages without such churches. So we press on one another the need for pioneering to reach these communities. Yet we know that there must be in many of them true gospel testimonies. We thank the Lord for all such, yet we do not recognize them.

We know that Reverend John Doe is, a real Christian, who preaches a clear gospel and who has been blessed by the Lord in his ministry. Yet of necessity we must ignore him and his work in our magazine reports.

All of these situations and many more beside tend, despite our desire for fellowship with all believers, to force us into a sectarian mold. Yet if we are intelligent spiritually we do not want to be sectarian. We want to do whatever is within our province toward fulfillment of our Lord Jesus Christ's prayer for that exhibition of the oneness of all His own. What can we do?

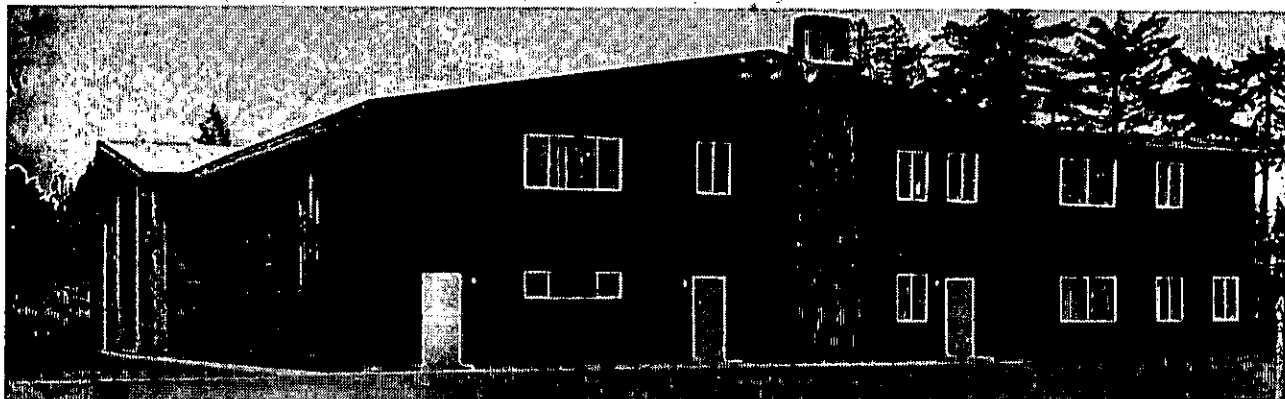
This writer does not know the complete answer. But can we not pray constantly and fervently for an outward manifestation of that unity? Can we not cultivate the friendship of the Christians we meet as neighbors, business acquaintances and in various capacities? Can we not watch that our conversations with them be as much as possible on spiritual topics, without controversy?

Certainly affiliations of Christian students in college and in high school, of Christian business men, of Christian railroad men, of Christian doctors, Christian nurses, and such like groups are not the full answer to our Lord's desire. But they do express something of that unity. Can we not also when opportunity affords stand shoulder to shoulder with fellow believers regardless of ecclesiastical ties whenever there is a united gospel effort in which we can join without sacrifice of a single scriptural principle? And can we not also meet with such Christians for united prayer?

Perhaps there are many opportunities to promote expressions of Christian unity without in the least compromising the truths we have been taught and seek to maintain. And it is quite likely in doing this we will not only be able to help our fellow Christians to grasp some truths they have been ignorant of, but also to learn a great deal from them. Many Christians who are affiliated with companies we consider in varying degrees unscriptural shame us by their zeal for the salvation of the lost, their uninhibited testimony to faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and their sacrificial living.

We do not suggest that we depart in one iota from scriptural principles, though we might do well to examine our beliefs and practices to determine whether they are all truly God-given truths or man-made traditions. Nor do we propose that we rob our local testimony of one bit of our support or effort. But we do suggest that we may watch for opportunities to express our oneness with all true Christians, and that individually and collectively we remove any barriers to fellowship that the Word of God has not raised.

"That they may be one... that the world may believe."



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In the past twelve months the Foundation has also financed the major part of a \$1,000,000 expansion at its Belmont Hospital in Chicago, adding rooms for 63

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A non-profit Canadian organization incorporated in 1955 for the propagation of the gospel, chiefly by means of radio, the Glad Tidings Crusaders also employ such means as open-air services, mobile gospel units, gospel films, and tract distribution.

Three years ago a regular weekly gospel broadcast, "Glad Tidings Gospel Hours," was launched, with Robert L. McLaren as speaker, outlet being radio CKCY, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. In the spring of 1957, the blessing of the Lord and the support of His people challenged and enabled the Crusaders to "lengthen their cords" by commencing a weekly broadcast over CJNR, Blind River, Ontario. CJNR is heard throughout the mushrooming uranium area of Elliot Lake, as well as on Manitoulin Island.

In the spring of 1959 in dependence upon God, CKPR, Fort William, Ontario, and WDMJ, Marquette, Michigan, were added to the chain of weekly gospel broadcast outlets. The local assembly in Marquette has shouldered full financial responsibility for the WDMJ program.

This past summer Glad Tidings Crusaders undertook a new venture in cooperation with the Christians at Bethel Bible Chapel in Sault Ste. Marie, holding gospel services each Sunday evening in the Skylark Drive-In Theater. Forty to 60 cars were on hand each night and many souls were thus reached who would ordinarily never hear the gospel.

Please pray that God will save the hundreds of unreached here in the northern areas through the radio ministry and the essential power of His spirit.

—T. Graham Sawyer

WESTERN ASSEMBLIES HOME ERECTING NEW BUILDING

The Home, filled to capacity with guests of the average age of 84 years, has, with its many problems, seen God's blessings in a manifold way. The Lord has sustained the devoted staff and workers and definitely upheld a number of the aged ones who are seemingly so near to their eternal Home.

A number of the Lord's people who have made application to the Home are now awaiting accommodations. After much prayer, the Board of Directors at its last meeting decided to erect another building on the property adjacent to the Home to care for four or five more of the Lord's people. Funds for this new building are not available as yet, but "the Lord will provide."

The California State Welfare Department and the County of Los Angeles Bureau of Inspection services have again visited the Home and expressed satisfaction with its facilities and operation.

Many others who have visited the Home have been surprised and pleased at the quality of care given these "Senior Citizens." "It is neither a cathedral nor a hovel, but a testimony to the Lord," one has said. And another, a world traveler, has commented that it "is a credit to the assemblies."

The Home had recently as visitors Brethren Fred MacKenzie, of THE FIELDS, and Walter Munro of Christian Missions in Many Lands. The Home is open for inspection to any of the Lord's people visiting in this area. When coming this way, please notify Mr. James Ross, manager, Western Assemblies Home, 350 Berkeley Avenue, Claremont, California, of your expected visit.

—W. S. Claus, Vice-President

New Place Needed For N. Y. Spanish Assembly

November marked the sixteenth anniversary of the Spanish Lexington Ave. Assembly (New York City), formed in 1943. First notice has been received from the city to vacate the store-front chapel to make room for a large housing project to be built. Pray that a suitable place to relocate will be found.

God has been blessing the Spanish Emmaus work. Among the students are prisoners, hospital patients, farmhands, service men and others.

A prisoner writes from Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico: "From early age I have been in prison, but now by the grace of God I am free in spirit. My Friend and Refuge for two years, since my conversion, is Christ, and my brethren are those who have been freed by His precious blood."

A young man working with farmhands reports: "I am regularly passing out literature to about 12,000 Mexicans who are farm laborers in California. These men are in camps numbering from 2,000, to 90 in the smallest. I would like to have about 200 courses. There is a strong R. C. influence in about four of the camps but in the others there is complete liberty. Will you please send some good tracts in Spanish?"

—Paul R. Bitler

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Stress Personal Work At Chicago Conference

Good ministry by T. Ernest Wilson, Peter Pell, Jr., and H. Welcome Detweiler was enjoyed at the 77th annual Chicago Fall Bible Conference, October 24 to 25, sponsored by 25 assemblies in the area. All sessions were at Emmaus

Bible School in Oak Park.

The Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon sessions were perhaps the high points of the gathering. All three brethren spoke Sunday afternoon, and on Saturday morning all participated in a Bible reading on the theme, "Are we following the practices of the New Testament church as to evangelism and doing what we can to reach the people?" The time went too fast for this panel discussion, which brought out the need for continuous personal witnessing on the part of all believers.

1960 Missionary Calendar Informs, Challenges Youth

The new Workers Together "Round the World" Youth Calendar promises to revitalize missionary interest among youth and youth workers, in the home, Sunday school and assembly.

Its all-new format provides a month-by-month survey of world mission fields beginning at "Jerusalem," the January page being devoted to the United States and Canada, the February page to the 49th and 50th states.

Each month's page is headed by a map of the area to be studied and prayed for, and indicates briefly the missionaries now on that field. Additional helps and information are offered to interested groups or individuals who will write to Workers Together, 156 North Oak Park Ave., Oak Park, Illinois.

One of the always popular features of the Youth Calendar, pictures of missionaries' children with their ages and birthdays, will be retained in the new calendar, but will be a separate section at the back.

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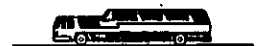
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NEW ASSEMBLY BEGINS IN VANCOUVER SUBURB

On September 20 a new assembly began to function in the Maillardville-Burquitlam district. This rapidly developing area is a Vancouver (B. C.) suburb lying on the north shore of the Fraser River.

The work began eighteen months ago with Thursday night meetings for children held in the basement of a home. In July, 1958, a vacated drug store, at the corner of Austin Ave. and Marmont St., was rented. This has since served as the meeting place for a growing Sunday school and gospel program.

The first remembrance meeting included half a dozen local Christians who had not been in assembly fellowship before. Others were from Mount Pleasant Gospel Hall and New Westminster Gospel Chapel. There are now twenty in fellowship.

On the first Sunday in October, 72 children, in addition to a dozen adults, more than filled the little 16-by 30-foot rented chapel. Consequently there is a pressing need for more adequate quarters. A building fund has been started.

We look forward to welcoming visitors from other assemblies and to taking our place in the happy fellowship of Vancouver and Fraser Valley Assemblies.

Meetings are as follows: Worship and Remembrance, 9:45 a.m., Sunday school and Bible class, 11:00 a.m., Gospel Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Prayer and Bible study (Thursday), 8:10 p.m., Junior Sailors' Hour (Thursday), 7:00 p.m., Young People's (Friday), 7:00 p.m.

Please pray for us that we may grow in grace as individuals and be edified together as an assembly of His people.

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NEW ASSEMBLY OPENS IN ST. CATHERINES, ONTARIO

It is with joy that the undersigned brethren, on behalf of the assembly in St. Catherines, Ontario, announce the formation of a new assembly here.

This assembly met for the first time on November 1, in full and happy fellowship with the existing Queenston Street Assembly.

The Lord has commanded His blessing on the work, to the extent that the capacity of the present building has been taxed to the limit, encouraging the saints to form this new assembly.

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DRUMMONDVILLE, QUEBEC Assemblée Chrétienne

Our conference of October 25 for the occasion of the official opening of our new chapel, was a real testimony for the unsaved, and a great blessing for all the Christians.

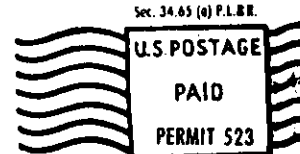
About 250 French Canadians, nearly all former Roman Catholics, came from all parts of the province. There were a few unsaved who came by curiosity to see the baptism, and heard the gospel for the first time. I had the privilege to baptize eighteen newly saved. Among these was a woman and a man of 70 and 73 years old.

The ministry of the gospel was given by our brothers Arnold Reynolds, Walter Angst, and Dr. B. Tatford from Paris, France. Also, our brother Dr. Hill invited the young people to follow some training course for the work of God in the Province of Quebec.

Cost of construction was \$5501 of which all but \$367 was provided by gifts of the assembly and outside donations.

No wage was paid, and all the brothers worked with all their hearts, under the conduct of our brother Mr. Boucher, who is a master carpenter.

Since the beginning of our construction three families, a man, and a young girl, a total of 24 persons, were added to the assembly. "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."



NEW ASSEMBLY STARTED AT WARRENVILLE, ILLINOIS

WARRENVILLE, ILLINOIS

This new assembly, an outpost work of Bethany Chapel, Wheaton, and largely the outgrowth of a flourishing youth work started several years ago by that assembly, met for the first time in its new chapel at the corner of Curtis Ave. and Woodland Road on Sunday, November 8. Eight families from Bethany Chapel form the nucleus of the assembly.

A Friday night craft meeting for boys and girls which has been held for several weeks, has an attendance running in the sixties. Breaking of Bread is at 9:30 a.m., Sunday School at 11:00, Gospel at 7:00 p.m. The Thursday night prayer and Bible Study is at 7:30 p.m. Correspondent is John W. Sweemer, 220 N. Dorchester, Wheaton, Illinois.

"PALABRAS" PASSES MILLION MARK

"Palabras Fieles," an attractive Spanish gospel magazine published annually by True Words, Inc., edited by Carlos Ostertag, and sent out free of cost, runs to 1,100,000 copies in its 1960 (27th annual) edition which is being shipped out to 27 countries.

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1960 TENT MEETINGS

Would any brother planning to erect a tent this summer and willing to let it be used for children's work please write me. Also anyone having a large tent available in U.S. or Canada please advise if it is available for children's evangelism.

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A Prayer for 1960

God promised blessing to repentant Israel as recorded in Hosea 14. Among the promises are three things which we should all covet.

Freshness

I will be as the dew unto Israel (verse 5). In nature, dew is one of God's greatest gifts. It falls gently from an unclouded sky to renew and refresh the face of the earth. How thrilling and delightful to walk through the garden or across a field sparkling with dew. Spiritually this speaks to us of the renewing of the Holy Ghost. As we yield ourselves to God, spend time quietly in His presence, meditate on His Word, unconsciously we receive the freshness of this spiritual dew and our lives and service will evidence the blessing.

Fragrance

"Thy scent shall be as the wine of Lebanon" (verse 7). The dew that brings freshness also produces fragrance. Old Testament worship was fragrant. The precious anointing oil and the incense were dear to God. Spiritual fragrance is a precious thing. It is Christ-likeness. His Name is "as ointment poured forth." Fragrance is transmitted. If we spend time in the presence of our Beloved we will, again unconsciously, absorb His fragrance and it will be evident as we serve Him.

Fruitfulness

"From Me is thy fruit found" (verse 8). We all know how unprofitable much of our service is and how little fruit we produce for God. Perhaps we have tried to produce fruit in our own way, but only as we abide in Christ can we bring forth fruit. It must be all of God and none of self. "He that abideth in Me and I in Him the same bringeth forth much fruit" (John 15:5).

That we who serve God in sending out this magazine, that each of our friends who read it, and that every assembly in our land may know much of the above three blessings is our earnest prayer and desire for the New Year.

—The Staff

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700 ATTEND NEW ENGLAND YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

Myles Beers, General Chairman



"TO DO OR NOT TO DO?" is the question being discussed by this group of young people at the recent New England Young People's Conference. Discussion leader is Robert A. Watters, Sr., a Massachusetts business executive and an elder of the Methuen Assembly.

The 1959 New England Young People's Conference met November 6, 7 and 8, with Saturday and Sunday sessions at the Daniel L. Marsh Chapel and Hayden Memorial Auditorium on the Boston University campus. Several hundred young people, some coming from as far south as Baltimore, and others from as far north as New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, were extended the hospitality of Christians in the New England and Greater Boston area.

The opening session of the conference, given over to prayer and ministry, was held at the Union Chapel assembly in Medford, Mass. Speakers, Dr. H. Chester Woodring of Emmaus Bible School and Mr. George M. Landis of Greenwood Hills, Pa., initiated the weekend's ministry, which this year addressed itself to the theme "Christ In You—The Hope."

One of the popular program features of last year's NEYPC, the Christian Action Workshop, was again repeated this year. Saturday morning found over 200 young people at the Marsh Chapel. After a brief opening session the 200 divided into four discussion groups which took up the following topics: "To Do Or Not To Do?" chairmanned by Robert Watters, Sr. of the Methuen Assembly, a prominent Massachusetts business executive and a great favorite of young people in the New England region; "Alibis or Answers," chairmanned by Dr. Woodring; "Thy Will—My Life," chairmanned by Joseph Giordano of New Haven; and "Puddles or Streams," chairmanned by Mr. Landis. After an hour's discussion all groups reconvened in the main auditorium to hear a capsule report on each discussion by the chairman.

Saturday afternoon was devoted to ministry and a question and answer forum. A solemn gospel message was preached Saturday night to a capacity audience, described by university officials as one of the largest single audiences ever to fill the Marsh Chapel. The concluding Sunday sessions in the ministry and gospel were held at the Hayden Memorial Auditorium.

All who have had a part in the work of the New England Young People's Conference this year as well as the two previous ones, praise God for His blessings upon it. We pray that in the years ahead, if He be not come, He will continue to bless it as an instrument of testimony to this area of the country so famed for its culture, yet so ignorant of God's truth, and to the strengthening and upbuilding of the Christian young people who attend, the living future of God's church on earth.

BOOK REVIEW

THE GRANDEUR OF GOLGOTHA by Neil M. Fraser, 128 pages. Loizeaux Brothers, Inc. \$2. (Produced in Great Britain by Pickering & Inglls Ltd.)

For over 30 years the author has been preaching in America, occasionally writing articles for religious publications. The many who have enjoyed his excellent expositions of the Word will be delighted with his first book.

The opening chapter is titled The Divine Manifesto of the Cross. Touching on Matthew 16:24-25, the author says in part: "Yet, in the last analysis, the bear-

ing of the cross is something voluntary—some affliction, some labour, some suffering we could escape from, but bear for Christ's dear sake. It is not really the afflictions that overtake us, but those we take over, like the Master's decease (exodus), spoken of in the holy mountain, an accomplishment at Jerusalem, at the very centre of the opposition (See Luke 9).

"We can save our lives, save ourselves that trouble, that investment of time and money for His cause, and learn later that we have lost our lives. Or we can lose our lives in the eyes of men, only to find that we have invested them in the best of all interests." This all too brief quotation will give something of the flavor of the book. Longer quotations would be necessary to convey the volume of exposition the author has crammed into his brief chapters.

Production of the book in Great Britain explains the British spelling of words like center (centre), labor (labour), vigor (vigour), etc.

THE DEFENCE OF THE GOSPEL IN THE NEW TESTAMENT by F. F. Bruce, 105 pages, Wm. B. Eerdmans Pub. Co. (board cover) \$1.50.

In April, 1958 the author, professor of Biblical History and Literature in the University of Sheffield, England, came to the U.S. and delivered five lectures on Christian apologetics under auspices of the Calvin Foundation, in Calvin College and Seminary, Grand Rapids, Michigan. This book puts in print those five lectures.

The topics are The Gospel Confronts Judaism, The Gospel Confronts Paganism, The Gospel Confronts the Roman Empire, The Gospel Confronts Pseudo-Christianity, and The Finality of the Gospel.

The author points out in chapter one that the apostles met head-on the Jewish objection to a crucified Jesus of Nazareth as the Christ, emphasizing rather than minimizing His having been hanged on a tree; and how Paul demonstrates that by His so being made a curse He redeemed those under the curse of a broken law.

In chapter five he states: "Christianity will not come to terms with other religions, nor will it relax its exclusive claims so as to countenance or accommodate them. It presents itself, as it did in the first century, as God's final word to man; it proclaims Christ, as it did in the first century, to be the one Mediator between God and man."

Careless proofreading mars the book, as it sometimes does this magazine.

ERRATA

On page 12 of our December issue the letter from Immanuel Mission was written by Miss Alice Huff and that from the Christian Canteen by Miss Grace H. Watson. Our apologies to these sisters for misspelling of their names.

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Editors' Page

DO WHAT OTHERS HAVE DONE FOR YOU

If in a period of depression you have felt a sudden upsurge of spirit—

If you have found yourself handling a new and dreaded task with inexplicable facility and efficiency—

If you have been enabled to face a bereavement with equanimity and even joy—

If when you seemed spiritually almost bankrupt you have found yourself all at once pouring out your heart to the Lord in praise and worship and intimate confidence—

If you have found new delight in studying and meditating on the Word—

If out of sadness you have found delight in the love of God—

In short, if sorrow and dullness and lowness of spirit have been turned to gladness and joy and spiritual alertness, then remember to pray earnestly for someone you know who may be suffering depression or loss or trial, because surely your transition from despair to delight, from depression to elation, is because someone has been praying for you.

—Donald M. Taylor

THE REMEMBRANCE FEAST

Sometimes called the "Morning Meeting," this observance should become to every believer the very happiest activity of the Christian life. It is thought that a few pointed but plain words on this subject might be helpful, especially to young believers.

The Lord's Table links together the two advents of Christ. It points back to the Tree and forward to the Throne. It was on the eve of His departure to the Father that the Lord instituted that Feast of Remembrance, and the early disciples obediently gathered each first day of the week to celebrate it, as in Acts 20. It proclaims, week by week, that death which stands alone amid the myriads of deaths which this poor world has witnessed. It will be an eternally remembered death, the only death to be remembered in that future deathless scene.

Our Lord foresaw the need for this weekly reminder of His dying love when He spread that feast of Remembrance. That we should ever forget such love, and such a sacrifice, seems at times impossible. However, we find by sad experience that this is even possible. "As in water face answereth to face, so the heart of man to man."

The particular and preeminent object of our gathering is to remember Him now in the present; while we show forth His death, past; and wait for His coming, future, which may take place at any moment.

First Cor. 11:24 to 26 leaves the time, whether morning, afternoon or night, and duration of such meeting to godly

arrangement. It states the things needed: bread (a loaf, I Cor. 10:16, R.V. margin) and fruit of the vine (Luke 22:18). Provided these are used, no further questions need be raised. When the table is spread everything should be neat, clean and orderly, and there is safety in simplicity, which befits us best. Christendom loves the ornate, costly and grand, which appeal to the flesh, but simplicity leaves the heart to be occupied, not with things, but with the Lord Himself.

Close attention should be paid to heart preparation for this meeting. "Let a man examine himself" is Paul's admonition. Wordly pursuits on Saturday night are not conducive to a proper condition of heart for Sunday morning.

No method of conducting the meeting is laid down in scripture but I Cor. 14 tells us how the saints gathered in the apostles' time. A number of brethren took part as led by the Holy Spirit. Clearly no man was in charge, nor was there any program, but there were prayer, singing (v. 15), blessing or a special giving of thanks, to which all present could give a hearty amen (v. 16). Grace should be sought to avoid the poverty stricken hymn-and-prayer routine of filling up the time.

Moments of silent devotion, if Spirit-led are as truly worship as the grand hymn of "Hallelujah to the Lamb." Worship is mentioned in verse 25, and the remembrance of the Lord in what He is both to us and His Father, and the Father's interest, as well as ours, produce in our hearts as nothing else can the highest and most loving adoration and worship, to which we seek to give expression. We feel that which makes for a sweet remembrance feast is when brethren truly exercised lead the saints in ministry, hymns or by prayer to the cross and as a result much worship ascends to heaven.

Let us endeavor always to be on time for the meeting, remembering the words of scripture: "When the hour was come Jesus sat down with the twelve." How careless we sometimes are in this matter.

We can be careless also in relegating this important meeting to a place of insignificance in order to accommodate some other form of service. Scripture would not allow this, so may the Lord enable us to give Him His proper place in the assembly. This is the responsibility of the assembly elders.

A worshipful spirit also should characterize the passing of the box or bag for the Lord's offering of our substance. Having taken in spirit the bread and wine from His pierced hand, we should, in the same reverential and grateful spirit, place into that same pierced Hand that which has been laid up for Him to be used by Him in supplying the needs of the assembly and carrying the gospel to a dying world.

May the time spent at the Breaking of Bread always be to us a season of thanksgiving, praise, adoration, and worship.

—J. W. Kennedy

LET US GO ON

Certainly it is trite to say that the teaching of the Bible is progressive, yet it very much needs saying, for a progressive text demands a progressive student, and we all ought to be students of the will and the ways of God. It demands saying also because far too many of us seem content to stand still, while yet professing to live by the Word of God.

If we are to live by the Word of God then we must know it. If we are to know it we must live by it. That is, as we learn, we must live out what we learn. And when we do that we will find ourselves making progress in the Word and in the will of God.

Man-made religions either must have their terminus very near their starting point, or else must dissolve into misty unrealities. As opposed to such, the Word of God declares that "the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day," implying both a distant goal and an ever increasing understanding as one travels the path to that goal.

Philosophers down the ages have sought for meaning for man in life, and some have concluded in despair that life is purposeless, pointless, without a destiny worth attaining. We Christians know better, but do our days have meaning? Are we spiritually going somewhere?

Paul had purpose and he tells us we ought to have. He says to us: "I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Peter tells us we ought to be pressing on: "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved (the heavens and the earth and its works), what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting (hastening) unto the coming of the day of God..."

Paul had a path of life laid out for him and he eagerly raced down that road, reckless, one might say, of any loss of comfort or earthly position or possession. In one place he says, "Neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy..." Near the end of his days he wrote to Timothy, "I have finished my course... Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day."

Let us say in closing what we said in opening, in slightly different terms: Our gospel is progressive and it demands progressive adherents. Progress costs. It costs devotion, effort, comfort. It requires singleness of purpose. It demands our very lives. It demands all we have in us day after day after day, and all that the grace of God will develop in us if we will to do His will.

—Donald M. Taylor

TOO BUSY, OR TOO LAZY?

A neat aphorism we sometimes like to lean on is: "If you are too busy to pray, you are too busy." It is true. But is it not a fact that if many of us prayed more effectually than we do we would be a lot busier in the work of the Lord than we are? As surely as faith without works is dead so surely if we pray for the Lord to thrust forth laborers he will stir us up to do what we can to further the cause about which we pray.

The apostle Paul declared that he labored more abundantly than all the other apostles—whether he meant that he worked harder than any one of the others, or more than all of them together, this writer cannot say—, but we read

no word of rebuke for him for being too busy. In fact, it would appear that the more he worked the more he prayed, and the more he prayed the more he worked. He urges us to pray without ceasing and also encourages us with the assertion that our labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Paul could say as to those who reproached him, "Are they ministers of Christ?... I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft... In journeyings often... in weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches. Who is weak and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not?"

Paul encourages us to grow not weary in well doing. He tells us we will reap if we faint not. The writer of Hebrews tells us to lift up the hands that hang down, and the feeble knees: or, in other words, go to work and go on.

Some brethren get hold of the text, "Be still, and know that I am God," and they dwell on it, they recline on it; they fold their hands and wait for some mysterious impulse to stir them to activity. And while they wait for this moving of the Spirit, as they assume, all around are fields white to harvest, and souls hungering for the Bread of Life.

Propose to go into a certain city and build a building where the gospel can be preached and an assembly planted, and they say, "Be still—." Propose to band together to furnish the practical wherewithal for those who engage in gospel effort, and they say, "Be still—." Propose to encourage young men to go out, and they say, "Be still—." Propose that they travel across country for a conference that will be overwhelmed with preachers, or that they skip from here to there in a series of one-night stands and they are on the move. Propose that it is wise and practical for a pioneer to settle down in a locality until he has a new assembly well established, with bishops and deacons able to take the lead, and they have a different text, or some critical reference to one-man ministry.

There are doubtless such things as fleshly activity, zeal without knowledge, failure to wait on the Lord for guidance. But usually those who work the hardest, who are continually active in the work of the Lord, are those who pray without ceasing. Our Lord Jesus Christ called His disciples to come apart with Him into a desert place for rest, but when the crowd came around the lake to greet them with their urgent needs, He did not withdraw, but met those needs. He sat wearied and thirsty on Sychar's well and employed His own physical need to secure a worshipper for His Father, and send her back into Sychar as a soul winner. He who was constant in prayer was unceasing in labor. His ear was opened morning by morning for instruction as to the duties of the day.

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint" Isa. 40:31.

Be still, let quietness possess your soul,
Attentive for the voice of God,
Alert to see His hand at work,
And marvel that His hand is often you,
And you His voice,
And you the instrument He uses
To answer your effectual prayer.
Be still,
Abounding ever in the labor of the Lord.
Be still, while deep in loving labor
For the Lord.

—D. M. T.

"LORD JESUS, I LOVE THEE"

What a marvelous thing love is. Happy are the mother and father who enjoy the love of their children until the end of their days. Parents and grandparents love to hear their children express their love for them. This is one of the joys of living. Love, in order to express all that it is, must find a responsive note in the one loved. The husband and wife who have ceased to love and tell each other, "I love you," have lost the joy of living together.

It is wonderful to go through the scriptures and see how prolific God has been in expressing His love for His own. We cannot read the scriptures and doubt God's love. God has opened His mouth to express in unmistakable terms the greatness of His love for His own of all ages.

The Lord Jesus, being God manifest in flesh, coming into the world, reiterates this glorious fact in His words, in His unselfish life, and in His sin-atonement death. The scriptures tell us He loved us unto death.

But while God has been outspoken in His expressions of

love for us, have not we who have believed on Christ Jesus the Lord, been too reticent in expressing our love to the Lord Jesus?

After the Lord Jesus arose from the dead and appeared unto His disciples on the shores of the lake He seemed to have had to extract from Peter what He wanted to hear, an expression of Peter's love. Peter said, "Lord, Thou knowest that I love Thee." It seemed hard for Peter to say, "Lord, I love Thee." Perhaps the thought of his denying the Lord was still in his mind. It is always hard to say "Lord Jesus, I love You" when we know the "little foxes" are at work in our lives.

Would it not be a good practice for all of us to tell our Lord each day of the New Year, "Lord Jesus, I love you." Even though He knows it, He delights to hear His child say so, and it will make us careful in every thought, word and deed in order that we may truthfully and without reserve really say, "Lord Jesus, I love you."

—W. G. McCartney

HOW TO BE A WITNESSING ASSEMBLY — WITH TRACTS

Henry Petersen

It has been said that 90% of the work in our assemblies is done by 10% of the Christians. There are three classes of people in each assembly: those who make things happen; those who watch things happen, and those who say, "What happened?" In view of these facts we all might well ask ourselves, "What on earth am I doing for heaven's sake?"

We cannot all be preachers or missionaries but we can and should all be witnesses. A witnessing assembly is obviously made up of witnessing Christians. Many find it difficult to give an oral witness but we can all bear silent testimony with the use of tracts.

Forty to 75 Christians in each of six assemblies have already volunteered prayerfully to distribute at least a tract each day. These are purchased by the assembly, ordered, folded and counted by volunteers. Each month a fresh supply of \$1 tracts in five or six assortments is handed to each of the workers. Along with the tracts comes a card titled, "MY TRACT TODAY WENT TO" with \$1 numbered spaces for the names or identity of the persons receiving them. This encourages regular distribution, creates daily exercise and provides a personal prayer list. For further details contact the writer through this magazine.

Many assemblies have a regular monthly tract-band with a local imprint but it is limited to the same few, faithful workers. The method suggested here will enable many more to help, will not be limited to twelve times a year and will reach thousands more in as many different places.

With many of the "90%" becoming participators instead of remaining specta-

tors we will be closer to the First Century method. Would it not brighten the mid-week meeting to hear testimonies of contacts made and souls saved through this effective witness? A neat holder keeps tracts fresh and clean, and can be carried in the pocket of a business suit or overalls, in the glove compartment of a car, or in a lunch box. Ladies can keep one in a handbag or near the door for callers. If you are too timid to speak, hand out a silent messenger. If you lack courage for even this—leave one on the bus seat, or on the counter as you shop. There are a thousand places to sow the incorruptible seed. In time your silent witness will become oral. The tract often opens the way. A well-known tract-writer, Tom Olson, has said that he believes there will be more saints in heaven won through tracts than any other medium. Who can measure the power of the printed word?

Tract distribution is the most economical and fruitful medium of evangelization. Let us get these little preachers into circulation. Tracts travel everywhere at little expense. They do not require a pulpit or a congregation. They stick to their story and repeat it over and over again. They know no fear and never tire. They completely ignore all scoffs, jeers and taunts. They do not argue, lose their temper or answer back. They enter the homes of rich and poor, of old and young alike—and they work around the clock.

Many of you are faithful tract distributors and do not limit the number you daily hand out or place in the mails. Some of you send them regularly to those who are bereaved or ill or take the phone book and follow it alphabetically. He-

Who "sat over against the treasury" long ago, still observes all that is given, said or done for His praise. What a joy will be yours as you lay your golden sheaves at His nail-pierced feet. Will you not help others in the assembly to begin in this small way to form a daily habit that will "make things happen" in the lives of multitudes?

SICK

JAMES W. KENNEDY

Known to hundreds of the Lord's servants through his signature as treasurer on fellowship checks sent through *Letters of Interest*, and to thousands of readers through his editorial comments and conference reports, James Kennedy has undergone a severe operation, and in consequence he faces several weeks of inactivity to recuperate. Prayer will be appreciated.

FRANK PIZZULLI

Box 37, Long Branch, N. J.

I am writing from the hospital to which I was re-admitted today for another operation. It seems that some growths have developed since my last operation, which must be removed immediately.

Thank God, He knows all things, and is able (Eph. 3:20; Rom. 8:32).

HAROLD HARPER

156 N. Oak Park, Oak Park, Illinois

Brother Harper has been warned by his doctor that he must discontinue his correspondence and all other activities for at least two months. It will be most difficult for this dear servant of the Lord to obey the doctor's orders because of his love and concern for the Lord's people and burden for the lost. It is of real encouragement to both Brother and Sister Harper to know that Christians all over the land are praying for them.

WE COULD BE PLANTING 40 NEW ASSEMBLIES A YEAR

One of the world's most promising mission fields is one of the most neglected by assemblies today. It is a field where language barriers, political barriers and religious barriers are the exception rather than the rule. It is a field where the planting of new assemblies will affect favorably our missionary effort throughout the world. Yet, whereas the estimated increase in missionaries in world fields in the past decade is 40%, the increase in this mission field is negligible—if, indeed, not entirely absent.

The United States and Canada comprise a vast and continually expanding mission field; the U. S. population having grown in ten years from 151,325,798 to an estimated 178,784,000, and Canada in the same period from 14,009,429 to 17,118,000 inhabitants. That represents increases of eighteen and 22 per cent respectively. In that decade the number of open assemblies has increased about 22%, from 778 to 951. There are today perhaps (figuring optimistically) 75 workers devoting their full time or a large part of their time to pioneering, reaching into new territories and planting new testimonies.

Again and again this publication has mentioned whole states and many huge cities where there are no known assembly testimonies: Montana (now with one little company in Brusett), Nevada; St. Paul, Louisville, etc.; and some 2700 counties. Kentucky now has no assembly. In Canada there is that vast Yukon territory with only one assembly, and the tremendous, sparsely populated Northwest Territories with no assembly and no worker. Beside this Canada has a big and growing list of sizable cities with no such testimony.

But even that is not the whole sad story. What impact can one little company of believers on the outskirts of, say, Cincinnati, have on that metropolis? What impression can seven assemblies make on New York City, the world's largest metropolis, or some 30 assemblies on greater New York City? What impact have twenty assemblies on the Chicago area, or fourteen assemblies on greater Philadelphia, or seventeen to twenty assemblies on the Los Angeles area?

Could one write to the three Minneapolis assemblies as Paul did to Thessalonica and say, "From you sounded out the Word not only in St. Paul (the city's next door neighbor), but also throughout Minnesota and over into Iowa and Ontario?" The brethren there laboring faithfully have all they can do to make an impression on the big city of Minneapolis.

This is not to say there has been no increase in recent years in assembly testimony in the great mission fields of Canada and the United States. Quite a few new assemblies have been planted, and a large number have moved out of locations that have become unsuitable into new buildings in growing residential communities. But also a sizable number of assemblies have been dying out, disbanding.

Ontario lists more than 150 assemblies in the 1959 Walterick Address Book, and in the Toronto area alone this includes such fairly recent additions as Doncaster, Downsview, Faith Chapel, Richvale. Not yet in the book are Markham Village, and Bendale, and Hilltop. There are others in early prospect. In Detroit several assemblies have moved from old buildings and deteriorating neighborhoods to residential areas where the prospects for expansion are much better. In the Chicago area new assemblies opened within the past few years include Carpentersville, Lansing, Westlawn, Union Ridge and Warrenville. Vancouver, British Columbia, has seen a number of new testimonies develop in recent years in its metropolitan area.

Over the past dozen years around 300 gospel halls and chapels have been built or remodeled or enlarged or purchased. Quite a few of the new buildings are in new areas, but not all are for new assemblies. And the number of new assemblies does not greatly exceed the number which have been discontinued.

Today listed in the address book are many which are only shells of their former selves, and unless there is soon a reversal of the trend they will cease to exist. Quite a bit of this recession and discontinuance of testimony is due to changing social and economic conditions. For example, in Iowa small farms are being consolidated into large ones, the small farming communities are disappearing and the young people are moving into the cities. Consequently the testimonies which thrived in their parents' and grandparents' days are dwindling, dying. However, in many places the decline is due to loss of zeal, coldness. If there were the same alertness in spiritual matters that men exhibit in business, assemblies would thrive rather than wither through changing circumstances.

But though the net increase in assembly testimonies has been relatively small over the decade, the potential has never been better than it is today.

First, there is a climate of opinion in America that is receptive to non-denominational religious effort. That does not mean that the world is less opposed to

the gospel than in the past. But it does mean that thousands of citizens of both Canada and the United States are ready to welcome into their communities any *respectable* non-denominational religious venture.

Second, the opening of thousands of large housing areas across the land from Vancouver to Miami and from San Diego to Montreal, and in the Maritimes, Alaska and Hawaii, provides ideal locations for new testimonies. Where there are housing developments there are growing families, and therefore parents who are willing to send and even bring their children to Sunday school, craft clubs and other efforts among the young.

Third, now if ever is the time also to tackle the thousands of cities and large towns in which there is now no testimony, and Christians in general are sufficiently prosperous to finance hundreds of such undertakings.

The requisites for starting these pioneer ventures are simple. One, an earnest desire to see sinners reached with the gospel and testimonies to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ planted. Two, a willingness to be used of the Lord of the harvest for such work in any capacity that suits Him. Three, prayer. Four, simple, functional, attractive chapels. Five, aggressive, intelligent, friendly effort.

Full time workers young and old can do this work. Young families moving into new neighborhoods can open their homes for Bible study, and for children's services. Assemblies can do effective work in outposts, both with children and adults.

Today very, very few young people are considering the home field, while quite a number are candidates for foreign missionary service. This dearth of workers can be overcome readily if the assemblies at home will wake up to their responsibility in America, and will encourage young men and young women to consider missionary work in this land. If women are suitable for missionary work in overseas fields, they are just as suitable for it at home. They can teach women and children here as well as there.

Whereas not many years ago the gospel could be pioneered in tents and storefronts and rented halls and barns, today in most areas a suitable chapel is required; tents are taboo, storefronts tend to label the work as cultish and irresponsible, rented quarters indicate a lack of stability and permanency.

If suitable facilities are available, then it will be less difficult to get workers to man the efforts. Indeed, those brethren who are devoting their full time to preaching and teaching would for the

most part far rather campaign in the gospel and teach to new, fresh audiences than to the jaded appetites of Christians who know pretty well all the preacher has to say. And young men and women will get the vision of the fields nearby, which will in turn produce converts to carry the gospel to other shores.

In the Chicago area about four years ago the Gospel Expansion Foundation developed for the purpose of planting new assemblies. While the first results have been in and around Chicago, the purpose of G.E.F. is to reach across America, and to work in any and all areas where there is not a local and state-wide or province-wide facility for aiding in the planting of new testimonies.

Patterned after the G.E.F. is the Florida Gospel Pioneers, which already has been instrumental in providing buildings for starting two new assemblies: at West Hollywood and near Cape Canaveral. New Jersey brethren have discussed a similar organization. New England is in process of setting up P.I.N.E.S. to pioneer in New England. Iowa brethren at the recent workers' conference in Des Moines took the first steps to aid pioneering in that state. California brethren are discussing pioneering there.

The chief purpose of Gospel Expansion Foundation is to provide suitable

buildings for pioneering. Incidental to doing this it will help with surveys of cities, housing areas and sites. Then it will go into selected communities, cities, neighborhoods and erect (or purchase if available—though this is rarely the case) a chapel or the first unit of a building. It will carry the financial load of this building, maintaining the monthly mortgage payments, until an assembly has been planted and sufficiently established to take over financial responsibility. Stewards Foundation is in hearty sympathy, and is ready to lend money to G.E.F. for such buildings.

But where will G.E.F. get money with which to service these loans, paying at the rate of \$10 per month per \$1,000 of loan? By regular contributions of assemblies and individual Christians, and especially the latter.

While cost of site and building will vary widely from place to place, on an average probably about \$25,000 will purchase a lot and erect an expandable building entirely suitable for the start of a new effort.

The G.E.F. should be able to provide at least 20% of the cost of a chapel, or \$5,000. It can then borrow the balance (\$20,000) from Stewards Foundation or other source. To service a loan of \$20,000 requires normally monthly payments of

\$200. Some chapels will cost more than \$25,000; some quite a bit less.

Now if each family who reads this magazine would give just \$1 a month, that would supply \$20,000 a month. What would that do? It would permit the erection of about 40 new chapels a year, and the servicing of the monthly payments on the loans to finance them.

These new testimonies would in two or three years or perhaps a little longer take over the financial load, enabling the G.E.F. to reach out farther. Also Christians in such new assemblies would contribute regularly to the expansion fund.

Gospel Expansion Foundation is not a substitute for individual assembly effort, but merely a tool with which individual believers and assemblies can reach out to pioneer new testimonies.

Of course, it is fantastic to assume that 100 per cent of the readership of *Letters Of Interest* would contribute \$1 each per month for this expansion effort to carry the gospel to thousands and to plant new testimonies to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. But it is not fantastic to think that hundreds of brethren and sisters would gladly give \$5 or more per month to make up for those unable to give or who are not interested in expanding our testimony.



EVERETT BACHELDER
Nome, Alaska

It has been wonderful to see God working in this northland which has now become icebound for the winter. A happy visitor arrived here yesterday, having been up all night on a dogteam trip. He is the Christian schoolteacher in the village of Savoonga on St. Lawrence Island. He had the good news to report that another Eskimo young man came to the Lord recently. The school teacher is helping us with the meetings for several days and, Lord willing, I will be returning the visit later this winter.

LLOYD BALLHAGEN
Tylertown, Mississippi

Several weeks of gospel meetings in the hall were quite well attended. Brethren from another assembly gave some help in the speaking and visiting. God is working with some of the anxious ones.

I am hopeful of getting away to try to encourage some Christians elsewhere as the Lord opens the way.

ROBERT BOOTH
Box 104, Gore Bay, Ontario

Brother George Wilson and I closed a good series of meetings in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. Interest was sustained to the end and God gave us to see some fruit in salvation.

We commenced a series of gospel meetings in the Kensington Ave. Gospel Hall in Hamilton, Ontario, at the New Year. We will value prayer for this effort, that souls may be reached and saved.

WILLIAM BOUSFIELD
Duntroon, Ontario

We just finished six weeks of meetings last night in our home assembly. Souls were saved, and some restored, one an aged brother of 89 years.

ALLIE MAE COOLIDGE
406 E. Tennessee Ave., Crewe, Va.

At the Piedmont Sanatorium today I discovered a woman who had read and reread the tract I had given her until it looked wrinkled and old, and who was apparently prepared of the Lord to receive Him as Lord and Savior, which she did joyfully. Then she said, "For the first time in my life, I understand." I left the hospital greatly encouraged that, through the increased volume of prayer in behalf of God's own, He is going to gather out many to fear His Name. Thank you for bringing this needy field to the attention of so many.

ROBERT CRAWFORD
13 Beverly Road, Malvern, Pennsylvania

I had some meetings in Donora, Penna., where I have gone every year for 30 years now, and the Lord blessed His word. I spent two Lord's days and the intervening week at Glen Head, L. I., N. Y., with appreciation from the folks there for help given.

David Kirk and I are coming to the close of the third week and will be continuing at least another one in McNab St., Hamilton, Ont. So far we know of four professions of faith and others are disturbed and interested in eternal matters. It is so good to see God's people again meeting to pray both before and after meetings, and a good few tears have been shed in the presence of God. So again we prove, "He that goeth forth weeping..."

Our children's work at Malvern, Pa., continues to cheer, and I will be going home for a while after finishing here. Mr. Viriato Sobral of Portugal had a nice meeting and David Kirk is coming for a week with us at the new year (D. V.).

JOSEPH DARLING
1892 S. Laurent, Shawinigan Falls, Quebec

Very recently we were reminded again how it pleases God to work, as in the building of the temple. "There was neither hammer, nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building." The axe and hammer of

the Word were tools used of the Holy Spirit but the effect was brought about in the souls of two who now are a part of the spiritual house.

One young man is the fifth of a large family, four of whom were added to the Church as living stones the early part of this year. Beside the personal reading of a Testament given him he was further impressed as he witnessed the burial in baptism of his parents and a brother last spring. He has been witnessing a good deal to an aunt whose farm he runs. She too, has felt the effect of the Word against her religion.

A gentleman living in a neighboring town came first with his saved brother-in-law to gospel meetings and then by himself. For a time he stopped coming because of opposition in the home. The Word was not without effect, however, and a change was observed in his life by his wife and at present he has told several, including fellow-workers in the shop, that he is saved. Their joy has left an imprint on their countenance.

The Word has had an effect upon a local teacher from a technical school. He has read a good deal since a year or so ago. He no longer attends mass. The adversary of souls erects many a barrier to hinder a soul from coming to Christ. Ours is to pray earnestly that these souls may be delivered. Pray that the teacher may be added as a living stone, built upon the foundation work of the cross.

J. T. DICKSON

110 Forrest Lake Drive, Atlanta 3, Ga.

While in Miami, Fla., for medical consultation, I took the usual meetings in the 29th St. Hall. There was a nice interest throughout and an evident hunger and appreciation for the Word of the Lord.

We were sorry to move from Petersburg, where we enjoyed happy fellowship with the saints for some years. But we have moved to Atlanta, Georgia, to be with our youngest daughter and family. There is much activity in the assembly in Atlanta, which is mostly composed of younger brethren and sisters with young families. There are two other smaller assemblies with gospel activities.

ROGER DUPONT

P.O. Box 223, Granby, P. Quebec

We gratefully thank the Lord for the possibility to resume our French broadcast, interrupted for the summer season; also for the advantage to reach many more people with the message, the station having increased its power from 250 to 1000 watts. There is now a possibility of 500,000 listeners. These programs are really a great help to bring the gospel to the French people in this area, especially during the winter season when road conditions make visits very difficult in the country. By this means the message will

enter in homes week after week, and with the support of faithful prayers the Holy Spirit may surely render these messages fruitful for the glory of our Savior.

Considering the opposition from the clergy against these broadcasts, we certainly realize that if we can continue, it is only by the power of God. The priests published recently an article in the Granby newspaper, telling that they were deeply afflicted to see some good Roman Catholics permitting the spreading of false doctrines over their radio station. I thought after reading this article that it would be the end of our broadcast, but praise the Lord we are still on the air and we hope to be able to support these programs for at least six more months. We intend to do an intensive work of literature distribution this winter, advertising our broadcast. We feel assured the Lord will bless this sowing of His Word, for the glory of His precious Name.

EDWIN FESCHE

721 East 34th St., Baltimore 18, Maryland

I conducted two weeks of meetings in Florence, S. C., during November, messages being principally on "last things." The interest and attendance were good.

HENRY FLETCHER

487A Parkside Dr., Toronto 3, Ontario

My dear wife has been in bed for three months and has had a hard, long time of it. I have cancelled going away and looked after her at home. However, I have been kept busy here in the gospel of a Lord's Day, and otherwise when I leave her for a little. Today I had the privilege of speaking to a group of mothers that the sisters gather in.

Last Lord's Day was the opening of Rexdale hall in a suburb for Sunday school work and the gospel. It was packed by the Christians, and about 40 unsaved from the neighborhood. We do value prayer.

JOSEPH GIORDANO

65 Side Hill Road, Hamden 17, Conn.

We continue happily serving the best of Masters here in this section of the country. The past two months have been spent largely in New Jersey on the week-ends and in the New Haven area week-days. Attendance continues good and we have heard of another Air Force man confessing Christ. We hear from some who have been transferred to other places and they are going on well for Christ.

May I pass along our experience with servicemen and Yale students to illustrate that Christian love is the best way. The Lord has sent our way a number of Christian young men variously affiliated in their own hometowns but saved and desirous of living for God. They have been warmly received at the Lord's table upon confession of their faith in Jesus Christ and warmly received into the

homes of the believers and into our hearts. More than one has said that our manner of assembling together is the New Testament way and that they want to follow up what they have learned from the Word, both in instruction and practice. Two are now attending an assembly in Baltimore. Because they were warmly received, they were encouraged to go on for God and brought others with them and some have been saved. "Love never faileth."

WALTER JENSEN

2033 Grand Street, Scotch Plains, N. J.

Our uppermost consideration at the moment is the fourth annual January gospel campaign at Woodside Chapel, Fanwood, N. J. For the past three years the Lord has given us a good time in the salvation of souls. But we feel keenly the need for prayer this year that He may again be manifestly present in power and blessing.

HAROLD G. MACKAY

3714 Freeman Mill Road, Greensboro, N. C.

I have been ministering in Columbia and Greenville, S. C., and at Greensboro and Winston Salem, N. C., recently.

A. ROSS MC CONKEY

11730 Hubbell Ave., Detroit 27, Mich.

For two months we were in the New York area, visiting in the assemblies in that city, and in New Jersey and Long Island. We expect to be with the Detroit assemblies for December and January.

J. M. MC CULLOUGH

57 Crestan Road, Stratford, Conn.

Just now I'm going on with the meetings here in Garnaville. A number of unsaved ones are coming out. There seems an interest but none have professed yet as far as we know. We are only in our second week and usually there is a time of sowing before we have the joy of reaping.

Eric McCullough and Leonard De Buhr are seeing a time of awakening at Stout and a number have professed.

T. R. MC CULLOUGH

411 E. Logan, Guthrie, Okla.

I am now at home and it's good to see the Lord working here in Guthrie, Okla. A number of new faces and families are seen in our Bible Hour and Gospel meeting. Brother Herschel Martendale is doing a good work here. Both he and his wife are very active in Sunday school and gospel work.

A. A. McLAUGHLIN

1027 Longfellow Ave., Bronx 59, N. Y.

During the fall I had the pleasure of visiting and ministering in the following assemblies: Richmond Heights and West End Gospel Hall (St. Louis), Mo.; Denver Gospel Hall, Denver, Colo.; De Wolf Gospel Hall, Des Moines, and Cedar Falls, Iowa.

The Lord's people confess that they were greatly helped, and a few confessed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. I am now at home again and plan (D. V.) to serve the Lord in New York City and nearby states during the winter months.

STEPHEN MICK
1514 Wisconsin Ave., Boscobel, Wis.

I attended the Detroit conference, and the Word was fresh, practical and with power. It was refreshing to see so many young people eager to learn the truth of God. Many assemblies were represented at the conference.

At the present time I'm visiting a few assemblies in Ohio while waiting the Lord's guidance in regard to future meetings, and for this I do need the prayers of the Lord's people.

HOWARD J. MONTGOMERY
Immanuel Mission, Shiprock, N. M.

We had "Kishmus" here at the Mission December 19. Scott Franklin was our speaker this year. The Lord has put His seal upon this Navajo evangelist's work by giving him souls wherever he preaches the Word. We have one of Scott's spiritual "children" living in our home a good part of the time, and it is good to see her progress in the Lord. We had many contacts with Grace Blackwater before it was necessary for her to go to Mesa Vista Sanatorium in Boulder, Colorado. While there for TB she was contacted by our Brother Scott and led to Christ. She is a very earnest Christian.

We have great cause to praise our dear Lord for His wonderful goodness, and His provision for every need. I once more saw His loving hand in a recent operation he brought me through at the Farmington, New Mexico, hospital. He graciously supplied all that was needed in the way of the expense.

Another cause for rejoicing is the new school dormitory that has been in the process of building for some time now; carpenters, electricians, plumbers, heating contractors as well as others.

JOSHUA NELSON
Box 294, Grimsshaw, Alberta

We are seeing blessing here in Grimsshaw in increased interest in the meetings, and the Breaking of Bread has been re-established, for which we rejoice greatly.

We value the prayers of all who are interested in the gospel in this vast North region of His vineyard.

We are assured now, more than ever, that the Lord brought us back to Grimsshaw, even though the way was roundabout. We are very happy and at peace, being fully assured of being in His will.

H. G. NEWELL
411 E. Logan, Guthrie, Okla.

After leaving Guthrie, Okla., I visited a number of assemblies on my journey to Pomona, Calif., and saw some saved.

I am doing door-to-door visitation around Pomona Gospel Chapel. More children are coming to Sunday school, and more adults to hear the gospel.

WILLIAM J. OGLESBY
Victoria, Virginia

At Northside Gospel Chapel here in Victoria meetings have been well attended and we are encouraged in seeing some new faces. A few from local churches are coming to the Emmaus Bible Class on Tuesday night and have expressed enthusiastic appreciation for the truth being taught. A number of mothers are attending the Happy Hour with their children on Wednesday afternoon, and it is gratifying to see their interest. Unsaved continue to come to the Family Bible Hour and Gospel Service. On December 20 our boys and girls from the Sunday school took part in the annual program. A number of parents and friends attended this special occasion.

On Friday evening, December 4, the Cherrydale Community Chapel in Arlington, Va., concluded the Friday night craft classes which it has been conducting for a number of weeks. Parents of the children were invited and I brought an illustrated message, remaining for the meetings of the Lord's Day. The following Sunday I was with the assembly in Burlington, N. C.

Our sister, Mrs. Dexter Coolidge, who labors for the Lord at Piedmont Sanatorium and fellowships with the assembly at Northside Gospel Chapel, has been encouraged through letters received from the Lord's people who have read of her work in the November issue of Letters of Interest. Your prayers for our sister and the assembly here are deeply appreciated.

CESARE PATRIZIO
224 W. Loudon St., Phila., Pa.

I just returned from Italian and English meetings in Methuen and Worcester, Mass. and Long Branch, N. J. At present I have with me Brother Umberto Righetti from Fondi, Italy. He is the one who was shut up in his house for five days because of the gospel. But the enemy went against himself this time, for this brother, while the door was sealed up, preached the gospel from the window to thousands of people and the Lord saved a number of souls. The Word came from Rome to the police to open the door and to give him liberty. The Lord has used him in Toronto, Ont., and also at Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. A few souls have professed to be saved. He will accompany me on visits to the Italian assemblies. Pray that God will use him among the Italian people. He can't speak English.

JOE K. PAULICK
Box 881, Flagstaff, Arizona

We have been encouraged much of late as we see among the Indian people a hunger for the gospel. We have been asked to come and have meetings at several new camps. This means more trips over the desert roads but if they are willing to listen, we are willing to go. We are most thankful to have the Hogan Chapel at Red Lake finished and now in use and value your prayers as we undertake the extra burden of the winter camp meetings, as it is at this time of the year, when the Navajos live in their winter camps, that more souls are reached with the gospel.

R. PEACOCK
6807 Rupert Street, Vancouver 16, B. C.

I have just finished five weeks house-to-house work in White Rock, B. C., as well as having meetings nightly with the few saints. God willing I go over to Ladysmith to do the same work.

FRED R. PEER
6000—11th Ave., Rosemount,
Montreal 36, Que.

From October 17 until December 14 I was in Montreal, the assembly at Rosemount having provided my wife and me an apartment just two blocks from the chapel. Mr. Wm. Davies of Wales has been here for about ten months. During his visit several professed to be saved. The assembly felt the need of ministry for these young believers, so I am seeking to be a help to them in this way.

Last Sunday about 50 broke bread. About 60 come out to the Family Bible Hour, and about the same number at night. Unsaved are present at both of these meetings. They also have a nice size Sunday school. The assembly seems to be very active, in a healthy, happy condition. Of course, where the R. C. element is strong, gospel work is very difficult. Still, I think the work at Rosemount is very encouraging. We are very much enjoying our visit with the saints here.

FRANKLIN PRESTIDGE
P.O. Box 1673, Station A, Anderson, S. C.

My wife is writing for me as five weeks ago I broke my right arm just above the wrist.

The work in Bethany Chapel is progressing quite slowly, yet there are some improvements and increase in numbers both in the Sunday school and gospel services, for which we praise the Lord.

JOHN RAE
Apt. 9, 1109 Davenport, Honolulu, Hawaii

The Lord is opening doors, and we now have an hour each Wednesday, 5:30 to 6:30, in the library of the Oahu Penitentiary. This is a conversational-style

Bible class. It is surprising what some of these men, who will be many years behind bars, know.

We now anticipate access into the Honolulu jail. The youth situation in Honolulu is very serious, and the local police chief is a Christian, so he is all for our efforts. Pray for us.

(Editor's Note: Word has just been received that Mr. Ephraim Field, the spiritual father of the assembly testimonies on the Islands, was called Home Monday, December 7, following a brief illness. Mr. Rae, who went to Honolulu earlier this year to help in the work there, writes: "We came here to help Eph. Now it would seem that it is God's purpose that we replace him. Pray for us. We look up.")

GEORGE RAINEY
Mt. Plymouth via Sorrento,
Lake County, Fla.

I had meetings in Paterson, Kearny, Hackensack and Nutley, N. J. where the ministry was blessed to saint and sinner. Then I came to Kelker Street Assembly, Harrisburg, Pa., and St. Louis, Mo.

JOHN RANKIN
612 Third Avenue, Asbury Park, N. J.

I had the privilege of speaking at the monthly all-day meeting in Flushing, N. Y. A good number were present in the afternoon from various meetings around. Here in Asbury Park the small assembly continues its testimony with the Lord's blessing.

EDWARD RICHMOND
Box 62, Dover, Delaware

Many opportunities have come to make known the story of redemption throughout this area and it has pleased God to some some. I was called to speak at another funeral in Felton, a small town

about fifteen miles south of here. A wife and mother of nine children was called into eternity and is with Christ. A daughter who came to see me about the funeral service was saved in our home as I read the scriptures to her and told the story of salvation. She exclaimed when God revealed the truth of the substitutionary death of Christ to her, "I see it now. It is so wonderful. I want others of my family to know it too." I took the funeral service where about a hundred friends and family met to mourn the loss of one of God's children. Since the funeral the husband and father of these children has been saved and other members of the family are attending our meetings. All of them want to be saved so that they might meet the mother in glory.

F. W. SCHWARTZ
14283 Terry St., Detroit 27, Mich.

I have been kept busy with meetings in Greenfield, Ia., Atchison, Kan., Kansas City, Mo., and Ottumwa, Ia. I expect to spend a little time in Brodhead, Wisc., and Valparaiso, Ind., before going home. The Lord has given help and saints speak of being helped, for which we praise Him.

JAMES A. STAHR
235 Cumberland St., Charlottetown, P.E.I.

I made a two-week visit to eastern Newfoundland, where Stan Beasley, living in Burnt Point, continues to see blessing, with new ones saved and added to the assemblies in the area. In Old Perlican, where we lived four years before coming to Prince Edward Island, Marie Thomson has spent her fifth summer, holding DVBS in several villages. She has remained through the fall months, working with the women and girls. A number of high school girls, saved in the Bible schools of previous years, have recently come out

strongly for the Lord.

I had a gospel series in Old Perlican. Two mothers professed. There are other signs that Old Perlican may be on the verge of a long needed stirring. Prayer is needed.

Back in Charlottetown, I hope to do much visiting during the winter months. New contacts are vital to the growth of the work, along with a Bible teaching ministry to follow them up.

TOMMY STEELE
P.O. Box 7472, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Recently I have felt led to challenge the Christians here regarding our failure to witness many professions of faith. I believe this has resulted in a "sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees." Praise the Lord, the beautiful and spacious building site on the other side of town is now completely paid for! We anticipate immediate action concerning the use of this property.

We are joining in the week of prayer, January 4 to 10, as suggested by the brethren in conference at Des Moines, Iowa.

Lord willing, I shall be at the Bible Truth Chapel in Miami, Florida, January 13 to 24. Christians, please pray for these meetings.

T. G. WILKIE
Box 183, Forest, Ontario

Brother Blackwood and I had four weeks of gospel meetings in Montreal, and two souls professed to be saved. We also had two weeks for children in Highfield Hall, Toronto. A total of 2065 attended during the ten nights of the meetings. Some of the older girls professed to be saved. The Lord cheers us in our service for Him, the best of Masters.

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If we were to publish three or four different magazines instead of one we could please almost all of our readers. We do find the great majority are happy with the present publication. And we are delighted to received the criticisms and suggestions of those who think we need correction or improvement. We heartily agree with them, for we do realize that there needs to be constant improvement, and we benefit from their thoughts. But also we are greatly encouraged by the comments of those who are more appreciative than critical.

Here are a few of the hundreds of comments that have come in the Annual Survey; with an occasional clarifying remark from us:

"Don't like the new size. Believe to be a waste of Lord's money. The other size was handier to read and carry around." (Actually the cost is no more. Previous size had 32 pages plus cover. This one has 16 pages plus cover, gives us slightly more room, but vastly more flexibility in handling articles and advertising.)

"I think the smaller paper would save paper and postage after February 1st." (We must investigate this. And by the way, we have long had to envelope and pay four cents postage on each copy mailed to Canada. That means around 6c each on 5,000 each month.)

"Thank you for an interesting magazine. Just wish there was one published of equal interest to hand to our unsaved friends."

"Thank you for your help in binding us children of God together."

"Timely editorials appreciated."

"Getting better each year. The editorials are often excellent."

"The new size magazine is more interesting, but it does not travel in the mail as well. A staple may hold the pages together." (Yes, but not only does stapling add cost, but it spoils the magazine.)

"Very good and informative. Editorials too are tops."

"As a printer I must say I do not like the new set up. The old size and style was much better. The November issue looked like a cheap mail order catalog at first glance." (We would like the writer to take a second glance. If the publication had 32 instead of sixteen pages, it would certainly improve it. Maybe we can add them some day.)

"I like the new enlarged size and format—"

"My only regret is the small offering I am sending you for our Lord's cause—"

"Better every issue. The messages are exceptional—"

"Your new size excellent. Keep giving us items on truths and helps."

"Magazine title well chosen."

"Terrific." (We don't know just what this reader means, we hope it is good, not bad.)

"Glad to see the Lord honored, rather than 'our place.'"

"Thanks particularly for your provocative and searching editorials."

"Enjoy the editorials and letters so much."

"Appreciate your new size."

"Giving to God by Robert Laidlaw much appreciated. Give us more of this good ministry."

"The new form a great improvement." (We hope this reader also is a printer.)

"More pictures of God's servants."

"Greatly value—The new size is excellent."

"I like the change in the paper. It is more interesting with more teaching—" (Some readers connect the new size with some ministry we have been putting in. Primarily we promote pioneering and fellowship, disseminate news. But we frequently do get suggestions for adding ministry articles.)

"Your new size comes as a surprise—" (We hope a pleasant one.)

"My comments? Well, I just enjoy reading yours."

"This magazine is well done, and profitable."

"Very good. Think you ought to charge something for it." (We have explained several times that sending the publication without charge gives us a wider circulation that has proven beneficial to many readers. However, those who think as does our correspondent will find this a handy time to send in their contribution to the annual expense of over \$25,000).

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ALDERGROVE, BRITISH COLUMBIA
Aldergrove Gospel Chapel

Several confessed Christ as Savior following the visit of Brother A. J. Davies in November. Brother Chas. Cox visited the assembly in December enroute to the Philippines, and one soul confessed Christ. Mun Hope held meetings in December and saw blessing in several coming to the Lord. Eric L. McKinley gives appreciated ministry here also.

Brother Tomlinson continues to labor on the new hall. His many years of building experience contribute much to the progress in constructing the building.

CARPENTERSVILLE, ILLINOIS
Meadowdale Gospel Chapel, 2624 Helm Rd.

The recent ministry of W. F. Anderson of Florence, S. Car., was enjoyed by all.

Brother Chas. Clohsey took the Sunday morning ministry and also did visitation.

The Lord is working. We are hearing of one or two being saved from week to week. Pray for us that we might be able to establish those who are in Christ in the Word.

—Louis Cook

CHARLESTOWN, SOUTH CAROLINA

At Grace Camp this past year the Lord delighted to save fourteen of the campers. One girl came from the Bahamas to camp. Born of godly parents she was under the sound of the gospel from infancy, but the Savior chose the camp for her salvation. There were several who were blessed with the assurance of their salvation. One girl from the Washington, D. C., assembly was among them.

The attendance was 95 campers and nine workers, four of them from the Bahamas: Brethren Nottage, Culmer, Mallory, and wife. The camp made a deep impression upon the young and old of St. Helena's Island where our camp is located. There were a good number of visitors.

"Hurricane Gracie" made havoc of our grounds, with about two-thirds of our shade trees broken or blown down, but our merciful Father allowed only one building roof to be blown off. The chapel building, not quite finished, was not damaged. Neither the Bible Chapel at Beaufort, Grace Tabernacle at Charleston, nor our home suffered damage.

The fourth Thanksgiving Day Conference for this section was held at the camp grounds, with Christians attending from the Savannah Youth Meeting, Beaufort Bible Chapel, Grace and Truth Sunday School, St. Helena Island, and Grace Tabernacle Church, Charleston, S. C.

—Julius Dennis

DES MOINES, IOWA
Central Gospel Chapel

A recent baptism was a most touching and inspiring sight. Nine young persons followed the Lord in this ordinance, the oldest 18 years of age.

We had an all-day Sunday meeting with well over 200 in attendance, quite a number from other assemblies. During the day we heard from H. K. Downie, T. B. Gilbert, Dr. E. B. Jackson, Wm. Murray and Harold Kessler.

—James S. Green

DETROIT, MICHIGAN
Pembroke Chapel
19901 Burt Road

Beginning with the Labor Day weekend and ending with a Thanksgiving Conference on November 21 and 22, we have enjoyed soul-stirring and searching ministry that has been blessed of the Lord in the salvation of some and in exhortation for the people of God.

Henry Petersen with his chart, "Egypt to Canaan," was followed by C. Ernest Tatham, also speaking from a chart on The Prophecy of Daniel. Our next speaker, Neil Fraser of Eugene, Oregon, followed with a series which, unfortunately, was curtailed by the serious illness of his wife, necessitating his return with two weeks to complete.

The Thanksgiving Conference featured stirring ministry by C. Stacey Woods on The Holy Spirit and challenging messages by Abe Hartsema of Muskegon, Michigan (substituting for Neil Fraser).

We are still looking to the Lord for blessing on His precious Word.

—James P. Fraser

MISHAWAKA, INDIANA
Grace Bible Chapel

The former Mishawaka Gospel Chapel announces a change of name as above and order of services as following effective January 1, 1960:

SUNDAY:

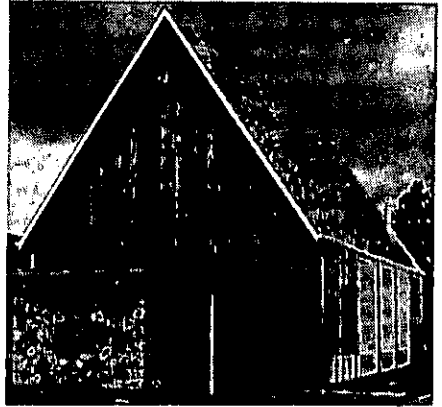
- 9:00 a.m. The Lord's Supper
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School and Family Bible Hour
- 7:00 p.m. Evening Bible Hour

WEDNESDAY:

- 7:30 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study
- Construction of the chapel is expected to be completed during the summer of 1960.

—Kenneth R. Weidner

EDMONTON, ALBERTA
Sharon Gospel Chapel



Since occupying this attractive new building the Christians have already seen increased attendance at the Sunday school and Family Bible Hour. The chapel is finished in natural cedar, with roof in shades of gray and black.

NEWTON, BRITISH COLUMBIA

The assembly is encouraged by a large and growing Sunday school. Some professed Christ recently after the visit of Miss Margaret Roberts of Formosa, who spoke to one of the Sunday school classes. Recent speakers included Eric McKinley, E. Wall, P. Matthews and Mun Hope. The Friday night Bible study at the Community Hall attracts a good attendance.

PORTLAND, OREGON

The believers expect to be assembling in the new Grace & Truth Chapel early in January, somewhat ahead of schedule. Good weather helped to expedite the building. The new location is 12420 N. E. Siskiyou Street, just off the Freeway (zone 30).

Breaking of Bread is on the Lord's Day, at 9:30 a.m., Family Bible Hour, 11:00 a.m., evening ministry 7:00 p.m. Prayer and Bible study is on Thursday at 7:45 p.m.

Wm. Broad is the new assembly correspondent, 1206 N. E. 75th Ave., Portland 13, Oregon, phone Alpine 4-0069.

We expect Henry Petersen for a couple of weeks of meetings early in March.

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA
Gospel Hall, 2447 Mascher Street

Recently we conducted a week of special meetings for children with Brother Wm. Oglesby, followed by four consecutive Friday nights with messages by brethren from local assemblies.

The response was very encouraging. Two neighborhood children have been added to the Sunday school as a result.

—Robert L. Scott

QUEBEC CITY, QUEBEC

There are no longer two assemblies functioning separately in Quebec City. Meetings (in the French language) are being held in the building at 610 Belvedere Avenue, now called "Salle Evangelique Belvedere (Belvedere Gospel Hall).

Meetings are as follow:

Lord's Day:

9:45 a.m. Sunday school

10:45 a.m. Breaking of Bread

7:30 p.m. Preaching of the gospel

Tuesday:

8:00 p.m. Prayer and Bible study

Christians in fellowship with assemblies elsewhere will be welcome.

Those desiring information regarding the work and workers in this city should write directly to the correspondent of the assembly.

J. P. Berney
151 Maskinonge Ave.
Quebec 10, P. Quebec

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

With regard to the St. Louis Bible Hall, 3631 Finney Ave., the building has been sold to the colored Baptists, and the proceeds have been distributed to work on the mission field. We are gathering with the saints at North End Gospel Chapel.

—Joseph W. Benwell

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

At the first Southern California Missionary Study Class of the season, held at Claremont Chapel, it was evident by the large attendance that there is a vital interest in missionary work. Portions of letters from twenty missionaries were read. Eight missionaries were in the audience. A short message was given by Dick Farstad, outgoing to Ecuador. Ed Christensen reported on his work of making records and August Van Ryn was the speaker of the evening.

La Brea Chapel was host to an unusual meeting of the Southern California Missionary Study Class on Thursday, October 29, when Mr. Walter Munro, President of "Christian Missions in Many Lands," and Mr. Fred MacKenzie, President of "The Fields," stopped in Los Angeles for one day and spoke in the evening to a capacity audience on problems of missionaries today and the functions of the missionary endeavors they represent. The large audience and interest shown during the question and answer period were a great encouragement to these two brethren.

At Claremont, California, August Van Ryn conducted a week of ministry meetings from November 2 to November 7. There was good attendance and good ministry.

At La Brea Chapel August Van Ryn

conducted a week of ministry meetings from November 8 through November 14 with good attendance and interest.

On the Monday evening, a special dinner meeting for men only from all assemblies in Southern California was held in downtown Los Angeles, with Brother Van Ryn as the speaker. This type of meeting has proved most helpful in the past. It was thrown open for questions at the close.

In San Diego at the Laurel Avenue Chapel Brother Van Ryn conducted a week of meetings for ministry through November 22. Interest was excellent.

—W. R. Simpson

THREE HILLS, ALBERTA

The Lord has raised up an assembly here in Three Hills, which breaks bread in the Raymond Rogers home each Lord's Day from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

The Thursday night prayer meeting and Bible reading is from 6:45 to 8:00 p.m. Correspondent is Brother S. Wilkins, c/o P. B. I., X Dormitory, Three Hills, Alberta, Canada.

TORONTO, ONTARIO

Danforth Gospel Hall

We had a week of special ministry meetings by Mr. Fraser Naismith of Kilmarnock, Scotland. They were well attended, and the saints were encouraged as they thought of the blessings which are theirs in Christ, while reminded of the terrible doom which awaits this godless world.

Pape Avenue Gospel Hall

Brethren Wm. Warke of Chicago, Ill., and Oswald McLeod of Hickory, N. C., concluded five weeks of gospel meetings, which were well attended, a good number of unsaved being present. Four professed faith in Christ—three men and a boy—but only a future day will reveal the work that has been accomplished through the Word preached.

Eglinton Avenue Gospel Hall

Gospel meetings were conducted by Brethren John Adams and John Norris for five weeks. The meetings were well attended, one professing faith in Christ. It seemed to be a time of sowing the Word, rather than of reaping. Only God knows the results.

—A. Johnston

VISTA, CALIFORNIA

The assembly now meets at 137 Jefferson St., Vista, California. Order of meetings:

Sunday—

9:30 a.m. Breaking of Bread

11:00 a.m. Sunday School and Family Bible Hour

5:00 p.m. Young People's Meeting

7:30 p.m. Gospel

Thursday—

7:30 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study

—Victor Burkinshaw



Edited by J. W. Kennedy

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Chicago Missionary Study Class plans to hold its annual conference April 9 to 16, 1960, D. V., at Emmaus Bible School in Oak Park.

Missionaries traveling in the vicinity are cordially invited to visit the conference. Write for particulars to:

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Further details in subsequent announcements.

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BOOK REVIEW

FROM TRAGEDY TO TRIUMPH, The Message of the Book of Job, by H. L. Ellison. 127 pages. Wm. B. Eerdmans Pub. Co. \$2.50. (American edition, printed in Great Britain)

"Here is Job's problem. If his theology is correct, he is the chief of sinners, but he *knows* he is not. But if he listens to the testimony of his own heart, then his theology, on which he has built up his whole life, must be wrong. The fact that his concept of God and man are rudimentary compared to the highly developed ones of Christian dogmatics does not mean that we are not entitled to use the word theology, when speaking of him. This thought is more agonizing even than the thought that he may be chief of sinners. So he finds the firm moorings of his life vanished; that the ship of his life is adrift on the dark ocean, without chart, without light, being carried he knows not where.

"He turns to his friends for sympathy, advice and comfort, but dogmatic orthodoxy has ever been without heart or understanding. It cannot conceive of religion as a vitally free fellowship with God, but insists on confining it to the Procrustean bed of man's limited understanding of the omnipotence and all-wisdom and love of God. But though they have no understanding for the plight of their friend, it is the three who really help Job back to peace, for they so increase his anguish that they drive him back to God. It is noticeable that in virtually all of Job's answers to his friends, while he first reacts to what has just been said, he then turns from his friends to God. Much that he says in his anguish is false and exaggerated, and some of it is virtually blasphemous, but what matters in that he turns to God."

We have quoted at some length above from chapter four as indicative of the author's sharp penetration to the heart of this puzzling drama. One would need to study deeply both Job and this commentary to say more than this.

H. L. Ellison is theological editor for Paternoster Press.

CHRISTIAN JOY by A. S. Loizeaux. Loizeaux Brothers, Inc. 32 pages, paper, 30c.

A luxury which no Christian can afford to be without is joy. Writing from many years of experience as a believer, the author says in his introduction: "This is a handbook of pure joy. It begins with the joy of salvation which is the foundation of all true and lasting joy... Joy is the real lubricant of life, preventing friction and minimizing wear and tear."

Now over 80 years of age, his sight somewhat dimmed, A. S. Loizeaux still faces life with zest, keen to be at the labors of the day, as an editor and author and an elder in his assembly. This booklet is both inspirational and practical.

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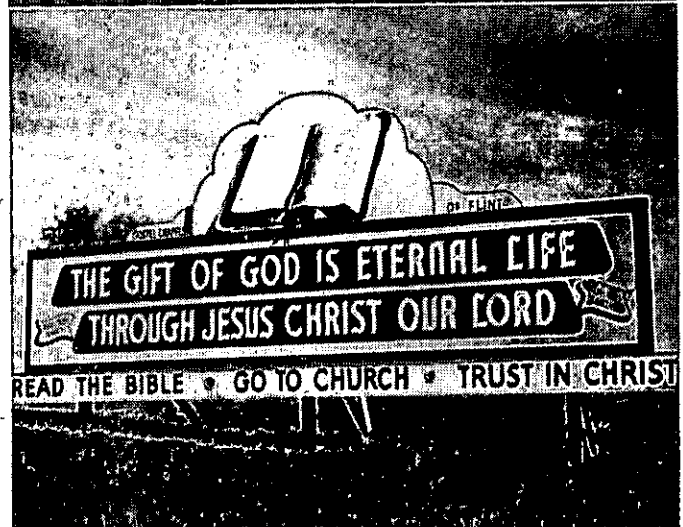
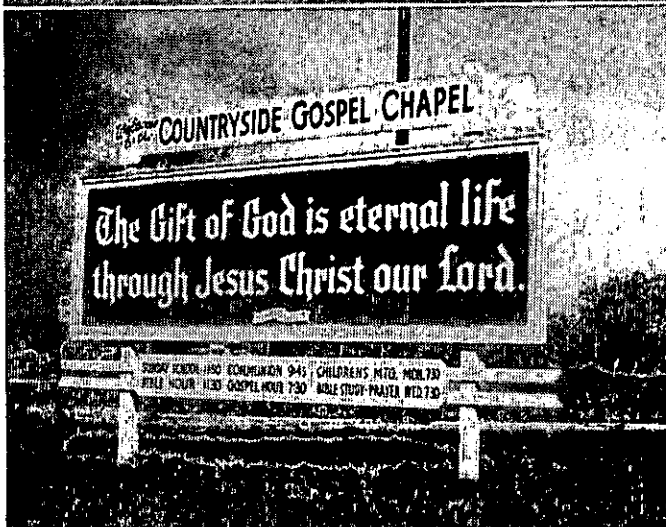
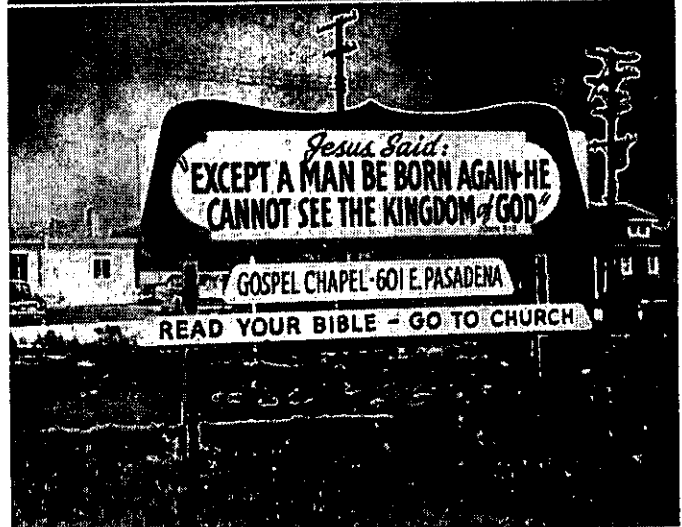
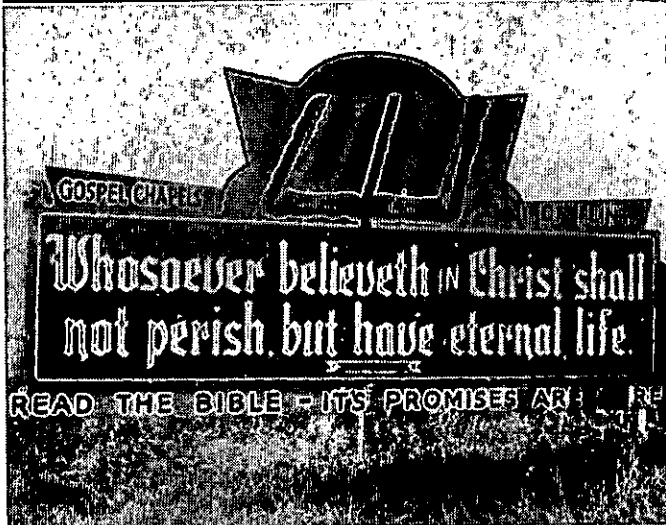
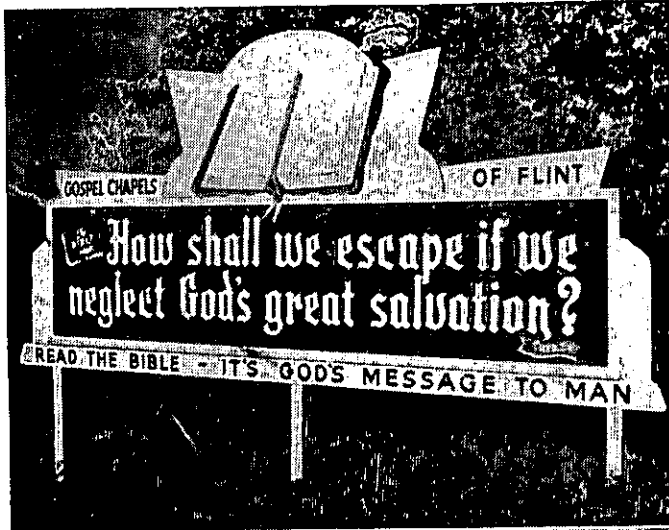
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Notice the brevity and directness of these texts. Doubtless they will prove as arrows to many passersby. Backed by earnest prayer, they must prove effective

witnesses. Some give location and meeting times; others do not.

The brethren who erect these signs will be glad to give help and counsel to other Christians interested in putting up similar billboards in their communities.





Youth Work

Edited by James G. Humphrey



THIRD BOSTON AREA MEN'S SEMINAR

JOHN A. W. HALLIDAY
5936 Jomez Drive, El Paso, Texas

There has been cause for encouragement in the work among the children. Last Friday there was an increase in the number who came to the meeting in the rather poor "Mexican" section on the south side of El Paso and then at night in the meeting at Grace Chapel. At the latter meeting there were over 70 children and there was such fine attention during the talk.

LIONEL A. HUNT
17 Thursfield Crescent, Toronto 17, Ont.

Once more we would appreciate the prayers of burdened saints for a heavy spring program among the children. A series of children's meetings in Windsor, at Turner Road Chapel, is planned for mid-January, and the first week of February another Alan Knight Memorial Crusade is planned for a Toronto school. We continue to praise God for lasting fruit from the October effort. Some boys who had never gone to Sunday school have not missed since the crusade and others go on well for the Lord.

I plan a trip to the West Coast in March and April, with meetings at various places including Trail, Rossland and Vancouver, B. C. Two country efforts with brethren at Shanty Bay and Foxmead (Ontario) are to be fitted in when the winter breaks. In the late spring I plan (D. V.) to spend a month or more with Brother Svend Christensen in Nova Scotia, helping with some pioneering work he has in hand. The evidence of the Lord's blessing in numerous meetings among boys and girls held in the fall and early winter indicates many of the Lord's people are bearing up this work in prayer and this rejoices our hearts.

IMMANUEL MISSION
Box 368, Shiprock, N. M.

Recently we had a week of special meetings for our boys and girls with Brother Fred Gladstone. Our kiddies all showed a real interest, and several keep asking when he is going to come back again.

One of our little girls was recently hospitalized with a severe allergy. Her body was covered with a rash, and it had become infected in several places. Perhaps you can imagine our feelings when we discovered that her mother had signed her out of the hospital against the advice of the doctors. She was taken home for a heathen "sing" or healing ceremony. We have had no news concerning her, so we can only trust that in some way the

Lord may overrule and that she will recover. The doctor told Mrs. Perrault that if the infection became any worse the child would die. How sin and superstition blind the heart and mind!

Today the public health nurse from Shiprock is to come out to hold a clinic for our Navajo people. There will be quite a crowd about this afternoon, affording opportunities to reach some with the gospel by means of tape recordings, records, and loud speaker.

PITTSBORO CHRISTIAN HOME, INC.
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We have traveled from twenty to 30 miles every Lord's day with our children during the past seven years, in order to fellowship with Christians who gather in the Lord's name alone. Because of the distance involved it has been our desire to find some Christians here who are like-minded. November 21 it gave us great joy to meet with such a company of believers in a large room at the Home, designated Bethany Chapel, to partake of the Lord's Supper for the first time here in Pittsboro. On the night before, Virgil Hollingsworth (no blood relation) began a series of meetings which proved to be a real blessing to Christians and some professed faith in Christ. There were as many as 140 present on one night.

The workers in the Home, besides my wife and me, during the past fifteen months, were Miss Dorothy Barker of Minneapolis, Minnesota who has been with us for several years; Miss Anna North of Baltimore, Maryland, who managed the kitchen for us for six months; Miss Virginia White of Hobgood and Winston Salem, N. C., who has been in charge of a group of boys since February; and Mrs. Vivian Wolfe of New York, who also helped us for awhile.

More children were cared for and more workers helped during the past fifteen months than during any other period since the Home was opened. For several months there were 24 children and five workers here. We hope to care for at least 26 during the coming year if the Lord provides adequate help.

—W. Eugene Hollingsworth

EUROPEAN TOURS: From London, Austria, Switzerland, Germany, Italy, France, Scotland, etc. Christian fellowship and Bible ministry. Brochures, Wm. Scroggie, Fairhaven, Christian Guest Home, Newquay Cornwall, England.

Room 11 on the third floor of the Lasell House in Whitinsville, Mass., was the location of the recent 1959 Boston Area Men's Seminar. The general purpose of this gathering, as in the earlier Seminars, was to get away from the pressure of today's busy living and to discuss our Christian faith and practice in the light of the Word of God.

The topic for consideration that October 30th weekend was a timely one for the New England area, where several assemblies are either initiating new work or moving an already established one into a more promising area. The speakers, William Belch of Ontario, and David Ward of Mystic, Connecticut, were ideally suited to the subject at hand, both men having considerable experience in assembly outreach in the northeast. Joseph Giordano, of New Haven, Connecticut, ably moderated the four sessions which considered successively "Preparing to Move," "Making the Move," "Consolidating the Move," and "Pastoral Responsibilities after the Move."

In the first session David Ward presented a refreshingly optimistic, yet deeply searching analysis of the opportunities and responsibilities of assemblies in America today. He noted that our great beachhead is the fact that we live in a church-going age. Thus, given the vision of what may be done with such tools as regional evangelistic organizations (i. e., The Gospel Expansion Fund and the projected PINES—Pioneering in the New England States), and the actively witnessing local assembly, we will see the Lord move beyond our expectations. But, Mr. Ward cautioned, the mere mechanics of moving into a new area will not suffice in such a situation. Spirituality must come first.

On Saturday morning Mr. Belch considered two general approaches to reaching the community. The first was the gospel campaign, effective if carefully and prayerfully prepared. The alternate method was the regular program of Sunday services built upon consistent and able ministry from the Word of God. Significantly, the need for personal contact with the community through systematic canvassing was emphasized irrespective of the actual means of promulgating the gospel. Gaining the confidence of the community is all-important. Open house and dedication services often provide a good first step. Subsequent services should present to the visitor a hospitable yet orderly and reverent atmosphere and a competent speaker, a man of warmth with a Bible-centered message and an easy delivery. However, it was pointed out that despite the fact that we should expect great things of God, we must not

forget that only the Lord can save a soul. Missionaries have been known to labor for twenty years without visible results, then suddenly experience great success in the salvation of souls.

With this sobering thought in view, the third session logically considered the consolidation of the work. The ground taken must now be held. The assembly must be confirmed through pastoral visitation, teaching for young converts, and through the operation of spiritual overseers, mature, exercised men of God who can recognize and encourage gift and minister to the needs of the local church. In addition,

Mr. Ward stressed the need for a program carefully planned to provide for the needs of a growing work. Such a program should envision the importance of evangelism, of missions, of a growing Sunday school and youth work, and should allow for flexibility to meet the changing times.

The final session was devoted to the subject of pastoral care. Mr. Belch noted its four-fold nature as brought out in Ezekiel 34:16—to seek the lost, to bring back that which was driven away, to bind up that which was broken, to strengthen the sick. The observation was made that

the local assembly should not depend entirely on the help of an outside full-time worker. Instead it should be their urgent prayer that the Lord will raise up *in their midst* the one or ones to carry on His work. The great explosion of missionary activity began in Acts 13 when the church at Antioch ministered, fasted, and, at the direction of the Holy Spirit, separated for the work Barnabas and Saul.

With this searching note as its final emphasis, the rich ministry of this most recent seminar will doubtless prove a blessing to New England and the work of the Lord in the years ahead.

—Dr. Robert L. Herrmann

WITH THE LORD

SIMON HOLMGREN

On November 22, 1959, Mr. Simon Holmgren was called home at the age of 79 after many faithful years of service to his Lord.

He was born in Sweden, coming to America as a lad in his teens. He was born again in Bethany Chapel, Yonkers, 53 years ago, and he and his dear wife were commended from that assembly to assume superintendency of James Slip Gospel Mission, on the lower east side of New York City, where they served nearly 40 years. She predeceased him by three years.

In 1936 Camp Hananeel was acquired. The Holmgrens assumed responsibility for this work among underprivileged children each summer, in addition to the mission responsibilities.

During the years of World War II they operated the Fulton Street Service Center, where many servicemen, as well as merchant seamen, came to know the Lord.

Since the disposal of the mission and camp properties because of the encroachment of housing developments, Mr. Holmgren undertook personal work at The McAuley Water Street Mission, where he continued to win many precious souls.

The funeral service was held in Bethany Chapel, Mr. Ludwig B. Armerding, Superintendent of the McAuley Water St. Mission, Walter J. Munro, and Claude S. Speicher participating.

Mr. Holmgren was a man of piety, gentleness, zeal, earnestness and humility, and many were reached not so much through his preaching as through his living.

"...He obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh" (Hebrews 11:4).

COMMENDATION

Betty Hollman

The Christians gathered to the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ in New Haven, Connecticut, wish to make it known that Miss Betty Hollman has been commended to the work of the Lord among the Navajo Indians in the Flagstaff area of Arizona:

"Our sister has been in fellowship here for the past fifteen years and has been a tireless worker, giving unstintingly of her time and means to reach out with the gospel to the children and mothers in the New Haven area. She has been especially burdened for the less privileged ones living in the various projects of the area.

"We believe Betty is well fitted to work among the Navajo mothers and children because of her ability to present the gospel clearly and simply. Her sympathetic attitude, helpfulness and love for souls will endear her to the Navajo people even as these Christian graces have earned for her the esteem of all who know her."

The letter is signed by six brethren.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. McKinnie

Mr. and Mrs. McKinnie have been exercised for some time about returning to their former field of labor in Chile where they had served the Lord for twenty years. About five years ago they returned to the United States and have made the East Orange, N. J., meeting their home assembly.

The assembly writes: "Our brother and sister have served the Lord faithfully while with us. They have been a great help and blessing to the Christians here, and to several meetings in the eastern part of the States.

"We have learned, through letters re-

ceived from missionaries in Chile, that a very warm welcome awaits them when they return.

"The East Orange Assembly gives the very highest commendation to our brother and sister. We are sorry indeed that they are leaving as they are exceptionally fine people, deserving not only the commendation of our assembly, but also the fullest confidence of the Lord's people everywhere. Our prayers and best wishes will go with them when they leave us to labor in the land to which the Lord has called them."

Earl E. Lundin

The Emmaus Bible Chapel of Ferguson, Missouri, writes:

"For the past three years we have enjoyed most happy fellowship with our Brother Earl E. Lundin and his family, here at Emmaus Chapel.

"The Lord has led him and his wife to take over the operation of the Children's Home at New Orleans. We recognize their heart for this work, but further, their exceptional gift, and we do heartily commend them to the work and to your prayer and fellowship."

COMMENDATION WITHDRAWN

Mr. and Mrs. James Sinclair, formerly of Palawan, Philippines, have for personal reasons decided not to return to the missionary work in the Islands. In view of this, and at their request, the Portland, Oregon Assemblies have withdrawn their commendation for missionary work.

—John Clark

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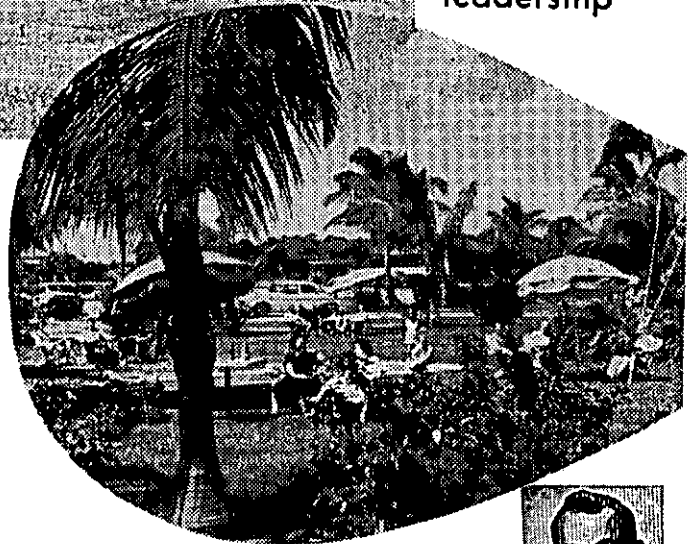
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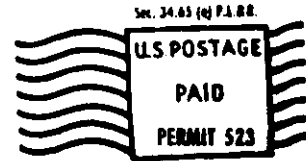
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The daily round-table discussions and practical workshops will be conducted by Robert L. Conlon and James G. Humphrey. All assembly workers planning to be in Florida in February will please register as early as possible so as to assist with the round-table discussion and work-shop periods.

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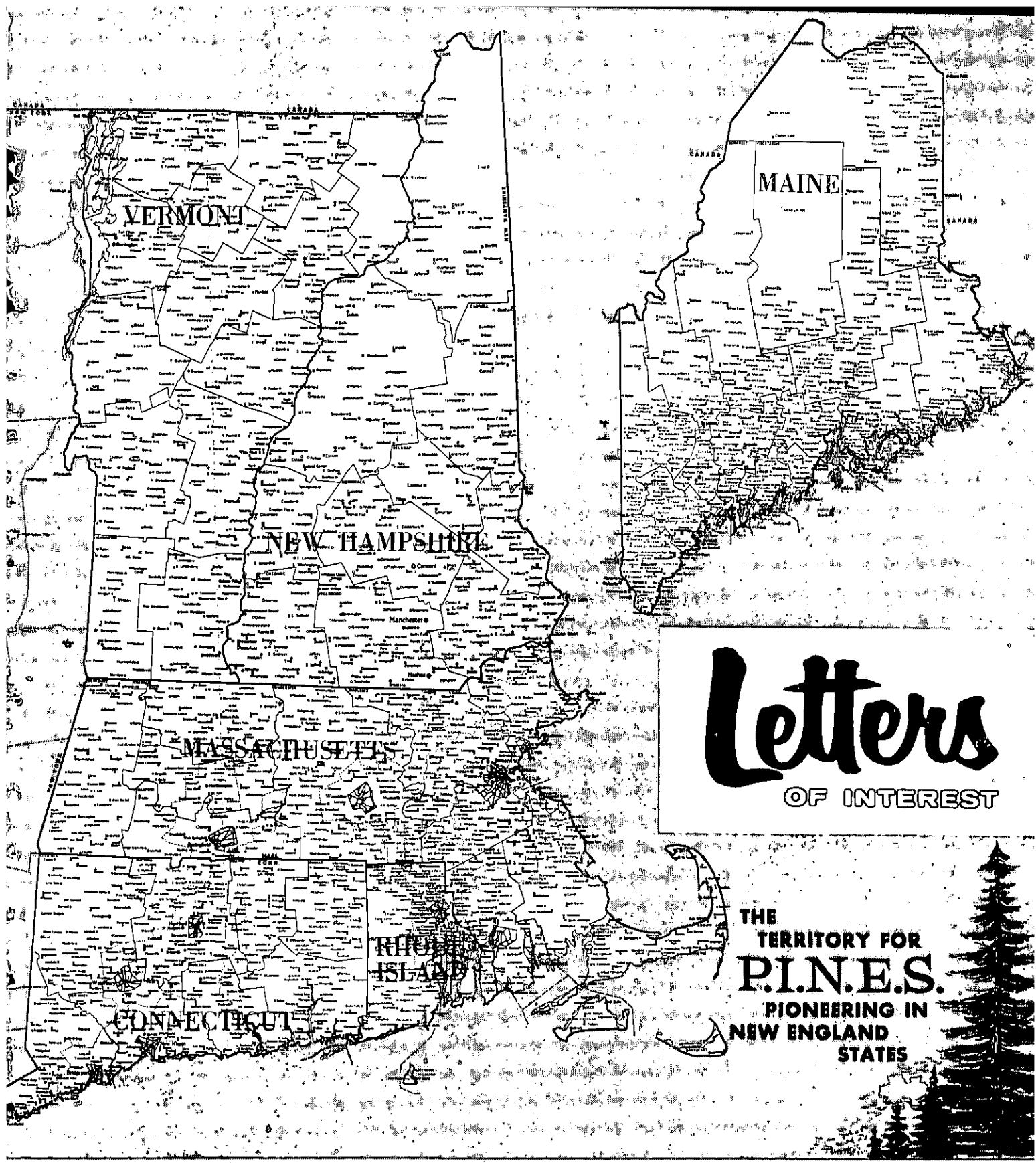
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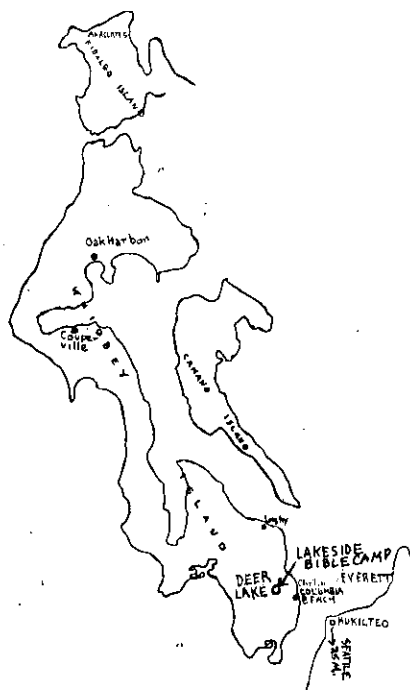
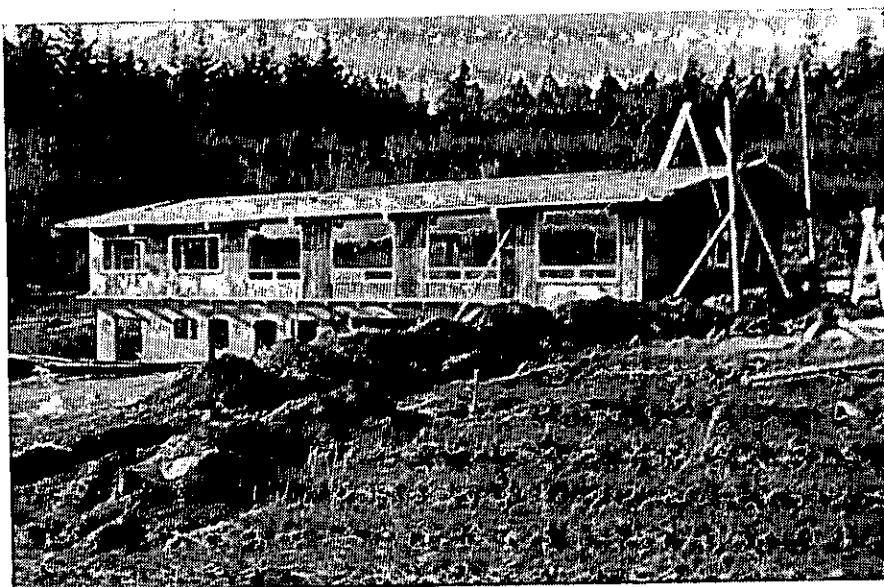
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WASHINGTON ASSEMBLIES PUSH CAMP CONSTRUCTION FOR 1960 SEASON



LAKESIDE CAMP STORY

Like pieces of a jigsaw puzzle waiting to be fitted into place lie the islands of Puget Sound, and the piece that especially appears to have been sawn out by a disturbed puzzler is Whidbey Island, about 36 miles south to north. The one island highway following the convolutions as scantily as possible takes over 50 miles to travel from five miles north of the southern tip to the top end. And if Whidbey, now like a waking sleeper half uncurled, would stretch itself out straight it would be twice as long as it is. It is very confusing.

But the traveler looking for Lakeside Bible Camp has only to tool along U. S. "99" 25 miles from Seattle to Mukilteo and take a 15-minute ferry ride to Columbia Beach. Just about a mile west is Lakeside Bible Camp—in the making. Coming from the north, he can travel practically the full length of Whidbey.

Long concerned about having their own camp grounds for youth work in the Puget Sound area of Washington, seven assemblies in and around Seattle in July, 1958 secured a 21½-acre site on Whidbey Island, with 500 feet of frontage on Deer Lake. A down payment of \$5,000 was made on the \$15,000 purchase price. Lakeside Bible Camp Association was set up to own and operate the property and project, and after a meeting early last year to review the objectives and needs for camp work, and much prayer, the balance on the contract was paid off by September, 1959.

A loan was obtained from Stewards Foundation to finance the purchase of materials. It was agreed that labor would be donated by brethren in the several assemblies, and the first day's construction started with prayer at 9 a.m., Saturday, October 3.

The picture of the 32' x 72' dining hall shows the progress after twelve Saturdays, with work parties averaging about twenty men. Writing December 27, Henry W. Dun, president, says: "Today, with twelve Saturdays of work put in, the roof is on the dining hall, the walls are up on the cooks' cabin, and the walls of the building that will house the speakers, directors and the infirmary are being built. The foundation and floor have been poured for the first of five children's cabins.

The dining hall building has also a kitchen, full daylight basement for food storage, laundry, furnace, showers and lavatories, and a large general utility room with a truck door. An auditorium building is to go up to the right of the dining hall, with a plastic roof breezeway connecting the two buildings.

The seven cabins (two for workers, five for youngsters), are all about 24' x

44', and all have toilets and wash basins. Each of the youngsters' cabins will be divided in two with accommodations for ten youngsters and a counselor's room in each half.

Les Reitz is chairman of the Camp Building and Grounds Committee which designed the buildings and supervises the construction. Howard McNicle, a contractor, serves as construction foreman. Some of the workers are skilled; others are new to building; all are enthusiastic and energetic and determined, with the Lord's enablement, to have Deer Lake Camp ready for use this summer.

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While older brethren will be welcome, the conference is limited to 75 and preference will be given to young men. Otherwise registration will be on a first come, first served basis. The cost is nominal, covering meals and lodgings. For complete details and for conference brochures write to Gerald F. Hawthorne, 940 College, Wheaton, Illinois.



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Editors' Page

IN FELLOWSHIP OR NOT?

When we give the number of Christians in fellowship in our assembly it usually is the sum of those who attend the breaking of bread service and partake of the Lord's supper. And yet in most of our assemblies there are those who feel responsible for this meeting only, and do not regularly attend the other gatherings for Sunday school, gospel, ministry, etc. Sometimes they are called "S. M. O. Christians."

Are these folks really in fellowship? Do they properly support the local testimony? Are they fulfilling the Lord's commission? Can they be a testimony to the unsaved in the neighborhood? Can they resemble the Lord in a full measure under these circumstances?

The answer to the above questions must be an emphatic no. But what is the solution to the problem?

Some advise we should pray for them. Many tell us to visit them and encourage them to a greater assembly participation. Others suggest that these should not be considered a part of the assembly. A few defend the practice by stating that worship is foremost and service not so important.

In the light of the soon return of our Lord it behooves each local assembly to maintain a united and active testimony. Therefore, how can we bring to an end this unfortunate situation among us?

Perhaps workers or assembly elders have some helpful comments on this subject. If it has been solved in your assembly write about it so that we can pass on the solution to our readers for mutual benefit.

—D. J. Thomson

HONOR YOUR PARENTS

One of the conditions marking the last days is disrespect for and disobedience to parents. How careful, then, young Christians should be to render respect to their parents and to obey them.

The primary purpose of the fifth commandment, "Honor thy father and thy mother," is not the smoothing of the path for fathers or mothers, by insuring a peaceful home-life, but the safeguarding of the future of the children. As Paul reminds us, it is the first commandment with promise. It offers in return for obedience a safe and long life.

Wise and loving discipline is important in every life. The commandment, of course, pre-supposes a parent worthy of respect and honor. It obliges us to a mutual understanding of one another's rights and privileges. It forms a basis for a happy existence among our fellow-men. It creates a respect for law that obliterates juvenile delinquency. It is a duty as well as a privilege for children to learn to obey their godly parents and thereby they find it simpler and easier to obey a wise and loving heavenly Father.

—J. W. Kennedy

ARE WE RETREATING FROM REALITY?

Men of the world hold all religions, including Christianity, to be a retreat from reality. They consider *religionists* to be persons who cannot stand up to life on their own, who are unable to take "the bludgeonings of fate" with heads bloodied but unbowed; and who therefore create an image of some power outside themselves to turn to in their fear.

We know these worldly wise men to be wrong so far as faith in God is concerned. We know that our Lord Jesus Christ came into the world, died for our sins and was raised again for or because of our justification, for God has revealed Himself to us by the Holy Spirit through His Word. We have not a creed learned by rote and a past and gone teacher, but a living, loving, ever-present Lord Jesus Christ, and in Him all the fullness of the Godhead.

Yet is not our life on earth too frequently a retreat from reality? If God the Father is real; if the Lord Jesus Christ at God's right hand as Advocate, High Priest, Counsellor, Friend and coming Bridegroom and King is real; if the Holy Spirit as indwelling Teacher, Guide, Comforter and Advocate is real; if eternal bliss for the saved and eternal doom for the lost are real; if Satan as the enemy of God and of souls is real; if the judgment seat of Christ is real; if the Lordship of Christ in our individual lives and our church life is real; if we are really engaged to be soldiers of Jesus Christ and our warfare is in the heavenlies against principalities, powers, the rulers of the darkness of this world, and spiritual wickedness—why then are we so like men of the world?

Why do we act like Corinthians? Why do we strive for position in the world or in the church? Why are we ambitious for wealth, for comforts? for luxuries? Why must faithful servants of the Lord leave their God-given tasks to earn their daily bread when we have enough and to spare? Why are our mouths closed against warning the perishing with whom we are in contact day by day? Why are the hands of many of us empty of gospel literature? Why do we preach the gospel to saints only in our services Lord's day after Lord's day? Why is there such dullness and dryness and dearth among us? Why such prayerlessness?

There are exceptions, of course. There are those who go on faithfully, quietly for God. They testify, they pray in their prayers, they delight in the Word, they know the leading of the Holy Spirit, they rejoice evermore. But are they not the exception rather than the rule?—when they ought to be the rule rather than the exception?

Dearly beloved of God, called into the fellowship of His Son, we ought to be witnesses in our daily lives to the reality of that which we profess. If we are not, we are just what the world labels us: escapist.

—Donald M. Taylor

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

The Editors:

The article *How To Select A Chapel Site* by Henry Petersen in the December issue is concerned with the city assembly planning to move to another district. But we wonder if the main factors that would determine a choice are not much the same as those that would apply to any work that we seek to do for God.

Are there any similarities between the selection of a chapel site in the USA or Canada and the selection of a site for a so-called missionary enterprise elsewhere in the world?

Specifically the disturbing part of the article is the "secondly" paragraph and the one following. Why is it a tragic discovery for an assembly to find itself in a community that is 90% Roman Catholic? Many assemblies in Europe and Latin America seem to flourish in communities that are Roman Catholic in a much higher percentage. If assemblies in USA are supposed to avoid planting a gospel testimony in a R. C. community, can such assemblies be expected to send forth workers, support and pray for the work of the Lord in R. C. communities in foreign countries?

The *tragic* aspect of the discovery mentioned in that paragraph would seem to be the fact that the assembly referred to in the article lived so aloof from the community around it that it was not until "some years after they had built" they discovered who their neighbors were.

In the next paragraph a community was surveyed. Some of the findings: 1) Protestants living there were elderly. 2) Practically all young couples were strict R. C.'s. 3) Streets were full of children that were lovers of Rome. 4) The Protestants (40%) were totally indifferent. The conclusion: "Obviously the brethren did not purchase a lost there."

Would not elderly protestants come to services in a church that was close at hand? Do we have any kind of excuse that will absolve us from trying to lead strict R.C.'s to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus? Who is going to reach all the little "lovers of Rome" that fill the streets, and tell them of the Saviour's love?

A final comment is with regard to what is set before us as the ideal site for a gospel chapel. Physical and material obstacles should be avoided, but it appears that the criteria includes avoiding all kinds of obstacles. In other words, the members of the assembly planning to move are urged to look for the easiest possible corner of the vineyard.

We know that prayer, the leading of the Lord, faith, the fact that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation, hard work, sowing in tears, the triumphs of the gospel, the glory of the impossible

are things that we not only talk about, but believe; yet they are not very prominent in this article.

This is written with appreciation and respect for both LOI and the author of the article. We trust it will provoke thought.

Ronald Harris
Tehuacan, Puebla, Mexico

Dear Mr. Buchan (LOI Canadian representative):

It is a pleasure to receive the monthly issues of *Letters of Interest*. Away out here we find a big help in the news of the Home Front. How grand to be able to hold up each other in prayer and see God's work going forward over the globe.

Leslie S. Rainey
Lusaka, Northern Rhodesia

Dear brethren:

We do appreciate LOI very much and read it from cover to cover, but we, too, like the former size better. . . . Going from place to place we find many who appreciate the paper, but never write to you. Many Christians who have moved where there is no assembly keep in touch with servants of the Lord and the Christians with whom they formerly had fellowship. We like the editorials, too, but wonder why we never hear from the associate editors.

George Hoekstra
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Ones in the Lord:

The article in the November issue *Giving to God* by Robert Laidlaw was greatly appreciated.

Donald De Weese
Santos, Est. de Sao Paulo
Brazil

Letters of Interest:

Glad to see the editorials and articles seeking to awaken us to our sectarianism and bondage to traditions of men. May the Lord's voice be heard by all. "Be strong and of good courage," for I am sure you need courage to speak the truth and take the consequences.

Earle H. Longwell
Vista, California

Letters of Interest:

Is there a declining state in your editorials of late? Remember Laodicea began in Ephesus—"left their first love."

W. A. Nordland
East Orange, N. J.

Dear Sirs:

Your piece called *The Dilemma* certainly is wrong in saying we can stand shoulder to shoulder with Christians from the sects when there is a gospel effort. We can pray. Where does separation

come in if it is not all the way? Be friendly with Christians, yes, but we cannot follow them into error in *any way* and expect to run lawfully, as we are told to do.

Norman I. May
Goodwood, Ontario

Letters of Interest:

The article *The Dilemma* was excellent and hits at what has been the object of much thought on my part during the last several years.

Charles W. Ross
Rockford, Illinois

Letters of Interest:

The article *The Dilemma* in the December issue is the product of a man whose "eye is not single." He suggests going in with fellow believers regardless of ecclesiastical ties when there is a united gospel effort in which we can join without sacrificing a single scriptural principle.

When we link ourselves with anything ecclesiastical we are sacrificing principle. Why is it that we must always go to them? Does not the Word say, Let them return unto thee; but return not thou unto them?

James G. Steel
Eddyville, Iowa

Dear Sir:

I feel it right to send this note to thank you for your courageous and much-needed article *The Dilemma* printed in the December issue of *Letters Of Interest*. The early vision of brethren has been sadly departed from, when we recall their desire to stand on common ground with all Christians, and not to create a Separatist movement. In face of the common foes that are being faced by all evangelical Christians, it would seem that the time has come for us to find what we have in common with the Lord's people, and to draw closer to our brethren and sisters in Christ.

We should make it our business to cultivate fellowship with other believers without any question of trying to make proselytes of them, but to love them for Christ's sake as His dear children. The days of outstanding influence of assemblies were the days when they were most ready to enjoy the fellowship of the saints in general, and before the tragic divisions that did so much to mar their witness to the oneness of all believers in Christ. I have found that where brethren have been brought back to that first vision, their spiritual influence among other Christians has increased, with a consequent increase of vital interest in the principles for which they distinctly stand.

G. C. D. Howley
Purley, Surrey, England

The Witnessing Assembly of the First Century

by Henry Petersen

The account of the healing of the lame man in Acts 3:1-11 is a familiar one. What is not so well known is the implication of Peter's words to the helpless cripple as he begged for alms: "Silver and gold have I none: but such as I have give I thee."

Here is an incident that immediately followed Pentecost. The Church had just been born and this was the first demonstration of its power. The incident was not to prove that the newly-formed Church was to set up a program of ministering to the poor and the sick, but rather to demonstrate the "gospel of Christ which is the power of God unto salvation" (Romans 1:16).

Consider for a moment what the infant Church really was. Nothing like it had ever been on earth before. In sharp contrast to the complex religion of the Hebrews with its unbearable yoke it was a model of simplicity. Following the rent veil at Calvary and by one majestic stroke at Pentecost, this "new creation" was brought into being. Thus it had no human origin, no constitution or creed or by-laws. There was no set form of worship and no officiating priest. It had no ritual and no registered membership.

While there was much the infant Church did not have, there was far more which it did possess. Peter said, "Such as I have give I thee." What did this newborn Church have in the absence of so much that is held dear today? First of all, it had a **PERSON TO ACCLAIM**. Peter's great sermon in the previous chapter was to prove that Christ was the Messiah of the Old Testament. His death was predetermined by God even though executed by Jewish leaders. But He rose from the dead and the out-poured Spirit was evidence of this. So all through the Acts they preached "Christ and the resurrection." It was Christ they acclaimed, risen and glorified, and multitudes turned to Him.

The infant Church also had a **PEOPLE TO ASSEMBLE**. The Church, in the absence of a priesthood such as Israel's, was not a loosely gathered conglomeration of mob-like renegades. They were attached by the invisible cords of love to each other and to their risen Lord. The converts beginning with 3000 on the day of Pentecost, "the number of men came to be 5000" shortly afterwards according to Acts 4:4. They continued in the "apostles' doctrine," which at this point had to do chiefly with the Person of Christ. Later, in the epistles, men were taught that accepting Christ also meant accepting responsibility, privileges and discipline in the local church.

This First Century Church also had a **PROGRAM TO ADVANCE**. The risen Lord had not only given them a message for the people but also a method of presenting it. That program was presented in the gospels and practiced in the Acts. That method was personal witnessing. Remember, there was no organization. (That was not an oversight—it was foresight!) No headquarters. No publicity. No presses. No radios. No Bible societies. No mass media of any kind such as we have today. There was one way and only one way to make Christ known. He, Himself, had told them the way: "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me" (Acts 1:8). A witness is one who has been involved in an event which he reports as having seen or heard. They simply told what they knew about Christ. How else can we account for so many bigoted Jews, haughty Romans, cultured Greeks and rude barbarians crowding to Christ? Satan, by introducing the clergy, promptly choked off this stream of witnessing to a mere trickle. Today, Communists and cults have conquered many millions by adopting the very method introduced by Christ and which the Church has largely abandoned. We have the message and the method but we fail to communicate. Of what use is tact if we do not make contact.

The new-born Church also had a **PARACLETE TO ASSIST**. "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you" (Acts 1:8). The indwelling Spirit filled the early believers with holy joy and great power to witness. The ornate temple and the religion associated with it could convey no cure to the lame man. But one word from Peter in touch with the risen Christ and he is able to "rise up and walk." Here is power. Here is action. The cripple, bound to his pallet from birth, "leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking and leaping and praising God." While the Holy Spirit has not left the Church today, much of His available power to save and bless is sadly lacking. Pope Innocent II was sitting with Thomas Aquinas, counting a huge horde of gold coins. The pope said to Thomas, "Thomas, no more can it be said of the Church, 'Silver and gold have I none'." And Thomas replied, "Your holiness, no more can it be said by the Church, 'Rise up and walk'."

The infant Church also had a **PROVISION TO ADMINISTER**. Two ordinances had been given by the risen Lord, Baptism and The Lord's Supper. One was to be observed once, the other frequently. Here again we see the simplicity of the early Church. It was not burdened with forms and and ceremonies. Its constant

witness to Christ was illustrated by two simple, visible forms. Baptism for the individual believer pictured identification with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection. Breaking of Bread and drinking the cup collectively they were reminded of His body and blood, thus "showing (declaring) the Lord's death till He come." These two ordinances were far removed from any ritual. The converts baptized one another. There was no official rite of baptism. They "broke bread" from "house to house" without regard for "new moon or of the Sabbath." Local gifts developed and ministered to the mutual edification of all by the Spirit's power. God help us today to recapture some of the "such as I have" of the First Century Church. We need it, oh, so much.

PIONEERING WITH THE PRINTED PAGE

By Dr. A. C. Hill

A special effort is being made to cover every home in the Lake St. John area, Quebec, including the communities along the Saguenay River, about 250 miles north of Montreal. This embraces Girardville, which is at the most northerly limit of this area. There are between 250,000 and 300,000 people in what the ancients used to call the Kingdom of the Saguenay.

Roy Buttery has headed the work, with the help of Howard Forbes and Charles Eugene Boulianne, and also a young man, a recent graduate of Bethel Bible School, Claude Boucher. Claude Boucher is not a commended worker yet. He is working with his hands to support himself, but at the present time is actually looking for work. Eventually it is hoped that the assembly there will be able to commend him to full time Christian work.

This group has covered thousands of homes already and has had requests for more than 200 New Testaments. This is a very encouraging response. Sometimes in this province the response is about five per thousand. In any case, a group of devoted men who speak French well are now trying to bring the gospel to the whole area. Continue to pray for them, as the enemy will resist them at every step.

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First Step Taken to Promote Pioneering in New England

Thirty Christians gathered Sunday afternoon, December 6, 1959, at the home of William Milligan, 221 Maple Street, Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, to consider action to forward pioneering gospel efforts in the six New England states.

Acting as chairman, Cecil Batstone outlined the purposes for which it was proposed that Christians band together under the name of P.I.N.E.S. (Pioneering In New England States) as follows:

1. To re-emphasize the need of pioneering with the gospel in New England.
2. To encourage young and old to give their time to the propagation of the Word.
3. To promote the growth of local assembly testimonies.
4. To support these efforts with our prayers, finances and several abilities.
5. To form a committee to see that these things are carried out.

Dr. Norman Anderson of Brattleboro, Vermont, reminded the gathering that the population of the area was over 10,000,000, and suggested a program that would occupy 50 full-time workers. Mr. T. Ernest Wilson said that the methods suggested were such as had been used in Africa and had resulted in 250 assemblies being formed in one tribe, 100 assemblies in another and 22 assemblies in a third tribe.

Ten men of the group volunteered to serve as a temporary committee until officers could be chosen at the second meeting. This meeting, called for Sunday, January 10, in the Village Bible Chapel, Framingham Center, Mass., was postponed because of stormy weather.

RELIGIOUS NEW ENGLAND

A fairly recent and fairly comprehensive study by the National Council of Churches discloses that about 49% of the population of the United States has some church affiliation. This 49% is composed mainly of 26% of our population Protestant, 20% Roman Catholic and 3.4% Jewish. In New England 63% of the population has membership in some church. Only 15.8% of the population is Protestant, 3.5% Jewish, and 43% Roman Catholic. So New England is more religious than the rest of the country as a whole, and the religious are predominantly Roman Catholic.

P.I.N.E.S. (Pioneering In New England States) will find four denominations preponderant among the Protestants. These four constitute in their membership almost 97% of all Protestants. They are in the order of their size: Congregational Christian, Protestant Episcopal, Methodist and American Baptist. There are also a few Lutherans, chiefly in

ASSEMBLIES IN ONLY 35 NEW ENGLAND COMMUNITIES

New England, consisting of the six rock-ribbed, pine-clad states at the northeastern tip of the United States, has 67 counties and over 6,400 communities. Of these communities 570 have more than 1,000 inhabitants.

Assemblies are located in 20 of the 67 counties, and in 35 of the 6,408 communities. Three of the assemblies are in communities of less than 1,000 population. Several of the assemblies are very small, with only a handful of believers.

Here is a summary of New England by states and counties and communities by population groupings, with a summary also of the counties and communities in which assemblies are located.

NEW ENGLAND

	Conn.	Maine	Mass.	N. Hamp.	R. I.	Vt.	Total
Number of Counties	8	16	14	10	5	14	67
Number of Cities by Pop. Brackets							
Under- 1,000	658	1,762	1,736	697	292	693	5,838
1,000- 2,500	48	43	94	36	15	26	262
2,500- 5,000	15	27	43	9	5	6	105
5,000- 10,000	15	12	24	2	5	7	65
10,000- 25,000	10	9	39	7	2	2	69
25,000- 50,000	15	2	16	2	3	1	39
50,000- 100,000	2	1	11	1	3	-	18
100,000- 250,000	4	-	6	-	-	-	10
250,000- 500,000	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
500,000-1,000,000	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
TOTALS	767	1,856	1,970	754	326	735	6,408

Counties and Cities with Assemblies

	Conn.	Maine	Mass.	N. Hamp.	R. I.	Vt.	Total
Number of Counties	5	3	8	1	1	2	20
Number of Cities by Pop. Brackets							
Under- 1,000	-	-	2	1	-	-	3
1,000- 2,500	-	-	1	-	-	1	2
2,500- 5,000	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
5,000- 10,000	1	-	-	-	-	1	2
10,000- 25,000	1	2	5	-	-	-	8
25,000- 50,000	3	-	1	-	-	-	4
50,000- 100,000	-	-	4	-	1	-	5
100,000- 250,000	4	-	4	-	-	-	8
250,000- 500,000	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
500,000-1,000,000	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
TOTALS	9	3	18	1	2	2	35

Cities Over 1,000 With and Without Assemblies

Cities with Assemblies	9	3	16	-	2	2	32
Cities without Assemblies	100	91	218	57	32	40	538

Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut and a few Presbyterians.

PINES will find in Connecticut that the six leading denominations in membership are, in the order named, Roman Catholic, Congregational Christian, Protestant Episcopal, Methodist, American Baptist and Evangelical Lutheran. In each of the other states also the Roman Catholics are far out in front in membership (it should be remembered, however, that their membership embraces infants and others only nominally connect-

ed with the church). In Maine the next five are American Baptist, Congregational Christian, Methodist and Universalist. In Massachusetts the order is: Congregational Christian, Protestant Episcopal, Methodist, American Baptist, Unitarian and Universalist. In New Hampshire the order is Congregational, Methodist, Protestant Episcopal, American Baptist, Universalist. The order in Rhode Island runs: Protestant Episcopal, American Baptist, Congregational, Methodist, Augustana Lutheran. In Vermont the or-

der is precisely the same as in New Hampshire, as could be expected.

In the six New England states together the Universalists total 196 churches and 41,561 members; the Unitarians 184 churches and 36,164 members. In the entire United States the Universalists have 371 churches and 75,155 members; the Unitarians 448 churches, 84,749 members. So New England has 53% of the Universalist churches and 55% of their membership; 41% of the Unitarian churches and 43% of their membership in the United States. While this is the stronghold of these cults, they should prove no

insurmountable obstacle to the gospel. And their total membership in New England is still only a very small fraction of the population.

It is of more than passing interest that the Roman Catholic church with 4,018,515 claimed members has only 1,509 churches in New England, whereas the Protestant (and that term is used here entirely too inclusively) denominations with 1,470,317 members have 5,854 churches. That is, the Roman Catholics average 2,663 members per congregation. There are several ways you can look at these statistics. One is, that the Roman

Catholic churches are vastly more flourishing. Another is that there is probably more nominal membership in the Roman Catholic churches, and that the people are not as closely integrated with the life of the church. It is well to remember, too, that usually long before an assembly of Christians meeting in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ alone reaches a membership of even 250 (the average for the Protestants) there is a hiving-off and establishment of a new testimony. We cannot point to New England as an example of this expansion.

City "Jungles" Field of Woman Worker

That the world's largest city is a first-ranking mission field is the belief of a former Ozone Park, N. Y., woman who, with four children of her own to support, for a number of years has served the Lord on New York's lower east side among Russian, Jewish, Lithuanian, Puerto Rican and colored boys and girls of the city's relief rolls; and the teenage "Avenue D Boys," "Dragons," "Forsythe Street Boys," and their girl companions.

To Mrs. Helen Petrale, the sight of thousands of children, untouched by the city's Sunday schools, constituted a call. Armed with a "Wordless Book" and flannelboard she began gathering youngsters about her on street corners, later renting a room above a beer distributor, to the right of a synagogue, and underneath a "club." Two days after she signed a \$50-a-month lease, the restaurant, where she had for nine years been employed as a waitress, closed due to union difficulties. Undaunted, she launched a DVBS, instituted weekly children's meetings. Over in Brooklyn, Spanish-speaking brethren became interested, began coming over regularly to help.

Thousands of tracts were distributed, street meetings continued, there were professions of salvation. Teenagers began to be interested, but continued to go out on "rumbles," ready to use their garrison belts at the slightest provocation. Nominally Catholics, these fellows and their girl companions were personally witnessed to by Mrs. Petrale regarding salvation through Christ alone. When she incurred their animosity by refusal to harbor a drunken man in the Bible school quarters, they broke in, scattered tracts and gospels, poured paint in the sink, and flooded the rooms. Mrs. Petrale observes, "The police are helpless in these cases and I learned from the Lord just to go on." That this perseverance was not

in vain is proved by the fact that these young people would come in to hear the Bible lesson, though when the time was up they would use the second-story window as egress!

Gangs Bomb Building

At the end of the second year in these rented rooms the Avenue D Boys took over the upstairs clubroom. Shortly thereafter a rival gang bombed the building, damaged the Bible school quarters, destroyed Bible lessons, and carried off a number of Spanish Bibles, an electric heater, and the portable phonograph used to teach choruses. The landlord refused to make any repairs. One night Mrs. Petrale, alarmed by the odor of gas, dismissed the group early, discovered gas burners ripped out and water pipes broken in the kitchen.

About that time the city condemned several blocks of buildings and Mrs. Petrale was forced to move to a small store front in the next block. Here the Word of God was displayed in the window. A new gang which hung about a nearby park was contacted. Among its members were drug addicts, thieves. Some rejected the gospel, but others accepted and began coming to the little store front three times a week. On one night a week hot chocolate and cookies were a simple inducement. They were taught songs, simple Bible lessons. Among those who addressed the youngsters were Mr. Emilio Ramos from the Spanish uptown assembly; Carl South, a Jamaican then laboring among New York's colored people; Louis Montalvo, who works among the city's teeming Puerto Rican population; Mel Wistner, New Jersey youth worker; and others. But again there came a court order to vacate.

But the work went on. Mrs. Petrale began to hold Bible study meetings in her home and throughout the neighborhood,

continuing to see fruit according to the promises of God. Mr. Ralph West, a personal worker among Port of New York merchant seamen, and Mr. Simon Holmgren, now with the Lord, came to the Petrale home to teach the Word, and outdoor work continued to be profitable.

Opened New Center

In March of 1959 Mrs. Petrale was able to open another center at 279 East Third Street. "Not exactly in the slums, which I would have preferred," she says, "but English and Spanish-speaking and Jewish people are hearing the full gospel, and it seems to me that the Lord would have here a vibrant testimony, outgoing in all its aspects." Actually, there is a gathering to remember the Lord, there are two Sunday schools—one in Spanish and one in English, a prayer meeting, gospel service (poorly attended, however), cadet groups for Christian boys and girls, and a Spanish service which is well attended and blessed of the Lord.

On one occasion, in the summer of 1959, three adults and a number of children were holding a street service 20 feet from where the Sportsmen (gang) had congregated. A young Puerto Rican brother had just finished an invitation to turn to Christ when shots rang out. Saved out of the same background himself, the preacher exclaimed, "That's a 22!" After firing into the crowd repeatedly, the assailant turned and ran. The other preacher, a New Jersey Certified Public Accountant, "a solid type of Christian who didn't feel led to duck," the teenage preacher, and Mrs. Petrale remained while gang members gave chase. A crowd gathered. While they watched helplessly, a fifteen-year old colored girl bled to death on the pavement. Comments Mrs. Petrale, "I was unable to find out if she were saved. Her church was Father M—'s Episcopal Church. Father M— works with

these young people in a social way. His solution is to have Sunday night dances for about 300 fellows and girls. We have picked up fellows for a gospel meeting, but they were so anxious to get to the dance we could not do too much personal work with them."

Give Gospel in Police Station

Following the street shooting Mrs. Petrale and the Puerto Rican youth were taken to the police station to identify the murderer. "They were bringing in teenagers by the scores. Of course, we began to give the gospel and show them how to be saved through Jesus Christ, and we prayed with them. Only one young man made a profession, which was verified three months later. Our teenage preacher was kept at the station until six a.m., and we witnessed to police, detectives, the deputy commissioner, teenagers, and adults, and gave out many tracts."

During winter months street meetings are suspended, but as soon as the weather warms a bit they are resumed. Visitation

is done on a small scale. Each Thursday afternoon 60 children come for spiritual instruction, Mr. West and others helping in this work. Classes for three older groups are held in a store-front church to which the pastor has kindly given Mrs. Petrale the key.

So "the poor have the gospel preached to them." Does it have a transforming power? Outwardly, according to Mrs. Petrale, "they are remarkably improved after they make a profession of faith, not only in their attire, but in manners, etc." Inwardly? These young converts are trained to distribute tracts, bring others to their gatherings, tithe. Small sums are regularly sent to assembly-operated homes for children, to Korean orphanage work, etc. "Your heart would melt," Mrs. Petrale writes, "if you could see these mean, spiteful, demon-possessed children become little saints, anxious to answer questions on the Bible lesson!" From this section of the city children have been sent to Pine Bush Bible Camp and have come back edified, happy, looking forward to going again. A new Christian

Club, "The Eagles," has been formed. Its aim and purpose? Personal evangelism!

What of the future of the work? "I wish we had a good-sized building from which we could evangelize the neighborhood and gather in these neglected children and young people, and teach them to lean upon our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I wish we had our own summer camp to which children could be sent free. I have full responsibility for this work, yet abide by principles set up in scripture and leave the preaching to the two young men, aged 17 and 19, and the ministry to our 75-year old brother. Will you pray for laborers for this needy field, brethren to have fellowship with us, guidance as to the future?"

Let us remember that our commission, like that of the Son of Man Himself, is "to preach the gospel to the poor... to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord" (Luke 4:18, 19).

SET BIBLE CONFERENCE FOR TEENS, POST-TEENS

A conference specially designed for late teen and post-teen young people has been planned for June 18 to 25, by the Florence, South Carolina, assembly.

Speakers will be Dr. Arthur C. Hill, of Quebec, Canada; Mr. John Harper, of Emmaus Bible School; and Mr. Harold Wildish, of Jamaica. The purpose of the conference is to help answer practical questions which concern young people of this age group; to instruct them concerning the major doctrines of the faith, and to challenge them to complete dedication to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The program will include doctrinal studies, practical discussions, inspirational messages, opportunities for fellowship with other young people, and, of course, plenty of recreation and relaxation. A main goal of the conference is that each guest become personally acquainted with the speakers.

The location of the conference is the Cherry Grove Manor Hotel, Cherry Grove Beach, South Carolina. This is just ten miles below the North Carolina state line. Since the conference has room for only a limited number, reservations will be taken on a "first come, first served" basis.

The age limit is 17 to 30 years. Programs will be planned with the college or Bible school student or graduate in mind.

Arrangements can be made for a few older people to stay at another hotel and attend the meetings if so desired.

For reservations and further information write to the conference secretary, Miss Sylvia Sweet, 909 Lorraine Drive, Florence, South Carolina.

KENNETH K. BAIRD 1077 9th St., Boulder, Colorado

We are thankful to the Lord for a fruitful year among the boys and girls, and saddened by the fact we found so little response among adults, that is, in the gospel. To the older ones in the faith the Word still proves to be "balm in Gilead."

JOSEPH GIORDANO 65 Side Hill Road, Hamden 17, Conn.

The latest development in connection with the assembly work in Hamden is the new boys' club started for 8 to 14-year olds. It is based on Luke 2:52, "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man." In other words, He developed (as the Son of Man) mentally, physically, spiritually, and socially. Thus, in this connection, we are trying to reach the boy in these four areas of growth. We want the entire boy for Christ. The interest and enthusiasm in the work is very encouraging and we praise God for this. One of the boys came to Sunday school last week and asked for a work book, thus indicating to the superintendent that he would like to start regular attendance. We are praying about

having a similar club among the girls as soon as this one is fully organized.

MELVIN G. WISTNER 525 Terrill Road, Fanwood, N. J.

These past months have been busy with children's series at Lansdowne, Pa., Trenton and Kenilworth, N. J., and Staten Island, N. Y. At each place there was cause for rejoicing as precious souls were brought to know the Lord Jesus as Savior.

In Kenilworth the first of fourteen who professed were a man and his wife. They continued to come out each night thereafter even though it meant coming from quite a distance.

Between these series I have given Mondays to our own assembly children's Bible Club, Thursdays to a neighborhood adult Bible class and the remaining days to youth and gospel efforts among many of the assemblies in the New York metropolitan area.

NEW ADDRESS

John Welch
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Andover, Mass.

PORTLAND, OREGON Western Regional Workers Conference

Thursday through Saturday, February 11, 12, and 13, 1960, are the dates for this West Coast conference of workers and elders to be held at the Eastgate Gospel Chapel, 114th and Stark St., Portland, Ore.

WHO PAYS THE COST OF PUBLICATION?

Never in the 25-year history of LETTERS OF INTEREST have we had a more gratifying response than this year (1959-60) to the Annual Reader Survey. We have received some excellent constructive criticism, and a great deal of commendation and encouragement for the publication as it is. The financial response to the Survey has been the largest ever—\$10,414.21 through January 12. Yet this represents less than 40% of the actual annual expense of publication alone, and not including the cost of transmitting funds to the Lord's servants and other services.

Here are the regular monthly items of expense of publication. Some of them are from the latest invoices; some approximate, as smaller costs vary month to month:

Lithocolor Press (printing)	\$1,572.87
Millan Mailing Service (mailing, including \$353.58 in Canadian postage advanced @ 6c per copy on 5,893 magazines)	600.48
Envelopes for Canadian mailing @ 1c each	58.93
Art work (average)	30.00
Paragon Engraving Co. for engravings (average)	35.00
U. S. Postage on 14,138 copies (current)	141.38
TOTAL	\$2,438.66

Round that off at \$2,435 per month and multiply it by eleven (we skip one summer month a year), and the total is \$26,785, which is better than two and a half times the returns

to date from the Annual Survey.

Who then pays the cost of publication? Advertising will bring in about \$3,000—maybe a bit more, as the larger magazine provides better facilities for advertising. Those readers who use LETTERS OF INTEREST office for channeling funds to the Lord's servants usually contribute generously to expenses, but the bulk of these contributions is absorbed by the operating expenses apart from outlay for publication. So there is still around \$10,000 to \$13,000 to find.

Where then will this money come from? We hope that a very large share of it will come from those 16,800 readers who have not yet sent in any response to the Annual Survey. To date we have heard from just over 3,200 of the 20,000 current readers, and of these 2,594 have sent an expense contribution, averaging just \$4.02 each.

We do not expect to hear from all of the 16,800. But we do expect to hear from you—if you have not already responded. As has been said before more than once, we have no subscription price because we want to give the magazine as wide a distribution as possible among Christians who meet in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we do not want to withhold the paper from any who cannot afford to subscribe. But a subscription cost to cover all expenses would run about \$2.00 a year.

You will find a self-addressed envelope requiring no postage in the October, November and December, 1959 magazines. Or you can address a plain envelope to James W. Kennedy, Treasurer, LETTERS OF INTEREST, 127 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago 6, Illinois. If convenient send check or money order rather than currency.

WOMEN WORKERS

MINNIE ARMERDING

Immanuel Mission, Winslow, Arizona

During the year the Lord has graciously enabled for the carrying on of the full schedule of activities, including visitation at the hospital and in the homes. Briefly, our Vacation Bible School was satisfactory. The Thanksgiving Day Service was outstanding, both because of large attendance and the precious testimonies of thanksgiving by many of the believers. On December 20 we had two programs of rejoicing over the coming into the world of our Blessed Redeemer.

Brother Joseph Paulick of Flagstaff continues ministering once a month for nine or ten months of the year. In November, Brother Gordon Fraser, Flagstaff, started a weekly Bible Class at our chapel on Wednesday evenings, immediately following our prayer meeting. He continued this for six weeks, and hopes to resume this ministry February 3.

We would like to present six problems for your prayer interest.

First: Drunkenness is on the increase among the Indians, and it is distressing. We continue to warn our young people, especially, not to play with this fire.

Second: The unequal yoke in marriage has given us plenty of grief. It leads to all sorts of compromise.

Third: Retired workers move away to the reservation, and most of our young folks live other places after marriage. This means that we not only lose them

out of our meetings, but it also takes relatives away for frequent visits. These breaks in the attendance, especially in the Sunday school, tend to weaken us.

Fourth: Participation in tribal council affairs takes time that Christian Indian men should be devoting to getting the gospel out to their own people, and to shepherd care of weak believers.

Fifth: Never before have the false cults worked so diligently; and they have good success with those who have either rejected the gospel entirely, or who have refused, in spite of their confessions of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, to separate from the idolatrous practices of their tribes.

Sixth: The problem of professing white Christians encouraging the Indians not to give up what they are pleased to call their "beautiful Indian heritage" is a serious one. They do not seem to realize that it is a constant breaking of the first commandment.

IRENE GALLAGHER

117 S. Korn Ave., Los Angeles 22, Calif.

What joy was expressed by the women in the gospel sewing class this holiday season as they received beautiful aprons, and how thrilled were the members of the Sunday school and children's meeting as they received their gifts and candies, as well as the children and mothers in homes where regular classes are held. Aprons were also given to women in homes where we have Bible study when visits are paid. Two sisters' sewing groups gave extra

aprons and one gave extra candy, making it possible to send a few aprons with Mr. Gordon Webberly to Victoria, Mexico and to Tiajuana where our brothers and sisters have less of this world's goods. Also some candy went for children of the Sunday school in Victoria. The 130 released time boys and girls received candy and a scripture pencil. They showed as much appreciation as if I had given them some large gift. Scripture plaques made from cottage cheese container lids with English and Spanish texts were distributed in the hospital to some here, and also sent to Victoria and Tiajunana. How we do praise the Lord for giving us the joy of distributing these beautiful gifts supplied by so many. Spanish calendars were also given and gladly received by many. Also many "Palabras Fieles" were distributed.

We ask special prayer for God's blessing on our assembly meetings here, on the Sunday school, released time and all children's work, hospital and home visitation, for our young people and for a real revival in this place. Oh, that our Catholic neighbors might be won for Christ!

1960 EDITION OF "PALABRAS FIELES"

Editor Carlos Ostertag writes regarding this Spanish language gospel publication: "Even though we printed more than a million copies of the 1960 edition we could have used more as many orders called for more than we could supply and many new requests are coming in."

Letters

Edited by W. G. McCortney

EDGAR AINSLIE

817 N. Chauncey Ave., Lafayette, Ind.

Recently I returned from ministering in assemblies in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia. It was so good to lead some souls to the Savior and a joy to feed hungry hearts.

ROBERT BOOTH

23 Parkcrest Dr., Scarborough, Ont., Canada

Brother George Wilson and I have commenced a series of gospel meetings at Kensington Ave. Gospel Hall, Hamilton, Ontario, and are in our first week. There has been quite an exercise on the part of the assembly and I trust we will have the joy of seeing the good hand of the Lord in salvation. We will appreciate the prayers of the Lord's people to this end.

JAMES K. BOSWELL

605 Emery Street, London, Ontario

In December we had a special effort in London at Emery Street Hall, where a small group has been carrying on a consistent testimony for years. Now God has granted much to encourage. Souls have been saved—the youngest fourteen years of age, and the eldest a dear man of 79 who had attended the gospel meeting for years and often the midweek service. God stripped him of a religious profession and he became the possessor of eternal life.

We had special services for the children every afternoon at 4:15 and we averaged 90 to 100 although we never saw any of those dear young people saved. The Sunday school has been doubled, for which we praise Him.

Visits were also made to Sarnia and Watford and to Egerton St. Hall.

During January I am in the Tampa Bay Area, and at Marietta, Ga., during February.

WILLIAM BOUSFIELD

Duntroon P. O., Ontario, Canada

During January I was in Toronto, at the Eglinton and Brackendale assemblies, and also gave help to the Simcoe assembly.

VENUS BROOKS

P. O. Box 224, Pembroke, N. C.

Brethren Abe Hartsema and Arthur Dewhurst ministered the Word here all day December 25 and 27. The saints were greatly refreshed. The attendance was most encouraging, and splendid interest marked all. The labors are abundant.

W. M. BROWN

6790 N.W. 33rd St., West Hollywood, Fla.

I will have two weeks in Fort Lauderdale and a week in February at Cocoa Beach and in March a week in Key West, Lord willing. Please pray for these efforts.

C. E. BULANDER

703 Delamatyr Ave., Knox, Ind.

We praise God for saving a woman at Loganport, Indiana, last Wednesday night at prayer meeting. She is the mother of a young lady who was saved last October while we were having meetings there.

TOM CARROLL

2726 Gaynor Ave., Richmond, Calif.

We are in our new location at Richmond, Calif., and endeavoring to help the local work, which is small but growing, with good possibilities, a fine building in a good locality, and nucleus of Christians who love one another. Mr. Ralph Hovlund, recently of Brazil, is settled with us for a time and is an appreciated help to the meeting and to me.

I have also been having meetings in other Bay Area assemblies. I had my first real children's campaign here in Richmond not long ago, and was encouraged by the results. Using methods I learned from Brother Lionel Hunt of Toronto, we reached about 200 children during the week and obtained about a dozen new Sunday school scholars.

ANDREW CRAIG

P.O. Box 12, Fair Lawn, N. J.

For the past few months I have been within reach of home, taking the Lord's Day meetings, and seeking to help in the midweek Bible readings. During December I had the privilege of bringing the gospel message at the Family Bible Hour in Rutherford, each Lord's Day. The attendance and interest were encouraging.

ROBERT A. CRAWFORD

13 Beverly Ave., Malvern, Pa.

I have been away for extended meetings, the last four weeks with David Kirk in Hamilton. The Lord saved a number of precious souls, and there was a hearty spirit among the saints at McNab St.

Here at Malvern things go on with a little encouragement. David Kirk is coming for a week with us.

AUBREY DELLANDREA

Greenhill Ave., R.R. 1, North Bay, Ontario

January 24 Brother Bill McRae and I commenced a good news campaign in Renfrew, which is Brother Bill's home town, and shall value prayer for the meetings.

EDWIN FESCHE

721 E. 34th St., Baltimore 18, Maryland

I have been ministering the Word in Allentown and Pottstown, Pa. with in-

terest and attendance good. I also visited Arlington, Va., and have been helping here in Baltimore.

E. A. GROSS

Box 1113, Greenville, S. Carolina

We have been giving our time and energy to the work in this area since the summer. Great Falls, Pickens, and Charlotte, N. C., and Anderson, S. Car. have been the centers visited. In February I go to Oak Ridge, Tenn. for two weeks and then in March to Des Moines, Iowa and then to Tulsa, Oklahoma.

JOHN A. W. HALLIDAY

3936 Jemex Drive, El Paso, Texas

Just recently I was down the Rio Grande Valley to the Immigration Reception Center for Mexican farm workers. Previously I had been rebuffed but I am glad to say there has been a remarkable change of policy. I was allowed into the compound where the men were. This is a strategic place for the distribution of gospel literature in Spanish before the men are sent out to widely scattered farms. I think that during the cotton season perhaps about 1,000 men per day are processed at that particular reception center. Please pray for the spread of the gospel in Spanish and for the meetings in English.

R. T. HALLIDAY

Box 4181, Sta. A., San Antonio, Tex.

A few weeks ago I had 21 saved Mexican teenagers in my house, all the fruit of our labors.

I trust that 1960 will usher in many spiritual blessings for us all and better still that the Lord Himself will come to receive us to Himself.

HAROLD M. HARPER

% 156 N. Oak Park, Ave., Oak Park, Ill.

I write from Newtown Square, Pa., where I am spending ten days with our oldest son, Harold, Jr. We will likely go to New York tomorrow and see about a passport, visas, etc. The doctor feels that our proposed trip to Africa would do wonders for me. We shall be constantly praying in the meantime that divine direction may be granted to us. At present writing, with my heart condition and my wife feeling that constant driving around is getting beyond us both, we feel we will settle in some needy field and labor until day is done. I feel better, though I have done little preaching according to doctor's orders. I took two broadcasts from Collingdale Chapel and spoke once to the saints there; also once at the Curly Hill Watch Night service. I try to rest as much as I can, which isn't easy for me.

I hope to return to Kernersville, N. C., for a few weeks. Some want help in counseling. My son preached in Wilmington, Del., today and I went with him. They have a very fine chapel, and have been encouraged.

ABE H. HARTSEMA
1060 Allen, Muskegon, Mich.

My wife and I left home December 11 visiting assemblies at Harmony, Imler and Cowan, Penna., and then came on to Pembroke, N. C., where Venus Brooks labors among the Indians and where L. T. Chambers spent so many years. Having never been there before it was a real joy to meet the saints and to minister among them, along with Brother Arthur Dewhurst, who labors about 100 miles from there.

We spent a unique Christmas with them, having an all-day conference. It was the first time I ever spoke morning, afternoon and night on Christmas! However, this is a lovely way to spend such a day and they tell me it is their custom to do that each year. Because families do get together on Christmas it is very fitting that the family of God get together and share the good things of Christ. More power to them!

We are now in the area of Tampa, St. Petersburg, Lakeland and Palm Harbor, Florida, for a few days, before moving on to Alabama, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California, eventually reaching Oakland, where we have promised meetings.

We will appreciate the prayers of the Lord's people that we may be of help and encouragement to them along the way.

DAVID S. HORN
1537 S. Milwaukee, Denver 10, Colo.

We are spending a week in San Antonio, Texas, having meetings to help the saints and preach the gospel, using our chart.

WILLIAM D. HYND
5402 Marja St., Flint, Mich.

Coming to New England for the New Year's conference at Pawtucket, R. I., where we had a happy and profitable time, I went on to Attleboro for a week of meetings. There a young serviceman confessed Christ. He came back to the meeting the following evening radiant with joy. I am in Westerly, R. I. this week (writing January 12) and go on to Buttonwoods, R. I. next week for another week of ministry before going to New Jersey.

WILLIAM INGRAM
17 West Pine St., Altadena, Calif.

We have just returned from a six months itinerary, much of it spent on the Canadian prairies, in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. We much enjoyed contacting old friends in remote parts of the vast northland, preaching and ministering the Word in prairie schoolhouse and farmhouse, and visiting the prairie Christians.

Several of the little groups have bought schoolhouses which have gone out of use, for gospel chapels. They make excellent

buildings for this purpose, and we are sure they will be used and blessed of God for Sunday school work, the various assembly activities, and for the preaching and ministry of the Word.

DAVID LEATHEN
110 Beacon Blvd., Sea Girt, N. J.

I had two weeks of gospel meetings in Summit, New Jersey, followed by a week of ministry in Trenton, N. J., in January.

HERMAN LUHM
892 Stewart St., Morgantown, W. Va.

The Lord gave us a happy time as the Christians met together on New Year's Eve. While there has been no spectacular outward progress in the work here in Morgantown, yet there has been growth and blessing. For these the Christians are grateful to the Lord.

CLARK McCLELLAND
R.F.D. 1, Box 68, Westbrook, Maine

We have been very busy getting ready for our open house for neighbors and friends, which we held yesterday. We are thankful for a favorable response. Even though we did not advertise as widely as we had intended, 75 or more visitors came to see the building in the afternoon, and the comments were most favorable. All received good literature. We were thankful that we had some visitors in the evening as well.

January 24 was our one-day conference for Christian friends from the New England assemblies. David Kirk and I shared the ministry. Pray that the Lord may be exalted here before sinners as the only Savior, and before saints as the only Center.

ROBERT McCLURKIN
46 Aberdeen Rd., S., Galt, Ontario

I had a week of Bible readings in Belmar, N. J., with good interest, and then started two weeks of meetings on prophecy in Pottstown, Pa., in January. Brother Reager and I start a gospel effort in Ferndale, Michigan, January 31.

T. R. McCULLAGH
411 E. Logan, Guthrie, Okla.

Ben Parmer is with us having special meetings in the gospel chapel nightly. A nice number are coming out. Brother Martindale is helping with the singing. One has professed faith so far.

EARL MILLER
702 W. Barner St., Frankfort, Indiana

The work goes on nicely in Indiana. Through three different people we have come in contact with a family living out about eleven miles. The mother, a professed Christian, being befuddled between the doctrines of a Methodist min-

ister and a Jehovah's Witnesses teacher, is concerned about her husband and her four children. We called on her. She also made arrangements for us to visit a neighbor, church member, who is confused and concerned as to whether or not she is saved. Pray for guidance for us in leading these souls to the true light.

WILLIAM MURRAY
10921-73rd Ave., Edmonton, Alta.

I plan to be at Westlock for a weekend and Neerlandia the following one. These are both small assemblies about 50 and 100 miles northwest of Edmonton. Then I shall be for the next three Sundays in Edmonton, at both Sharon and Westgrove Chapels. Following that, in the will of the Lord, I plan to leave for the Portland Regional Workers Conference.

We buried one of the old-timers of Edmonton yesterday. Mr. George Long and his wife came to Edmonton in 1900, and they, with less than a dozen others, commenced breaking bread in what was known as the Sandison block. Mrs. Sandison was one of these who gathered with them. In 1901 Mr. Rouse came to them for meetings, and from these small beginnings there are now four assemblies and other smaller works. Mrs. Long is 83 (he was 87) and is probably the last one alive of those who met then, at least in Edmonton. I conducted the funeral, and paid tribute to his long life of service for the Lord. He went to the hospital and gave out tracts for many years, and continued the practice up to the last. On not a few occasions I found a tract on my windshield, when I came out from visiting someone, and knew Mr. Long had been there.

PETER PELL
Box 41, Grand Rapids, Mich.

We have started a series of meetings in our own hall on the chart "From Eternity to Eternity."

KARL J. PFAFF
2613 S. Martin, Sioux City 6, Iowa

We have been giving help locally in Sioux City. Just recently we had cause for thanksgiving for a measure of encouragement the Lord has given us here. He is both able and willing to do for us exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us (Eph. 3:20).

GEORGE RAINEY
Sorrento Box 675, Florida

We are cheered as we see some progress being made by the saints in the assembly near Orlando. The meetings on Lord's day morning are held in a school house for the present, the prayer and Bible reading in a home each Wednesday. The

coming of Pierre Loizeaux and his family is a real joy and we know that God will use them here. Ross Rainey has given help to old and young and returned to St. Louis January 12. I plan to be here until the end of January and then will help in some of the smaller meetings in south Florida (D.V.).

GORDON REAGER
123 Pennsylvania Ave., Bryn Mawr, Pa.

I had the privilege of attending the New Year's conference in Montreal, my first visit there in 30 years. The Lord ministered Himself to our hearts in a wonderful way. It was one of the best conferences we have ever attended and our hearts were greatly cheered and encouraged at the beginning of another year.

I am with Brother Robert McClurkin this week having a few ministry meetings with the assembly in Waverly, Ont. We plan (D.V.) to begin gospel meetings in the Ferndale Assembly in Detroit at the end of January.

W. G. SMITH
Box 542, Burlington, N. C.

Another year has passed and although there has not been much to record for publication at any one time, nevertheless there has been a steady stream of blessing, in both sowing and reaping.

During the last week of the year there was much rejoicing over answers to prayer.

Thank God for His gracious workings as manifest by the solid upbuilding of a united testimony, and also efforts to reach regions beyond.

Our Gibsonville brethren have their building almost completed, and are likely to have their first service in it soon. We are unitedly praying that they will be greatly used of the Lord in their efforts to win the lost.

TOMMY STEELE
P.O. Box 7472, Winston-Salem, N. C.

We have started off with great plans and high hopes for Winston-Salem during 1960, if our Lord be not come. Our lots on the other side of town are completely paid for and we are preparing a questionnaire for the Christians which should determine the consensus regarding the establishment of another testimony. The results of this survey will help us to know better how to proceed with the enlargement of our present quarters. Brethren, pray for us.

Brother John Bramhall will be with us March 13 to 25. I am to have the privilege of being at the Bible Truth Chapel in Miami January 13 to 24 and the Brooklyn Chapel near Baltimore the latter part of April.

C. ERNEST TATHAM
Box 355, Boca Raton, Florida

Am writing (January 13) from a small cay of the Bahamas group, lying 100 miles north of Nassau, where we are in the midst of two weeks of nightly meetings with the small, hearty assembly. Am also seeking to visit one or two other assemblies in the Abaco group. The big winter conferences are in progress at Boca Raton these days, and this makes it possible for us to get away for ministry in other parts.

Next month I plan to take an extensive trip among the assemblies of the British West Indies, calling on regional directors of our Emmaus Correspondence School en route to Barbados, where we expect to have one month of concentrated ministry along Bible teaching lines.

EDWIN J. THARP
31 School Street, Rockport, Mass.

The last few weeks of 1959 were times of happy service, with a week of blessing at the Eastern Gospel Chapel at Baltimore, and visits to Malvern, Lansdowne, and Olney, Pa., and Mascher St., Philadelphia, ending with soul-warming fellowship with the Trenton, N. J., assembly.

JOHN WELCH
26 Elm St., Andover, Mass.

I have just concluded four months of consecutive ministry and pastoral visitation among the assemblies in Winnipeg and the surrounding district of the prairies, am now in the Andover and Boston areas, and then expect to be in Peterborough, Ontario, until the end of April.

RALPH A. WEST
97-46 93rd St., Ozone Pk., Jamaica 16, N. Y.

With the help of the Lord we have just finished our 35th year of work among foreign seamen in the Port of New York. It calls for much patience, but "in all labor there is profit."

Personal contacts with seamen are no problem as most are quite friendly and open to a talk. Getting them to God, however, is a different matter. Very seldom will a seaman make any profession, though one does not know if there is real faith.

We had one bright case, a Brazilian captain we had met and who proved to be a seeker. As Brother Sobral was available I took him to the ship this man was on, and after an hour's talk, he definitely committed himself to the Lord. We had prayer with him and left rejoicing. We visited the ship later and found him to be constant in his testimony among his mates. We thank God for this dear man, a real trophy of grace.

One or two Japanese officers seem interested, but they do not openly commit themselves. However we do not despair but continue witnessing to them and also continue to pass out the best tracts and books we can get hold of. Brethren in

Japan send us these and the Japanese seamen are great readers.

We ask prayer for these from foreign shores, seamen we deal with in our own way: Hondurians, Belgians, French, Germans and others, also for the few Christian men among them.

TOM WILKIE
Box 183, Forest, Ontario

I am finding opportunities of serving the Lord at home just now. I spoke to a lovely audience of children and parents at the Hall the other night, 90 boys and girls, and over 60 adults, half of whom had never been in the Hall before. The children make it possible to reach the parents with the gospel.

GEORGE E. WILSON
1652 Morden Drive
Niagara Falls, Ontario

Brother Robert Booth and I have just returned from Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. Gospel meetings were held in the Italian section of the city, and the hall hitherto used for Italian work is now being used for English effort. We were pleased to see some fruit for the glory of our God and continue to pray for further blessing.

We returned home via Gore Bay, Manitoulin, and Sudbury, visiting the saints in these places.

My brother and I started a gospel effort in the Kensington Ave. assembly, Hamilton, January 3, and would appreciate prayers.

JAMES McCORMICK
Palmer, Alaska

In the will of the Lord, we plan to leave for a trip to the south forty eight in the early part of February. Our two children, Jerry and Jeanie, will go with us. We plan to spend some time in Seattle, getting check-ups from the Christian doctors connected with the Stewards Foundation hospital there. We expect to visit Oregon, California, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, eastern Kansas and Nebraska. Heading west from there, we will spend some time around McCook and Palisade, Nebraska, our old home, then visit Kanarado, Kansas and Burlington, Colorado. The rest of our time will be spent at Denver and Boulder, Colorado. We plan to leave from there the middle of April, so as to arrive back here in time for the big rush of farm work. We solicit your prayers that we might accomplish much for the Lord by taking this trip, as that is our desire, before the Lord.

FRANK PIZZULLI
P.O. Box 37, Long Branch, N. J.

Thank God I am improving steadily, though still quite weak, and as yet full of pain. I suppose this is to be expected after what I've been through. Do continue to pray that I may be healed, if it is in God's blessed will, and restored soon to the work of the gospel.

Conferences

Edited by J. W. Kennedy

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

The Second Annual New Year's Young Peoples' Conference was held at the North Atlanta Gospel Chapel, Atlanta, Georgia, January 1 to 3, 1960. Young people of teen and college age were in attendance from many of the assemblies of the southeast.

Heart searching ministry was given by William Anderson of Florence, South Carolina, Robert Clark of Shelbyville, Tennessee, and John Dickson of Atlanta. Al Strauchman of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, served as song director.

Many expressed appreciation of blessing received during the three days, the good Christian fellowship, and the renewal of acquaintances.

—James W. Graham

GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

The 1960 Southeastern Workers' Con-

ference is to be held on Wednesday and Thursday, February 24 and 25, in the Forest Avenue Tabernacle, Greensboro, N. C. The first session will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday. This year we hope to discuss the subject of the worker himself. We have heretofore been occupied with methods of work, but while "the Church is looking for better methods, God is looking for better men."

We hope to take up the worker as a soulwinner, student, speaker, shepherd, etc. This should be of interest to more than those who have left secular occupation to devote their time to the ministry of the Word. All who have a concern for the furtherance of the work should profit from the studies. All who are interested in taking any part in the work of the Lord should find much help in the conference. We request the prayers of the Christians that these two days may make a great spiritual impact on all who attend. Further information will be forthcoming.

—Bill Anderson

TORONTO, ONTARIO

Central, Westmount and Danforth

The annual conference of the Central, Westmount and Danforth assemblies will

be held (D. V.) in the Central Gospel Hall, 25 Charles Street East, on Friday, Saturday and Lord's Day, April 15-17, preceded by a prayer meeting Thursday at 7:45.

The order of meetings will be: Friday 10:30 a.m., 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.; Saturday 2:30 and 7:30 p.m., Lord's Day 10 a.m., 2:30 and 7 p.m. Visitors will be cordially welcomed.

L. A. Rickard, 49 Belgrave Ave. (12)
Alex Bryans, 18 Hatfield Crescent,
East Rexdale, Ontario
R. L. Woodward, 19 Enderby Road
(13)

PAWTUCKET, RHODE ISLAND

Our annual New Year Conference was very well attended with some ten assemblies represented. Many of the Lord's people spoke of blessing received from the ministry by Brethren Welch, Hynd and Whitmore. It was very evident that the Spirit of God had much liberty. The ministry stressed the fact that in the light of His soon return the Lord's people should have more love for the Savior, for the saints, and for sinners. Brother Whitmore remained for a few meetings following the conference.

—Francis Gilkenson

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

Garfield Gospel Chapel

In the last few months we enjoyed short visits and ministry by Stan Ford of England and Wm. Patterson of the Bahamas.

Brother Fred Gladstone and his family have been with us for the past year and have been a help with the children's work and in the ministry of the Word. They have now left and expect to visit assemblies in the southern states and the Bahamas, later going to Chicago.

We have resumed Friday night children's meetings after a lapse of two weeks at the year end.

—Francis Delaney

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

Good Tidings Gospel Hall, 7-9 Sumpter St.

As we look over the year just gone, we are thankful to the Lord for His faithfulness. We have seen His hand in saving precious souls during the gospel campaign last spring, in the DVBS last summer, and in the Sunday school.

The progress in the Sunday school is very encouraging. There is an attendance of over 200 children. We would value the prayers of the Lord's people for the



Edited by Charles S. Howard

work.

Many of the Lord's dear servants visited us during the year ministered the Word of God profitably, and preached the gospel effectively.

—Justin V. Mason

LEXINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Countryside Bible Chapel

Mr. T. Ernest Wilson was with us for a Lord's Day and Tuesday recently and refreshed all our hearts with ministry directed to the soon-coming of our Lord Jesus-Christ. Mr. Wilson and Mr. David Kirk are the speakers at the New Bedford United Conference January 31.

At the Watch Night service at Countryside Bible Chapel about 100 were present, including some from the following assem-

blies: Union Chapel, Medford; Cliftondale Gospel Hall; Payson Gospel Hall, Belmont; Village Chapel, Framingham Center; and Rochambeau Gospel Hall, Providence, R. I. A very profitable time was spent, Mr. James Stevenson of Payson Hall and Mr. Howard Armerding bringing fitting messages for the occasion.

—W. Herbert Marshall

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

Hollywood Heights, 936 Elavado

We would like to announce a change of schedule for our meetings and also a new location as above. We hope to be in our new chapel as of the first Sunday of February and at this time the schedule will change as follows:

Lord's Supper 9:30 a.m.
Family Bible Hour 11:00 a.m.
Gospel Service 7:30 p.m.
Prayer and Bible Study,
Wednesday 8:00 p.m.

Brother Charles Clothsey of Chicago will be coming our way to help out in visitation the middle of February. Prayer will be valued as we go into this new neighborhood.

—Ralph Swanson

CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

Culver City Gospel Hall, 11138 Venice Blvd.

We are now in our new hall and like it very much, although we still have some finishing to do, especially in the kitchen. It will be known as Culver City Gospel Hall. Order of regular meetings for the present will be as follows:

Lord's Day—

Sunday School and Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Breaking of Bread	11:00 a.m.
Gospel Preaching	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday—

Prayer and Bible Study	7:45 p.m.
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—James Paar

GALLION, ALABAMA

The Christians at the Bible Chapel near Linden, Ala, recently held a one-day Bible conference. Hearts were warmed and blessed by fellowship and the timely ministry of Brethren W. O. Walker, Vernon Schlieff, Robert Willey, John Portman, John Todd and Wm. J. Patterson.

—Frank L. Glass

HOPEWELL, VIRGINIA

The name of Hopewell Gospel Chapel has been changed to Believers Gospel Hall.

LaGRANGE GOSPEL CHAPEL

The LaGrange Gospel Chapel, which is planning to build on an excellent site in LaGrange Park, Illinois, has been meeting for several years on Sunday at the Masonic Temple on LaGrange Road. The Sunday services now are moved to the American Legion hall, 4479 Central, corner Burlington, Western Springs, Illinois.

The Sunday schedule is: The Lord's Supper 9:30 a.m., Family Bible Hour with Sunday School 11 a.m., Gospel 7 p.m.

The Tuesday night prayer and Bible study continues at 8 o'clock at 117 West Calendar (Community Nurses & Service Assn.), LaGrange.

Albert G. Ceren

4940 Edgewood, LaGrange

MacNAB ST. GOSPEL HALL

140 MacNab, North, Hamilton, Ontario

Our brethren David Kirk and Robert Crawford completed a series of four weeks of special gospel meetings here early in December. Four souls professed faith in Christ. The Lord's people were stirred to fresh exercise for the lost, and rejoiced anew in God's salvation. On the whole the meetings were well attended.

G. P. Cesar, Corr.

JANUARY MEETINGS

Tom Wilkie and Wallace Cudmore start gospel meetings January 17 in Forest, Ontario. Gordon Reager and Robert McClurkin, coming from ministry meet-

ings at Waverly, Ontario, are scheduled to start gospel meetings in Ferndale, Michigan, January 31.

ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

God has been pleased to encourage us with a few conversions and additions to the local church, and the seeming interest of several new families from our neighborhood.

We are especially grateful for the ministry of Brethren Peter and William Pell, who collaborated in a series, using their model of the tabernacle; Brother Robert Little; and Brother Wm. Morgan who was here for two weeks of children's meetings. Attendance was excellent, a sub-zero cold wave and early snow storm notwithstanding. Best of all, the mother of two children in our Sunday school professed salvation.

We have recently begun a monthly mailing to every family in the immediate neighborhood, and have a list of 1100 families. Recently some of the sisters have undertaken a weekly ladies' Bible study class which has been attended by several from the neighborhood.

—Charles Ross

WESTBROOK, MAINE

Spring Hill Gospel Hall, 225 Spring St.

We had open house Sunday afternoon December 27 and had a good turn out. Also five unsaved were in for the gospel meeting at night at night and three unsaved were out last night, two of them for the first time. This is real encouragement to us.

—Clark McClelland

WESTLOCK, ALBERTA

Bothel Bible Camp

The dates of the 1960 Camp are as follows, D. V.:

Family Bible Camp, July 5 to 10 inclusive.

Rural Children's Camp, July 12 to 17 inclusive.

City Children's Camp, July 19 to 24 inclusive.

Please send all correspondence to Ben Lievers, Box 7, Neerlandia, Alberta.

CHANGE OF TIME**WHITE ROCK, BRITISH COLUMBIA**

**Hill Top Gospel Chapel
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Gospel Hour 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday—

Prayer and Bible study 8:00 p.m.

Correspondent, R. H. Coldridge
15071 Buena Vista Ave.
White Rock, B. C.

CALENDARS OPEN PRISONS TO EMMAUS BIBLE COURSES

In these busy days who has less cause to object that he or she can find no time for a Bible study course than a prisoner or a patient in a sanatorium? The little assembly at Kaukauna, Wisconsin, is cashing in on the "free" time of patients and prisoners by offering them free Emmaus Bible School correspondence courses in the BELIEVE AND LIVE calendars which it sends annually to penal institutions and TB sanatoriums in Wisconsin.

Many inmates take advantage of the offer, Paul Flint, correspondence director for Emmaus, writes: "We have received a substantial number of inquiries from these calendars, and I think in particular the original access to the women's prison at Taycheedah was gained through your distribution. We have had a great many students from this institution over the years and many interesting letters."

"For a period of over 40 years we have been distributing BELIEVE AND LIVE calendars, published by Loizeaux Brothers, to the penal institutions of Wisconsin," writes James E. Watson, formerly in the Appleton assembly and now with the new assembly in Kaukauna. "Some ten years ago we enlarged this to include the TB sanatoriums. Each year we write a letter to each of these institutions, asking how many calendars they would like to have. Distribution is based on their individual requests.

"For a number of years we have been buying a total of 4,200, bearing an imprint telling of the Emmaus free Bible Course." Three hundred go to Cook County Hospital and 200 to Cook County Jail in Illinois, and the other 3,700 to Wisconsin institutions. One chaplain writes: "We have about 100 places to hang these, but would like extras to give men to put in their cells." Another says: "I saw one this very afternoon telling forth the message of Light and Life in the cell of a born-again inmate." The Protestant chaplain in one Wisconsin state prison wrote in advance of the 1960 calendar notification to ask for 1,400.

Doubtless there are not many who watch the calendar as closely as these confined men and women or who have as much time available for pursuing correspondence study. Christians will do well to back this venture with prayer and, where the opportunity affords, emulate it.

PRAYER REQUEST

Venus Brooks writes from Pembroke, N. C.: "Please request prayer for Brother O. R. Thompson, who has labored much in the Lord among our people, and has been stricken down with cancer. He is hospitalized and undergoing X-ray therapy.

"A new chapel is in process of erection in the area where our brother Thompson has labored diligently and effectively."

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PIONEERING TODAY

EDITED BY DONALD M. TAYLOR

EVERETT BACHELDER

Box 655, Nome, Alaska

The new radio station sponsored by the Mission Covenant Churches will be on the air some time in February. Official tests are to commence shortly. The director has asked that we who are gathered to the Lord's Name should have a good representation in the programs. Audition tapes will be welcomed as soon as possible. We will appreciate interest in this need here at Nome on the part of assembly broadcasters.

First official tests are to be made shortly by "The Voice of the Arctic" and February is the time presently set for being on the air. Since the 1000-watt AFRS station had a signal that reached Norway, there will be a grand reach with the gospel over this 5000-watt station.

The call letters of the new station are KICY and correspondence regarding the audition of tape recordings could be sent either to our address or % Voice of the Arctic, Box 303, Nome, Alaska.

Here's another special prayer request. The captain over the National Guard unit of this area, known as the Eskimo Border Scouts, has invited me to go along with him on the midwinter inspection trip. This will mean traveling by dogteam and plane into isolated villages near the Siberian border areas including St. Lawrence Island. It is in one of these villages that a young Eskimo man was recently saved through the testimony and witnessing of the saved schoolteacher, our recent guest here at Nome.

Among praise items include the good word that our four children who were recently saved, and four Eskimo young people who also came to the Lord, are shining brightly for Him in making Him known.

ELLIOT LAKE, ONTARIO

Elliot Lake Bible Chapel

The saints in Elliot Lake would like to take this opportunity to tell of His goodness to us in past days. We are all rejoicing in that He has blessed us with unity. This is plainly the Lord's will for us and we are happy that it is now an accomplished fact. Several have professed Christ as Savior recently and still others are concerned about their souls.

The assembly has appreciated very much the help of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McLaren who are presently visiting in

southern Ontario. Also Miss Evelyn Taylor is spending her full time spearheading the work among the children both here and at the mines and also at Spanish and Walford. We are indeed fortunate to have such devotion to His work among us.

Our chapel is slowly nearing the point where we can use it. Praise God it is all paid for thus far. It will be used only as a basement for the present until the uranium situation is clarified.

There is a small Sunday school carried on at Walford, and Lord willing this will shortly be supplemented with a gospel meeting on Sunday evenings. There are enough young men here to reach out to the regions around us. There are many such untouched areas (See LETTERS OF INTEREST Oct. 59 back cover) in our district. A weekly Bible reading is also held in a Christian home in the town of Spanish. Property is also being purchased at Sugar Lake for an all-year around camp for boys and girls. This is a joint effort of several assemblies along the North Shore and will be a tremendous help in reaching the young people of our cities.

We cherish the prayers of the Lord's people and ask young people to consider the opportunity of serving Him in this needy field and also counseling at the camp.

—Gaston Jolin, Corr.

OBERLIN GARDENS, PENNSYLVANIA

The work here continues to grow and we are using not only our little chapel, a converted double garage, but part of our own home and that of our adjoining neighbor to accommodate the children and young people attending our Friday evening Bible club and the Sunday school. There are about 22 in fellowship and the Sunday evening meeting is going fairly well, though it is quite apparent that principal work is with children and young people. This could be expanded except for lack of facilities.

We have made a down payment on several lots just down the road from our present location and hope to build as the Lord enables.

—James G. Bates

ARNOLD J. M. REYNOLDS

371 Normandie St., Sherbrooke, Quebec

Two or three weeks ago we were saddened by an upsurge of nationalistic misunderstanding on the part of some of our French-speaking Christians. This is likely an occurrence common to all mission fields and one which rises in inverse proportion to the genuine spirituality of the

believers. Nevertheless, it is saddening and discouraging and represents a certain triumph of the enemy.

On the other hand we can report an increase in the number of requests for the New Testament, which is undoubtedly due in part to the increased distribution of gospel literature, but may also indicate a visitation from the Lord. Pray that we may be able also to contact all of these and that some might be saved.

Brother Norman Buchanan is launching a new effort to distribute gospel literature in which I shall have the privilege to have a part. We hope to place a series of six monthly leaflets, each containing a clear presentation of the way of salvation from a different aspect, into 100,000 homes. Most of the distribution will be by mail. Many assemblies and Christian friends have been advised of the plan and invited to help, but so far only about 12% of our subscription objective has been reached.

This past weekend I was greatly encouraged by a visit to the assembly at Thetford Mines. A very evident hunger for some of the meat of the Word by the Christians was noticeable, and I enjoyed ministering it among them.

DAVID WARD

8 Watrous Ave., R.D. 1, Mystic, Conn.

A few days ago Joe Giordano and I took a trip up to Brattleboro, Vt., to visit the Norman Andersons and Dean Crossmans, two former Emmaus couples. They have now secured a church building and started meetings and Sunday school. It is encouraging to see this development in a needy area. Lord willing I plan to go and help them in the month of May. They would much appreciate the prayer fellowship of God's people.

LESTER WILSON

1303 8th Ave., Albany, Ga.

In reviewing the past year at our watch-night service we noted that progress had been made in every department. The Sunday school attendance reached a new high of 239, Sunday night services of \$10. A marked increase was noted in attendance at worship and prayer meetings, with more brethren taking part with growing ability. Twenty-six professed during the year with only two or three disappointing us. There were four good cases of restoration and assurance. Never have I seen a new year begin with so many interested. During 1959 we built a new Sunday school building and met all other financial obligations. We had good cause to praise God, and did, for 1959, and good reason to hope for big things in 1960, and do.

PIONEER STILL WANTED: MONTANA

Under the heading, "Pioneer Wanted: Montana," there appeared in the June 1959 issue of this magazine a letter from a sister at Thompson Falls, Montana, inviting the interest and attention of gospel pioneers to that area, where "the nearest fundamental church is over a hundred miles away. It is definitely pagan territory."

In following months other information appeared in *Letters of Interest*, and correspondence with this office indicated exercise on the part of some to pioneer in this state.

The writer of the letter which, humanly speaking, touched off the spark of interest, writes now that it has been necessary for her family to move to another part of the country.

Behind them they leave 240 acres of farmland, range, and timber. The unoccupied, furnished home invites vandalism and a resident caretaker is needed. Water must be pumped. A generator provides electric lighting. There are fish and game in abundance on the property, a fruit orchard, truck garden. An ideal location for those who enjoy or can adapt to the rugged outdoor life of the northwest, Thompson Falls, seat of Sanders County, boasting a population of 1200, has logging, mill, and lumber operations. Montana Power maintains a dam and station locally. There are openings for painters, body workers, mechanics, for professional men, and in the clerical, insurance and mercantile lines. What it lacks is a sound testimony for the Lord—an evangelist—someone who can teach the Word.

Here is the suggestion made by the sister on whose heart the burden of Thompson Falls remains. "Should there be a man (or family) whose heart has been exercised regarding the spiritual need of this area, and who would consider living on the ranch as a caretaker, he (they) could live there for one year, with full use of the garden space, the fruits of the orchard, and all the firewood they would need—free. In exchange for this he would be expected to do necessary pruning and complete the interior painting—paint is supplied."

Any desiring to inquire further into this opportunity for pioneer evangelism may contact the writer through **LETTERS OF INTEREST**, 127 South Wacker Drive, Chicago 6, Illinois.

STEWARDS FOUNDATION ADDS NEW MEMBERS AND TRUSTEES

Because of the growth of Stewards Foundation as a service agency for individual believers and for assemblies of believers meeting in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ alone, as a channel for investment in various phases of the Lord's work, and as owner and operator of hospitals and retirement homes, the members have felt it imperative to spread the increasing responsibility among a larger group of brethren.

Therefore they have invited Mr. T. E. McCully of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Mr. Virgil Hollingsworth, Jr., of Augusta, Georgia, to join them as member-directors. Mr. McCully, father of Ed McCully, one of the five Ecuador martyrs, is executive secretary of Christian Businessmen's Committee, International, with offices in Chicago, and also chairman of the board of Emmaus Bible School. He is affiliated with the assembly meeting in Good News Chapel, Milwaukee, and is well known among assemblies as a conference speaker. He replaces Mr. Humphrey, mentioned below, as Foundation treasurer.

Mr. Hollingsworth is chairman of the board of Brown Transport Co., operating trucks extensively in Georgia, and of Augusta Iron Works. He also is a speaker much in demand among assemblies, and meets with believers at Bethany Chapel, Augusta. He is on the Emmaus Bible School board and on the staff of **LETTERS OF INTEREST**.

The other five member-directors are Clyde H. Dennis, president of Good News Publishers and Lithocolour Press, who is currently affiliated with Bethany Chapel, Wheaton; Paul W. Erickson, secretary of the Foundation, general manager of Eden Memorial Park, and in fellowship at the Norwood Gospel Chapel, Chicago; James G. Humphrey, real estate broker and retired manufacturer, who divides his time between Chicago and Boca Raton, Florida, and is now chairman of the Foundation board. He serves also on the Emmaus board, the board of Boca Raton Bible Conference, and on the staff of **LETTERS OF INTEREST**. He is constantly active in gospel series for boys and girls, and is in the Oak Lawn assembly in the Chicago area. William G. McCartney, president of the Foundation and instigator of it as a means of financing assembly building projects, is editor of **LETTERS OF INTEREST**. He is proprietor of Bradshaw & McCartney, wholesale furniture dealers, serves on the Emmaus and Wheaton Academy boards, and is affiliated with the assembly at Bethany Chapel, Wheaton. Donald M. Taylor, also of Bethany Chapel, Wheaton, serves as vice president and general manager of the Foundation. He is active with **LETTERS OF INTEREST** and is on the

Wheaton Academy board.

Beside these two new member-directors the Foundation board has elected for one year terms as trustees Neil Glass, administrator of Bethesda Hospital, Chicago; Robert Hanson, administrator, Auburn General Hospital, Auburn, Washington, and Centralia General Hospital, Centralia, Washington; J. Wilson McCracken, administrator of Belmont Community Hospital, Chicago, and general supervisor of Foundation hospitals; and Robert W. Mojonnier, district sales manager, Mojonnier Brothers, Chicago. Mr. Mojonnier serves on the Emmaus and Wheaton Academy boards. Mr. McCracken is on the **LETTERS OF INTEREST** staff.

These eleven men, serving together as trustees, expect to meet two or three times a year. From their number an executive committee is named to work with the president and general manager, meeting as frequently as required for the month to month conduct of business.

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Boca Raton Winter Bible Grounds
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By John Funk

Beginning January 1960, the Family Bible Hour Radio Broadcast will use the entire front inside cover of "Food for the Flock" as a further means of acquainting the Lord's people with what is being accomplished in the field of radio, both at home and abroad. The Family Bible Hour board also issues a bi-monthly bulletin called "The Broadcaster" which is sent without charge to anyone requesting it.

At the last meeting of the board, held in Hamilton, Ontario, January 9, 1960, it was also decided to use these two media to try to keep the Lord's people informed of the radio work carried on by foreign missionaries commended by assemblies



FAMILY BIBLE HOUR BOARD INCREASES ITS SCOPE

gathered in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Future issues of "The Broadcaster" and "Food for the Flock" will therefore contain accounts of the radio aspect of foreign missions.

The Family Bible Hour has been sponsoring two Japanese radio broadcasts for over a year. Brother Howard Budd, who produces the program for these two stations and ten others in Japan, translated the following two letters from a listener to one of these stations.

"I am 23 years of age. 22 years ago infantile paralysis crippled the left half of my body. For this reason I cannot work. My father died 18 years ago leaving my mother with two children, myself and my younger brother. We live in a farming district and just now everyone is busy getting in the harvest, but as I cannot help, my mother looks on me as a nuisance. Of late I have been thinking of suicide, but on Sunday I heard your broadcast, and while listening I was drawn to the message. I think I would like to believe in Christ and obtain peace of mind. Would this be possible for one having a heart as warped as mine? According to the broadcast, Christ loved even His enemies, and He revealed the love of God. I wonder if He loves people like me? I would like to have a Christian book. Please tell me about the Bible."

Sometime later, this young man wrote the following second letter.

"Thank you for your letter, Gospel of John, booklet and correspondence course application card. In my district there are no Christians, so I never heard the Christian message until I heard it on the radio. I have now read the Gospel of John and can see that Christ is my Saviour, and that through believing in Him I have eternal life. I have also come to know that, as He says, the crippled condition of my body is for the manifestation of the works of God in me. I did not previously know of His love, nor of the fact

that I was sinning against Him. My mother has worked hard to feed me, but I complained because things did not work out as I wanted them to. Now that I know the love of God I want to please Him, discerning His will through the Bible correspondence course. I sincerely request your further help."

In addition to being broadcast by the Japanese stations, the program is also broadcast in English in Puerto Rico, and now two individual Christians will sponsor it on HLKY in Korea. So far, the board has been unable to proceed with the broadcast into Russia.

Recently the tenth English broadcast was added. (Korea will be the eleventh.) This is over KAYE, Puyallup, Washington, and will be sponsored by the Tacoma, Washington Assembly.

The schedule for the other stations is as follows:

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NEW ENGLAND NEWS

W. Herbert Marshall

LEXINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

At the Countryside Bible Chapel Mr. Joseph Giordano spent two weeks doing daily visitation in many homes and conducting evangelistic services. A good number attend the Family Bible Hour regularly and the Christians are praying for a manifestation of His saving grace in their midst. The Sunday school is well attended and many young people are memorizing the Word of God. The girls' meeting on Tuesday evenings and that for boys on Friday evenings are most encouraging. An eight-week series of special children's meetings commenced at the end of February.

NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

One of the largest companies seen in New England for some time came together in New Bedford January 31 for a one-day conference. Most states of the area were represented, and some were present from New Jersey. The conference was held in the Purchase Street Gospel Hall which was taxed to overflowing in the afternoon, and the remembrance meeting was memorable. Speakers were Brethren T. Ernest Wilson and David Kirk and Mr. McVie of Hartford. At the close of the conference two were baptized.

SWANSEA, MASSACHUSETTS

Friday evening, February 5, the assembly began an eight-week series of children's meetings to be held each Friday evening. Response has been most gratifying, some 75 or more attending including parents and friends from the neighborhood. Mr. David Ward spoke at the opening meeting and is gifted to hold the interest of young people.

WATERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS

The new Gospel Center building is rapidly going forward, due in part to the favorable weather conditions. It is hoped that the opening will be held the latter part of April or early in May. The chapel is situated in a good residential area and already neighbors are showing a welcoming attitude to the assembly.

CLIFTONDALE, MASSACHUSETTS

January 25 marked the fiftieth anniversary of the planting of an assembly in this neighborhood and was also the 25th anniversary of the opening of the present hall. The celebration was attended by many from surrounding assemblies as well as from the neighborhood. Speaker was Mr. W. Herbert Marshall, who took Leviticus 25:11 as his text. Others recalled the history of the assembly and gave a gospel testimony.

Anyone desiring to help out in supplying tracts for distribution on street and from house to house, please contact Mr. Ernest Cowie, 2151 Bowen Rd., Nanaimo, B. C.



CLIFTONDALE, MASSACHUSETTS

Cutting Cliftondale's 50th Anniversary Cake are left to right: W. Herbert Marshall, Miss Mae Walsh, Mrs. Robt. Howard, Miss Olive Taylor, Mr. Archie MacKenzie, Mrs. Arthur Craven. Mr. MacKenzie was one of these present December 12, 1909, at the first breaking of bread meeting of the assembly.

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SECOND ALAN KNIGHT MEMORIAL CRUSADE

One year after the passing away of six-year old Alan Knight, the second children's crusade sponsored by the Toronto committee was held in Spruce Court School February 2 to 5 and was much blessed of the Lord.

This effort, held in a reclaimed slum area, was attended by over 300 different children, of whom almost a third had no Sunday school connection. Close to one hundred of the children stayed for counseling over the four nights, and the majority gave good evidence of true faith in Christ. The quiet working of the Spirit among groups scattered around the hall after the meeting was most apparent. All who had a part sensed the presence of the Lord.

Beginning with the second night classes were held to give further instruction in the Christian life. The final night all converts were assembled into one class which became a testimony meeting. Many testimonies came from the lips of little ones. Follow-up work is being carried on to get the unchurched into Sunday schools and to send letters of encouragement and help to those who trusted Christ.

The committee is now formulating plans for the third crusade in another school May 9 to 13 and much prayer is needed. Anyone desiring more information should contact Mr. Harold Knight, 81 Glenvale Blvd., Toronto 17, Canada.
—Lionel A. Hunt

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Editors' Page

A GREAT NEED

The Lord Jesus really felt the world's great need when he said, "The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few. Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest."

If ever there was a time when this prayer should be on the lips of every Christian it is now. Consider carefully the challenge! Are we guilty of living this life with our eyes bent downward on material things, rather than upward with eternity's values in view? Let us as enlightened Christians, forsake our indifference and negligence in the work of the Lord for obedience; exchange our concern with impossibilities for occupation with opportunities; leave off our failure and seek from the Lord success.

There are many fields open to us, some nearer than others. The fields are white and ready to harvest. They are made up of children, young people, older folk. The harvest is ready and it is waiting for the laborers who will sense the urgency.

Every Christian has opportunities. Every Christian is called by God to be a co-laborer with Him. Every Christian can be a worker for the Lord. Should we not pray as did Saul of Tarsus, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?"

In view of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, it would be well if we might see the lost as Christ sees them, love them as He loves them, and go out to them and win them as He sought to seek and save that which was lost. May it be our constant desire to be filled with a genuine love for those traveling the broad way and to do all we can to bring them to Him. "Only one life, it will soon be past. Only what is done for Christ will last."

—James W. Kennedy

LABELING CAN BE HARMFUL

One of the damaging influences in Christian relations is the practice of labeling. We speak not so much of the natural tendency to tag anyone who disagrees with us in a matter of doctrine or interpretation as heretical or modernistic or communistic, as of the labeling of individual Christians by their denominational affiliations or according to the views of their denominations or groups on the Scriptures.

Labeling can be helpful and in some instances is scriptural. For example, the New Testament divides all mankind into two and three categories: saved and lost or believers and unbelievers, and as Jews, Gentiles and the church of God. And it marks Christians as spiritual and carnal. But labeling can also be harmful and unscriptural.

Rightly enough brethren who sincerely desire to express in their gatherings the oneness of all believers object to being called Plymouth Brethren or P.B.'s. But should they not also be careful to refrain from applying labels to Christians who meet with other groups? Is it not as offensive to the Lord for me to apply the denomination Baptist (or Methodist or Pentecostal) to a true Christian brother as it is for me to accept the label Plymouth Brethren? In the first instance I

am setting him apart from my fellowship, and in the second I am separating myself from his fellowship.

It is very true that he may not at all object to being called Baptist. Yet he may be quite undenominational in his outlook, and even be utterly unaware of any distinctive Baptist doctrine. And even though he may, on the other hand, be definitely denominational in his attitude, should I not yet know him only as a fellow believer, a saint, a Christian, a child of God and therefore as a brother in the Lord?

Let it be clearly understood that we are not advocating departure from any truth taught by the Word of God, nor are we saying that church order and doctrines are properly matters of human choice or invention. Rather we are proposing that those who meet together in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ alone, and who profess to uphold the oneness of all believers, evidence the reality of their position and profession by refraining from labeling other Christians.

But we are thinking not just of denominational tags; we are concerned also about the pressure on Christians to crystallize their views on church order and doctrine which is exerted by applying to them such unscriptural labels as tight and loose, post-millennialist, mid-tribulationist (mid-trib to the more sophisticated), Calvinist and Arminian. We are all in process of learning and those who have been brought up in certain schools of thought may well alter their views as they earnestly study the Word of God.

One is tempted to believe that if labels had not been applied so readily in formative days of companies of Christians according to the doctrines or church order emphasized among them, many of them might never have consolidated into denominations. If there had been spiritual leaders and teachers to deal with them as Paul dealt with the Corinthians and Galatians, they might have been what we ought all to be: simple companies of believers adhering only to "that worthy name by which ye are called." But whether or not it might so have been, we should beware of labeling fellow believers other than as Christians or applying other terms than the Word of God applies to them.

—Donald M. Taylor

GOOD INTENTIONS

We are all familiar with the expression, "The road to hell is paved with good intentions." Can it not also be said that "The road to heaven is paved with good intentions?"

If the Lord's people would carry out their good intentions that neighbor would be visited and would hear the gospel. The Sunday school class which we always plan to teach would become a reality. That sick person would be visited. The bereaved one would be comforted, the needy family supplied, the gift to missionary or pioneer sent post haste. But alas, how many things which the Holy Spirit has suggested to our hearts and which we fully intended to do, have for one reason or another been left undone.

Our intentions were good. No doubt God prompted them. But we failed to be the channel through which bless-

ing would have flowed out to others, because our good intentions were only intentions and not "good works," in which the Word declares every Christian should be fruitful.

May God grant both the reader and the writer to consider this matter prayerfully.

—W. G. McCartney

PRIDE

Is there anything that hinders our Christian progress more than pride? Still it creeps into the lives of each of us, sometimes in a very subtle way and often under the guise of goodness.

There is the brother who has not missed attending a meeting in more than five years, and has gone many times at great sacrifice. Is this a matter of pride to him, robbing it of its value in worship and service? Or is it for the glory of God?

Another brother loves to tell how many times he has read the Bible through. This is a wonderful practice. But if

it is a cause for pride, much of the blessing is lost.

We look at the sinners in our neighborhood and are proud that we are not like them—that we do not do the things they do. We feel a sense of pride that we have the truth and have no patience with those who do not acknowledge it in the same way in their lives.

Many examples could be given—but each of us knows his own heart. We can miss the mark as to spiritual maturity by allowing pride to raise its ugly head in even our most worthy endeavors. Pride is natural to the human heart, but humility goes against our sinful flesh. We must fight pride, and the fight is ours to win. "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and He shall lift you up" (James 4:10). We cannot blame God if victory is not forthcoming.

How much more effective would be our personal and assembly testimony if we would declare unending war on our pride. A three-fold blessing is given in Proverbs 22:4: "By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honor, and life." May it be ours to enjoy this blessing.

—D. J. Thomson

New Work Opened At Conway, S. C.

Writing from Florence, S. Car., Brother W. F. Anderson reports, "For more than a year we have had contact with two families in the Conway area who have been interested in a New Testament church.

"Two of our brethren became quite burdened about the possibilities. They did some visitation and much praying, finally being convinced that it was time to make a start."

This exercise, Mr. Anderson writes, culminated in a group of Christians meeting as an assembly for the first time on Sunday, January 10. Meetings on the Lord's Day are being held in the American Legion Hut, corner of 9th and Legion Streets. The Lord's Supper is at 10:15, a Family Bible Hour at 11:15, and the evening service at 7:30. Prayer and Bible study meetings are held on Thursdays, at 7:30 p.m., in the home of Mr. Henry Holmes, correspondent for the group, whose mailing address is P. O. Box 114, Conway, S. Car.

Conway is located fourteen miles from Myrtle Beach, site of a large Air Force Base, and provides opportunity for work among service personnel.

At present Mr. Hilman Horton and Mr. Robert Leeper of Florence, are driving back and forth for all the services, with a view to securing employment in Conway and residing there as soon as possible.

Already there has been fruit seen from this testimony. A young woman was saved at one of the first few Sunday evening services, and her husband trusted the Lord later the same evening. They have taken their places in the assembly and have proved an encouraging addition.

AN INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN TEACHERS

For the past few years Quebec's need for Christian school teachers has been made known through "*Letters of Interest*," believers with professional training being thus invited to come to centers where there is a definite need, securing a position in the local school, and assisting in their free time the local assembly effort. The response has been most gratifying.

At Stanstead where the small assembly has depended for so long on help from the Sherbrooke assembly the need was keenly felt. Last August Miss Doreen Neil, of Quadra Chapel, Victoria, B. C. came to Stanstead after having obtained a position on the staff of Sunnyside High School. In correspondence with her home assembly she further made known the need and was used to direct Mr. Lawrence Wallace, also of Victoria, to come to the area. Mr. Wallace is an experienced Bible teacher and the effect of his Christ-exalting ministry has already been felt in the district. In nearby Ayer's Cliff the small assembly also depended upon believers from Sherbrooke to assist with the services. This was not always convenient, since the assembly at Sherbrooke carries on a heavy program of its own. This past summer the Ayer's Cliff assembly was joined by three young men from assemblies elsewhere who had secured positions at the local high school. The need there has been largely met, though it is hoped that other brethren with experience and wisdom will come to live in the area and thus consolidate the work there.

Other Christian teachers have come from a distance to teach in the Quebec

Protestant school system and to throw their weight behind existing gospel efforts throughout the province. Some of these are preparing to teach in French Protestant Schools.

There are yet many centers where there is no gospel witness. In most of these centers there are moderate sized high schools, each of which will have a few teaching positions vacant this year. These are advertised during the months of March and April. Salaries and working conditions compare favorably with those in other parts of Canada. The Teachers' Christian Fellowship will be happy to give information about these positions and to encourage any who are interested. Inquiries may be addressed to W. Roy Langley, Box 40, Ayer's Cliff, Quebec.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

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(Home) Frank Ely, P. O. Box 332 (GI 4-5616 or GI 3-8651)

Breaking of Bread, 9:30 a.m., Sunday school, 11:00 a.m. Prayer and Bible Study, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

—Frank Ely

GOSPEL CAMPAIGNS

Gordon Reager and Robert McClurkin had appreciated meetings in Waverly, Ontario. In February they were together in a gospel effort in Ferndale, Mich. Brother McClurkin had two weeks of appreciated ministry on prophetic subjects in Pottstown, Pa.

Letters

Edited by W. G. McCarney

ROBERT BOOTH

23 Parkcrest Drive, Scarborough, Ontario

Brother George Wilson and I are in our third week of meetings in Kensington Ave. Gospel Hall, Hamilton, and so far one young man has professed salvation. We trust the interest will increase as we continue, and that many precious souls may be gathered in at this time.

JAMES K. BOSWELL

605 Emery St., London, Ontario, Canada

The conference at Tampa, Fla., proved to be a time of blessing, and the meetings following were very well attended and souls were saved.

At present I am in Lakeland, and being much encouraged.

During March (D. V.) I am to be at Silver Lake, Ohio; London, Ont., and New Haven, Conn.

J. W. BRANHALL

2309 Commonwealth Ave., Charlotte 5, N.C.

A profitable and happy week of ministry was spent with the saints of the Gospel Chapel in Birmingham, Ala., during January.

Another such week was spent in Newport News, Va., with evident blessing and faithful interest on the part of the saints. At both of these meetings for ministry, the subjects of assembly truths and principles were the theme of study, with expressed appreciation for them by His beloved people.

WILLIAM M. BROWN

6790 N.W. 33rd St., W. Hollywood, Fla.

Much time has been spent in manual labor in construction of our new Sunday school building to provide eight additional classrooms which are needed.

In the series of meetings for children in the Fort Lauderdale Chapel, attendance was good and about twelve souls professed to be saved.

I will be in Key West for a week in March, the Lord willing. In the meantime we hope to get into an extensive visitation program in West Hollywood.

During the week of February 7 we had Brother Geo. Rainey with us for some ministry meetings, and for three days commencing February 25 had our annual Missionary Class Conference, always a wonderful time of fellowship and heart searching as well as challenge.

ERNEST B. CRABB

8278 French St., Vancouver, B. C.

We were kept quite busy in the Vancouver area and also on the Island with meetings, and are glad to report that the Lord is stirring up more interest in Alaska.

My good wife is improving rapidly and is now taking meetings here and there. We came to Seattle for a month or so, then hope to visit in the east for a couple of months, returning to the West Coast for May and June.

Word has come that we will be on the air over "Voice of the Arctic," teaching Emmaus courses. Please continue to pray that many closed doors may be opened—for servicemen's centers, an airplane to reach the many isolated villages, etc.

A. JAMES DAVIES

533 Gilmour St., Peterborough, Ontario

We had a good time on Vancouver Island, seeing a number accept the Lord, including an Air Force man and his wife.

We plan to conduct children's campaigns at Sparta, Ill., and Union City, Ill., and Plainfield, N. J. during February and March.

AUBREY DELLANDREA

Greenhill Ave., R.R. 1, North Bay, Ontario

At the beginning of the year my brother Ernie and I were at the Montreal conference and can report excellent ministry. I have also been to Tillsonburg, Schoolcraft Hall in Detroit, and Earlton, seeking to encourage the hearts of saints, and to tell out the story of redeeming grace; and have been helping in meetings here at North Bay. God has given fruit among the boys and girls.

Having commenced the second week of gospel meetings in Renfrew with Brother Bill McRae, we have so much for which to praise God. Backsliders have been restored and there have been some conversions. Attendance has been excellent and a real sense of God's power has been felt in the meetings. We look forward to seeing many more brought to our Savior, "the Man Whom the Father delighteth to honor."

ARTHUR W. DEWHURST

P.O. Box 11, Ramseur, N. C.

I was able to visit a fruit pickers' camp recently and saw the work being carried on among these men from the West Indies. They come here under contract and their lot is by no means a comfortable one.

The men gathered in their camp dining room and sang very heartily the good old gospel songs that they know so well. After a two-hour long "meeting" in which singing and the gospel message were sounded out alternately, they seemed not to want to leave. Finally I closed quite formally and even then some remained to find answers to their questions. Their interest was serious as we discussed their

problems and found the answers in the scriptures.

One lad told us that he had trusted Christ at the meeting, and so our hearts were gladdened as we saw the power of God bringing glory to God and peace to another trusting soul.

HOWARD FORBES

189 Burma St., Arvida, Quebec

At present I am at Drummondville, Quebec, for meetings, and expect to remain a month, helping Brother Roland Lacombe in the teaching of the Christians. He is exercised to visit several who have written in for New Testaments from Sorel, 30 miles away, but finds it difficult to find the time unless he has help at Drummondville, which has the second largest French-speaking assembly in Quebec. Most of the Christians, however, are young in the faith, and three who were recognized as elders have moved away, leaving Brother Roland alone with the qualification of an elder.

In the Saguenay region, after distributing 21,000 gospel pamphlets with an offer of a New Testament approved by the church of Rome, we have received requests for 200 New Testaments. Some of those being visited are showing interest.

We are also happy that the way seems to be opening up for the beginning of an assembly at Chibougamau, a mining town 220 miles northwest of Arvida.

Prayer is appreciated for our sister Mrs. Charles Eugene Bouliane, who is still in the hospital. No doubt Satan would like to discourage our brother since he is giving his full time to the Lord's work.

JOSEPH GIORDANO

65 Side Hill Rd., Hamden 17, Conn.

I spent two weeks in Lexington, Mass., with the newly formed assembly at Countryside Bible Chapel. Besides taking the regular Sunday services and the midweek prayer meetings, I visited afternoons and evenings. The visitation program is well organized and all of my work was in connection with contacts already made. Some had been visited two or three times before, others, only once on the initial canvass. While we saw no visible results from the visitation by way of conversions, we did see people come in to the Sunday services because they were visited. This, I believe, is the best way to get friends under the sound of the Word. Of course, on more than one occasion, I sat in a home for an hour or so and preached Christ. On one occasion my audience was a gentile mother and her neighbor, a Jewess. It is hard, slow, and sometimes discouraging work, but the most effective way I know to get to grips with people in spiritual matters.

This coming weekend I'll be journeying to Brattleboro, Vt., to be with the few couples there who are endeavoring to start something for God.

E. B. GODFREY**428 Edna Ave., Pentlcton, B. C.**

Recently I had meetings in Westlock, Red Deer, and 6th Ave. Hall (Calgary), Alberta. However, the doctor has advised me to slow up and I'm afraid my days of traveling are drawing to a close. I'll be 86 if spared until June. There is a great need in British Columbia and Alberta for shepherds to visit and feed the small assemblies.

ALBERT W. GRAINGER**3390 Henri Bourassa E.,
Montreal Nord, P. Q.**

We are encouraged to see new faces in the cottage meetings held regularly for the French Roman Catholics. Some of the converts of the past year or two are living and speaking for God in a very open and marked way which gives us joy.

We had the privilege of baptizing a young man and a young woman recently, fruit of the regular cottage meetings in these parts. Our sphere of service in the main continues to be Montreal, Valleyfield, and Farnham, and area.

Through the exercise of God's people we have been able to buy a schoolhouse for the work at Farnham, and we trust He will likewise in one way or another, in His way and time, meet the growing need in some of the other places also.

JOHN A. W. HALLIDAY**5936 Jemez Dr., El Paso, Texas**

The increase in the attendance of children at the south-side meeting in El Paso has been more or less maintained. Last Friday there were about 59 children crowded into the small room where the meeting is held—some sitting some standing. The number of children attending the Friday night meeting at Grace Chapel on the east side of town has also been encouraging.

I was given permission to take gospel literature into the men's compound at the U. S. Reception Center for Mexican farm workers. It is a sort of bottleneck through which the Mexicans are funneled prior to being dispersed over a wide farming area. Just now, of course, not many men are passing through but I think that later in the year it may be a very busy place. I understand that last year about 80,000 Mexicans passed through. It seems that much of the work on the cotton farms in this area is done by Mexicans. Please do pray for the spread of the gospel in Spanish and for the meetings in English.

HERB HARRIS**8 Valley Rd., Corner Brook, Nfld.**

We saw another assembly formed at Red Bay, Labrador, about two months ago. It is just four years since we first went up to Labrador with our boat, the

"M. G. M." There are now three assemblies on that coast. We have a new Cessna four-place plane for the work this year. There are many open doors but the laborers are few.

MUN HOPE**14713 90th Ave., R.R. 14, N. Surrey, B. C.**

Brother Daniel Taylor and I shared gospel and ministry meetings, together with others, during the past summer in southern Alberta, when a number of precious souls confessed Christ. At present he is recovering from surgery, which took place in January, in Victoria, B. C.

A 32-year old logger who came to our house early this February said that he would like to be saved. Several weeks ago, a waitress came to our home and did not want to leave until she had trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ. A former Anglican gentleman, who professed to be saved earlier last year, and who eventually asked me to baptize him, brought his oldest son here, who also confessed Christ as Savior on a Lord's day afternoon. His other son, who confessed Christ in December, has already asked for baptism and seems to have a good influence in their neighborhood.

We continue to receive many calls on the telephone from young believers needing spiritual help, and also from some seeking salvation. We were able to witness to a Roman Catholic salesman last evening, whose car suddenly turned completely upside down on the Transcanada Highway, in Langley City. We took him home to Burnaby and gave him some tracts.

We are very busy with follow-up work among a number of anxious souls who confessed Christ during last summer's meetings; and some who professed salvation during December and January. We are particularly happy in dealing with some whose parents confessed Christ several years before in connection with meetings held in Aldergrove. The Holy Spirit has apparently touched their children's hearts now; and there is much rejoicing.

We have also an extraordinary field in dealing with some persons who have difficulties of a neurotic and psychopathic nature, one of whom has professed salvation in nearby Oakalla prison. Psychiatry may be a help to some but the Lord Jesus Christ remains the one and only answer to their souls' deep and crying need.

JOHN A. HORN**419 Smith Street, Atchison, Kansas**

Brother David and I have been in San Antonio, Texas, for a few meetings and despite an unusual amount of sickness we have been greatly encouraged. We have seen the Lord's hand in salvation. We hope to go to Fort Worth from here and work our way further south (D. V.).

A. E. HUNT**1415 East Olive, Merced, Calif.**

For well over a year I have enjoyed going to Turlock to speak to Armenians, some of whom are saved and used to live in Chicago. The interest and attendance has been good and we would like to see more Armenians moving here who are believers, as some would like to see a testimony planted to His Name. Merced would be glad to see exercised believers moving to this town. There is plenty of room for gift and activity.

WALTER JENSEN**2033 Grand St., Scotch Plains, N. J.**

We just closed our fourth annual gospel effort at Woodside Chapel in Fanwood, N. J., and again we praise the Lord for His blessing. We saw nine good cases of salvation and pray that each of these may go on well with and for our Lord.

Prayer for my dear wife continues to be much appreciated.

DAVID KIRK**131 Dufferin St., Hamilton, Ontario**

The special conference in New Bedford over Lord's Day (January 31) was exceptionally well attended, and in the afternoon the Hall was packed to the doors. In the morning the two assemblies, estranged for nearly 30 years, sat down together to remember the Lord. The ministry was shared with Mr. T. E. Wilson and S. McVee. At the close of the gospel service in the evening a grandson of Mr. John Dickson (a namesake) was baptized, with a young sister from the Swansea area.

I am now on first-time visits to Harrisburg, Chambersburg and Baltimore.

DAVID LAWRENCE**205 S. 12th St., Centerville, Iowa**

We have been encouraged lately in seeing some come into fellowship with us. They came for a while and listened to the Word ministered, which led to their asking us to receive them. They are very happy. We learned yesterday of a young lady who has been brought up in the Sunday school who was saved recently and now desires to be baptized and to remember the Lord with us. Another young lady asked to be received two Sundays ago, so the Lord has given us some encouragement in the work here.

STEPHEN MICK**1514 Wisconsin Ave., Boscobel, Wis.**

Brother Hamilton and I are having meetings in Blue River, Wis., at this time. Years ago, before there was an assembly there, a number of brethren came and gave help from time to time and meetings continued from July till May, when 26 were baptized and an assembly was started shortly thereafter. I trust that the Lord will give us some blessing at this time and revive us again.

W. FRASER NAISMITH
c/o 412 Greenock Ave.,
Mt. Royal, P. Quebec

In Montreal the year was commenced by a three-day conference convened by the saints of the Ogilvie Avenue Gospel Hall. The numbers attending were encouraging; and the ministry was on the glories and work of our Lord as unfolded through the Word.

Following the conference I gave dispensational and prophetic ministry in the above hall; and despite inclement weather the saints attended well, and many expressed their appreciation of the truths unfolded.

My wife and I moved on to Detroit January 15 where an itinerary has been prepared which will last till the end of March.

EDWARD RICHMOND
P.O. Box 62, Dover, Delaware

All phases of our pioneer efforts in this state have been most encouraging and fruitful. Precious souls were saved from surrounding towns and the assembly in Dover has been greatly strengthened. The children's work has been especially blessed of the Lord as many of the boys and girls hearing the gospel for the first time were saved. In the last four weeks we had the joy of seeing a dear man and his wife saved. The wife said, "For forty years I wandered in the wilderness and was afraid to sing the hymns, but now I am saved and can sing from my heart, knowing it is well with my soul."

DONALD C. SAUER
Box 1674, Fairbanks, Alaska

The period of 50 and 55-below zero weather is over for the present. Today is 30 below, with 40 below zero predicted for the coming weekend. Although some classes had to be cancelled due to weather, attendance has been encouraging throughout the winter. We are thankful for some measure of increase in those taking Emmaus correspondence courses.

CYRIL SHONTOFF
772 Argyle Ave., Sherbrooke, Quebec

Brother Roger Dupont and I are taking the French Open Air Campaigners' van to French Louisiana for the months of February and March. We trust that here, too, some precious souls will pass from darkness into His most marvelous light.

J. H. SPREEMAN
885 Calixa-Lavallee, Quebec, P. Q.

The Sunday school program held here in the hall brought in two couples and their children who were newcomers. We are now in touch with these and pray for their salvation. Among others contacted who appear receptive to the Word is a man who seems most sincere and has accepted quite a bit of good reading material on several occasions. He goes

to mass every morning, prays before the stations of the cross each evening, has an R. C. Bible and is also in the Knights of Columbus, yet seems desirous of knowing something else. We would rejoice much to see him saved.

We were back to Girardville for about ten days. New Year's Day 92 of us were together in the hall for the noon meal, including many young children.

Last weekend we were in Montreal and witnessed the baptism of two French Canadians—a married man from Valleyfield and a single young lady from Farnham. On Tuesday evening I went along with Brother Albert Grainger to the weekly meeting at Valleyfield, where a good interest is being maintained, as also at Farnham.

GEORGE BAXTER
Box 141, Flagstaff, Arizona

At the holiday season we were able to reach 1500 people with the good news and hand each of them a gift. Fifty came seeking His salvation. He openly showed His salvation as the Christians at Red Lake and Shonto told their unsaved people what Christ meant in their life and homes.

We were informed by the Navajo counsel at Window Rock that our hogan chapel at Shonto must be moved. The chapter house (a place where the counsel meets) had been built near it and the counsel did not want the chapel on the same plot. Our interpreter, other helpers from here, and the Christians there spent a week working to move it to a plot given by one of the Shonto Christians. This working together gave the Indian Christians a confidence that has not been seen in their lives before. Our hearts sank when it was necessary for our interpreter to go to Shonto, but the Lord raised up another who came to our door and offered his help for the big meeting at Tisto.

At Tisto 500 people gathered to hear the Word at the school building. The principal is very cooperative and likes good things to be done for the community. There are 129 children in the school. This is an undeveloped field and they are asking for regular meetings.

We ask special prayer for the application that is being sent to the Navajo Counsel at this time for a permit to do missionary work and build a chapel of some size at Shonto.

The sewing class work is full, with large enrollments. The section house work is interesting and has shown a growth this year, too. Two Christian families have been pulled away by a Pentecostal group which makes us so sad. Pray for their return and for a young man who has been drifting away but is returning to the Lord now.

SAMUEL STEWART
Box 194, Cosmopolis, Wash.

This winter I have kept close to the home base. Building the new addition to the chapel has claimed much time and labor. Another month should see it finished.

The meetings here go on with general good interest and attendance.

Following the regional workers' conference at Portland in February I went east of the mountains to conduct some meetings at Sunnyside, Wash.

RAYMOND TAYLOR
12416 Parent St.,
Pointe-Aux-Trembles, Quebec

I have made two trips to Thetford Mines recently. It was good to renew fellowship with the Christians, but I was especially thrilled with the confession of faith of a couple whom I contacted two years ago. They asked to be baptized and we had the joy of seeing them take this step in Sherbrooke.

Our contacts in Montreal are more and more encouraging, but we had to discontinue the meetings in our home for a number of reasons. There is an urgent need for a public meeting place. This is much on our hearts and is a must if something concrete is to be done for the Lord.

We have been much in prayer about building a house, using the basement as a chapel with living quarters upstairs. A Christian offered us a piece of land at a reasonable price which we felt led to buy. This is in a perfect location for our work and we believe that the Lord will supply the money to build.

THOMAS THOMPSON
1 Knockbracken Rd., Newtonbreda, Belfast,
N. Ireland (Temporary)

After visiting Chicago we enjoyed the fellowship of God's people at Pawtucket, R. I. Mr. and Mrs. Spangler made our few days in New York a blessed time.

The sea journey proved quite rough and we were happy to see the Irish hills at Cobh.

Our fellowship with the Lord's people in Ireland is proving very beneficial not only as regards to our spiritual and physical needs, but also as regards Alaska itself. Although some in other parts of the world don't consider Alaska a needy mission field, thank the Lord it is considered such here. Therefore the prayers of God's people here will be beneficial to the work and workers in the Northwest area, where there is still great need assembly-wise.

The Anchorage (Spensard) assembly we had the joy of opening up is continuing to grow and brighten in witness. Two souls have been saved since we left and an increase in numbers has been seen also.

A young man from Ireland, John Ab-ernethy, is waiting official entrance to Alaska as a full-time worker, and is com-mended by his assembly in Belfast.

On Sunday last another young man here spoke of his interest and desire to work in Alaska, having even gone as far as making his mind known to his brethren.

We take courage at the manifest signs of God's answer to prayer and we do take courage as the Lord in many ways shows us clearly that the work in Alaska is to be enlarged.

DAVID WARD

8 Watrous Ave., Mystic, Conn.

Two weeks were spent with the as-sembly in Erie, Pa.; one week in min-istry to the Christians and the second for the boys and girls. The children's meet-ings were very well attended and one girl professed faith in the Lord on the final night. The believers plan to follow up the many new contacts and will seek to channel the youngsters into the craft club and the Sunday school.

Just now I'm with the assembly at South Norwalk, Conn. Will then give a month to Groton.

ALLEN WEBER

161 Beaver St., Box 933, Summerside, P.F.I.

We thank God for all that He has made possible for us in the assembly here. We had the joy of conducting our first services in the new Bible Chapel this week. Good numbers attended all the meetings. We hope to have the official opening soon, with special speakers.

Five sisters obeyed the Lord in baptism and are now in fellowship with the as-sembly. Four are teenagers from the Sun-day school.

Y. G. WILKIE

Box 183, Forest, Ont.

Brother Wallace Cudmore and I are still preaching the gospel nightly in For-est. The attendance has been encourag-ing. We have some of the townspeople in every night. Some nights there are more than one hundred present. The Lord is working among the young people and four have professed to be saved. Pray with us for a real harvest of souls. We have called at 700 homes and left gospel booklets. This is "old path" serv-ice as Paul says, "I have taught you publicly and from house to house."

STUART C. WILSON

2148 N. Margaret, Tucson, Arizona

Our activities here in Tucson center mainly around the two assemblies, Bible Chapel and Bethany Bible Fellowship. The latter assembly has met for some five years in a school, and now is seeking to build its own chapel. The prayers of

the Lord's people would be appreciated concerning the proper choice of a loca-tion and the varied details of construc-tion.

The Lord has enabled me also to help out in a small way at Immanuel Mission, Shiprock, N. Mex. They are carrying on an excellent work for the Lord among the Navajo Indians, and are worthy of the prayer support of those of like preci-ous faith.

We expect to have our second annual young people's conference here in Tuc-son, April 14 through 16. The speakers expected are Tom Olson of Wawona, Calif., John Halliday of El Paso, Texas, and myself. Overnight accommodations are available, and all correspondence should be addressed to Mr. Buzz Ezell, 2189 N. Northway, Tucson, Arizona.

WILLIAM WILSON

1935 Orchard Way, W. Vancouver, B. C.

The recent visit to the Valley proved a blessing to needy saints, and small as-semblies. One of these is composed of only four couples, meeting in a rented hall for the remembrance feast and Sunday school, with other meetings held in the homes. At this place, Vernon, B. C., I labored many years ago, first with the tent, and an assembly was started and has continued to this day. But the brother who has carried a real load there through-out the years is now hindered by age and health and the company is much smaller than in former days, due to many moving from the district and few being added.

We did receive a real lift recently through a new couple coming. He is an able brother and is likely to be there for two years, so we trust some blessing will follow. Workers who pass that way are few. There is an assembly in Westbank, and one in Penticton, in the same valley, and these three places would provide a field for weeks of ministry at a time.

I am on Vancouver Island from Febru-ary 21 and all of March (D. V.), then after a short season at home, am off again to the needy prairies, the field of nearly 50 years fruitful service.

JOHN Y. M. AITKEN

14249 Marine Drive, White Rock, B. C.

Blessing has been experienced during the past three months in Ontario, Michi-gan, Illinois, Missouri, and Kansas.

EVERETT BACHELDER

Box 655, Nome, Alaska

We continue to see fruit resulting from sowing the seed, still more of the Eskimo young people coming to the meetings and some becoming exercised in heart.

Dedication of the new radio station takes place in March and arrangements have been made for The Bible Treasury Hour (Tom Westwood) to be carried five days a week. Ernest Crabb will be broadcasting Emmaus courses.

FRED GLADSTONE

Ridgeville, Georgia

I am visiting in the southeastern states where it is good to see folks we knew in past years. One notes growth in grace on the part of many saints and growth in as-sembly fellowship, too. I have just begun some meetings in Savannah, Georgia. In-terest and attendance are good. The Lord has blessed the assembly there.

DAVID KIRK

131 Dufferin St., Hamilton, Ontario

Meetings have been arranged for this week in Harrisburg, Pa., where I am taking up the subject of The Local Church. From here we go to Chambers-burg, Pa., for one week, and then on to Baltimore for the conference with the Loch Hill assembly, remaining there for the week, and finishing up with a week-end in New Haven, all in the will of the Lord.

JOHN NORRIS

365 Bruce St., Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

I am writing this letter from Arbor-field, Sask., where I'm laboring for the Lord at present. There is some interest here among the unsaved, although none has professed as yet.

BILL PATERSON

Ord Road, Pagen West, Bermuda

Through the ministry of the Word on "Soul Winning" we witnessed some revival among the saints at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Oklahoma City, Okla-homa; and San Antonio, Texas. But the high light of this trip was a two weeks gospel effort at Waco, Texas—a city of 108,000 people, right in the heart of that great state.

From the start there was a conscious-ness of the Lord's presence. The saints had been much in prayer prior to my arrival and continued throughout the ef-fort, some of us getting up every morn-ing at 5:30 to have a season together. Mr. and Mrs. John Lane were most industri-ous, phoning friends and neighbors, visit-ing constantly. I understand they know everyone by name within several blocks of the chapel. A young postman who lodged with them was also very devoted. It was a joy to work with them. A num-ber of adults professed, a teen-ager or two, and several children.

One of the adults was a man given to much drinking. After her husband's con-version the wife sent for Mrs. Lane and me and we had the joy of leading her to Christ. Later their teen-age daughter pro-fessed. That was a happy family.

One lad, sixteen years of age, had been in an institution for delinquents. The very next day after making his profes-sion of faith he began witnessing at school and I understand his testimony was hav-

ing a profound effect on other lads. I understand, too, he was reconciled to his parents. He had been put under the care of an uncle and aunt, who were responsible for his being at the meetings.

Please pray for Texas. With an area of 267,334 square miles (three times that of Britain) and a population of nearly 10,000,000, there are only nineteen assemblies. By way of contrast, Jamaica with a 1,600,000 population has 50 assemblies (several with 300 to 500 in fellowship); Bahamas with 100,000 has 25 assemblies; Bermuda, with 45,000 has ten assemblies. In the neighboring states of Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona the situation is even worse. Happily, there are a number of burdened saints seeking to rectify this sad situation. "Letters of Interest" is one medium that is being used.

LOUIS MONTALVO

151 Noll St., Brooklyn 6, N. Y.

We would appreciate prayer regarding securing a hall in New York City. The assembly, which has been in existence for more than sixteen years, must vacate to premises to make way for a project.

We have been encouraged lately by seeing a few young people profess faith in Lord Jesus, and it was nice to see them last night in the prayer meeting! At the new work in Brooklyn, six miles away, they are seeing souls saved. May this be the beginning of an abundant rain of blessing among the 700,000 Puerto Ricans in this city.

CHARLES J. ROLLS

3244 Penn. Ave., Kansas City 11, Mo.

During the past month I have visited Flint, Mich., Arkona, Hamilton, and Toronto, Ontario, and Montreal, Quebec. Next month I am expecting to go south to Fort Lauderdale, Hollywood, and Miami, Fla., God willing.

HAROLD L. WAGLER

Box 283, Thessalon, Ontario

Since coming to Thessalon over two and a half years ago. God has given us cause to rejoice through seeing sinners saved and saints established in His Word and ways. There has been steady growth and increase in the assembly, Sunday school, gospel meeting, etc. The chapel has been enlarged twice, particularly to accommodate the Sunday school. The unsaved, in good numbers, come in to hear the gospel and the believers work together heartily.

CHAUNCEY YOST

Mazomanie, Wisconsin

Brother Louis Brandt of Garnavillo, Iowa, and I, are in our fourth week of gospel meetings here at Ontario, Wisc. The meetings are not too encouraging, although there have been a number of

visitors in, as well as a number of unsaved children coming out regularly, who are showing some interest, and we trust they will soon be saved.

COMMENDATION

Hesketh Johnson

The assembly at Grace Gospel Chapel in Wesleyville, Erie, Pennsylvania, desires to make known that Brother Hesketh Johnson, a commended worker from Nassau, Bahama Islands, has resided in Erie for the past three years in fellowship with the believers. Not only during this time but also for a number of years previously he frequently ministered in the preaching of the Word and in visitation and children's work. His service has been a real blessing and he is recognized as a gifted preacher of the Word and an excellent worker with children.

The letter is signed by eight brethren.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Beverly

The Christians of the Christian Fellowship Chapel in Phoenix, Arizona, advise they have unanimously commended Mr. and Mrs. Beverly to evangelism among migrants in Florida, in which work they are presently engaged. The Beverlys were in happy and blessed fellowship with the assembly in the Christian Fellowship Chapel for some time before taking up their ministry in Florida.

NEW ADDRESS

Fred Gladstone
Ridgeville
Georgia

Harold L. Wagler
Box 283

Thessalon, Ontario

MAINE ASSEMBLY OPENS NEW GOSPEL HALL



WESTBROOK, MAINE

Spring Hill Gospel Hall, 225 Spring St.

Our new Gospel Hall has been completed and we are now operating on a full schedule of meetings. December 27 the assembly held an Open House and the response from friends and neighbors was most encouraging. A conference was held January 24 when a good number of Christians representing some nine assemblies gathered to hear ministry given by Herbert Marshall, Clark McClelland and David Kirk. The latter remained for a week of ministry meetings which

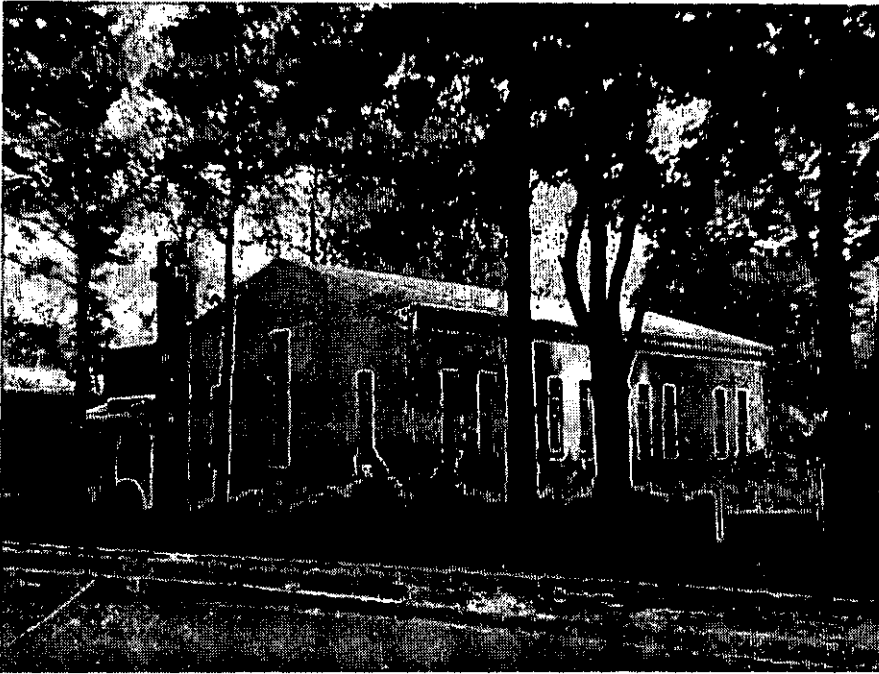
were well attended by our own members as well as by many visitors. We hope to commence Friday night boys' and girls' meetings which have proved to be very successful here in the past. Please note the new order of meetings.

LORD'S DAY: 9:15 a.m. Lord's Supper, 11:00 a.m. Family Bible Hour and Sunday School, 7:30 p.m. Evening Service.

TUESDAY: 7:30 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study.

—Charles R. Grob

GREAT KILLS ASSEMBLY MARKS FIRST YEAR IN NEW CHAPEL



MONTREAL ASSEMBLY TO RELOCATE

S. I. R. McIver

The Lord's Supper on Sunday evening, January 31, 1960, marked the close of a chapter in the history of the assembly meeting at Grace Chapel, Montreal. The building, which has been the home of the assembly for 23 years, has been sold, and in the future will be used for evangelical Christian work among young women and children. However, the assembly will not cease to exist, neither will its activities be diminished. On the contrary, there has been unmistakable evidence of the Lord's guidance in all the events which have led up to this point, and of His leading into a wider sphere of usefulness in His service.

For a long time there has been increasing concern at the apparent lack of success in reaching the neighborhood. A number of attempts were made to remedy this situation. Five years ago the Family Bible Hour was introduced and some unconverted parents of Sunday school children and their friends attended and some were won to the Lord.

Last year eleven obeyed the Lord in baptism, most of them young people who had grown up in the Sunday school. They are now in fellowship in the assembly, and some are teachers in the Sunday school.

Several years ago Brother David Wilson was led to start a children's work in the school opposite his home in the town of Cote St. Luc, on the northwest bound-

ary of Montreal. Since then, the Lord has called him to further service in Ontario. Recognizing the value of this work and the responsibility to maintain it, for the past nine months the assembly has been actively engaged therein. In view of its exercise as to its own immediate neighborhood, the Lord's will was sought by the assembly with regard to future activities. Step by step the way has opened up to develop the work in Cote St. Luc, which is a rapidly expanding area, at present without a Protestant church, except one on its extreme boundary.

Some time ago the Sunday school at Grace Chapel was combined with the one at Westminster School in Cote St. Luc, and bus service was provided. The united work has thrived, there are over one hundred children on the register, and a very good attendance record is maintained.

While the assembly is temporarily without a home, accommodation has been found in the school for Breaking of Bread and Family Bible Hour, and a Sunday evening ministry meeting and the week-night prayer meeting and Bible study are held as cottage meetings.

Immediate need is for a suitable lot in Cote St. Luc, at a reasonable price. Wisdom, guidance and patience is sought so that God may reveal in His own good time the place of His providing.

Twelve years ago a small group on Staten Island New York, left denominational ties and began to meet in a rented room. The years that followed were memorable for "oneness" among the saints, and a warm, happy, spiritual climate. There was not great success, quantitatively measured, but over the years a number were saved and baptized. Some moved elsewhere as time went on, yet there continued a slow and steady increase.

Seven years ago the group began a building fund. Three years later they purchased a corner site, 100 feet square. By the time the assembly was ready to begin construction, a new housing development was going up in the area and the chapel property was within its compass.

In May, 1958, work began on a 35-by-45-foot concrete block structure (see photo), which provides seating for one hundred persons, and four individual classrooms. Cost of the project, including land, architect's fee, insurance, etc., was \$25,000, of which about two-thirds was borrowed from Stewards Foundation. Considerable labor in connection with finishing, decorating, laying of the floor, insulation, landscaping, etc., was contributed by members of the assembly.

February 28, 1959, marked another important milestone in the assembly's history, when an Open House program drew in 140 persons from the neighborhood. Regular chapel services began March 1.

Since that time Friday night craft classes have proved fruitful. In April and again in December of 1959 a week of special children's meetings was held by youth evangelist Mel Wistner. A number of boys and girls professed to be saved and attendance reached a high of 112. A work among teenagers has also been inaugurated.

Five have been baptized in the new chapel, average attendance at the Family Bible hour is more than 40, there are 26 in fellowship, and local gift provides about 90% of the ministry. The sisters of the assembly, energetic helpers in all the activities, carry on a fine missionary work.

Services on the Lord's Day are at 9 o'clock for the Breaking of Bread and 11 o'clock for the Family Bible Hour. Evening service is at 7 o'clock, the midweek meeting at 8 o'clock Wednesdays, and the Children's Hour at 7:30 Friday evenings.

One year after the opening of the new chapel, correspondent James Whitefield writes, "We have found out experimentally that a new work in a new chapel demands much time and effort. But we do hope that many will rejoice with us in the work and that smaller groups will be encouraged. We ourselves follow with keen interest the reports on other new chapel work as told in *Letters of Interest*."



Edited by Charles S. Howard

SOUTH HOUSTON, TEXAS

The Christians of the assembly here recently enjoyed the ministry of Leonard Lindsted of Wichita, Kansas, to the blessing and encouragement of the Lord's people.

Attendance at our Sunday school and Monday afternoon Bible Hour is very encouraging.

—B. S. Avenell

ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS

It is stimulating to our feeble faith to watch the Lord bountifully supplying the financial need for the radio program. Our chorus group and special singers have been unavailable for the last few weeks, therefore we have resorted to using recorded music. Since then, our mail has decreased and letters indicate that some of our listeners enjoy the personal touch and the homelikeness of our own singing. It would be interesting to hear what others in radio work have found in this regard.

—W. William Watson

BARRIE, ONTARIO **Northside Bible Chapel** **8 Gunn Street (at Peel)**

After several months delay in obtaining a building permit, construction began in the late autumn on the new assembly hall in this part of the city. We are at last able to announce that, as of January 16, all meetings are held in the new chapel. Any of the Lord's people passing through or moving to Barrie will be assured of a very cordial welcome. Schedule of meetings is: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Breaking of Bread, 11:00 a.m.; Gospel, 7:00 p.m.; Prayer, Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.

—Lester D. Prince

CENTRAL ISLIP, NEW YORK **Central Islip Bible Fellowship**

The Lord continues to bless. Four children have come to the Lord in our Sunday school recently. Also a brother and sister followed the Lord in baptism January 10.

The Sunday school has grown from one class of four children in October 1959 to three classes (including an adult class).

Ten of the brothers and sisters visit nursing homes for the aged on alternate Sundays and have seen souls restored.

We ask prayer for guidance in selection and purchase of chapel property; also for rental, donation, or purchase of a gospel tent and chairs for vacation Bible school and spring gospel meetings.

—Edward B. Everett, Corr.

COLLINGDALE, PENNSYLVANIA

Collingdale Gospel Chapel, **Hillside Ave. & MacDade Blvd.**

A change in our schedule of meetings on Lord's Day went into effect February 7. After much prayer we decided to try a Bible Hour for a period of six months in an effort to serve our neighborhood as well as to build up the saints.

The new order of meetings is:

9:30 a.m.—Breaking of Bread

11:00 a.m.—Bible Hour

The broadcast of "Glad Tidings" will continue from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.

—George Dann

EAU GALLIE, FLORIDA

The work in South Patrick Shores, Eau Gallie, is a comparatively new one, dedication of our chapel taking place January 17, 1959. Five families formed the nucleus of the assembly but as the months passed a deep exercise grew among the brethren to enlarge their coasts. To accomplish this the need for a full time worker became apparent. This culminated in our stepping into the work, moving from Canada to Eau Gallie in August of 1959.

A few have been added to the assembly, and attendance at the meetings is very encouraging. At the Family Bible Hour we have at least 30 to 40 people coming who have as yet made no open confession of Christ as Savior. The Sunday school has more than doubled, taxing the present facilities. Visitation and pastoral work takes up most of our time, and though this is not the easiest of tasks, certainly it is a rewarding one. The burden of this work weighs heavily on our hearts. Please pray for us that God will grant the joy of harvest in the near future.

—D. C. Snaddon

IMLER, PENNSYLVANIA

East Freedom Chapel

We have had excellent ministry from Brethren A. H. Hartsema, T. B. Gilbert and George M. Landis. If the Lord wills, we hope to have Brother Bill Paterson with us in the new chapel, for a month of visitation and gospel meetings in October 1960. We desire the prayers of other Christians on our behalf.

—Samuel J. Hagen, M.D.

MIAMI, FLORIDA

Bible Truth Chapel, 629 S.W. 7th St.

Recently we had a very profitable series of evangelistic meetings, with Brother Tommy Steele of Winston Salem, N. C. The Word of the Living God went forth nightly, and over the radio, in power. While we do not know of any definite conversions as a result of these meetings, we know that the Christians were helped and we are looking forward to the salvation of the lost, a good number of whom heard the gospel again and several of whom heard it for the first time.

—Charles Schwartz

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

Since the Lord graciously provided the assembly with a new building this past fall at least three have professed, two of them following Him in baptism, and now testifying to His glory. Brother Welcome Detweiler of Durham, North Carolina, was here for ten days of ministry and gospel, during which time one professed. Interest was excellent among the Christians for both series and has steadily increased since the Lord provided a permanent, suitable meeting place. This increased interest has also been reflected among the unsaved, both in the neighborhood of the building and among friends of those in fellowship here.

—H. N. Johnson
Correspondent

SHERBROOKE, QUEBEC

Grace Chapel

We had a three week gospel campaign with Brother W. Bram Reed of Peterborough, with numbers better than usual, and the Christians really working hard to get out the unsaved. We know of three who trusted the Lord but do not feel that this alone is the measure of the spiritual results. Quite a number of unsaved were out every night and altogether dozens of new people were contacted for the gospel. We feel the Holy Spirit spoke to many and we trust we shall be faithful in follow-up and prayer.

One of the features of the campaign was a revival and spiritual concern on the part of the Lord's people. One major reconciliation took place and we know that the Lord spoke to all our hearts regarding our faithfulness as stewards of the gospel.

Brother Reed is especially gifted in presenting the challenge of a truly consecrated Christian life to young people. During the campaign we had two small conferences on the Lord's day for these young people and we know they were stirred up to face the facts of honest and spiritual Christian living.

Brother Lawrence Wallace of Victoria has arrived at Stanstead, thirty miles south of Sherbrooke. He is locating here and giving all his time to the Lord's work. He has been visiting the Christians especially and has recommenced some Bible study meetings. There is real spiritual concern and interest at Stanstead.

—Dr. A. C. Hill

SEA CLIFF, NEW YORK

Sea Cliff Gospel Chapel

In view of the concern regarding visitation and pastoral work among our assemblies, stressed in a number of articles in recent issues of *Letters of Interest*, readers will be interested to know of the step of faith undertaken by the Sea Cliff, N. Y., assembly.

Last September Brother Walter Lie-

feld was asked to devote his full time to visitation work in this area. Brother Liefeld, who is known to many in the U. S. and Canada, has been in fellowship at Sea Cliff assembly for some years. His wife is the former Olive Fleming of Ecuador.

Already there are evidences of the Lord's blessing. Many families whom the brethren lacked time to visit have now been contacted. Visitation of those in the vicinity of the chapel gives promise of being especially fruitful with respect to children's work. Through an outside agency the names of new families moving into Sea Cliff and surrounding communities have been secured, and are being visited. Prior to evangelistic meetings last fall with Harold Wildish about 1500 homes were visited by teams from the chapel, and a number of persons subsequently professed faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Brother Liefeld speaks several times a month, usually at the Family Bible Hour. Other local brethren are likewise encouraged to exercise gift and are taking more part in public ministry than formerly. He also ministers at other assemblies in Long Island and in metropolitan New York. As the Lord provides the assembly undertakes the support of our brother and sister, who are missionaries in this needy Long Island area.

—Wm. T. Isaac

NEWTON, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Ernest Crabb of Alaska spoke to the Newton Sunday School on January 31, and at a meeting in the Newton Community Hall during the afternoon. Dan Taylor of India spoke to a capacity audience at the Newton Community Hall on January 20. He also visited the assemblies at Mallardville and Langley before proceeding to Penticton. Mun Hope also gave help here and some confessed Christ during January and February. The new assembly continues to see encouragement with nearly one hundred attending.

ODESSA, TEXAS

Odessa Bible Chapel, 1325 E. 4th St.

The assembly at Odessa Bible Chapel has changed its schedule to the following: Lord's Supper 9:45 a.m., Family Bible Hour 11:00 a.m., Evening Service 7:00 p.m., Wednesday (Prayer and Bible Study) 7:30 p.m.

Also my own address as correspondent has been changed from 4303 McKnight to 1205 Beverly, Odessa.

We are happy to report a time of real blessing in prayer in the first week in January when the believers met in different homes for nightly prayer.

A census of the area near the chapel is

planned in an effort to reach all who are not attending any Sunday school, and to afford an opportunity to visit in the homes also. A map of the area is being divided into numbered sections and we are encouraging husband and wife teams to go together in this new contact work.

A children's work, Saturday evenings at 5:00 p.m., is called the "Vit-em-in Bible Club," and is going on well with good attendance and increasing interest.

The attendance at Family Bible Hour and evening services is encouraging, but too few are finding their place at the Lord's table. Pray that believers may see the privilege and place of worship. We have taken up a study of The Church on Sunday evenings, using Wm. MacDonald's book, "Christ Loved the Church," for helpful outlines.

—Francis D. Ball

MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE

We enjoyed having Virgil Hollingsworth, Jr., of Augusta, Georgia, for a week of meetings. Numbers of the townspeople came in and we felt the meetings were a blessing to all.

We are enjoying our new building and more strangers are coming in. Pray for us.

HONOLULU, HAWAII

Palolo Chapel

When the Lord called Home Brother Ephraim Field we were left with five in fellowship. Since then the Lord has blessed. One sister has been restored to us. A brother saved back in 1956 is now in fellowship. A serviceman and his wife have returned to Honolulu. She was a member of one of our families back in 1956, too. So now there are nine in fellowship.

Two weeks ago we had six teenage girls profess to be saved in one evening. Five are Japanese, one is Hawaiian-Korean. All seem quite real. We feel quite encouraged.

—John T. Rae

ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

The Christians at Melrose Gospel Chapel were refreshed and encouraged by the conversion of a young Jewish lady and her husband. They were visited by some of the local brethren and talked to about the way of salvation and both accepted Christ. A few weeks later he was called into the armed forces, but she has remained here and has been happy in the Lord and a wonderful testimony.

Brother A. P. Gibbs was speaker at our youth conference. We had a nice group of young people from all over the state. Brother Gibbs also gave ministry Sunday through Wednesday nights, speaking to the Christians and we also had some visitors in.

—Sheldon H. West

RICHVALE, ONTARIO

Richvale Gospel Chapel, 24 Oak Avenue

Looking over a period of five years the brethren at Richvale are happy to announce some progress in the work. Through these years they have worked on the principle of John 21:15-17—seeing to it that God's people receive good ministry.

We are grateful to the Lord for the growth of the morning meeting from five or six to 65 or so in fellowship. There are approximately 200 children in the Sunday school. Having the Family Bible Hour in the upper auditorium at the same time has proved profitable. Young people between the Sunday school and the adult group have their own special class.

The assembly has benefited much from the ministry and visitation of Brother Colin Anderson who lives in the district. We are grateful, too, for the help of brethren from the Toronto assemblies from time to time.

Recently, about sixteen of those in fellowship with us left to open a meeting in Markham village. This new meeting is the outcome of visitation and a Bible class conducted, for the most part, by Mr. Anderson over a period of three years or so. The opening of this new work has brought about a shortage of teachers for the Sunday school here, but we are looking to the Lord to fill this need.

—Charles Fevez

CHANGE OF CORRESPONDENTS

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Fernwood Gospel Chapel

Mr. C. R. Vander Veen
10623 Emerald Avenue
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LONDON, ONTARIO

Egerton Street Gospel Chapel

C. S. Kennedy
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London, Ontario

MONTREAL, QUEBEC

Grace Chapel

S. I. McIver
228 Chapleau (Box 308)
Rosemere, P. Q.

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Whitman Avenue Gospel Chapel

Henry Soderlund
707 North 64th St. (3)

WANTED—Used portable folding organ. Contact Max Mackle, Box 63, Rudyard, Michigan.



Youth Work

Edited by James G. Humphrey



EMMAUS YOUTH RETREAT

The staff of Emmaus Bible School announces its Sixth Annual Challenge Weekend, a spiritual retreat designed for high school seniors and graduates. As in the past, the Challenge will be held on the Easter weekend, beginning the evening of April 14 and ending at noon on April 17.

The program is planned and supervised by the student body, under the Student Council. It includes Bible study sessions, led by Dr. H. Chester Woodring, devotional hours, and recreation.

Cost of the entire weekend will be \$7.00. This includes room and board.

Because of limited accommodations, reservations must be made by April 7 at the latest. For full information write to Challenge Secretary, Emmaus Bible School, 156 North Oak Park Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois.

CHRISTIAN CANTEEN

127 1/2 S. Tejon, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Recently we sent out 4700 letters to former servicemen and friends. The Lord has brought many more soldiers to the Christian Canteen in the past six months, and an encouraging number have been saved. There is a nice group of young believers coming in regularly for Bible study.

Leslie Sandberg of Pueblo spoke at a special program for the Japanese class, which was well attended; and Kenneth Baird of Boulder spoke to the Japanese girls at a noon luncheon. There is good interest. One of the couples saved recently was transferred to Camp Irwin, Calif. They stand in need of prayer.

A nurse who has been deeply exercised for two months was saved this week when John Walden had a visit with her.

—Grace H. Watson

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

The ninth annual Sunday school teacher's conference will be held, Lord willing, Saturday, April 2, at Bethany Gospel Chapel, Hamilton, commencing at 2:30 p.m. All interested in the Lord's work among boys and girls are invited to attend. For details write to R. G. Smith, 133 Boxley Road, Burlington, Ontario.

LIONEL A. HUNT

17 Thursfield Crescent, Toronto 17, Ontario

Two children's crusades have evidenced the working of the Holy Spirit among children. Once again the Turner

Road Chapel at Windsor, Ontario, was packed (first night 314 children, 50 adults) and some stayed for counseling. The Thursday and Friday night meetings were held in a school and close to 400 were present, with many giving a clear confession of faith in Christ.

The second crusade was sponsored by the Alan Knight Memorial Committee in a Toronto school, with 200 present each night, but more than 300 individuals reached. Four assemblies cooperated (Greenwood, Glebemount, Leaside and Central).

The next major effort is (D. V.) Trail, B. C., March 28 to 31, followed by three days at Rossland Gospel Hall, then a series at 16th and MacDonald Hall in Vancouver and other meetings there. In May I hope to join Brother Svend Christensen, who is arranging campaigns in the new Fairview Bible Chapel, Halifax; the new Summerside, P. E. I. chapel; and in Dartmouth, N. S., and Charlottetown, P. E. I. Much prayer will bring its reward.

GUELPH, ONTARIO

Guelph Bible School

Having as its theme "Living for Christ in 1960" this year's two-week summer Bible School at Guelph Conference Grounds will stress the privileges and responsibilities of young Christians bent on living for Him. Principal H. G. Lockett, retiring after 25 years, has turned responsibility for the school over to J. C. Ruddle, who has long served as vice principal.

Held the last two weeks of August the

Bible school, for young people seventeen years of age and up, will feature ministry by Ernest Woodhouse, James Boswell, A. P. Gibbs, and Leslie Rainey of South Africa, which will run the gamut of the practical, devotional, and expository. Again this year the choir work will be under the supervision of Percy Smith. Campfires, picnics, a lively and varied sports program, and excellent food and lodgings add to the attractions which bring young people back to Guelph year after year from such farflung places as Bermuda, Toronto, Pennsylvania, Texas, Iowa, Quebec, and Nova Scotia.

Young people interested in attending Guelph in 1960 should write immediately for circular and details as to registration to Guelph Bible School, 188 Hillcrest Avenue, Hamilton, Ontario.

ERNEST B. SPRUNT

18 Haynes Ave., St. Catharines, Ontario

In February I commenced children's meetings in Rexdale, a new work near Toronto, and the latter part of February had a similar series for boys and girls in the Broadview Hall, in Toronto. The middle of March is set aside for two weeks with the children in Roberts Memorial Hall in Chicago.

UPPER PENINSULA BIBLE CAMP

Forsyth, Michigan

Founded in 1936, near Forsyth, Michigan, the Upper Peninsula Bible Camp will hold its 25th Anniversary Reunion April 30, 1960, at Plymouth Road Chapel, 22770 Plymouth Road, Detroit, Mich. Friends and alumni, whether of one year or 25 years standing, are urged to attend and share old memories, meet old friends, and make new ones as well. Registration will begin at 5:15 p.m., a buffet supper

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"GOOD NEWS" HOME FOR CHILDREN OPENS AT BELLE CHASSE, LOUISIANA

(See photo on front cover)

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lundin and family, commended to the work by the saints of Emmaus Bible Chapel, St. Louis, Mo., have joined the Vernon Schliefs and taken over the operation of the Good News Home for Children, a project of the Good News Center, Inc.

The Home is a modern, fire-proof building some 145 feet long and 80 feet deep containing individual and semi-private rooms for boys, a reading room and library, modern kitchen, dining hall, large game room, breezeway, and complete three bedroom home for the Lundins.

The home is situated on the grounds

of the Good News Center, Ind., which project covers 25 acres in the heart of growing Belle Chasse. Other projects of the Center are the large park area with a five-acre lake, the Lake Park Community Center, a neighborhood recreation area, complete missionary apartment, and the Lake Park Chapel which has an ever increasing attendance.

Finances of the operation of the Boys' Home will be handled separately under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lundin. Pray that the Lord will bless in this work, give wisdom and strength, and above everything, honor His own dear Name.

will be served at 5:30 p.m., and the evening meeting will begin at 7:00. Reports from past camp managers as well as the present manager will relate accomplishments of past years and future plans. An offering will be taken to share in the expenses of projects planned for future improvement of U.P.B.C.

Those wishing to attend the Reunion should notify Miss Rusty Hewson, 826 Lakepointe Road, Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan, advising if accommodations will be needed.

—Allen W. Bennett, Vice President
Upper Peninsula Bible Camp

FRONTIER LODGE Lake Wallis, Quebec

Dates for 1960:

French Camp	June 25-July 9
1st Junior Camp	July 9-July 16
Girls' Camp	July 16-July 30
2nd Junior Camp	July 30-Aug. 13
Boys' Camp	Aug. 13-Aug. 27
Youth Conference	Aug. 27-Sept. 5

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Rates: \$17 per week, plus \$3 registration fee.

LOWER PENINSULA BIBLE CAMP Jones, Michigan

Although the camp has been in operation for three years and many children, young people and adults have been blessed through it, many of the Lord's people are still not aware of this opportunity of having a Christ-centered vacation at the Lower Peninsula Bible Camp.

Lower Peninsula Bible Camp is situated on Bair Lake, near Jones, Michigan, just south of M 60. Its 90 acres of land make it an excellent camp property and it should be of real interest to all Christians in the surrounding states of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

There is a camp session for every member of the family: junior boys, junior girls, senior boys and girls, youth camp, family week and a three-day Labor Day Conference.

Here is a list of the camp's immediate prayer needs:

1. That the camp will be used to the glory of God in 1960.

2. A cook to take full charge of the kitchen.

3. A gardener.

4. That God will send Spirit-filled teachers.

5. For consecrated counselors and camp workers.

6. For those who will guide the camp in session.

7. For finances for needed expansion.

A set of colored slides is available and the camp brochure will soon be off the press. Send for as many as you can prayerfully use to J. Herbert Meeks, care of the camp.

DONALD PERRAULT

Immanuel Mission, Shiprock, New Mexico

We praise the Lord that on January 16 we moved into our new dormitory building, a little more than a year after we broke ground. We still have most of the interior painting to do and the floors to cover, but it is livable and comfortable. The children can hardly believe that they have enough room and facilities, and

their excitement is still running high. We are so thankful to the Lord for what He has done for us and to the Lord's people for their share in it. We pray that many Navajo children may spend an eternity with the Lord Jesus, because we have the proper facilities to board and care for them, while they go to school here and hear His Word.

Cato Begay, a native worker, is here for a short stay and we are glad for his testimony. He has been taking the daily Bible classes and we are always glad when the children can hear God's Word in their own tongue.

WESTBANK, BRITISH COLUMBIA Morning Star Bible Camp

July 5-14 Seniors, 12-18 years

July 16-25 Juniors, 9-11 years

The camp facilities will be available to assembly vacationers from July 27 onward. Inquiries should be made to R. J. Wynn, P.O. Box 201, Westbank.

—H. B. Ewer, Secy.
Box 233, Westbank, B. C.

ALASKA HOME ENJOYS OPEN WINTER

VALLEY CHRISTIAN HOME FOR CHILDREN, INC.

Wasilla Road, Palmer, Alaska

The Lord gave us good field crops, though for some reason He didn't see fit to give us a garden. But He faithfully provided in other ways. People who knew nothing of our situation offered us vegetables. Others offered us garden produce for gathering it. Wild berries were abundant, so we were able to put up over 400 pints of jam, 90 quarts of juice, besides nearly 100 quarts of berries of different kinds in the freezer and about 100 pounds of rhubarb.

God has given us an open winter thus far, in fact, around the holidays our temperature was in the upper 40's! So we have been able to continue with our building with very little inconvenience.

We are sincerely thankful for those who have in love given of their time toward this work. Mrs. McCormick's sister and her husband spent an elongated vacation here and helped tremendously and a brother from Sidney, B. C., spent three months helping. His being able to remain in this country that long was indeed a miracle from the Lord! A Christian native whom we led to the Lord while we were in Cordova spent most of his vacation helping in the building. Brother Thompson from Anchorage installed the furnace, another did some of the wiring. So God provided from many sources.

Brother Wilbur McAfee, who has charge of the construction and to whom we are indebted for most of the work, is exercised about going to Korea to help build a Christian school this August and we know would value your prayers.

At present we are hiring some help to

get the building done this summer, mostly homesteaders who have newly come and are out of work. We had one of the men, with his family of eight children, out for Thanksgiving and Christmas and were able to witness to them and tell them of the Gift of God.

There is immediate need of someone who has a four-wheel drive vehicle to visit these homesteads to do personal work and to open up a Sunday school and testimony. Some of these areas are near us, but we have neither the time nor the vehicle. If we don't go in, some one else will and we have many cults up here spreading their soul-destroying doctrines.

The McCormicks, our farmer and secretary plus, with their children are to make a two or three month's visit home, and Mrs. Ethel Zinn also needs a rest and medical check-up. This would leave Mrs. Richards alone with all the women's work. The others will not want to leave unless more help comes. Will you not join us in prayer for a cook and for other help, even if it is just for these few months? We will also need someone to take Jim McCormick's place in the dairy work while he is gone.

One of the boys who made a profession this summer has given it up. He still needs Christ. Larry Tunahun is still rejecting the Savior. He will be 18 in February and expects to leave the Home.

We have a set of Kodachrome slides with a 15-minute tape about the Home and its activities which we will be glad to send free to any missionary group or assembly who might be interested in this work.

—Harold Richards and Staff



Edited by J. W. Kennedy

ATCHISON, KANSAS

The Christians expect to hold their 20th annual conference April 16 and 17, preceded by prayer meeting Friday evening. We look to the Lord to provide ministering brethren. Visitors will be cared for as usual.

—R. L. Townsend

BRANTFORD, ONTARIO

We expect (D. V.) to hold our annual conference here at Easter time. April 15, 16, and 17, and extend a hearty welcome to all the Lord's people who can come to be with us at that time.

Speakers expected are Geo. M. Landis of Fayetteville, Pa., W. Fraser Naismith of Kilmarnock, Scotland, and A. J. Field of Arkona, Ont. There may also be others who may be in the area at that time.

Meetings are as follows: Friday, April 15, 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 16, one meeting only at 7:30 p.m. Lord's Day, April 17, Remembering the Lord, 10:30 a.m.; address to Sunday school, 2:30 p.m.; Ministry, 3:15 p.m., Gospel 7:00 p.m.

Address correspondence to S.R. Bernardo, 145 George St., Brantford, Ontario.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Chicago Area Sisters Missionary Conference will be held at Oak Lawn Chapel, 107th & Kildare, Oak Lawn, Ill., on Saturday, May 7. The afternoon session is scheduled for 2:30 p.m., supper at 5:00, and the evening meetings at 7:00 p.m.

MANCHESTER, CONNECTICUT

The proposed conference will be held in the Masonic Temple, Center St., Manchester, Conn., April 15, 16, and 17, at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 and 7:00 p.m. daily. A prayer meeting will be held in the Gospel Hall, 415 Center St., at 7:30 p.m. Thursday night. Communications should be addressed to W. G. McBride, 2 North Rd. Ext. 2, Manchester, Conn.

ROSSLAND, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Bethany Chapel of Trail, B. C. and the Gospel Chapel of Rossland, B. C. are planning a joint Easter Conference as in past years. Sessions will be held Thursday evening, all day Friday, Saturday evening, and on Sunday at the times for regular services.

Speakers expected are Mr. R. Peacock

of Vancouver, B. C. and others.

A cordial invitation is extended to all area Christians to join in this time of fellowship, and to any who may be traveling through at this time.

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA Gospel Hall, 2447 Mascher St.

Our annual conference was enjoyed by many saints from various assemblies. The general belief was that the Lord definitely led in the ministry of the Word which was given through Brethren Robert J. Little, George M. Landis, Edwin Fesche and James Gunn.

—Robert L. Scott

SOUTHWEST IOWA MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP

The second "S. W. I." Missionary Fellowship met January 17 at Lyman, Iowa and Brother Viriato Sobral, missionary to Portugal, was the speaker for the afternoon.

The "S. W. I." Missionary Fellowship will meet the third Sunday of each month in one of the following assemblies: Lyman, Atlantic, or Greenfield, Iowa.

Missionaries interested in coming may contact John Guikema, Rt. 1, Greenfield, Iowa.

—Harold Caviness, Sec.

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA Overbrook Gospel Hall, 62nd and Jefferson St.

If the Lord will, we shall convene our annual Easter conference on Friday evening, April 15, at 7:30 p.m. for prayer, followed by meetings for ministry of the Word and preaching of the gospel on Saturday at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and on Lord's day April 17 for the breaking of bread at 10:00 a.m., ministry at 2:30 p.m. and gospel preaching at 7:30 p.m.

Presently expected to open the Word and minister to us are Mr. David Kirk and Mr. Sydney Porteous. It is hoped that others of the Lord's servants may be constrained of the Lord to come to help.

We welcome all of the Lord's people. Please address communications to James Martindale, Jr., R. D. 1, Woolman Drive, Newton Square, Pa., Elgin 6-8884.

SOUTHWEST BIBLE CAMP 1205 Beverly, Odessa, Tex.

Christians of the assemblies in Odessa and El Paso, Tex., and Hobbs, Albuquerque, Immanuel Mission at Shiprock, Clovis, and Portales, New Mex., will conduct the second Southwest Bible Camp session July 2 through the morning of July 9 at Glenwood, New Mexico. This camping effort was started last summer with about 70 people attending. In September and again in December there were meetings in the Grace Chapel in El Paso to make plans for this summer's season, which will again be on a family program basis.

Brother Kenneth Baird of Colorado has agreed, D. V., to be our speaker this year. Brother Henry Petersen gave us his help last year and got us off to a wonderful start.

Any desiring information concerning the camp may write me at 1205 Beverly St., Odessa, Texas. Any who may know of an available site more centrally located to the above named cities would do a great service by letting us know for the 1961 camp. Mr. Walter Miller of Columbus, N. Mex., would appreciate any information along this line which could be given.

—Francis D. Ball

WATERLOO, IOWA Western Avenue Gospel Hall, 726 Western Avenue

In the will of the Lord we plan our annual conference to be held April 23 and 24, preceded by prayer and ministry Friday night, April 22. A hearty invitation is extended to all the Lord's dear people to gather together to listen to the good Word of God. The usual accommodations will be provided for those coming from out of town. Pray that this may be a time of blessing for saints, and a time of refreshing.

—Clifford J. Smith

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**FENTYS TO OPERATE CANTEEN
IN ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**

When Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fenty return to Alaska this month from a furlough spent chiefly in New Jersey, they propose to open their home in Anchorage as a center for reaching servicemen stationed in our 49th State. A reception room and various facilities for their convenience will be provided at this location, 2905 Eide Street, just a block from the Northern Lights Boulevard Gospel Chapel.

Like most pioneering efforts, progress toward this goal has many times seemed painfully slow to those whose hearts have been challenged by the need of 30,000 servicemen stationed at two military posts at the edge of Anchorage—men who feel their isolation much more keenly than those stationed in other states.

Mr. Arthur Rodgers, a veteran worker among men of the armed forces, spent six weeks in Alaska in the summer of 1959 surveying the possibilities and problems. The Fentys volunteered for service but after fourteen years in Cordova had to delegate their local responsibilities, make the move to Anchorage, and take their needed furlough before undertaking the new work. It is hoped that another couple will be led of the Lord to locate in Cordova, where there is a nice chapel and good work in progress.

Premises for the Christian Canteen posed a real problem. Because of local military conditions nothing was to be had in an area where servicemen congregate or pass by. The men will have to be contacted on the post and brought by car to the Canteen, but the plan is to make the welcome so warm that they will begin to come on their own initiative and bring others with them. Brethren Rodgers, Fenty, and Thompson have experimented with this procedure and have found it practical and full of possibility.

The Christian Canteen will have two main objectives: the winning of souls, and the welfare of Christian men who desire Christian fellowship and help in the Word and ways of the Lord. Already the Anchorage assembly has had continuously an average of four such men during the past months; one man being saved during special meetings with Brother Lucas Wilson of Denver last fall. He had been brought to the meetings by a fellow-soldier who is in fellowship at Anchorage.

A Christian Canteen will greatly increase the value of such cooperation on the part of Christian men in the service.

—Arthur B. Rodgers

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IRENE GALLAGHER
117 S. Kern Ave., Los Angeles 22, Calif.

Since Christmas a thirteen-year old girl in the hospital professed faith in Christ. Her name is Margarita Chavez. Please pray for her.

There have been two deaths among our neighbors this week. We were invited to take charge of the services at the wake and the funeral in one case, although all his acquaintances are Catholic, and he would never have chosen it thus. However, our brethren gave out the gospel in messages and song to some who would have never listened otherwise. Please pray that it will bring forth fruit. The other man was unsaved too. His backslidden daughter took it very hard. Please pray that she will return to the Lord. His mother-in-law is in fellowship with us.

Also please pray for the salvation of young Mr. Sanchez who will be returning to Mexico in two months. He is Catholic, and a Jehovah's Witness at his place of work is trying to win him over.

We would value your continued prayers that we might see a revival in the work here with the Spanish-speaking people.

CORRECTION

Call letters of the Family Bible Hour broadcast station in Korea are HLKX. In February issue letters were shown, in error, as HLKY.

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The Iowa community in which Brethren Eric McCullough and Leonard DeBurr were having a gospel series with much blessing (see February issue), was Stout, Iowa, not Sully, as reported previously.

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DAVID R. EDNIE
Route, Marion, Va.

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JAMES H. BLACKWOOD
160 Morrow St., Peterborough, Ont.

I am at present in Halifax having meetings which are well attended each night. I expect to be in the Maritimes for a number of weeks and will value the prayers of the saints for blessing.

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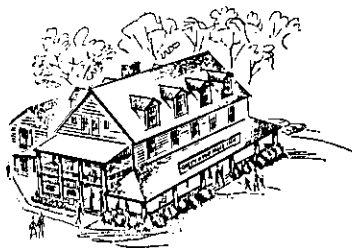
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Eastgate Chapel began this special feature in October of 1959, four months after the former Stark Street assembly began meeting in its new chapel, and in the ensuing months attendance has doubled. Announcements of all chapel services are made at these "Coffee Hours," and all first-time visitors are introduced to the group each week.

Visitors for the most part are made up of mothers of the chapel's Sunday school children, their names and phone numbers being obtained from registration cards, and invitations being issued by phone call or personal visit. Transportation is furnished if needed.

For the sake of mothers of pre-school children, the sisters have provided a nursery under competent supervision, leaving these ladies free to get acquainted with other neighborhood mothers and to hear the Word. The ladies have been much encouraged by this effort.

—Mrs. Ray (Thelma) Seeley

WILLIAM STOUT Kapao, KanoI, Hawaii

Since arriving in KanoI we have taken the gospel from house to house and have found considerable interest. We had two weeks of meetings in the village of Anahola in which is the oldest church in the islands, and there was encouraging interest. They had the gospel years ago but the present preacher in the village is a modernist. What havoc has been wrought by these false shepherds and the cults, which are doing a strong work.

We have bid on some military buildings and are looking forward to building a chapel. Please pray for the right location.

At present 84 are enrolled in Emmaus courses on this island. In one modernistic church the Sunday school teachers are taking them and the Salvation Army is using them both for adults and teenagers.

S. WELLS Box 762, Summerside, P.E.I.

A few weeks ago we were able to move into our new chapel, most of the work on it having been done by the Christians themselves.

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Thinking of the coming summer's DVBS work on the Island we would like to mention the need for helpers. Any interested in spending six weeks or two months in children's work in this province may write me. Ability to lead singing and drive a car are assets. Last year Mrs. Wells and I were handicapped by lack of necessary help.

The profession of an R. C. couple recently cheered our hearts. A visit yesterday to the parents of the husband, who live 50 miles away, revealed other hearts that seem charmed by the glorious gospel message. There is much to be done but the years are beginning to make themselves felt. The population here is about 50% R. C. Three such have now made profession and I am praying for a special work of God among these people. The physical and spiritual condition of many here is indeed pitiful.

1960 WELFARE CONFERENCE CONVENES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA NEXT MONTH

To be held, Lord willing, at the Claremont Gospel Chapel, 432 Harrison St., Claremont, California, April 1 and 2, a Welfare Conference this year stresses care of aged Christians, with special emphasis on the care of returned missionaries. The conference is jointly sponsored by assemblies of the greater Los Angeles area; together with Mr. James Gunn, of the Elim Homes in Waubashene, Ontario, and representatives of The Fields, Christian Missions in Many Lands, and several assembly homes for the aged and for the care of children.

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At Claremont Chapel Brother Pell began his series on Sunday, February 7 and gave ministry nightly Tuesday through Friday, February 9 through 12.

In the Garden Grove Chapel, meetings were held Sunday, February 14, and Monday through Friday nights of the same week.

Beginning at South Normandie Gospel Hall in Los Angeles Sunday, February 21, Mr. Pell continued with ministry each night at 7:45 p.m., February 22 through 26 inclusive.

—W. R. Simpson

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Dear Sirs:

I'd like the page numbers to be on the outside top or bottom instead of the inside bottom of the page. So unhandy to have to open it clear up to see the page number.

Bernice Pegler
1505—9th St.,
Boulder, Colorado

Comment: An excellent suggestion which we have put to work.

Dear Brethren:

We missionaries do want to thank you for the helpful articles which you write, and for your ministry to the Lord's people, and for sending Letters of Interest to us. We do appreciate your work and labor of love. I read with pleasure your courageous article on the Graham meetings. My heart was deeply touched by the soliloquy of Geoffrey Bull on the Lord and His trials, written with Brother Bull's awful trial as background in that dirty prison cell in China. I am encouraged by the way the Lord kept our dear brother all through those long dark days and years. Thank you for printing the article, and giving it a wider circle of readers.

Dorothy & Edwin S. Gibbs
Mansfield Mission Station
Izingolweni, Natal, South Africa

Comment: We appreciate the thoughtfulness of these veteran missionaries in taking time to write so encouragingly. Our next communication is not so friendly. Without salutation, it is written around the border of our article: *Who Pays The Cost of Publication?* In part it reads:

This is shameful begging. Why not be honest with people. You would not have half the no (for number) if on a subscription basis.

(Name withheld by us)

Comment: We have told our readers frequently that one reason we have no subscription price is so that we can mail the magazine to as many Christians in assemblies as possible. We wrote two very biting replies to this brother, with just the right amount of righteous wrath and a touch of gracious forbearance—then threw them both into the wastebasket.

Dear Sirs:

In the current issue of Letters you mention the problems of finances in the editorial "Who Pays the Cost of Publication?" I am sure that in any publishing work finances can be a problem. It seems obvious to me that the vast majority of your readers are really quite indifferent as to whether they receive the magazine or not. Out of 20,000 readers only 3,200 responded to your reader survey. . . . May I strongly urge you to put the publication on a paid subscription basis. . . . This would be a more ethical basis. You may print this.

Donald L. Norbie
1205 N. W. 34th
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Comment: We doubt that the nine lepers who were healed but failed to return to give thanks to the Lord were quite indifferent as to whether

they were healed or not. And we think Brother Norbie would find if he sat where we do that a lot has been accomplished and is being accomplished through the magazine among those who do not respond to the Annual Survey. Also in their defense may we add that many using LOI through the year as a channel for funds to workers do share generously in the expense of publication.

Has it ever occurred to you to have on occasion a Sisters' Column in Letters of Interest?

Edwin J. Tharp
31 School St.
Rockport, Mass.

THE EDITORS:

We sincerely regret that the article, *HOW TO SELECT A CHAPEL SITE* (L. O. I. December, '59), displeased our good brother Ronald Harris of Mexico ("Letters to the Editors," February). We would like to clarify some points.

No one will limit God's power to save men who are enemies of the gospel. We have many in our assemblies both in Canada and the states who have been converted from Romanism. Our assemblies send forth and support by prayers and gift missionaries who have established assemblies in Europe and Latin America; communities where religious superstition is entrenched. Only as our home assemblies flourish can this support be maintained.

While there certainly are "similarities between the selection of a chapel site in the USA or Canada and in the selection of a site for a so-called missionary enterprise elsewhere in the world," there are also some dissimilarities. I believe two of these are important.

First, the matter of choice. Our missionaries laboring in countries where priestcraft is rife have little or no choice in the selection of a base of operations. They prepare themselves, under God, for the opposition and persecution they will receive. They have our sincere respect and God's sure reward. On the other hand, in the USA, the R. C. population is estimated at about 18%, so we do have a choice between that segment and 82% who are not hostile to the gospel. In Canada, with 42% R. C.'s, there is an alternate choice to select a site among 58%, speaking nation-wide. We all agree that first and foremost in the selection of a site, the will of God must be diligently sought. We are certainly nowhere in scripture authorized to avoid a field because it is difficult.

In an article written for a magazine given over almost exclusively to "promoting gospel effort" and especially in pioneer fields, there was no intention of urging anyone to "look for the easiest possible corner of the vineyard." However, with friendly communities across Canada and the USA springing up because of the population explosion, and with vast areas without gospel testimony

that are preponderantly Protestant, where we have a choice are we not wise to prayerfully choose such? When such a work is established it will certainly include in its outreach those who may be hostile to the gospel.

Secondly, the matter of investment. The missionary on the field settles in a community he believes God has led him to. Often he rents a small apartment and his work for many years involves very little financial investment. In the city assembly in the home field when a move is contemplated and a new chapel is to be erected, some \$50,000 to \$75,000 may be invested. In addition, instead of thinking in terms of one or two workers some 50 to 200 people may be involved. Unless God definitely guided that assembly into a strictly Catholic community would it not be the part of wisdom, where a choice can be made, to choose as a site for a base of operations one that is friendly to the gospel?

The letter of our Brother Harris has some good points. There are two sides—at least—to this subject. We trust this reply will help clear the air. We serve the same blessed Master. We have a mutual desire to see the work of the Lord prosper. Unitedly we urge our brethren to be "strong in the Lord."

—Henry Petersen

Commenting at some length on an editorial by James G. Humphrey in the November issue, entitled *Picturing the Invisible*, a correspondent writes:

Brethren:

... My first reaction was one of slight irritation. . . . Then I began to think of the rest of Brother Humphrey's article. Just why should the bread and wine be visible tokens (or rather, *constantly* visible tokens) of what is invisible? Is what we put on the table really such a perfect emblem of the Lord that our time should be spent in contemplating it? . . . If there is real value in having the emblems constantly before our gaze and uncovered so as to be seen (yet protected from flies), perhaps we could borrow a large monstrance into which the (emblems) and the wine in a crystal chalice might be placed and kept elevated throughout our mass.

I don't really mean to be sarcastic, but it does seem that that which our brother is seeking to uphold could, if pushed to its extreme, lead to a ritual we are all too familiar with. Remember, it is the eating and drinking with which we show forth the Lord's death. The value is in gathering our sustenance from Him and in our fellowship with Him and our brethren about His table. We should never do that which might lead us to the worship of any object, no matter what that object might represent.

Wm. Campbell Brown
1112 N. Howard
Glendale, Calif.

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FROM ALLIANCE, ALBERTA

Mrs. David Gascayne writes: "I would like to tell you how much I look forward to receiving *Letters of Interest*. My husband and I, together with my sister and brother-in-law, are the only believers in this area with convictions concerning the truth of being called out to the Name of the Lord Jesus.

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"How we do long for a ministering brother to come out to the rural communities to preach the gospel, and build up believers! There are a number who once had happy fellowship in assemblies, who are now isolated from an assembly. I am sure there is a rewarding though unspectacular work for some brother, or brethren, in the rural districts of Canada.

"We have a Bible club and Sunday school, which reach the children, but so far, not the adults. We have been thinking that a gospel tent pitched by the small river here, would be a real attraction this summer.

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Editors' Page

THE MEN GIDEON SENT HOME Judges 7

God called Gideon to deliver His people Israel out of the hands of the Midianites, but before the Israelites could be victorious those whom God could not use had to be weeded out. God cannot give His glory to another and lest Israel should say after the battle, "Mine own hand hath saved me," God had to decrease the number of Israel's army to a mere 300. In verse three, notice the men God told Gideon to send home: those who were "fearful and the afraid." In this day how many of the Lord's people, because they are afraid to begin, have never known the joy of something accomplished for God. Lack of faith in God makes us fearful and afraid. Over two-thirds of Gideon's army were under the classification of "fearful and afraid."

However, there was still weeding out to be done, for the Lord said unto Gideon, "The people are yet too many; bring them down unto the water and I will try them for thee there." It was a strange test. Those who knelt down to drink were to be "sent home," and those who lapped water from their hands were the ones through which deliverance would be wrought. Surely there is a lesson for us here. Ninety-seven hundred of the 10,000 were more concerned about their own thirst than about bringing victory to Israel. How sad it is that the majority of God's people are more interested in themselves than in the things of the Lord. The saddest words spoken by the Apostle Paul were, "All seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's." Thirst for wealth, power, position, along with many other things, has made us unfit to be called soldiers of the greater than Gideon, our Lord Jesus Christ.

May both the reader and the writer of these lines search each his own heart, dispose of the dross, and be found among the faithful who fight the battles and bring victory to His people. It would be sad if while others are being used in God's service, I myself might be a castaway.

—W. G. McCartney

SELF DENIAL

This is the season of the year when the religious make a great ado over Lent, and all of its ungodly practices. As usual, they twist things, and make an evil thing out of our Lord's words, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

A devout Roman Catholic told of giving up smoking for Lent (40 days) as a practice of self denial to commemorate the Lord's 40 days of fasting in the wilderness. We told this young man we had given up smoking, drinking, gambling, dancing, theaters, swearing, etc. not only for Lent, but for 365 days of each year. This stopped his mouth, but is not the answer to the subject.

Self denial is not only the removing of external habits, or practices for a short time, but is an internal denial of self

and its fleshly desires. See Galatians 5:24: "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts." May we seek to show by our life what it is to deny self and live to the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

—D. J. Thomson

REAPPRAISAL (Judges 2:7-12)

Joshua and Caleb, the two who had come out of Egypt, had been dead many years.

So also had died the leaders under them in the wilderness who had shared in the conflicts and victories in the land.

The generation now in possession of that goodly inheritance had acquired it by birth, without cost or struggle.

They troubled not to master the lessons of history, departed from God's word for His people, and conformed to the life they found around them.

History repeats itself because the human heart is alike in all times.

The apostles and elders who had known the Lord, died; Timothy, Titus, Stephanas, and the others trained by them died; and as sub-apostolic literature shows, new principles of church order were instilled and adopted.

In principle the worship of Baal commenced, for the name means Lord, Master, Possessor, and shortly clerisy, ecclesiasticism, centralization, organization, and externalism were supreme.

Roman Catholicism followed by natural growth and Baal, under a Christian mask, was Master, was worshipped.

The church became like that which was around it, save for a remnant who clave to His Word, as did the earlier remnant in earthly Israel.

About 180 years ago God drew together the hearts of some Christians on the basis alone of their oneness in Christ, uniting them by the sole power of brotherly love, guiding them by the sole principle of obedience to His Word.

There followed a mighty revival of His truth. Saints came together to read the Word and confess their sad state. In genuine distress before God they owned their sin and besought His mercy on His people.

Did He hear? He did, and answered by opening up the truths of His Word in a way that had not been true for centuries.

That generation has died long since; so have the leaders trained under them. The present generation finds itself in possession by the easy process of birth, the new birth out of the world by conversion from a worldly life, or by the same new birth in the sphere of Christian upbringing. The same situation had developed the same tendency as seen in Israel's history.

We trouble ourselves little about past history; partly because the rush and strain of modern life leaves little leisure, energy, or taste for serious reading; partly, perhaps, because of the spirit of self-pleasing and complacency ram-

pant today, which makes the course a particular peril. By such neglect of the danger signs of history we may easily miss the road at the same point as did our fathers, and fall into the same bog.

Now, as ever, the miserable state thus reached is likeness to what is around us, unlikeness to the Divine pattern.

Would it not be a healthy exercise and very timely to reappraise our position, condition, and practices in the light of the divine principles laid down in the Word?

When saints began to gather in simple dependence on a living Lord there were two outstanding principles at work in their souls. One of them was the unity of all saints, and the other, separation from evil, and they were held in proper balance. Now, alas, in some cases it is division from saints and association with an evil world that is outstanding.

"They followed the gods of the people that were round about them" (Judges 2:12).

—W. R. Simpson

SILENT WORSHIPPERS

In 1 Corinthians 14:26 we are told, "When ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine..." This suggests that there ought to be no unexercised brother at our public worship meeting.

We are not told that every one should give *expression* to his exercise, but rather that there should be a spirit of orderliness and humble courtesy, with one grand aim, "All things... done unto edifying."

Often our assembly experience does not fit this pattern. Only a certain few men take public part and others are never heard from. If every man came with a psalm or a doctrine it would seem that over the course of time nearly every man would be heard from and others would be on their feet less frequently. Our coming together needs to be preceded by more preparation of heart and mind, with dependence on the Lord instead of on one another.

—Robert A. Hanson

WILL WE BE SPEECHLESS?

Not alone in Romans 3 do we read of stopped mouths. Again and again in the Gospels the penetrating questions of our Lord Jesus Christ rendered both foes and friends speechless. And in both parable and prophecy He portrayed those who had nothing to answer because of their failure.

From time to time we in this office learn of faithful workers at home and abroad in acute need for lack of financial support. Some have left the field to feed their families. Others have turned to part-time or full-time secular employment. Others are finding their work seriously curtailed for lack of funds. We could name right now three home

workers whose financial needs have come to our attention within as many weeks. Yet never was a time probably when so many Christians in America had sufficient prosperity to give largely to the work of the Lord. We could be supporting hundreds of pioneers and of teachers and preachers among little assemblies.

Does it not seem likely that one of the mouth-stopping questions we will encounter at the judgment seat of Christ will concern our giving to those who labor in the gospel and doctrine? In Matthew 25 at the judgment of the nations the Son of man, in banishing forever those who have failed to befriend Israel's believing remnant, says: "I was an hungered, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink. I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not; sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not... Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me." If He so considers Jacob as the apple of His eye (Deuteronomy 32:10), how much more is He concerned with our treatment of His faithful servants who are, as members of His body, the church, one with Himself?

—Donald M. Taylor

A LAMP AND A LIGHT

In these days of declension and departure how needful it is for us as the people of God to be fortified with the Word of God. On his last visit to this country the late John Knox McEwen said, "If I could only encourage the Lord's people to read their Bibles more, I would feel content that my service would not have been in vain."

The writer of Psalm 119 emphasizes the importance of God's Word. In verse 105 he says, "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." It served him as a flashlight serves on a dark night, and as a light thrown on the path when all around is darkness. By seeing the path he knew where to go. Follow the psalmist through the rest of this portion of the psalm. He was determined to fulfill God's Word and carry out His will. He prays for help according to the Word. He seeks instruction in the Word. He does not forget the Word and has not strayed from it. He has taken the Word as his comfort and as his eternal heritage. His desire was what ours should always be; to be a doer of the Word and not a hearer only.

May this be a lesson to us in reading the Bible, that we may understand it in order that our own prayer and walk may be governed accordingly. Let us memorize it, that it may become our own possession, not of the head only but of the heart also. As another has said, we should read to know, read to grow, read to glow and read to go.

—J. W. Kennedy

ASSEMBLY ADDRESS CHANGE

On Lord's Day, March 6, 1960, the Downtown-Manhattan Assembly moved to the meetings rooms of the Fulton Street Noonday Prayer Meeting, 30 Ann Street, New York City. Schedule of services includes Breaking of Bread at 10:30 a.m., and Bible Study at 11:30.

—Arnold M. Ross

CHANGE OF STATUS

Robert I. Thompson, who labors in and around the Houston area, has advised us that he has accepted a position offered him by the Federal Government, from which he will draw a regular monthly salary. The offer came to him under unusual circumstances, but evidently is of the Lord's leading and guiding. He wishes to thank those who have consistently fellowshiped with him during the past years, enabling him to carry on the Lord's work. This new opening should not curtail his activity, but rather prove an opportunity for more active testimony.

SPECIAL GOSPEL MEETINGS

Brethren Tom Wilkie and Wallace Cudmore finished gospel meetings in Forest, Ontario, with a good number professing faith in Christ.

Brethren Paul Reager and Robert McClurkin finished four weeks of gospel meetings in Ferndale, Mich., with a nice number professing faith in Christ.

Ernie Sprunt saw good interest in children's meetings in Rexdale, Toronto.

NEED FOR WORKERS IN WEST HOLLYWOOD, FLA.—Anyone considering moving to Florida should investigate the opportunities in one of the fastest growing communities in the state, West Hollywood. Living conditions are good, and homes are inexpensive. Mr. Wm. Brown will be happy to help families locate if requested. The assembly needs help in the Sunday school.

ATTENTION YOUNG MEN in the Army stationed at Fort Monmouth, N. J. The nearest assembly is Fifth Ave. Chapel, 5th Ave. & "B" St., Belmar, N. J. Call Dr. Robert H. Hazel—Phone Gibson 9-8530.

WITH THE LORD

Robert Deans

Born November 26, 1880, in Aberdeen, Scotland, Mr. Robert Deans, veteran missionary pioneer, went to be with Christ February 11, 1960, from the Western Assemblies Home, Claremont, California.

His father and mother were among those known as open brethren and he accepted the Lord as Saviour 62 years ago. Immediately afterwards he started to work for God in a little mission in Aberdeen. He felt called to Africa at that time but obligations hindered his going.

In 1906 he left for Panama and the next year his fiancée followed. They were married September 7, 1907, in the Canal Zone. The Deans were active in evangelistic work among the West Indians and others in Panama. Their first son, William Alexander, was born there in 1908. It was during this period the future missionary to the Congo was saved from drowning by a colored man who declared that he would not have helped any other white man, but because of Mr. Deans' kindness to and work among the negroes, he risked his own life.

In 1910 Mr. Deans began attending the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. From here the family moved to Arkansas where he pastored a Baptist Church and where his daughter Ella (Mrs. William Spees) and his son, the late Robert Scot Deans, were born.

The next move was to California in 1918. In 1919 the Deans came into fellowship at the Gospel Auditorium, Oakland. Here Brother Deans was active in gospel work, until in 1929 he felt again that the Lord had work for him to do in the Belgian Congo. The home in Alameda was sold and the family started for the Belgian Congo.

The next quarter century is a golden chapter in the history of missions in central Africa, a chapter in which are written large the names of Robert and Chrissy Deans and their family—Wm. and Dora Deans, Ella and Wm. Spees, and Robert and Mary Deans. Mr. Deans was active in all phases of missionary work at Lolwa, Irumu, until incapacitated by a stroke in 1953. From then until he retired in June, 1959, he was able to help some in the meetings, and his cheerfulness, encouragement, and mature advice were invaluable to fellow-workers.

Mr. and Mrs. Deans retired to the Western Assemblies Home in Claremont, California, in June, 1959. Their presence there was a real blessing to all. Mr. Deans was a constant inspiration to go on for God and to look for Christ's return.



E. G. Matthews

Edgar G. Matthews, of Waterloo, Iowa, age 91, went Home to be with the Lord on March 6 at the Western Assemblies Home at Claremont, California, where he went to reside just three weeks before his death.

Converted at the age of 27 in Kansas City, Missouri, through the scripture, "Christ died for the ungodly." Brother Matthews testified to the grace of God wherever he was. Shortly after his conversion he attended a conference in Elgin, Illinois, where he heard ministry which influenced the whole course of his Christian life. He often quoted the hymn written by John Nelson Darby, which expressed the feelings of his own heart and continued to be the guiding principle of his life and the source of the pilgrim character he displayed:

"Tis the treasure I've found in His love.

That has made me a pilgrim below,
And 'tis there when I reach Him above
As I'm known, all His fulness I'll know."

The first assembly in Waterloo met in the Matthews home. Mr. and Mrs. Matthews often held street meetings, with Mrs. Matthews playing the little organ and Mr. Matthews preaching the gospel. This little assembly became the base of operations for the spread of the gospel and establishment of assemblies in northeastern Iowa. Mr. Matthews encouraged the Lord's servants to labor there, and gave freely of his money and often supplied tents and halls for all who would proclaim the "Good News." While a business man, yet he was an able minister of the Word of God.

In recent years, during the cold Iowa winters he labored in Oklahoma, Alabama, Mississippi, Texas and California. He was a great help and encouragement

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AIR TRAGEDY: AN AFTERMATH

At approximately 11:10 a.m. (E. S.T.) on Thursday, February 25, 1960, a U. S. Navy DC-6 with 38 Americans aboard, and a Brazilian DC-3 commercial air-liner with 26 Brazilians aboard collided in mid-air over Rio de Janeiro. In all, 61 persons perished. Three of the Americans miraculously floated down in the tail section of the Navy plane and were pulled out of the bay with minor injuries.

Of those on board the Navy DC-6, nineteen were from the world famous U.S. Navy Band stationed in Washington, D. C. They were on a South American good will tour, and were to play for President Eisenhower in Rio. One who was a member of this band for many years, and knew these men, most of whom were friends of long standing, writes:

"As you can well imagine, it was a shock to lose nineteen personal friends in this way and I have gone through some deep heart-searching these past few days. Several I had personally witnessed to. Others had been given an indirect testimony, and for that I am thankful. Yet I am deeply burdened by the fact that if I had lived a more devoted, more holy, pure, more Christ-glorifying life, there would have been more opportunities to set forth the claims of Christ to these nineteen men.

"When a tragedy such as this happens one is forcibly struck, not only with the brevity of life and the finality of death, but also with the need to witness to others daily of the saving gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. I'm wondering how many Christians who are reading this pray daily for unconverted associates and ask God sincerely to give them wisdom, zeal, and boldness to be a personal witness for Christ? God grant we may know and experience that of which Paul spoke in Romans 1:16: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ." The Savior said, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." May nothing stand in the way of the fulfillment of this in each of our lives. May we know what it is to have a passion for souls and truly give of ourselves that others might come to a saving knowledge of Christ (Romans 9:1-3; 1 Cor. 9:19-22).

—R. A. Raven
Gospel Chapel
Washington, D. C.

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ACADEMY MUST GROW TO ACCOMMODATE MORE TEENS FROM CHRISTIAN HOMES

Where today can we send our teenagers to school with the assurance that they will be educated in a Christian atmosphere; that the teachers and the textbooks will not seek to turn them from the faith they have been taught at home?

Wheaton Academy, founded in 1853 under the name of Illinois Institute, was established at Wheaton, Illinois, by God-fearing mid-western parents who were unhappy with the atheistic instruction their children encountered in eastern schools. They did not want the truths taught in their cottages and cabins to be undermined in the schoolroom. So they secured a site on a rising piece of farmland in what six years later was to become Wheaton. There, having secured a charter, they started a Bible-based high school.

Six years later they added teaching on the college level, and out of that grew Wheaton College. Eventually the child, Wheaton College, became the dominant factor, and took over the campus. But through the years Wheaton Academy continued giving high school instruction to teenagers (though such a term for boys and girls 14 to 17 years of age was unknown through most of its years).

Eventually housing for the Academy was found off the campus, first in some houses nearby, and later in commodious buildings on a campus of its own about five miles west on Prince Crossing Road, near the city of West Chicago. Here the Academy had room to grow, and it did grow.

The student body expanded. And now it is outgrowing the dormitory and classroom facilities available on its campus.

There is ample room for additional buildings. But that is not our main topic at the moment.

The student body of Wheaton Academy numbers around 250 to 260. One hundred of these are boarding students, coming from across America and from overseas. The others live in Wheaton or in nearby communities. Quite a few of them are sons and daughters of missionary parents. Not all of these live on campus, because some missionary societies have set up homes in Wheaton so their children can attend Wheaton Academy and Wheaton College. Missionaries are willing to sacrifice not only the pleasure of having their children with them, but also financially to insure them good education, both secular and spiritual.

Wheaton Academy continued as a division of Wheaton College until 1958 when the college trustees sold over the Academy property and the school to the responsibility of some Christian businessmen, who wanted to give the academy opportunity to develop on its own again, after nearly 100 years. Independent of the college, it has not only opportunities but problems. No longer can it look to the college for support or for parental instruction. But large as loom the difficulties, larger still are the possibilities.

The men and women who constitute the faculty of Wheaton Academy have always been a dedicated lot: Christian teachers more concerned about the teenagers placed under their tutelage than about their own temporal welfare. Their salaries have not been high, yet a number of students are able to be in school because members of the faculty contribute to their tuition. The new trustees

have made some salary increases. They expect to do more.

But how does Wheaton Academy rate? How do its graduates fare?

In the 1959-60 Illinois Statewide High School Testing program, in which juniors from 565 schools participated, Wheaton Academy rated far above the public school and private school averages in Illinois. Ninety per cent of its graduates go on to colleges and professional schools. The majority of these enter Wheaton College, because of the interwoven histories of the two schools, and because Wheaton College is a Christian school. There these ex-Academicians frequently move into positions of leadership in many fields. Of the class of '59 44% entered Wheaton College. But other schools as well get many graduates. Over 90 colleges, universities and Bible schools have been entered by WA graduates. The list ranges from Annapolis Naval Academy through Johns Hopkins University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Princeton to Yale.

Five assemblies are represented by the seven trustees of Wheaton Academy. These men are Dr. Thomas D. Parks of Northern Hills Bible Chapel in Cincinnati, Ohio; Fred G. St. Clair of Emmaus Bible Chapel, St. Louis, Mo.; James G. Humphrey of Oak Lawn Bible Chapel, Oak Lawn, Illinois; Robert W. Mojonier of Warrenville Bible Chapel, Warrenville, Illinois; and William G. McCartney, Eric N. Hanson and Donald M. Taylor of Bethany Chapel, Wheaton.

The principal under whom the Academy has grown to its present capacity enrollment is Melvin E. Johnson, a graduate of Wheaton College.

Not alone because of our exploding population, but also because of the increasing demand of Christian parents for Christian secondary school education of a high quality for their teenagers, Wheaton Academy must expand. More classroom facilities, more dormitory facilities are needed. Also a plan is in the making to supply scholarships for the sons and daughters of missionaries. Readers who are interested in sending their own youngsters to Wheaton Academy or in underwriting tuition and board for the children of missionaries may write for information and catalog to James Adams, public relations manager and to Melvin E. Johnson, Principal, Wheaton Academy, P. O. Box 267, Wheaton, Illinois.

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in the establishment of the Western Assemblies Home in Pasadena, now in Claremont, California. His last days were spent in the Home where everything was done for his comfort and care. In the presence of members of his family he fell asleep in Jesus on March 6. Among his papers was found the following poem, which fully expresses his motive and heart's desire in life.

"Lord Jesus, make Thyself to me a living, bright reality.
More present to faith's vision keen
Than e'en the sweetest earthly tie;
More dear, more intimately nigh
Than any earthly object seen."

His body was taken back to Waterloo, Iowa, where a large company of the Lord's people from Illinois, Missouri, Minnesota and Iowa gathered to pay

respect. Brethren Robert Arthur and R. Simpson conducted the service.

Surviving him are his sister, Mrs. Josephine Dunkerton, and his daughter, Mrs. Ruth Craven, both of Waterloo; two sons, Elbert Matthews, Otunwa, Iowa, and Wayne Matthews of Mission, Kansas; also eleven grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren.

NEW ADDRESSES

John Y. M. Aitken
1553 Finlay Street
White Rock, British Columbia

Gordon Reager
8 Lowry's Lane
Rosemont, Pa.

William Wilson
1955 Orchard Way
West Vancouver, B. C.

SICK

Mrs. William J. Valler
755 Spring St., Newton, New Jersey

Prayer is urgently requested for Mrs. Valler. She was one of the first to gather in His Name alone, when the Newton assembly was first formed. She was always faithful to her beloved Savior and is seriously ill.

UPPER PENINSULA BIBLE CAMP

Founded in 1936, near Forsyth, Michigan, the Upper Peninsula Bible Camp will hold its 25th Anniversary Reunion, April 30, 1960, at Plymouth Road Chapel, 22720 Plymouth Road, Detroit, Michigan. Friends and alumni, whether of one year or 25 years standing, are urged to attend and share old memories, meet new friends, and make new ones as well. Registration will begin at 5:15 p.m., a buffet supper will be served at 5:30 p.m., and the evening meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Those wishing to attend the Reunion should notify Miss Rusty Hewson, 826 Lakeport Road, Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan, advising if accommodations will be needed.

—Allan W. Bennett

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**CAMP BERA PLANNING
 ACTIVE '60 SCHEDULE**

From July 2 through September 5 every day except one Sunday will be filled with campers at Camp Bera, New Hampshire. Here's the schedule:

July 2-9 Junior week, with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Giordano in charge.

July 11-23 Boys' Camp under direction of David Ward.

July 25-August 6 Girls' Camp under supervision of Mrs. Matthew Wilson, with A. H. Hartsema as speaker.

August 6-13 Youth Week; David Ward, director; Phil Clarkson, speaker.

August 13-27 General Conference with John Bramhall and David Kirk.

August 27-September 5 with Dr. Brian Tatford, John Welch and Hugh Horner.

Watch the May issue for further information.

LETTERS OF INTEREST

**Comparative Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
 For the Years Ended December 31, 1959 and 1958**

	Operating Fund	Fellowship Fund	Literature Fund	Total 1959	Total 1958
Cash in First National Bank of Chicago—January 1	\$ 1,101.27	\$ 14,080.25	\$246.35	\$ 15,427.85	\$ 9,911.07
Cash Receipts:					
General Contributions	22,318.73			22,318.73	21,740.91
Advertising	1,560.25			1,560.25	5,120.06
Letters of Interest (Ontario)	2,350.00			2,350.00	1,500.00
Unclassified Income and Exchange					328.33
Fellowship Contributions		97,662.70		97,662.70	98,005.76
Literature Contributions			608.65	608.65	364.12
Total Receipts	26,228.98	97,662.70	608.65	124,500.33	127,059.18
Total To Be Accounted For	27,330.25	111,742.93	855.00	139,928.18	136,970.25
Cash Disbursements:					
Magazine Printing	16,476.26			16,476.26	16,668.60
Magazine Mailing and Postage	3,670.27			3,670.27	4,540.91
Other Postage	957.00			957.00	744.00
Office Services	4,800.00			4,800.00	6,400.00
Envelopes and Stationery	98.85			98.85	730.44
Office Expense	60.93			60.93	114.84
Travel					36.00
Legal					45.00
Bank Expense	7.50			7.50	15.00
Miscellaneous Expense					4.00
Exchange					12.00
Fellowship		101,618.55		101,618.55	91,892.73
Literature Purchases			651.16	651.16	338.88
Total Disbursements	\$26,070.81	\$101,618.55	\$651.16	\$128,340.52	\$121,542.40
Cash in First National Bank of Chicago—December 31	\$ 1,259.44	\$ 10,124.38	\$203.84	\$ 11,587.66	\$ 15,427.85

ACCOUNTANT'S OPINION

The records of total receipts and disbursements making up the above statement were checked by the undersigned and it is my opinion that this statement correctly reflects the cash transactions of Letters of Interest for the year ended December 31, 1959. The cash balance of \$11,587.66 was reconciled with the bank statement and was verified by direct acknowledgment from the bank with me.

J. W. Cotton

Dated: February 26, 1960

PORTLAND CONFERENCE DRAWS MANY WORKERS

About 50 brethren met during the first day of the three-day Western Regional Workers' Conference at Eastgate Bible Chapel, Portland, Oregon, February 11 to 13. The number increased to about 80. During the evening sessions, when women also were present, the audience varied from about 150 to 200.

Among the preachers attending were Ernest Crabb, William Dawes, Fred Elliot, Wm. Fairholm, Edwin Gill, Joseph Duguid, Rowland Hill, Wm. Murray, Henry Petersen, Walter Purcell, David Sharp, Huron Sheppard, Sam Stewart, and Bert Young.

Subjects for discussion were opened by Edwin Gill, George Armerding, Henry Petersen, Rowland Hill, Jean Gibson,

Fred Elliot, Sam Stewart, Will Murray and Joe Murray (not related). Others who participated in panel discussions, and/or gave messages, included John Covert, Dave Masson, Frank Hitchman and Bert Young.

Afternoon sessions were limited to the two hours from 3 o'clock to 5 o'clock but were preceded by special sessions for those interested in such topics as camp work, public prayer, giving, and the new Canadian publication, CALLING. There were visits also to the camp grounds of the Portland assemblies and to the new Grace and Truth Chapel.

Main conference topics were The Platform with The Messenger and The Message, Young People's Work, Visitation, The Family Altar and Worship. Tom Dryden, Robert Hanson and Charles Howard served as chairmen.

LETTERS OF INTEREST (ONTARIO)

Comparative Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements For the Years Ended December 31, 1959 and 1958

	Operating Fund	Fellowship Fund	Total 1959	Total 1958
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce, Thornhill, Ont.—January 1	\$ 655.85	\$ 606.00	\$1,261.85	\$ —0—
Cash Receipts:				
General Contributions	2,394.57		2,394.57	2,261.37
Fellowship Contributions		4,638.00	4,638.00	3,181.00
Total Receipts	<u>2,394.57</u>	<u>4,638.00</u>	<u>7,032.57</u>	<u>5,442.37</u>
Total To Be Accounted For	<u>3,050.42</u>	<u>5,244.00</u>	<u>8,294.42</u>	<u>5,442.37</u>
Cash Disbursements				
Magazine Publication	2,350.00		2,350.00	1,500.00
Stationery, Supplies, Postage and Office Expense	53.00		53.00	87.30
Bank Expense	20.90		20.90	18.22
Miscellaneous	3.00		3.00	
Fellowship	130.00	5,132.00	5,262.00	2,575.00
Total Disbursements	<u>2,556.90</u>	<u>5,132.00</u>	<u>7,688.90</u>	<u>4,180.52</u>
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce, Thornhill, Ont.—December 31	\$ 493.52	\$ 112.00	\$ 605.52	\$1,261.85

ACCOUNTANT'S OPINION

The records of total receipts and disbursements making up the above statement were checked by the undersigned and it is my opinion that this statement correctly reflects the cash transactions of Letters of Interest (Ontario) for the year ended December 31, 1959. The cash balance of \$605.52 was reconciled with the bank statement and was verified by direct acknowledgment from the bank with me.

J. W. Cotton

Dated: February 26, 1960

ANALYSIS OF LETTERS OF INTEREST ANNUAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR 1958

Consolidating the above two financial statements of Letters of Interest, the Canadian with the U. S., we notice some increases in the year 1959 over 1958, and a slight decrease. Total receipts in 1958 were \$132,501.55; in 1959 \$131,532.90. However, with a larger carry-over of cash in 1959, the total of receipts and cash on hand for the year was \$148,222.60 against \$142,412.62 in 1958.

More money was disbursed in 1959: \$136,029.42 against \$125,722.92 in 1958. Of the cash on hand at the year end \$10,236.38 is for distribution as fellowship to workers and \$1,752.96 for operating expenses. This compares with 1958 figures of \$1,757.12 for operating expenses and \$14,686.23 for fellowship.

Circulation increase of the magazine to over 20,000 copies per issue will account largely for any increase in the operating fund disbursements in 1959 and again this year, although the increased size of the magazine and sharply increased postage cost will also be reflected in the operating expenses for 1960.

We wish to express our thanks publicly to Mr. J. W. Cotton for auditing both accounts, as indicated by his Accountant's Opinion below each statement.

AN OPEN LETTER TO PREACHERS

There is a cold wind blowing across the land today. It is the cold wind of inhospitality. The majority of Christians are not exercised to care for the Lord's servants and preachers speak of sojourns in motels, hotels, etc. Those of us who are responsible for this should hang our heads in shame.

There are some who feel it is because of the low spiritual ebb prevalent today among God's people.

Others think that some preachers are to blame because they expect too much or are inconsiderate.

I personally do not know at whose doorstep this blame should be laid but because I enjoy being a hostess for the Lord I would like to make a few suggestions which might help to revive the happy relationship between preacher and hostess.

1) Upon being informed (if you are) where you will stay, write a little note saying when you expect to arrive. To keep your hostess wondering whether you will arrive for lunch or supper is inconsiderate.

2) After you are settled and probably invited out for a meal somewhere else inform your hostess as soon as you can. This will enable her to use the "left-overs" which she probably would not like to set before you.

3) A little family's normal routine is just naturally changed because of your presence in the home. Think what this means to your host and hostess. Their children will probably take advantage of this (ours do anyway), and things they would not do normally, they like to try out on their parents, wondering just how far they can go before the rod of correction is applied. Be understanding and discreet.

4) Naturally you have studying to do, mail to answer, etc., but don't get up from the table and retire to the privacy of your room without first telling your hostess you enjoyed the meal. Remember, it probably took her several hours to prepare it.

5) If there are children in the home however small they are, do talk to them. Little lives have been greatly influenced by such talks. The Lord Jesus has a special place in His heart for little children or He would not have come in the first place as a babe.

If you will remember these suggestions you will be a model and welcome guest, always assured of future invitations. At the same time you will be helping to recapture some of the precious times of hospitality of which, seemingly, this generation knows very little.

—One Hostess

CENTRAL GOSPEL HALL MISSION
222 N. 12th St., Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Having been at Central Gospel Hall Mission for a year and a half, we thought the saints might like to know something of the varied work here.

We average 125 in our Sunday school, which is held at three o'clock Lord's day afternoon. These children come from slum areas and are dirty, undernourished and most of them unloved. For the most part they are easily taught and like to recite verses of scripture and sing. Almost all of them can tell us the way of salvation and some have professed Christ as Savior.

We also have a Friday night meeting for children five years and older. Again stress is upon memory work and awards are given. Speakers from nearby assemblies bring a good gospel message, and the children are reviewed on them from time to time. We get children who do not attend Sunday school as they are Catholics and are forbidden to attend Sunday services. There is a separate class for teenagers. They are given a Bible study and notes are taken, with rewards for the best notebooks.

Children needing clothing are given tickets and must come on Tuesday afternoons with their mothers. This gives us a better chance to fit them with what is available. Most important, it gives us a chance to tell the mothers about our wonderful Savior and invite them to attend the Mother's Class in Sunday school.

We have gospel meetings Sunday and Wednesday evenings. A song service and a good gospel message are followed by a sandwich and cup of coffee. These meetings are conducted by groups from nearby assemblies. Unless the need is urgent, men needing clothing are asked to come back later in the week. This affords us more opportunity to discuss their souls needs.

On Thursday evening a Bible class is conducted by the brethren from nearby assemblies. This is for born-again men only, and averages about 30 a week. Most of them have a bright testimony for the Lord. This meeting is to help them grow. Some have become quite friendly but are reluctant to enter into a normal Christian way of life. They do not care to go to assembly meetings or any place where there are strangers. Please pray we may help them to overcome this as all of us need Christian fellowship.

Our medical clinic, conducted by the Christian Medical Counseling Service, is held on Lord's day evening directly following the gospel meeting. It is free to all who attend the services. Cases that cannot be handled here are sent on to hospitals. All the nurses and medical students are Christians and are interested in their patients' souls. This clinic is always supervised by a Christian practicing



physician. After the clinic there is always a get-together of the nurses and students for a time of fellowship and refreshment.

The real reason for our being here every day and all day is the many who come to the door for help of all kinds. Many of them want only a sandwich, but even they are told of their great need of a Savior. Many transients stop. Employment agencies send some for a change of clothing, so that they can send them out to work on farms and in hotels, etc. Some come and want to wash and shave as we always have plenty of hot water.

A young man stopped about a year ago and asked for food. He was fed and then dealt with about his soul. He was deeply moved to think that anyone cared about him. After we had talked to him several times and fed him home-cooked food he broke down and confessed his need and after further talks accepted Christ as Savior.

Another man, coatless, came on a very cold day. He said he had been under conviction for several days and wanted peace with God. It was a joy to see him leave, not only with a warm coat, but also a coat of righteousness.

One old man on crutches, came in bitter cold weather. After a warm meal he said, "No one has done this for me in a long time." Then looking at a wall text, I Timothy 1:15, he said, "I am the chief sinner." However he showed no sign of repentance.

A stranded couple stopped in seeking help. The wife was a born-again young woman and former Sunday school teacher, but had married a Catholic. Her duty as a Christian towards her unbelieving husband was pointed out to her from the scriptures and they were given material help to get to relatives.

Many who attend meetings regularly stop in for counseling and advice. An American Indian came with a letter that

said someone wanted to have some land that he owns. He was sent on to the proper agency. This Indian has been attending the mission meetings for many years and is saved. Another man wanted to know where to find vital statistics from another state. This information was found for him.

Calls come from hospitals from men who have attended meetings and who need spiritual help as well as errands done, messages sent, etc. Sometimes they need clothing as theirs was in such condition it had to be destroyed. No matter what their needs are, they are all told of their greatest need, a Savior, or if they are believers they are encouraged and cheered.

The Traveler's Aid calls for information, luggage is left with us, and forwarded or picked up later, overnight lodging is often obtained for stranded travelers.

And so God's Word is proclaimed to all, and many saints are cheered and encouraged. Many are fed, help is given in obtaining relief from the city, and sometimes in obtaining work. Often a seriously sick man struggles in, the police are called, and he is taken to a hospital, and so goes the work here in the center of Philadelphia for our Lord.

—John Collins

JAMES W. GIBB
22 Ridge Rd., Belmont 79, Mass.

This past Lord's day afternoon I visited the British ship "*Whakatane*," in from New Zealand. It had an all-British crew and I was not at all surprised at the reception I received—much indifference, carelessness and argument. However, the Lord did give me four hours of splendid opportunities for telling out the gospel to individuals and in one case to three officers in their lounge room, for some 20 minutes, and they listened very attentively. As I moved through the various rooms many heard the gospel, such as the carpenter, lamp-trimmer, seaman #4, and three engineers in one room.

Another ship visited quite recently was the Spanish ship "*Arraiz*." Each man received some portion in his language and all were quite friendly. I did have a fine time with the chief engineers and three other engineers, who could understand English a little, and had a lovely time at the table in their mess salon, talking with them from the Word.

On the Swedish ship "*Farida*" recently I found quite an international crew, including Brazilian, Spanish, Greek, Estonian. All received some messages from the Word of God in their language and a wonderful time was had with several who could understand English. The Portugese-French electrician, born in the British Colonies, could read and speak

English well and I found him a real believer. He told me of several conversations he has had with the men on the ship and truly he is a real testimony. He will appreciate our prayers for his continued testimony. The Swedish chief engineer had a tremendous library of very fine books, even having two Bibles. However, his interest was taken up more with the world's history, education, etc., than with salvation. I left several pieces of literature with him as he is truly a great reader.

On the Norwegian ship "Hoegh Silvermoon," I found another international crew, including Chinese, Filipino, Greek, etc., all of whom received literature in their language. The Chinese waiters and stewards especially were quite delighted to get something in their language. The young galley boy, only 15, had a lovely Norwegian Bible which he received at confirmation before coming to sea. Although he knew very little English, I tried to tell him of salvation (not confirmation) and left him some Norwegian papers for his reading.



The Beverly Family, left to right, standing: Daniel, Priscilla, Rebecca, Mark. Seated: Timothy, Roy, Ruth, Paul, with Lois and Susan.

ROY BEVERLY
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The result of a trip to the Bahamas has been confirmation that God has a work for us to do there. Our work has been among boys who come from these Islands. They have a desire to hear God's Word. There is no begging or pleading with them to "come to meeting." Rather halls and church buildings were crowded and each open window was filled with eager faces straining to hear the message! Those who trust Christ turn into active witnesses for the Lord, as we have found among the camps in Florida.

There are over 700 of the Bahama Islands but most of them are uninhabited. Population is around 100,000, with about one-half living in Nassau, New Providence, the capital. This city is about 150 air-miles from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., but the out-islands stretch southeast from Palm Beach nearly 100 miles into the Atlantic. These 50,000 people on the out-islands constitute our heavy burden.

These people are not migratory for the most part, so a permanent work can be done. Native men can be trained as missionaries to their own race. The work is in fellowship with assemblies and with Brother Cecil Simms, a pioneer in the Bahamas and a faithful brother in Christ.

We are able to leave this present work because God has raised up two interested brethren to work here. We are leaving with the work in a healthy condition, although for the most part it will stop when the workers move north in the summer. Four migrants recently obeyed the Lord in baptism, God has blessed in weekly Bible classes in our home as well as in four labor camps which we contact weekly, and "after school" children's classes continue with much blessing.

PAUL BITLER
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In the Spanish work in New York city God gave us a young man who was snatched from the claws of the so-called "Jehovah Witnesses." The only one saved in his family, his steadfastness and regularity at the meetings is a joy to us.

We still have not found a suitable place for our Spanish Manhattan Assembly. We have looked at empty stores and also one large church building but

the price was far beyond what we could handle.

With the Spanish Emmaus Bible correspondence courses we are able to reach out into the Latin world. In two years we have sent out 3,430 courses. Of the students, the prisoners lately have shown a real interest and you would be surprised to know how faithfully some of these are studying the Word.

A prisoner from Puerto Rico writes in part: "I have been in prison for twelve years, I had used drugs, was a robber and almost murdered a person. Now by the grace of God I am saved and free in the spirit, even though a prisoner in the flesh. Since my conversion God has helped me to learn how to read and write. They, here, have chosen me to be the leader of our Bible study group."

A prisoner from Cook County Jail, Chicago, Ill., writes: "With all my faith I am born again and while studying this course I came to realize that I was a lost sinner. I wish you would pray for me that I would have more understanding in the Word of God and I want to take other courses." (This prisoner was contacted through Chaplain John R. Erwin, of River Forest (Ill.) assembly, who continues to give us splendid cooperation in being able to reach the Spanish-speaking prisoners.)

JAMES H. BLACKWOOD
160 Morrow St., Peterborough, Ontario

I am still in the Maritimes, being kept busy with meetings, and the Lord is blessing His word to saint and sinner. We had good meetings in Halifax although we had a bad snow storm. Brother T. Ernest Wilson came for a night and we enjoyed his ministry.

At present I am in Sydney for a few meetings and will be next at Sydney Mines. The meeting is small and they need help, so I will value prayer.

Brother T. Wilkie and I expect to be going to Vancouver for a series of gospel meetings in the South Main St. assembly and trust the Lord will give a time of blessing.

JAMES BOOKER
1505 Claymore Ave., Ottawa, Ontario

I am having meetings in the Winchester district, some 35 miles south of Ottawa. We are combining meetings in the chapel with cottage meetings in the surrounding farm community. The cottage meetings were first started in the home of a Christian family in the assembly but after a couple of weeks some of the unsaved attending offered the use of their homes. They followed this up by inviting their neighbors to attend until the numbers have increased to an average of 50 people, with over half of this group being unsaved. Thus far nine have professed to be saved. Others are exercised and we are looking to the Lord for further tokens of blessing.

Letters

Edited by W. G. Mc Carthey

EVERETT BACHELDER
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Recently the Lord opened the door for Mrs. Bachelder to visit the Richards and others at the Children's Home in Wasilla; also to be with the saints in the Anchorage area. She saw Miss Clara Eccles, who is doing a lovely visitation work at the Native Hospital (which cares for Eskimos and others from many parts of this new state), and elsewhere. Special joy came also when visiting the Children's Home to find that Larry, the boy mentioned for prayer in the last newsletter from the Richards, has been saved, and now as a young man of 18 can go forth to shine for our blessed Savior. We remember him as a little boy from years ago, and through the years have been in special prayer for him and the others.

GEORGE BARTON
164 Nottawasaga St., Orillia, Ontario

I have had some good meetings in the Davenport, Des Moines, North Acres, and Waterloo (Downing Ave.), Iowa, meetings. The Lord is really working and we do praise God for the interest and help given.

We had real blessing in Canada, with quite a few souls saved; also in Long Island, N. Y., and in New England. We hope to go further north in the needy districts.

ROBERT BOOTH

23 Parkcrest Dr., Scarborough, Ontario, Canada

Brother Don Moffatt and I commenced a series of gospel meetings in Arlington, Wash., February 21. There was a nice exercise in the assembly, for which we thank God and take courage, and God gave us to see his hand in blessings.

JAMES K. BOSWELL

605 Emery St., London, Ontario

A visit to the Tampa Bay area was extended by one month. The meetings were especially fruitful at Zephyr Hills, Lakeland, and Tampa. Appreciated help was also given at Palm Harbor and St. Petersburg.

On March 3 I came to Marietta, Ga. During April (D. V.) I will be in New Haven, Brantford, Belleville and Kingston, Ontario. Prayer will be valued.

WM. BOUSFIELD

Duntroon, P. O., Ontario, Canada

Recently I have again given help in the Collingwood, Strongville, Creemore, and Waubauskene (Ontario) assemblies. I have also visited Toronto, and preached in the Brackendale, and Eglinton Halls.

DAVID BRINKMAN

P.O. Box 44, Augusta, Georgia

Our Grace and Truth Program is now on Alaska's two most powerful stations, covering the entire state, which is ten times larger than Georgia.

We are also offering a new Bible free on all our programs to families which do not have a Bible.

And we are pressing forward with our program in French and Spanish. The former is now on the air and by May we hope to be on the air in Spanish, and soon thereafter add German. We are now negotiating with Radio Luxembourg regarding our French program.

We would be glad to have addresses of missionary stations throughout the world.

WILLIAM M. BROWN

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I had two weeks in the Fort Lauderdale Chapel where about thirteen boys and girls professed to be saved. Next week will be spent in a series in Key West.

The work at the chapel goes on well. The attendance at the Family Bible Hour is very encouraging. The Sunday school is growing much faster than the assembly. Some teachers have 25 and this is far too many in one class.

We continue in visitation work as well as in manual labor, trying to get the chapel and addition completed.

ANDREW CRAIG

P.O. Box 12, Fair Lawn, N. J.

In the past month I have ministered the Word in Nutley, Hackensack, and Union City, N. J.; also in Olney and West Philadelphia, Pa.

DAVID R. EDNIE

Route 3, Marlon, Virginia

A young man came to Christ after the gospel meeting last Lord's day. The children's work is going on steadily and we have unsaved boys and girls to pray for in these meetings.

We had a splended conference at Greensboro. The unity of the Spirit was evident and the Lord blessed the time spent discussing the work of the servant of Christ. We left the conference encouraged and determined to serve more faithfully our Lord Jesus Christ.

SHOCKLEY FEW

P.O. Box 143, Columbia, S. C.

The Lord has blessed the ministry of His Word recently in several Long Island assemblies and in Birmingham, Ala. In Birmingham I was asked to go with Brother Robert Willey to visit a man who was supposed to be on his death bed. Upon arriving at the hospital we were told there were two patients of the same name. We visited the man we thought was the right one, his heart had been prepared of the Lord, and we had the joy of pointing him to Christ. A few hours later we were told by the lady who asked us to visit that we had talked to the "wrong" man. It is good to know that regardless of who he was he trusted the Savior.

In Columbia our assembly was blessed by a visit from Brother Harold Wildish. The Lord used his ministry to stir all who heard.

I am spending considerable time on plans for the Second Believers Bible Conference to be held at Lake Louise, Ga., August 21 to 28.

In Long Island I saw an R. C. man profess the Savior at the close of a meeting at Central Islip, L. I.

JOHN GOVAN

14530 Forrer Ave., Detroit 27, Mich.

Brethren Geo. Graham and Walter Gustafson have just closed a series of gospel meetings in the West Chicago Blvd. Hall, Detroit. The gospel was faithfully preached nightly, but weather and sickness hindered attendance. It is our responsibility to water still the seed that was sown and look to God for the increase.

MUN HOPE

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In recent years due to political upheaval in Europe and Asia the opportunity is greater than ever to present the Bread of Life to needy immigrant families who have found their way into the little villages and country districts of the Pacific Northwest.

The Lord led me among these people, while I was speaking to students in country schools and distributing gospels among them. Some were living under conditions almost impossible to describe.

Gospel meetings were arranged in shacks with lighting supplied through gas or oil lamps. Gospels were distributed freely. Sometimes 30 or 40 would gather in a log cabin or hut to hear the gospel preached night after night.

Thus the love of God is being shed abroad in the hearts of an antagonistic, persecuted, somewhat neglected but industrious people, some residing in out-of-the-way places, in the backwoods and along dangerous mountain roads. The reward is in seeing some grounded in the truth of salvation and coming into assembly fellowship.

Another opening came for meetings on an Indian reservation, and several tribes were included in the ever expanding field of tract and gospel distribution.

Still another door was opened in a growing district, where a daily vacation Bible school was held for the third time last summer with about 200 young people registered. Among those who confessed Christ, several have been baptized and continue in local assembly fellowship.

ROLAND LACOMBE

P.O. Box 191, Drummondville, Quebec

In spite of the power of the adversary which is like the roar of a lion, who tries to devour us, we saw the powerful hand of the Savior pulling a few souls out of this depth of darkness.

Last Sunday we had a baptism and three were baptized. Three others could not come because of a storm. Our Brethren Howard Forbes, Roy Buttery, and Gerard Lacombe participated in the service.

CLARENCE A. LOW

P.O. Box 511, Sanford, North Carolina

We are prayerfully preparing for a week of meetings to be held in Sanford, N. C., April 3 to 10. Mr. Harold G. Mackay of Greensboro will be the speaker. Theme for the week will be, "The Seven Cries of Christ from the Cross of Calvary." Prayer is valued for these special meetings.

Home visitation and hospital visitation always present pressing needs and afford numerous opportunities in this section of the vineyard.

Not long ago an elderly lady, formerly under the influence of Christian Science teaching, received the Savior.

HERMAN LUHM

892 Stewart St., Morgantown, W. Va.

Just now Worth Ellis is with us for some gospel meetings. Weather was bad the first day, so we got off to a poor start as far as attendance was concerned, but it has picked up remarkably. Some unsaved are coming out and we look to see several saved before the meetings are over. Brother Ellis has a real ministry of personal work in the home, as well as his

evangelistic gift from the platform.

We had a happy weekend with the saints at Imler, Pa., recently. They will be in their new building at New Freedom before too many months.

WILLIAM McCULLOCH
Box 16, Stanley, North Carolina

We have been in Stanley for sometime and there is a nice but small assembly here. I have been having Sunday evening meetings on the Tabernacle and on Wednesday evenings on the Book of Galatians.

DAVID METLER
1001 E. Elbe St., Portales, New Mexico

We had our third baptism last Sunday, and as we had no place here, went to Lubbock, Texas. It is a real joy to see the saints growing in grace and a knowledge of our Lord Jesus. One of the ladies invited some Catholic neighbors of hers to Sunday school last week and they called the police and wanted them to arrest her, but of course they didn't. The enemy tries but does not always succeed.

It seems that the Lord is leading us to the Spanish-speaking people. On nights when there is no meeting we are out reading the Word to them in their homes. Two families know they are lost since being shown it in God's Word so now we are seeking to lead them to the One who can save them.

A lady who has been saved for three weeks and has a bright testimony for our Lord, when we first met her about four months ago was living in utter poverty. She started coming to a children's meeting and was convicted of sin and born again. Soon after we met her she started cleaning up and is now a new creature.

The saints in Olton, Texas, are also growing and we believe are being exercised about breaking bread over there. They travel 70 miles to Breaking of Bread with us and we go there on Fridays for meetings in their home. They have a daughter and son-in-law at Amarillo, Texas, who would like us to come there for Bible study.

At one of our children's meetings last week we had 39. This class is in a poor home where nine people live in three small rooms. We were really crowded. We met some young people who want us to have a class for them so we are planning on this next Tuesday. Last Lord's day we had two new families to Breaking of Bread and two came to observe.

EARL MILLER
702 West Barner Street, Frankfort, Ind.

We are back again after substituting for Brother Harold Harper in two weeks of Emmaus Bible School courses at Champaign, Illinois. The last night of the school I had word that my father-in-law had passed away so we left immediately for northwestern Pennsylvania. While there I spent Lord's Day morning

with the saints at Friendship Avenue in Pittsburgh and also spent a Wednesday night at Erie, where we were commended to the work of the Lord.

Brother Clohsey was here for two weeks while we were away and through his visitation ministry a few have professed to trust Christ. We are seeking to lead them on in scriptural truth.

LOUIS MONTALVO
151 Noll St., Brooklyn 6, N. Y.

The work here goes on steadily with souls being saved continually in different parts of Brooklyn and New York where we are laboring. We had the joy of seeing another saved last week after the Sunday school.

We are faced again with the serious problem of a meeting place for the Lexington Ave. assembly. You can help us in prayer that when the time comes to vacate we may have a place to go.

The Spanish population of New York is increasing steadily. What a foreign field has come to our shores! What a challenge even to our own American brethren to learn the Spanish language and do missionary work right here! **HE HAS MUCH PEOPLE IN THIS CITY.**

WOODY MURPHY
Box 9, Siler City, N. C.

We recently had the joy of pointing a woman and a young girl to Christ. They both seemed very happy to have their souls' salvation settled.

We are broadcasting our Family Bible Hour each Sunday this month. A male quartet has been singing in the services for several months. This has added a lot to the meetings, plus being a great help while we are on the air.

Please pray for meetings I have scheduled next month in Lexington, Mass., and then a full summer of DVBS, youth, and camp work through the summer months.

WILLIAM J. OGLESBY
Victoria, Virginia

The Lord encourages us as we labor together in Victoria, Virginia. Each week brings into the chapel needy souls, and we count it a great privilege to minister to young and old alike.

The Fourteenth Virginia Youth Conference, a quarterly conference among assemblies in Virginia, was held Saturday, March 5, with Brother Ernest Woodhouse as guest speaker.

Saturday, March 12, I spoke at the monthly Youth Rally at the Gospel Chapel in Washington, D. C., and remained for the Lord's Day for meetings in the area.

April 3 through 8 I am scheduled for children's meetings at the Mascher St. Assembly in Philadelphia and the following week for a similar series at the Community Gospel Chapel in Magnolia, New Jersey. Prayer for these special ef-

forts is needed and appreciated.

R. PEACOCK
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At present I am on Vancouver Island, having visited Ladysmith and Chemainus, doing house to house work during the day and having meetings in the evening. There has been encouragement to the few Christians who are seeking to maintain the testimony. I hope (D. V.) to visit Sidney and Alberni to do the same work.

House-to-house work is not getting any easier. There are so many false cults going around. But it is I believe the work for today and I would like to encourage others who engage in it.

FRANK PEARCEY
879 Service Rd., Applewood Acres,
Port Credit, Ont.

Brother Douglas Howard and I are having meetings in the Gilbert Rd. Assembly, Richmond, B. C. This is a new assembly with about 30 in fellowship. I am thankful to say there was some blessing the first week, due to the fact the Christians had some good contacts. The meetings are well attended and the Christians are working hard for the effort.

HENRY PETERSEN
3227 Pontiac St., La Crescenta, Calif.

After meetings in southern California I came to Portland, Oregon, where I had two weeks of meetings in the new Eastgate Chapel, a large and beautiful building in a good residential area. Visitation is going on and as a result the Sunday school is large and growing. Neighbors attend the Family Bible Hour and 52 were present at the Coffee Hour Wednesday morning, half of whom were visitors. A young couple trusted Christ and several boys and girls professed.

The past two weeks I have been in Grace and Truth Chapel. They, too, are in an attractive, new building in a growing community. Interest has been good and there is a genuine desire to reach the people of the community by faithful and regular visitation.

After a week in Seattle I will be at Castlemont Chapel in Oakland, California, for a month, followed by two weeks at Hayward, California, Lord willing.

GORDON N. REAGER
8 Lowry's Lane, Rosemount, Pa.

Brother Robert McClurkin and I had four weeks of meetings at Ferndale Gospel Hall in Ferndale, Mich. It was encouraging to see several unsaved out each night. Several professed to be saved.

E. A. ROBINSON
Etlan, Virginia

The work in Madison County, Virginia, is very encouraging. Attendance is good at all the meetings and we have had the privilege of pointing seven souls to our blessed Savior in the past two months.

I have spent some time at the Brooklyn Gospel Chapel, Baltimore, Md., Newport News, Richmond, Va., and attended the Worker's Conference convened at Greensboro, N. C. This available time away from the work is made possible by brethren in the meeting taking over the responsibilities.

JAMES A. STAHR

235 Cumberland St., Charlottetown, P.E.I., Can.

We have received from Emmaus a supply of the course, "Peter and the Church," and started offering them on our radio broadcast in March. A number of listeners are continuing steadily with "What the Bible Teaches," the course currently offered.

Two weeks of cottage prayer meetings in a different home each night have brought spiritual blessing as well as stronger ties among those of the assembly. Now a visitation night has been set aside to give the assembly greater outreach.

We have begun a branch Sunday school twelve miles east of Charlottetown, starting with children one of our men had brought in to the Bible Chapel from that area each week.

TOMMY STEELE

P.O. Box 7472, Winston-Salem, N. C.

On a recent Sunday evening we baptized six and most of these were received into fellowship at the Lord's table the following Sunday morning. We are grateful for the spirit of unity in the work here.

We had a series of four messages on revival, preceding meetings with Brother John Bramhall March 13 to 25.

Please pray for me as I minister the Word in the Brooklyn Gospel Chapel in Baltimore, April 24 to May 6; and for Brother Worth Ellis as he holds forth in Winston-Salem for all or most of these same dates.

EDWIN J. THARP

31 School St., Rockport, Mass.

I have been ministering recently at the Countryside Chapel, Lexington, and at Cliftondale, and Methuen, as well as at Brookline, Mass. In the past few weeks it has been a privilege to minister at Hartford, Conn., White Plains, N. Y., and Darien, Conn., as well as spending a happy weekend with the saints at Kearny, N. J. It was an added joy to find dear Brother Howard Carpenter restored to health.

This Lord's day I visited and ministered at two assemblies in Philadelphia and numerous doors are open in and around this area before I return to Rockport.

BEN TUINGA

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In nearly a month of meetings at Laffin Street Gospel Hall, Chicago, we saw blessing in salvation, restoration, con-



Above: Mr. and Mrs. James Stahr and family.

viction, and some being baptized. With local believers we contacted hundreds of homes around the meeting place. We thank God for a manifestation of His Spirit these days, where there is so much else instead.

AUGUST VAN RYN

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We are having two weeks of special children's meetings at our chapel in Hialeah, with steadily increasing interest and attendance. For our little group the numbers are very encouraging indeed. Lord willing, my wife and I expect to go to the Bahamas about the first of April for a month or two, and look forward to God's blessing on the Word.

MELVIN G. WISTNER

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During January I ministered the Word in various assemblies in New Jersey, New York and Connecticut. In February I gave three Lord's days and four Fridays to the Hackensack assembly, the Fridays being a special children's effort which proved quite encouraging.

Recently we had the joy in our Thursday adult class of seeing a backslider of many years restored.

A boy from our Monday boys' club professed to be saved and so we've been encouraged in the work.

RAY ZANDER

Box 7542, Richmond 31, Va.

I was in Manvel, Texas, in March where the Lord richly blessed His Word. I had the privilege of ministering in the Houston area and once again rejoice over the hunger of the Lord's people for His Word.

I return to Richmond, Va., for the Easter Conference (D. V.), and hope to find much to encourage there.

HE KEPT THE HOUR: DO WE?

"Father, the hour is come..."
John 17:1

As the Lord lifted up His eyes to heaven with these words He well knew all that the hours ahead held for Him: the scorn, the shame, the physical agony, and the separation from His God under the crushing load of our sin.

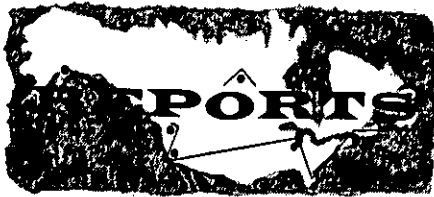
He met with the Father in the shadows of Gethsemane, for it was so appointed to meet at that time and at that place.

We who take the name of Christ have the privilege of gathering together to remember Him, looking back in the way that He ordained. Yet how many of us, by neglecting to meet with Him at the appointed hour, fail to show the reverence and homage due Him.

While others are meditating on the One who said, "Father, the hour is come," we disturb their meditations by our tardy entrance. The memories of Gethsemane's garden and of Golgotha's tree are broken by our careless footsteps, as we arrive late for the appointed memorial.

May we realize that we are coming to meet with the Lord Himself and not merely with men. And in quiet meditation as the hour of meeting draws near, may we be able to say in sincerity, "Father, the hour is come; we would remember Him."

—Neil M. Glass



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AFTON, OHIO Bethany Chapel

This month marks our third year in our own, new chapel. During that time we have seen an assembly born. The past year has been especially encouraging. Souls have been saved and three men were baptized. Just the other day another man trusted the Lord for salvation. There has been no rapid increase in attendance, but a steady growth with increased faithfulness. Emmaus courses have been a big help to several who have been studying the scriptures. Two families travel a great distance to be with us at the Lord's table. The Lord has raised up local gift to expand the work.

—Gordon Sweemer

AYER'S CLIFF, QUEBEC

The assembly at Ayer's Cliff has been strengthened and blessed by the addition of four families, one couple being in the work full time. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bronson have proved themselves invaluable in the work at Ayer's Cliff, and also at nearby Stanstead, Quebec.

In recent months, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wallace have moved into Stanstead from Victoria, B. C., and are busy in ministry and visitation in both Stanstead and Ayer's Cliff.

Our meetings are as follows: Lord's Day 11:00 a.m.—Breaking of Bread, 2:30 p.m.—Sunday school, 7:30 p.m.—Gospel Service. Monday 7:00 p.m.—Children's Hobby Club. Wednesday 7:30 p.m.—Prayer meeting and Bible study.

Women's meetings are held twice a month (Thursdays), alternating between Stanstead and Ayer's Cliff. All meetings are held in the homes of the brethren except for the gospel service which is held in the St. George's Church Hall. We ask for prayer regarding the work here.

—Donald Switzer

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Washington Heights Gospel Hall, 10310 S. Charles St.

The assembly is planning, D. V., to have Brother Owen Hoffman for a series of illustrated messages on Daniel. These timely prophetic meetings will be for adults and young people, starting April 24 and continuing through May 4. Pray with us for a vision of our Lord's glory as we spend these days of ministry with Brother Hoffman.

—Donald J. Thomson

Because of the need for longer-term financing for its various Hospital and Retirement Home projects, Stewards Foundation's directors have authorized an issue of 6% Ten-Year Institutional Bonds.

This issue is limited to \$750,000.

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GIBSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Christians from Gibsonville, N. C., for two years met in a rented store building, where they saw a good interest, especially among the young people. Some professed faith in Christ, indicating that a steady interest will be maintained.

As a step in establishing a permanent testimony for God a large lot was purchased a year ago in a residential area. Building work began April, 1959, with a great deal of the labor being done by the brethren in their spare time. Others from nearby assemblies helped in planning and construction of the chapel, which is known as the Gibsonville Gospel Center.

The Center was completed in January, 1960, and the opening and dedication were held January 31. The chapel, which is of modern design, has a seating capacity of 150 in the main auditorium and includes a large nursery and six class rooms, exactly nine by fifteen feet.

While the assembly was meeting in the store building the Family Bible Hour attendance average was 40 to 50, mostly young people. Since moving into the new building the attendance increased to 96 the first Sunday and continues steadily in the nineties. Fourteen adults are in fellowship.

Cost of the new building was \$17,000, of which \$13,000 was borrowed from Stewards Foundation. The estimated value of the building and furnishings is \$35,000.

—James Farlow

HOUSTON, TEXAS

Pine View Chapel
During February, Brother Thomas James Lyttle of Port Jervis, New York, with Mrs. Lyttle, spent three weeks among the assemblies in the Houston, Texas, area, including ten days of very enjoyable ministry at Pine View Chapel. On one night only snow and ice, so uncommon for Houston, prevented the meeting.

The ministry is indeed acceptable, exalting our Lord and the scriptures.

—A. E. Patterson

LADNER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Delta Gospel Hall, 6500—60th Ave.
Through God's goodness and the exercise of some believers an assembly testimony has been established in Ladner, B. C., located as above.

Meetings are as follows:

Sunday	
Breaking of Bread	9:30 a.m.
Family Bible Hour and Sunday school	11:00 a.m.
Cottage Meetings	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	
Prayer and Bible Study	8:00 p.m.

—Geo. Doubroff

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

Brother Charles Clohsey is here and we do enjoy having him with us. The Lord saved some. Brother Clohsey is getting into the homes in the neighborhood and some are coming out and several others have promised to come. We have had severe winter conditions since opening yet we've seen good attendance.

We desire the prayers of God's people and want them to know their prayers are being answered.

—Ralph Swanson

MONTREAL, CANADA

Assemblee Chretienne Maranatha, C. P. 1024, Succursale Postale B.
In March we had four night of meetings with Brother Gaston Racine of France, who gave ministry for French-speaking Christians. On the Sunday afternoon we had a baptismal service in connection with the Maranatha French assembly, when four were baptized. Brother Brian Tatford spoke. One of those baptized is a school teacher and the other is working for a teaching degree, so they are valued new members of the assembly.

—Wm. J. Learoyd

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

West End Gospel Hall, 4400 Aldine
Another precious soul was recently added to the little company of believers gathered to the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ on a large plantation near Moorehead, Mississippi, where around sixteen are in fellowship and remembering the Lord in the Breaking of Bread every Lord's Day at 11:00 a.m. A gospel meeting is held at 7:30 p.m.

Since the homegoing of his wife, Brother August Laws has been commuting to Moorehead each week from St. Louis, but hopes to spend more time on the field both in Mississippi and Arkansas in the near future as the Lord leads.

—Guy Radford

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Gospel Chapel, 1323 Kentucky Ave.
We had three weeks of special gospel and ministry meetings with Brethren David and John Horn. Attendance was good and two professed faith in Christ. The saints were encouraged.

These brethren were also invited to speak at the Servicemen's Center in San Antonio and saw the Lord's hand in blessing there also.

—Arthur Pomeroy

SASKATOON, SASKATCHWAN

We had Brother Murdy Getty of Wingham, Ontario, with us for five weeks of gospel meetings. It was a time of real encouragement. His ministry is most refreshing. At least one lady was saved, and several were baptized. Interest was good and we had people in the hall whom we have never seen before, and they came back for more!

—J. B. Tansley

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Northgate Gospel Chapel
Recently ten were baptized, the youngest being thirteen and the oldest 40 years old; a young man of seventeen who had never before witnessed a baptism service was saved. Since then two others have confessed Christ as Savior; one a girl of fourteen and the other a young woman nineteen years.

During 1959 the Lord saved many others, including a mother of five children. Her husband was restored, her two sons saved, and her sister, brother-in-law, their two boys, her mother, and others were brought to the Savior. This has not come about through special gospel campaigns, but through personal witnessing. The names are brought to the prayer meeting, that we might all join in prayer for their salvation.

Our assembly continues to grow, not only in numbers but in interest. Once a month we have a Sunday evening missionary night. Every six weeks or two months we try to show a gospel film, followed by a short gospel message. Very successful have been our open meetings, where chairs are arranged in a circle, and which are open for all men to take part, whether by personal testimony, ministry, prayer, or giving out of a hymn. The folks love this type of meeting. Our mid-week meeting, after a time of prayer, is divided into three discussion groups, thus giving an opportunity to develop gift.

It is the sincere desire and prayer of the elders at Northgate Chapel, that every member will have a good working knowledge of the Word, approved of God, needing not to be ashamed.

—Alex G. Ainslie

WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK

Shiloh Chapel, 7 Orawaupum St.
The assembly is comparatively new, with a small number of believers in fellowship. However, work among the children is very encouraging as each week we see the numbers growing and the change effected in their lives as they imbibed the teachings from the scriptures.

—Canford Fray

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE

CALGARY, ALBERTA
Gospel Hall
Lord's Day

Breaking of Bread	10:30 a.m.
Sunday School	1:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Gospel Meeting	7:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Prayer and Ministry	8:00 p.m.
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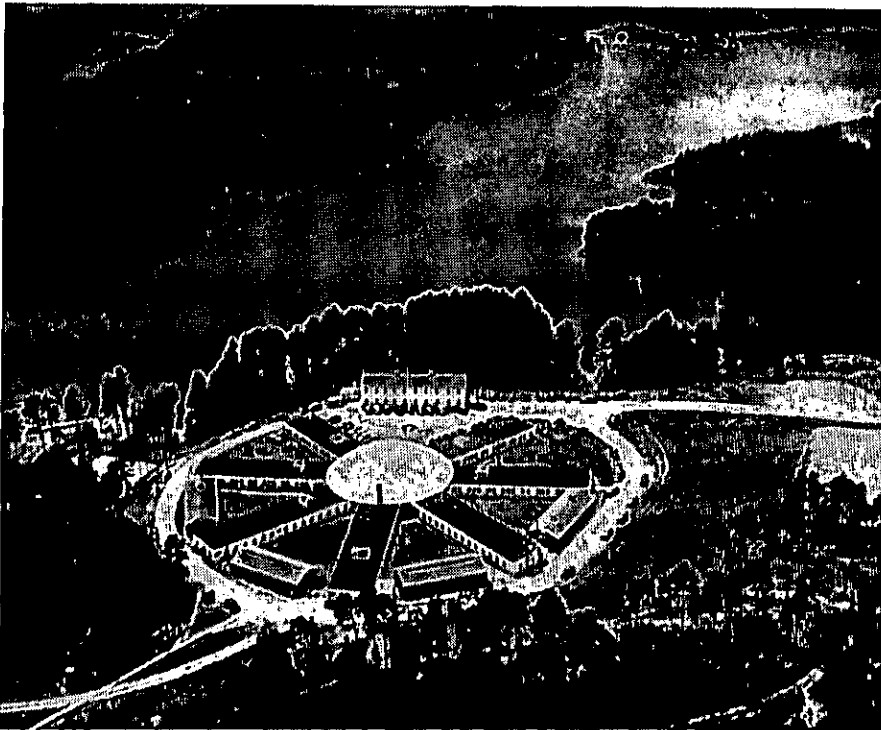
Wednesday

Girls' Hour	6:30 p.m.
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—J. Caulfield

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SECOND BELIEVERS BIBLE CONFERENCE PLANNED AT LAKE LOUISE, TOCCOA, GEORGIA



Plans are in progress for the Second Believers Bible Conference to be held August 21 to 28 at the Lake Louise Conference Grounds near Toccoa, Georgia. Speakers for the conference will be Harold G. Mackay of Greensboro, N. C., R. Edward Harlow of The Fields magazine in New York, and Robert J. Willey of Birmingham, Ala. Mr. Mackay will be at the conference for the full period. Dr. Harlow, who will be present through August 25, will speak on work being done on various mission fields and show slides and a film after the main evening services. Mr. Willey will speak August 26, 27 and 28.

The conference will begin with breakfast on Sunday, August 21 and close Sunday afternoon, August 28. The conference is planned for families and special rates will be given to such groups. Nursery facilities are to be provided for babies and small children; special children's meetings will include craft classes to be held at the same time as the adult sessions; and teenagers will attend the regular conference, but there will also be special sessions for them.

Recreation will include water skiing, swimming, boating, fishing, hiking, horse-back riding, softball, tennis and golfing. Due to the fact that the Blue Ridge Conference will not convene this year a capacity crowd of around 450 is expected at the Lake Louise Conference.

Rates begin at \$24.00 for the full eight-

day conference period. Those desiring to stay for a shorter period pay by the day. Persons driving from a distance on Saturday will be allowed to stay overnight without paying for additional time.

Conference conveners are, K. L. Raftery, St. Louis, Mo., Phil J. Hofmann of Port Orange, Fla., Robert J. Willey, Birmingham, Ala., Richard Reetzke, Savannah, Georgia, Andrew C. Stoll, Jr., Orangeburg, S. C., Sam T. Siler, Siler City, N. C., David Horst, Charlotte, N. C., Tommy Steele, Winston-Salem, N. C. and Shockley Few, Columbia, S. C., chairman.

Details and folders will be mailed to all interested persons by Miss Carolyn Peebles of 3030 Walton Way, Augusta, Georgia.

BRISTOL, VIRGINIA

The fourth annual Bristol Bible conference will be held July 30 through August 7 on the beautiful and spacious campus of Sullins College in Bristol, Virginia.

Speakers expected are August Van Ryn and Ernest Woodhouse.

Further information will be sent upon request by Mrs. Welcome Detweiler, 415 N. Hyde Park Ave., Durham, N. C.

CLEVELAND, OHIO

We are pleased to announce that our second Ladies Missionary Conference will be held, Lord willing, Saturday May 14, at the Gracemount Chapel, 2285 Noble Rd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio.



Edited by J. W. Kennedy

The meetings will be from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m., and from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Supper will be served between the meetings.

This is a joint effort of the Willo, Pleasant Valley and Gracemount Assemblies, and a cordial invitation is given to all ladies in the area to attend. Anyone wishing further information, or wanting overnight accommodations, please write to Mrs. Thomas Mitchell, 983 Greyton Rd., Cleveland Heights 12, Ohio.

DALLAS, TEXAS

Polk Street Bible Chapel

Saturday, April 23, the annual conference for Christians meets at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. for Bible teaching and preaching of the 'gospel. Meetings on Sunday, April 24, are at 9:30 a.m., The Lord's Supper; 11:00 a.m., The Family Gospel Hour; 2:30 p.m., Prayer and Ministry; and 7:30 p.m., Bible teaching.

Ross Rainey will be holding meetings in Dallas the week before and the week following this conference.

These dates are for the week following Easter Sunday.

FLINT, MICHIGAN

Women's Missionary Conference, sponsored jointly by the Pasadena Avenue Gospel Chapel and the Dexter Street Gospel Chapel Assemblies will be held (D. V.) April 23 and 24, 1960. All meetings will be held at the Dexter Street Gospel Chapel, corner of Dexter and Dale. Meetings will convene at 2:45 p.m. on Sunday.

The speakers expected are Mrs. Gerald Wunsch of New Guinea, Mrs. Irving Benton of the Union of South Africa, Miss Margaret Petrie of the Belgian Congo, and Mrs. Reginald Powell of Argentina.

Meals will be provided for all. Those wishing to remain overnight may write to Miss Irene Sutton, 2434 Nebraska Avenue, Flint 6, Michigan.

A hearty invitation is extended to all.

GUELPH, ONTARIO

Weather conditions necessitated postponement of the annual meeting of the Guelph Bible Conference. The meeting will now be held at 2:30 on Saturday, April 23. All friends of Guelph are invited to attend the annual meeting at which reports will be given and plans discussed, and interested assemblies are asked to send at least two representatives to bring back reports of the work.

—H. G. Lockett

LAKE KORONIS ASSEMBLY GROUNDS

The 21st annual Midwest Bible Camp and Conference will be held D. V. July 18 to 24 near Paynesville, Minnesota. Conference speakers are John Walden and Venus Brooks. Karl Pfaff will direct the Senior Camp, ages 14 to 17; William Morgan the Junior Camp, ages 10 to 13. For further information write Lloyd R. Parkin, 2905-31st Ave., N. E., Minneapolis 18, Minnesota.

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The Annual Southern California Missionary Study Class conference will be held (D. V.) May 21 and 22 at LaBrea Gospel Chapel, 3043 S. LaBrea Avenue, Los Angeles, California. Dr. Brian Tattford of France will be one of the speakers.

OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

The Annual Ladies Missionary Conference for the San Francisco Bay and Sacramento areas will be held, D. V., in Oakland, California, at the Bethany Gospel Chapel on May 7, 1960. Meetings are scheduled for 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. with supper served between meetings. Speakers expected are Mrs. Wm. Spees, Mrs. Robert Young, Mrs. Ernest Crabb, Mrs. James Cochrane and others.

A cordial invitation is extended to all sisters and accommodations will be provided for visitors. Please communicate with Mrs. Dorothy Osterhout, 21537 Knoll Way, Hayward, California.

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Olney Gospel Hall

Our Annual conference will be held (D. V.) in the Review Club Hall of Oak Lane, 70th and Lakeside Avenue (6900 Old York Road), on Lord's Day, May 29 and Memorial Day, May 30. Meetings will be held each day at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 and 7:00 p.m.

There will be a prayer meeting on Saturday, May 28, at 8:00 p.m., in the Olney Gospel Hall, 314 W. Chew Street, Philadelphia.

Visitors will be freely entertained.

John MacLellan, Correspondent
6515 N. 5th Street
Philadelphia 26, Pa.

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

In the will of the Lord we plan to have our usual Easter conference, April 17, preceded by prayer meeting on Saturday night, April 16. On the Lord's Day, Breaking of Bread is at 9:30 a.m., afternoon ministry meeting at 2:30, and evening meeting at 7:45 p.m. A hearty invitation is extended to all the Lord's people.

—John P. Rockey

RICHMOND HEIGHTS, MISSOURI

Due to our building program, we had to postpone our 1959 Annual Conference but are happy to announce, by the grace of God, we will begin again this year,

trusting it will be to the glory of our Lord and to fortify the Christians for His service.

ORDER OF MEETINGS

Friday night, April 15 Prayer meeting 8:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, April 16 and 17, Breaking of Bread, 11:00 a.m., Sunday, and 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. both days.

We extend a cordial invitation to believers. Accommodations will be furnished to those coming from a distance. Address all communications to David R. Woods, 7912 Dale Ave., Richmond Hts., Mo.

SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK

The Annual Spring Conference will be held, the Lord willing, at Bellevue Chapel, 2702 Guilderland Ave., Schenectady, the weekend of May 7 and 8.

Meetings are scheduled for 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday; Breaking of Bread at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, followed by the Family Bible Hour at 11:00, ministry at 3:30 p.m. and the gospel at 7:00.

Supper will be served at the chapel on both days.

Speakers expected are Brethren Phil Clarkson of Chicago and James Boswell of London, Ontario.

—Walter Delap

SIoux CITY, IOWA

The Lord willing we plan our annual conference to be held May 7 and 8, preceded by prayer Friday night, May 6. A hearty invitation is extended to all the Lord's people. Speakers expected are Robert Arthur, Tom McCullagh, Karl Pfaff and others. Usual accommodations will be provided.

—Norman Swanson

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WICHITA, KANSAS

Our annual conference will be held, the Lord willing, May 7 and 8, preceded by a prayer meeting Friday evening, May 6. Several able brethren have indicated that they will be with us to minister the Word at that time. A warm welcome is extended to all of the Lord's people. Accommodations will be provided for all coming from a distance.

—Dean Jensen

WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

Bethany Gospel Chapel

Because we are meeting in temporary quarters while building a new chapel our conference this year will be for one day only. It will be held (D.V.) on Lord's Day, May 29, at the Odd Fellows Building, 674 Main Street. Breaking of Bread is at 10:30 a.m., afternoon meeting at 2 p.m., and evening meeting 6:00 p.m. We expect our brethren James Gunn and Dr. C. J. Rolls to be with us to minister the Word.

—W. D. Milligan

YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

The Sunnyside and Yakima assemblies plan, Lord willing, a conference beginning at 7:30 p.m., Friday, April 22,

through Sunday, April 24, with W. B. Mackie of Detroit, Michigan, and Tommy Crawford of Seattle, Washington, as the expected speakers. Meetings will be held at the Yakima Gospel Chapel.

The usual accommodations for visitors will be provided. Any wishing to arrange for such accommodations, or who desire information concerning the conference, please write to Alva Crawford, 1613 King Street, Yakima, Wash.

CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA
Western Assemblies Home

A report by the manager of the Home presented at the Annual Directors' Meeting at Claremont, January 30, 1960, indicated that in 1959 the Home entertained its largest number of guests, the entire available accommodation being occupied during the latter months. During the year eight new residents were received, including one from India, two from Africa, and others from New Jersey, Illinois, Ohio, and California. During the year five guests terminated residency, three going to be with Christ, two moving to other locations.

The physical aspects of the Home have been taken care of, and maintenance of equipment and furnishings has been kept at a satisfactory level. The infirmary has been completely repainted. A walk-in

refrigerator has been installed, facilitating purchase of perishable foods in larger quantities, at more economical prices. Flood-lighting has also been installed, presenting an attractive appearance at night.

As in prior years, there have been visitors from far and near. For residents to be thus assured they are not forgotten, but are appreciated and loved, means a great deal to them and provides a necessary and desirable background for contentment and peace of mind.

Authorities of both State and County who have visited and inspected the Home in the past year have been well pleased with aims and operation. Expressions both verbal and written, have been received.

As in other years the advances of age among guests have been noted. The adequate care as to diet and nursing continues to be of major importance. This matter of care in view of aging, is perhaps the heaviest responsibility in the proper management of the Home.

—Jas. O. Ross

SICK

T. B. NOTTAGE
3049 Beckett Rd., Cleveland 20, Ohio

Mr. T. B. Nottage of Elim Gospel Chapel, Cleveland, is laid aside, due to illness. His home address is listed above, and the Christians would appreciate prayer on his behalf.

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- CJON St. John's; Nfld., 930 kc; Sunday, 10:00 p.m.
- CFCY Charlottetown, PEI., 630 kc; Sunday, 8:00 p.m.
- CKTB St. Catharines, Ontario, 610 kc; Sunday 10:00 a.m.
- CKDM Dauphin, Manitoba, 730 kc; Sunday 8:00 a.m.
- CKOV Colonna, Bri. Col. 630 kc; Sunday, 9:00 p.m.
- KBRG Mount Vernon, Wash., 1430 kc; Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
- KPUG Bellingham, Wash., 1170 kc; Sunday, 2:30 p.m.
- KAYE Puyallup, Washington
- WMUZ-FM Detroit, Mich., 103.2 kc; Sundays, 4:30 p.m.
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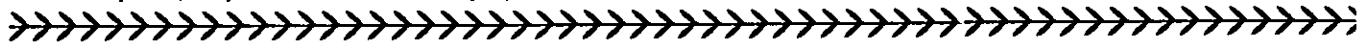
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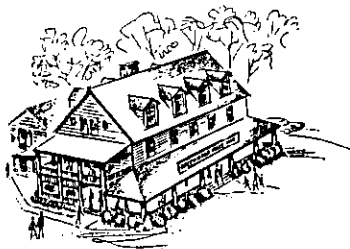
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*** Speakers: John Welch (both weeks); Harold G. Mackay (first week); John W. Bramhall (second week).
Recreational Director: Z. C. Hodges.**

MID-SEASON CONFERENCE, July 23-Aug. 7

*** Speakers: Alfred P. Gibbs, Tom M. Olson (both weeks);
Walter Jansen (second week).
Recreational Director: Herbert B. Hartman.**

LAST CONFERENCE, Aug. 20-Sept. 5

**Speakers: Peter Pell (both weeks); Goo. M. Landis (first week); David Ward (second week).
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Speaker: Alfred P. Gibbs

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*Note correction from March issue.

PITTSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA
Pittsboro Christian Home, Inc.

We have had very little sickness in spite of the fact the flu has been raging in many parts of the country. We are very grateful to Him, our blessed Lord.

The assembly testimony which was started here in November has been a source of blessing to us. We are grateful for help received from several Christians who travel from 20 to 30 miles each week to be with us. Please pray for those unsaved who attend the gospel meeting every Sunday night.

Older workers are to be accepted into the Home. Realizing that there are many elderly Christians who are willing and able to work several hours a day, we are beginning a program whereby some will be able to serve the Lord here. We would be happy to hear from those who would be interested in such a program.

We have a few vacancies at the present time. Please pray that the Lord will direct those children here to whom we can be of help.

—W. Eugene Hollingsworth
Superintendent

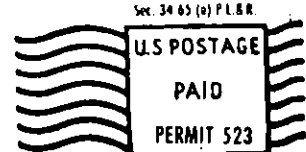
CAMP LI-LO-LI
Box 70, Red House, N. Y.

A week of camp for young people ages 16 to 25 will be included in the program at Camp Li-Lo-Li for the first time this year. This will be in addition to four weeks of camp for boys and girls ages nine to thirteen, and two weeks of teen camp, ages thirteen to sixteen.

Directors for the boys' and girls' camps will be Vernon Larter, Rochester, New York, July 9 to 23, and William Ferguson, Murraysville, Pennsylvania, July 23

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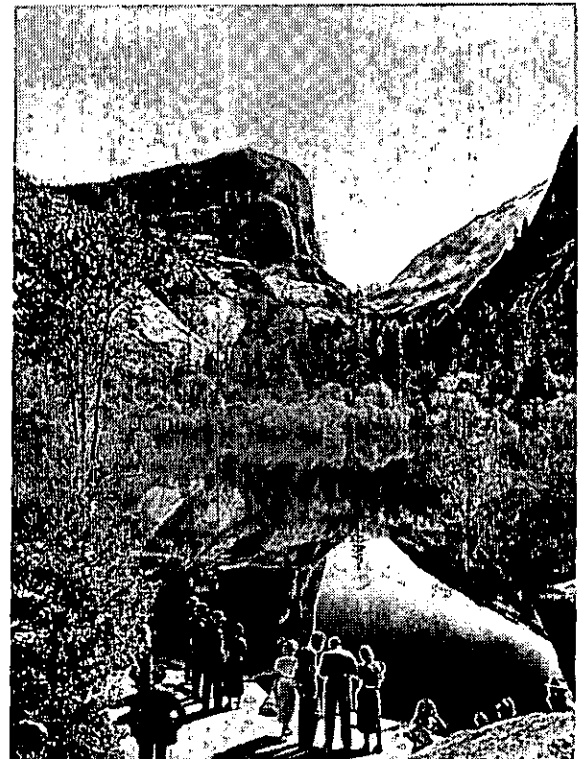
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Edited by J. W. Kennedy

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The 15th Annual Chicago Area Sisters' Conference will be held at Oak Lawn Chapel, 107th & Kildare, Oak Lawn, Ill., on Saturday, May 7, 1960.

Prayer at 2:00 p.m.

Afternoon Session at 2:30 p.m.

Evening Sessions at 7:00 p.m.

Speakers expected are:

Mrs. Donald DeWeese—Brazil; Mrs. R. Powell, Argentina; Mrs. Roy Wood, Belgian Congo; Mrs. Gerald Wunsch, New Guinea; Miss Edith Mieras, South Africa.

A very hearty welcome is extended to all sisters.

—Mrs. R. Drechsel

DES MOINES, IOWA

The annual Bible conference is scheduled for May 28, 29, and 30 at Central Gospel Hall, 3200 Lincoln Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa. Prayer meeting will be Friday, May 27. Several new voices will be heard and we extend a hearty invitation to all.

—J. S. Green

GALT, ONTARIO

The annual conference of Christians, the Lord willing, will be held in the Gospel Hall, 30 Cambridge St., June 11 and 12. Meetings will be as follows: Friday, June 10, at 8:00 p.m., Saturday and Lord's Day, 10:00 a.m., and 2:30 and 7:00 p.m. Visitors will be freely entertained. Circulars will be sent to assemblies only. Address communications to Geo. Champ, 19 Brook St., Galt, Ont.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

The annual conference will be held in the Northwest Gospel Hall, Garfield at Myrtle, N. W., on Sunday and Monday, May 29 and 30, if the Lord will, with meetings Lord's Day at 9:30 and 11:15 p.m., 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. Meetings Monday are at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Write Wm. J. Pell, Box 41, Grand Rapids, Mich., correspondent. Visitors will be entertained.

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

The Prospect Avenue Assembly plans (D. V.) to hold a conference May 21 and 22. Speakers expected are Robert Crawford, Malvern, Penna.; Robert McClurkin, Galt, Ontario; and Gordon Reager, Bryn Mawr, Penna.

Order of meetings is as follows: Saturday, May 21, 2:30 p.m., prayer, 3:00 p.m., ministry, 7:30 p.m., ministry and gospel. Lord's Day, May 22, 10:30 a.m.; and 3:00 and 7:00 p.m.

A hearty invitation is extended to all.

—Alexander Brown

LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

Dominguez Bible Chapel,
21156 S. Sante Fe Avenue

In the will of the Lord we plan to have our first anniversary conference on Memorial Day, May 30. A hearty invitation is extended to all the Lord's people who can be with us at this time. Meetings are at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 and 7:00 p.m. Meals will be served between meetings. Address correspondence to: Robert Gordon, Jr., 2847-220th Place, Long Beach 10, Calif.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

The annual conference will be held May 14 and 15, 1960; with Brother David Kirk of Ontario, Canada, and others ministering the Word. Christians from other assemblies are cordially invited to attend.

—Carlton Jones

ORILLIA, ONTARIO

West St., Gospel Hall

We expect (D. V.) to hold our annual Young People's Conference May 21, 22, and 23.

Speakers expected are Dr. Naismith of Kingston and Mr. S. Thompson of Toronto.

Meetings are as follows: Saturday, May 21, Youth Rally, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, May 22, Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Remembering the Lord, 11:00 a.m.; Ministry 3:00 p.m.; Gospel, 7:00 p.m.; and Monday, May 23, Panel discussion, 10:00 a.m.; Ministry, 3:00 p.m.; Gospel, 7:00 p.m.

We welcome all the Lord's people.

Address correspondence to J. B. Mackie, 314 Linwood Ave., Orillia, Ontario.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Emmanuel Bible Camp, Dundas

A unique feature of the 1960 season is the Fishermen's Camp, August 15 to 20, at Whitlock's Pond, famous in the Maritimes for excellent trout fishing. This Camp will provide morning and evening periods of fellowship in the Word and is designed especially as an evangelistic venture for reaching unsaved men. Boats and bait will be supplied at no extra charge and deep sea fishing trips can also be arranged at slight extra cost. Some fishing supplies and refreshment will be available at the canteen.

Another new provision for 1960 is the Family Camp, August 8 to 13. Recreation for adults includes volley ball, horseshoes, boating, fishing, hikes, and special trips.

Emmanuel Camp has a nursery service for children under six and a junior program for those seven to thirteen years of age. Supervised play and instruction will be by competent counselors.

Complete schedule for 1960 is:

Junior Camp 8-12	June 27—July 6
Junior Camp 8-12	July 7—July 16
Teen Age Camp 13-16	July 18—July 27

Young People 16-25	July 28—Aug. 5
Family Camp	Aug. 8—Aug. 13
Fishermen's Camp	Aug. 15—Aug. 20

Address all correspondence to Camp Manager: Mr. Ed Huntington, Dundas, P. E. I.

SHEBOYGAN, WISCONSIN

Broadway Gospel Chapel

A conference to be held May 29 and May 30 will have morning, afternoon, and evening sessions both Sunday and Monday. Speaker will be Mr. John W. Bramhall of Charlotte, N. Car. The usual accommodations will be provided for those coming from out of town. Registrations should be addressed to Allen Hanson, 1723 N. 21st St., Sheboygan.

—Rudy Felten

WASHINGTON, D. C.

The Washington area assemblies will hold their third Annual Conference at Cherrydale Community Chapel, Arlington, Virginia, May 7 and 8. Theme will be: "Christ, which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13). Speakers include Edwin Fesche, Harold Mackay, and William Anderson.

Contact Mr. David L. Chambers, 6006 Jamestown Road, Hayattsville, Maryland, for accommodation.

—F. Grant Chambers

YOSEMITE, CALIFORNIA

The California Bible Conference at Yosemite National Park differs from all other summer Bible conferences in that it is held in a national park among tens of thousands of vacationists, rather than on a conference ground. It is easy to invite fellow-vacationers to the Church Bowl. Many who never go near a church will come because of the informal atmosphere.

Speakers this year are well qualified for such a conference: Harold Wildish of Jamaica and John Walden of Colorado Springs. The morning Bible study for Christians held in the Bowl from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. and the evening gospel service from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. (followed by Christian movies on three nights) are scheduled to allow nine hours a day for a well-rounded program of vacation activities in one of America's most popular national parks. Many enjoyable optional group activities are planned both for the day and after the evening services.

If you have never spent a vacation at Yosemite and especially one combined with an outstanding Bible conference, which provides an unparalleled opportunity to bring others to hear the gospel, include the 1960 Yosemite Bible Conference in your vacation plans. And join with the conference committee in praying that God will save many of those vacationing at Yosemite during the conference, July 9 to 17.

For information and reservations, write Earle Fries, 495 St. Augustine Ave., Claremont, California.

—W. N. Bush

Letters OF INTEREST

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1. To promote gospel effort.
2. To inform the Lord's people about gospel work and workers.
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5. To be of service generally to the Lord's people.

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JAMES SLIP MISSION

The James Slip Mission, 41 Fulton Street, closed its doors March 31, 1960, following the Homegoing of Brother Simon Holmgren. Work is being continued by Ralph A. West at his own center at 39 Beckman Place, not far from the Fulton Street premises. Brother West is engaged in waterfront work and expects to continue to entertain seamen at the Beckman address and otherwise use it as a gospel center.



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Summer Conference Schedule

FIRST CONFERENCE

June 25-July 10

Speakers: A. P. Gibbs, T. M. Olson (both weeks)
Walter Jensen (2nd week)

MID-SEASON CONFERENCE

July 25-August 7

Speakers: John Welch (both weeks); Harold G. Mackay (first week); John W. Bramhall (second week)

LAST CONFERENCE

August 20-September 5
Speakers: Peter Pell (entire conference); Geo. M. Landis, Aug. 20-27; David Ward, Aug. 27-Sept. 5



Editors' Page

YEAR OF CRISIS

This first year of a new decade is one of vital importance for our country and the entire world. In our own country it is election year. Candidates will be chosen who will guide our local, state, and national policies for the next few critical years. This in turn will greatly affect each of us.

For example, one of the questions now facing our nation is whether or not a Roman Catholic should be elected president, and if so, what it would mean to our land.

Some Christians show no interest in politics; others take a moderate view; while others take an active interest and vote accordingly.

Without going into the subject of the Christian's political participation and attitude, and no matter what our personal view may be, each of us has a definite responsibility to pray for our country and those in authority (I Tim. 2:1-4). May we sincerely seek God's intervention in the course of our nation so that we may continue to lead quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty. Let us not fail our country by lack of interest at the throne of grace.

—Donald J. Thomson

THE SNARE OF RESPECTABILITY

A radiant Christian who is well spoken of by his neighbors for his exemplary conduct, his friendliness, his eagerness to help in time of need, for the appearance of his home, and for general good citizenship, and who is not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, is an adornment to the gospel.

However, is there not a danger of our aiming for such respectability in the eyes of men, rather than aiming to please the Lord regardless of the opinions of men? A Christian does not need deliberately to work at cross purposes with his environment in order to have a clear-cut testimony. But neither does he have to conform to worldly standards. And if he seeks always to please the Lord, regardless, will not the Lord make even his enemies (that is, enemies for the gospel's sake) to be at peace with him?

We all like to appear well in the eyes of men. Faithful Jeremiah complained to the Lord: "I am in derision daily, every one mocketh me... the word of the Lord was made a reproach unto me, and a derision, daily." We want to be respectable, socially, economically, academically. Scientists who are Christians can be severely wounded by the ridicule of fellow scientists who are not believers. There is therefore a motive—hidden it may be even from themselves—to agree as much as possible with infidel scientists without compromising their Christian beliefs, and hence to give scientific theories ascendancy over the Word of God; that is, to judge and interpret scripture in the light of science rather than interpret the findings of scientific research in the light of the Word of God.

Christian businessmen do not enjoy being set apart from their fellows in the business world. So there is pressure to conform to the habits and ethics of other businessmen.

We need not labor the point further by discussing the

temptations which confront the student, the housewife, the factory worker, the industrialist to be more concerned about being respectable in the eyes of neighbors, acquaintances and friends than about doing right in the eyes of God. How often fear of men's opinions shuts our mouths when we should speak, and withholds the gospel leaflet we should give out.

We need only to remember Peter's words: "We ought to obey God rather than men," and Paul's admonition: "Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God;" together with the instructions of our Lord Jesus Christ: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

—Donald M. Taylor

CONCERNING CRITICISM

Letters of Interest receives many letters from its readers. Recently we have published a few of them. As can be expected some are complimentary and some are critical. We are neither flattered by the former nor discouraged by the latter. It is regarding the latter we would like to make some comments. Our purpose is to serve the Lord and in an honest effort to do this we must let the chips of criticism fall where they may. Many years ago as a boy the writer read in a Boston newspaper an editorial sharply criticizing a competitor and in boyish concern mentioned this to an older brother. His reply has never been forgotten. "Son," he said, "a newspaper that cannot stand criticism is not worth its salt." So we do not mind it either; in fact we expect it and seek by the grace of God to learn and profit by it.

Having said this we would like to point out that there is a great responsibility resting on those who would take the role of critic upon themselves. We are dealing with things that concern the glory of God; therefore, one must have a single eye for this. There must be a sound basis to start with. Too often personal ego prompts our efforts in this direction. Too often also prejudice nurtured by tradition prompts hasty replies of a critical nature.

When we hear or read that which is contrary to what we have always believed to be the truth of God our first reaction should be to pause and consider earnestly in the presence of God what is really His mind concerning the matter. Many of us were taught in our early days of assembly life much that we thought was Bible truth but which, as we become more mature in the things of God, we found to be the interpretations of man bound by tradition. We would not impugn the motives of the men of God who taught us. We never cease to thank God for them and we revere their memory. But we have learned that in some matters they were mistaken.

Another point we would like to make is that criticism to be of profit must be given in the spirit of meekness. There must be the realization that even after much meditation and prayer it is possible that we ourselves have come to a wrong conclusion. Such is the poverty of our own mind

and heart. Some of us have learned after much experience how possible it is to be completely wrong after being positively certain we were right.

One final word. When we come to the conclusion that we are justified in making a criticism either verbally or in writing, let us remember the admonition, "speaking the truth in love." What a temptation there is in the natural heart to raise ourselves on a pedestal and look down censoriously on those we esteem to be wrong; pitying their ignorance and desiring to put them in their place instead of reaching out to them in love, desiring only to endeavor to "teach them the way of the Lord more perfectly."

—Charles S. Howard

THE BOOK GOD GAVE US

It is very easy to treat the Bible lightly, especially when inexpensive copies of the Bible can readily be obtained in such stores as Woolworth's. Because it has always been easy for most of us to secure a Bible we are tempted to be careless in our handling of it. However, we should constantly remember the words found in Joshua 1:8: "This

book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth, but ye shall meditate on it day and night, that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it."

To a great extent many of us have forgotten how much suffering and sacrifice others have gone through in a former day that we today may enjoy the Word of God in its entirety.

The sacrifice and suffering began in the heart of God Himself, "who so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." God gave and Christ died in order that there might be a gospel to believe. This spirit of sacrifice continued in the lives of many devoted Christians, who refused to tone down their message or be silenced by threats or intimidations. It meant so much to them that they insisted on bringing the life-giving gospel to others. They realized the responsibility placed upon them by the Lord: "I have given them Thy Word," and in face of death itself they stood true to the Word of God.

Now the Word of God is in our hands to read, to study, to obey and to pass on to others. It is a sacred trust. Are we treating it as such?

—J. W. Kennedy

LEXINGTON ASSEMBLY VISITS 1000 HOMES

(See photo on front cover)

A new effort for God in the suburban Boston area of Lexington became a reality in July, 1959, when Christians in this locale began meeting in Countryside Bible Chapel. "Countryside" is the name given to an area of Lexington where many new homes have been built, and is adjacent also to a large housing development in adjoining Woburn. There are no other churches within a radius of one and one-half to three miles, affording great opportunity in the work of the gospel.

Concern for a testimony in Lexington, Massachusetts began several years ago. It developed into a reality in 1959 when a five and a half acre tract of land became available. Families living in the area who were in fellowship with assemblies at Union Chapel (Medford), Payson Hall (Belmont), and Cliftondale Gospel (Cliftondale), joined with the Christians of the Beech Street Gospel Chapel (Cambridge), and built Countryside Bible Chapel.

The chapel (see front cover) consists of a main auditorium with permanent seating for 144, with an adjoining sound-proof nursery. The Sunday school wing contains four permanent classrooms, a kitchen, and an assembly room, and movable partitions are used to create additional classroom space. It is attractively landscaped and the large amount of land affords plenty of scope for future expansion as the Lord directs.

The assembly began meeting in the new building in July, 1959. On September 20 an Open House attracted about 300 neighbors and friends. The following Sunday afternoon 200 gathered for the dedication program, at which time the

aims of the new assembly were given by Mr. Welcome Detweiler. For two weeks Brother Detweiler visited over 200 homes in a follow-up visitation program. Six professed faith in Christ, and valuable contacts were strengthened.

Prior to the opening of the new building a well organized visitation program was put into effect and about 1,000 homes were visited. There have been an encouraging number of interested families and these have been followed up one or more times. The assembly has found that one of its greatest needs is for a consistent effective visitation program carried on by able and willing Christians, manifesting love and concern for the neighborhood families.

A number of the Lord's servants have been a great help and encouragement in various ways. Mr. Henry Petersen helped cultivate the vision for such a move. Messrs. Welcome Detweiler, David Ward, and Joseph Giordano have come for periods of two weeks during the past year in follow-up visitation work.

The greatest opportunity has been in children's and young people's work. An initial DVBS effort brought over 100 children to hear the Word of God. A Friday night children's series has been carried on with encouraging interest, and will culminate this spring with a special week-long series with Mr. Woody Murphy. Christ-centered programs reach the junior high and high school young people. The Young People's Fellowship is held each Sunday at 5:00 p.m. and affords the college age group a time for Bible study and discussion.

A new work for God with an active outreach is spiritually invigorating. It brings

new problems and recurring challenges. But as the Christians daily cast themselves upon God, they are finding it a refreshingly maturing experience. The Christians at Countryside, Lexington, trust that others on the threshold of such a new work will step forth in faith to the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

—Dr. John T. Pollard

MEMORANDUM

Assembly testimonies have been caused much concern of late regarding taxes for which they are liable, as well as taxes for which those in fellowship could be liable. Evasions practiced by organizations and individuals have forced the federal and state governments to adopt strict measures to prevent gross discrimination and provide a more equitable distribution of the burden of taxes. Some feel that certain assemblies may have acted hastily and violated their better judgment in setting up corporations with complicated rules, requirements of membership, dismissal procedure, by-laws, directors, voting, etc.

But the Government has stated that certain requirements must be met if any group desires official recognition in the matters of taxes. As a group that faced this situation in a way they believe is scriptural, an assembly in the South has prepared material outlining procedures and providing forms which may be followed in obtaining recognition without compromising principle. Sets of this material have been furnished to Letters of Interest office and assemblies may obtain same upon written request.

Letters

Edited by W. G. McCartney

JOHN Y. M. AITKEN

1553 Finlay St., White Rock, B. C.

I returned from Bermuda by way of the eastern, central, and western states and several weeks were also spent in Ontario, Canada. Blessing was obtained in the preaching of the gospel to the unsaved.

My home has now been re-established in British Columbia and (D. V.) my future sphere of labor will be to a great extent in western Canada and the western United States. Please pray for fruit.

JOSEPH BALSAM

4011-13th St., Des Moines 13, Iowa

Due to my wife's health I have spent the last three months near home, giving help to assemblies within a hundred mile radius. Visits have been short, but the Lord has blessed the Word.

I am happy to write that my wife makes good progress and we can attribute this only to the goodness of God who has heard the many prayers in our behalf and has been merciful to us.

Right now I am preparing to go into lower Michigan for several weeks of ministry and visitation among the saints. We value prayers for God's leading.

JAMES K. BOSWELL

605 Emery Street, London, Ontario

At Marietta, Silver Lake and London, Ontario, it is grand to see the saints making an impact upon the people in their areas, to the salvation of precious souls. It gives joy to see converts of previous campaigns going on and developing in the things of God. At present I am in New Haven, Conn., and the Lord has given us a very good start. One man was saved the first meeting. In May (D. V.), I will be in Pawtucket, R. I., Schenectady, N. Y., and London, Ontario. Prayer will be greatly valued, too, for the summer work.

VENUS BROOKS

P.O. Box 224, Pembroke, N. C.

Brother O. R. Thompson, for whom prayer was recently requested, "fell asleep" on February 11. The work he was instrumental in beginning goes on quite well. In the will of the Lord a new chapel will soon be opened in the area of his labors. Opportunities abound for preaching the Word, and thus the prayers of the people of God are earnestly coveted.

WILLIAM M. BROWN

6790 N.W. 33rd St., W. Hollywood, Fla.

Most of my time is still being given to the redecorating and remodeling of the chapel facilities. We still need more teachers. One young man who was saved as a result of our work is going to take a class and we are happy to see that he has made such rapid progress. He expects to attend Emmaus Bible School in September, Lord willing.

The meetings in Key West were very successful. Two girls professed to be saved, and seven children are attending Sunday school now. The chapel was filled every night after the first and it was literally packed on one evening.

I expect to be here until July when I go to Norwood Chapel in Chicago for two weeks, then to Pine Bush Camp in New York for two weeks, to Kearny, N. J. for one week, and then back home for another long spell at seeking to further establish the work in West Hollywood.

J. W. BRAMHALL

2309 Commonwealth Ave., Charlotte 5, N. C.

During a recent visit to the assembly at Key West, Fla., the Lord graciously gave a time of spiritual refreshment. The baptism of two believers while there



added to the joy of the assembly and unbelievers were dealt with in regard to their soul's salvation.

Two weeks of ministry on the Lord's return are being held in Winston-Salem, N. C. Much prayer is ascending that the Lord will greatly challenge the affections of His people and awaken the hearts of the unsaved toward this precious and vital doctrine of the Word.

C. E. BULANDER

703 Delamater, Knox, Indiana

We are at present at North Charleston, S. Car., holding meetings for a week. We also visited Savannah, Ga., and Jacksonville, Fla. At Jacksonville we had about three nights of meetings. A young mother was saved. April 10 we started a series of meetings at Ora, Indiana. It is a needy field.

TOM CARROLL

2726 Gaynor Ave., Richmond, Calif.

Last month I had special meetings at Parkside Gospel Chapel, San Francisco. Some boys and girls and young people remained behind for counseling about salvation, and the Christians said they were edified by the ministry.

The work at Richmond is encouraging. It is a time of sowing and watering, but God is giving the endurance to believe the time of reaping will come. We began

our first home Bible class last Thursday night. A number of unsaved pored over the Word with us in the relaxed atmosphere of a living room. We believe this approach has thrilling possibilities.

We are beginning a weekly "shepherd's meeting" at the chapel—a time when the tenders of the flock in the assembly meet to discuss the spiritual needs of the people, pray, and visit. We believe it will help our work here immensely.

WORTH ELLIS

Rt. 1, Box 128, Durham, N. Carolina

I had a week of meetings at Beechwood Chapel in Pittsburgh, Pa., and a time of happy fellowship there with the Lord's people. Also a week was spent in Morgantown, W. Va., where Brother Herman Luhm is serving the Lord. The need for a chapel is rather acute there because of the crowded facilities.

I then had two weeks of meetings at the New Gibsonville Gospel Center. The brethren there have laid a good foundation and seem to have the confidence of the people. Attendance was excellent, interest keen, and we trust a real work was done in the hearts of some.

In Hinton, W. Va., I had meetings April 7 to 17; and at Winston-Salem, April 24 through May 1.

Brethren Welcome Detweiler, Preston Keith and I plan in the will of the Lord to spend a few days early in May in Morgantown, working on the new "Crescent Hills Chapel."

I will be having gospel meetings in Allen Junction, W. Va., beginning May 22.

We will especially appreciate the prayers of God's people concerning our exercise about Florida, and Lakeland in particular, which has been on our hearts for almost two years. Accordingly we are going ahead with plans to move around June 15, if God opens the way.

ARCHIE J. FIELD

c/o Guelph Bible Conf., 485 Waterloo Ave., Guelph, Ont.

I shall be sharing in the management of the Guelph Conference, remaining on the grounds May 23 to September 5, after which I shall be available for Bible teaching and pastoral visiting.

Recently I have been ministering the Word in North Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, and Thessalon, Ontario, and Grand Rapids, Mich., and surrounding assemblies. When not away, I have continued my usual local ministry both publicly and from house to house in Arkona, and neighboring assemblies.

LOUIS J. GERMAIN

444 Bank St., Ottawa 4, Ontario, Canada

God has been pleased to give me improvement in health so that I am able to go from house to house among the Mexicans, distributing testaments, gos-

pels, calendars, and tracts in Spanish and English.

I hope to be here in Albuquerque, New Mexico, until May 15 and then return to Canada for the French work and also work among the many Italians in Ottawa, as I know the Italian language somewhat.

ERNEST GROSS

Box 1113, Greenville, S. C.

We are in the midst of good meetings at Central Chapel, in Des Moines, Iowa, and in spite of heavy snows have had good attendance and attention each night. Saw the first "break" last night and trust we'll see more coming to Christ in the closing three meetings.

JAMES GUNN

432 Hugol Avenue, W., Midland, Ontario

I have ministered the Word in three of the assemblies in Los Angeles during the past three weeks, and likewise at Claremont. After the Welfare Conference for workers among the different homes operated for the assemblies, I shall be returning home.



ELGIE B. JAMISON

320-28th St., S.W., Mason City, Iowa

I am home this week after finishing eight weeks of meetings in La Crosse, Wisc. The Lord gave blessing from the first week. Those reached were outside of the assembly, for which we are thankful. None of the children of the Lord's people were reached, though some were troubled. We closed with a good interest and large attendance and we believe more will be saved later. I also did considerable Sunday school work which encouraged the Christians.

PRESTON KEITH

Zebulon, N. C.

Blessing has been experienced here at Union Hope Chapel, three souls having recently professed faith in Christ. From time to time new ones are seen at the meetings and in visitation many opportunities are found to speak a word.

In our outreach to surrounding areas we had two weeks of gospel meetings in Wilson, N. C., and two young people professed. We were able also to make some contacts with interested Christians who seem to be desirous of going on for God. We have been following up this series with Bible readings in the homes, and while our Bible class has dwindled some numerically we feel that quality-wise God has left us with those who mean business. We covet prayer for this venture in Wilson.

The next few months promise to be busy ones with the resumption of our teenagers meetings here at Union Hope Chapel as well as expected activity in connection with DVBS work, in addition to those things that are already "in the works." The job is of great magnitude, but we have a great God who is able to undertake for us. Praise Him.

T. R. McCULLAGH

411 E. Logan Ave., Guthrie, Oklahoma

I was having meetings in the 12th Street assembly, Kansas City, Kansas, but the weather turned so bad the meetings had to be cancelled. The Lord has blessed the assembly and there is a nice group of believers.

The work at Guthrie, Okla. is doing better. Our Sunday school and Bible class and gospel meeting are growing. The Martindales are doing a good work there. Pray for them.

ERIC McCULLOUGH

1421 Olive St., Cedar Falls, Iowa

Bother Leonard DeBuhr and I had a couple of weeks for the young converts at Stout. They give joy to the saints there.

GEORGE McKINLEY

3175 East 49th Avenue, Vancouver 16, B. C.

I have been at home now for over two months since returning from the Prairies, where I was taken ill, and have since been under the doctor's care. At my last examination he was more pleased with my progress but in the meantime I have to keep in touch with him.

In all these circumstances we seek to know His purposes for us and while I would like so much to be on the way again yet we await the moving of the Cloud.

W. B. MACKIE

6475 Clara Lee St., San Diego 20, Calif.

We have been on the West Coast for over a year now and during that time have been kept busy in San Diego, San Carlos, and Loomis, California; and Portland, Ore.; and Yakima, Wash., where we will be for least two months.



The last week in June and the first week of July we have the DVBS at Grace & Truth Chapel, Portland, Ore., and in the will of the Lord expect to be back in Flint, Mich., by August 1.

H. FREEMAN MARKS

3385 E. 5th Ave., Vancouver, 12, B. C.

My little booklet, "Reminiscences," can now be obtained c/o W. J. Wilson, Bible and Truth Depot, 825 Campie St., Vancouver, B. C. Anyone who wants to ob-

tain a copy or copies from that address or mine can do so.

I am now visiting West View Assembly near Powell River about ten days, speaking in several meetings to the Lord's people and to outsiders. Considering it is a small town the attendance has been encouraging and the messages appreciated.

Recently I was over at Victoria on Vancouver Island helping in some of the assemblies. In one family there has been an outstanding conversion. The father of the family, who was very a hard case, at last after much prayer and personal testimony, has been brightly saved. The Lord allowed him to have a stroke so that he is still in the hospital and slowly recovering. He loves to read a Bible I gave him and now is so keen to speak about the Lord.

DAVID METLER

1001 E. Elbe St., Portales, New Mex.

Brother Abe Hartsenia was here for four days and ministered the Word to us. Our work is growing all the time. Children's classes and visitation in homes prove fruitful. We have found that after a few visits people start coming to our meetings and this is the main reason for our growth.

We are praying with the saints at Olton, Texas, about breaking bread there on Sunday evenings. After meeting with them for the past six months we believe that our Lord would have a testimony there.

Went to Garfield Chapel in Albuquerque recently and then to Espanola, N. M., to visit the brethren there and encourage them. Mr. and Mrs. Nacor Martinez, Box 896, Espanola, New Mexico, would welcome any workers passing their way.

HAYWARD L. MORRISON

3216 Oaklawn Blvd., Hopewell, Va.

We have been much in prayer about the approaching summer's work. The Christians here at the Kenwood Heights Gospel Hall, as well as myself, would like to see a Christian brother or couple, who feel the urge to serve the Lord and who have some free time, come among us for the summer or just as long as the Lord wills. Room and board will be furnished and the Christians will help financially as much as possible.

I will be here part of the time, but there is room for other gift. We are a small group but blessed with harmony and unity. We have been encouraged over a family who are now coming out steadily. We have our reasons to believe that they are saved and pray that they will see the truth of gathering to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

If any brother or a brother and his wife would like to spend their vacation serving the Lord in this capacity, please contact L. P. White, 102 S. 4th St., or myself. I will be happy to hear from such, all in the will of the Lord.

E. B. GODFREY

428 Edna Ave., Penticton, B. C.

In June I hope (D. V.) to go to Alberta. I have been invited to visit some of the outlying assemblies. I would like in the Lord's will to be home again in July and the first week in August we hope to have a "Family Bible Camp" in which I have been asked to help. Then I have an invitation to Prince George and would like (D. V.) to accept that. The Lord is coming soon. May we not be ashamed at His appearing.

HAROLD KESLER

3961 Sherman Dr., Arlington, Calif.

I had two weeks of meetings in Loomis, Calif. The saints just finished their new chapel, and opened with an all-day meeting April 10. I was with the assembly in N. E. Sacramento for Easter and the week following. I am in Colorado Springs for most of the month of May.

T. B. NOTTAGE

3049 Becket Road, Cleveland 20, Ohio

Brother T. B. Nottage was recently released from the hospital here, where he was treated for head injuries incurred in a fall down a flight of stairs.

We wish to thank our many friends for their prayer help. The doctors have advised a complete rest from preaching and all kindred activities for a while. He is now convalescing with relatives in Nassau, Bahamas.

Elim Gospel Chapel

WILLIAM J. OGLESBY

Victoria, Virginia

I conducted one week of children's meetings at the Mascher St. Gospel Hall in Philadelphia, commencing April 3, and the following week at the Magnolia Community Chapel in Magnolia, N. J. On Sunday, April 17 in Richmond, Virginia, I shared in the Easter Conference at the Shurm Heights Gospel Hall.



Here in Victoria we are encouraged as we see new faces in the chapel practically every week. The services are being quite well attended in spite of bad weather. We trust that the warmer spring days will enable us to witness an increase in our Sunday school and gospel meetings especially. In the will of the Lord Brother Robert Crawford of Philadelphia will be with us for two weeks of evangelistic meetings commencing May 1. We will value prayer for this effort.

My brother Bill and I had meetings with the Tabernacle model in Curtis, Detroit. I was at Winnipeg for the Easter weekend conference, and then went on to Pittsburgh for a week of meetings.

PETER PELL

248 Hastings St., Grand Rapids 3, Mich.

My brother Bill and I had meetings with the Tabernacle model in Curtis, Detroit. I was at Winnipeg for the Easter weekend conference, and then went on to Pittsburgh for a week of meetings.

GEORGE T. PINCHES

Pella, Iowa

Our labors are confined to the local assembly. Though it is small we thank God for those neighbors who gather for the gospel, and some for ministry, in the week.

We look to be in Minneapolis in the month of May, in the will of God. The need is great and though it would rejoice our heart to seek to meet some of it, we are not able to manage the nightly demands. Prayer will be welcomed.

(Brother Pinches is approaching his 82nd birthday.)

JOHN RAE

4788 Farmer Road, Honolulu, Hawaii

The assembly has doubled, and the Sunday school and Friday night children's effort is encouraging. We have seen about twelve of our Sunday school children saved. Other doors have opened. But now we must sell, buy, move, build.

Please pray that we know definitely the mind of the Lord as to location and building.

W. ROSS RAINEY

4321 Eichelberger Street, St. Louis 16, Missouri

Recently I was busy with ministry at Yonkers, N. Y., as well as throughout the New York City and New Jersey area. One the highlights of my sojourn in the East has been to visit for the first time three of the Spanish assemblies in the New York City area. I greatly admire the ministry of brethren like Paul Bitler and Louis Montalvo who serve with our Lord in a difficult field, and I feel they are especially worthy of our prayers.



From April 14 through the end of the month I was ministering in Dallas, Texas, including the conference held the week-end after Easter.

ERMAL ROBINSON

Ellan, Virginia

I rejoice in the growth of the meetings here. The brethren are able to carry on a very good testimony in my absence. This has enabled me to visit meetings in nearby Pennsylvania, Maryland, and North Carolina.

We are looking forward to having Brethren Winfrey Howell and Leslie Doby of Durham, N. C., for meetings.

TOMMY STEELE

P.O. Box 7472, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

As we send in this report the elders and deacons are studying the returns from the questionnaire circulated among the saints as to establishing another testimony in Winston-Salem. The seriousness of this matter demands that we move slowly. Christians, please pray that we

will be led of the Lord. A real spirit of harmony continues to prevail throughout the assembly.

We were greatly blessed by the ministry of Brother John Bramhall, March 13 to 25. Please pray for me as I minister the Word in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, June 13 to 19, and for our Daily Vacation Bible School in Winston-Salem, June 20 to 24, which will be conducted again this year by Evangelist Woody Murphy.

WM. WILSON

1955 Orchard Way, West Vancouver, B. C.

In my note to you re my recent visit to the Okanagan Valley, I also stated I would be on Vancouver Island, and here I am instead, forced to a season of rest



at the above address, for the path to the Island was prevented by a forced stay in hospital.

Present information is that I will be prevented from leaving home for yet a month or so, so will try in these days, still to serve, but in another manner, but I trust all in His sacred will.

While in the hospital I had a blessed time, making contacts with others in the large ward of 26 men. Others also in the hospital heard the word of the Lord at my lips, and one contact has to be visited here in the city just as soon as I'm free and able to go.

I can't speak with any degree of certainty, but hope to be on the Prairies again by summer.

RAY ZANDER

Box 7542, Richmond 31, Va.

I am in the Richmond area at present and doing much daily visitation in homes and hospitals.

During the past, the Lord has given much fruit from this work, but at present, it appears to be a time of plowing and planting.

Please join me at the Throne of Grace, that He who alone giveth the increase, may shower us with blessings.

COMMENDATION**Herschel Martindale**

The assemblies at Grace Gospel Chapel and Northside Chapel, Oklahoma City, and Guthrie Gospel Chapel, Guthrie, Okla., commend Brother Herschel Martindale for the work he is doing at Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Brother Martindale, who has moved to Guthrie, has been visiting and helping in the work there with Brother Tom McCullagh, and God is blessing. Several new families are coming and show interest. The above assemblies are in happy fellowship with Brother Martindale in this work.

WITH THE LORD

George Hatherley

Born in Nottingham, England, in 1875, George Hatherley, well-known evangelist, went to be with Christ March 10, 1960. He was saved in Workington, Cumberland, England, in 1905, and was baptized and came into fellowship with Christians gathered in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ at Corporation Road in Workington. Always concerned about spreading the gospel, he conducted cottage meetings for many years.

He moved to Hamilton and Niagara Falls, Ontario, and in 1923, moved to Blasdell and Buffalo, N. Y., where he lived for a number of years.

He was commended to full time work for the Lord in 1925. Going out to the highways and byways each summer, he preached from his "Gospel Trailer." Later he moved to Lawrence, Mass., and was connected with the meeting in Methuen for many years. He did pioneer gospel work in New Hampshire, Vermont and other New England states.

Mr. Hatherley went to live at the Gospel Hall Home at Longport, N. J., for a short time after his wife went "home" in December 1957, but eventually came back to Canada to live with his niece at Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Following a brief illness he was called into the presence of the Lord in his 85th year. The funeral service was conducted by Charles Pinches of Willmott St. Gospel Hall, Niagara Falls, Ontario, and Richard Palmer of Blasdell, N. Y., spoke at the graveside.

R. C. Dalton

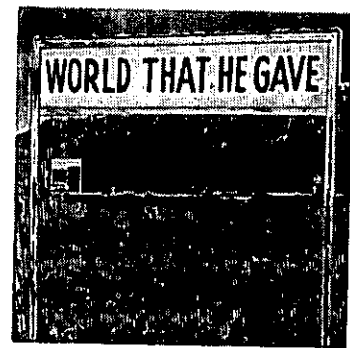
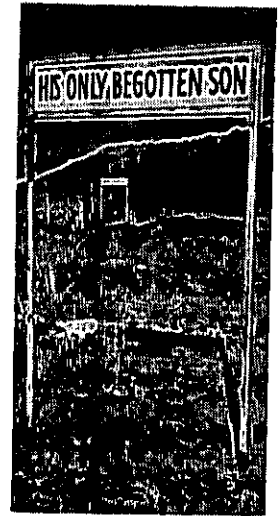
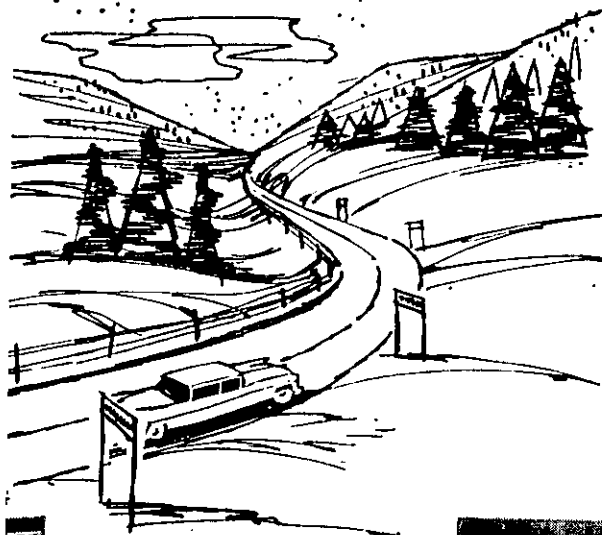
William M. Rae

[Editor's Note: Mr. Rae has been with Christ for more than two years. No previous account of his homegoing has appeared in this publication. This account of his labors was prepared by his daughter Grace Rae.]

William Rae was born in Glasgow, Scotland, November 10, 1869, the mid-year of Queen Victoria's 62-year reign. The family was comprised of his sister and his parents. He often lamented the lack of home life, as his mother had a business of her own and the family went home only to sleep. Because of this he often thanked the Lord for his preservation on the streets of a big city. His mother was a religious woman and saw to it that her children went to church four times on Sunday. In Glasgow Sundays were quiet. Except for the church bells no sounds were heard. The streets were deserted. No buses or street cars ran and few trains. It would have been difficult to get a meal anywhere. Glasgow was almost entirely Presbyterian.

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COLORADO CITY HAS 33 GOSPEL SIGNS.



In Colorado Springs a group of brethren who love the Lord and have a deep concern for those who are strangers to His love and grace have succeeded in placing gospel signs in 33 locations in this city and on the US highways leading to it.

These signs are on private land, conform to highway regulations, and are rent free. There are three types of signs: single signs, sizes 4 by 8 feet, and 2 by 4 feet, and "Burma Shave" style, seven to each set. All have texts on both sides, which are changed by first being turned in their frames and then later are transferred to another location, as all are standardized sizes. This frequent changing keeps the texts fresh and interesting to passersby.

As an illustration of the effect of these signs, a 2' x 4' sign on church property

read "CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS. DO YOU BELIEVE HE DIED FOR 'YOUR' SINS?" As it was about to be changed for another sign the pastor appeared and said he would like to have the present sign remain because the word "YOUR" had begun to stir up many to make the personal connection, "HE DIED FOR MY SINS." Upon being shown the new text, "FLEE FROM THE WRATH TO COME BY BELIEVING IN CHRIST AS YOUR SAVIOR!" he agreed it was a good follow-up sign, and the original sign was relocated across the street from the local Union Labor Hall.

Brother Robert N. Larson, a local contractor, furnishes the materials and various brethren donate labor. Cost is surprisingly low. Bed rails, welded, serve as frames for the "Burma Shave" signs and a complete set probably costs under \$20. The 4' X 8' panels cost around \$15 each. Any inquiries regarding details of construction, placement, etc., may be addressed to Vernon Ruf, 619 S. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, Colo.

Early in 1887 he came under conviction of sin. At this time he was an office clerk, and one of his fellow clerks was saved and no doubt this spoke to him. On February 14, 1887, while sitting at his desk, he drew a tract out of his pocket, and reading it, put his trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. He often referred to this transaction as the time in which he had passed the longest possible distance in the shortest possible time; from darkness to light and from death unto life. Three months after his conversion he began to testify. Sarah, his sister, was saved and later his mother.

At the end of six months he was baptized by Alex. Stewart in Union Hall West Graham St. From then on his world began to expand. The Y. M. C. A. was evangelical in those days, with meetings almost nightly in which Brother Rae participated. He and a young man named Wm. Drysdale worked in the Lodging House Union. Lodgings were four pennies per night with Sunday night free. Pots and pans were provided with the use of hot plates for cooking. They preached in the Reading Rooms and contacted the men privately.

In 1890 he became superintendent of the Bridgiate Mission. Many of the workers were candidates for the foreign field. A doctor had a dispensary and made it available to the candidates for medical training. They held midnight rescue meetings, and Saturday evening tea meetings, for which they charged one penny. There was also door-to-door visitation and open air marches through the Wynds with lamps held high on poles. It was through this work that he met Margaret Brown, who became his wife. Mr. Rae was also connected with the Scottish Branch of the London Evangelization Society, going on week-end trips for them as far away as Aberdeen, Dundee, Greenock, etc. Lord Blantyre, father of Mrs. William Gladstone, was interested in the gospel and built a hall for preaching on one of his estates.

Following this period Wm. Rae became more closely associated with the brethren. His previous work had kept him busy, though he sometimes spoke in their Gospel Halls. In 1895 he came into fellowship in Eglinton Hall; later in Mary Hill, where his oldest child, William Jr., was born. In all, he was associated with the assemblies for 63 years. From here the family moved to Springburn and still later to Shettleston, where he helped to build Shiloh Hall. Here were born his other children: Grace, John and James.

Mr. Rae's outstanding gift as a teacher consisted of his ability to grasp the overall picture of the scriptures. He felt most strongly regarding the unity of all believers and their right, if sound in doc-

trine and clean in life, to sit at the Lord's table.

The Rae family came to Canada in 1911 and after a few months in Toronto settled in Sault Ste. Marie. Finding no suitable place to worship, Mr. Rae began meetings in the Orange Hall and in company with a few believers Bethel Hall assembly was formed; and during his many years of service among assemblies in North America, this remained his first love.

His death came as a result of pernicious anemia. He had attained the age of 88 years and fell asleep on April 7, 1958, at evening. After praying kindly for a visiting friend, he had remarked, "That hymn of my boyhood, 'There is a happy land far, far away' is not so. It is just around the corner."

SISTERS IN THE LORD'S WORK

The Canadian "Workers Together" Clothing Salon was begun in February of 1959 at the home of Mrs. Leonard Chambers, 546 Bellamy Rd., Scarborough, Ont. Mrs. Chambers and Mrs. Alex Brock have continued the work together since then and the Lord has abundantly blessed their efforts. Many Christians throughout Canada have responded and sent clothing, enabling these sisters to meet the needs of many missionaries. But to be really effective this effort should be even more widely known among Canadian assemblies.

The need is for new or nearly new clothing, not used clothing, garments showing wear, or badly soiled garments. Recently some sisters went bargain hunting and sent their findings to the Salon, which is delighted with these articles. If a sister sees a particularly good buy on something she personally has no use for and buys the item and sends it to the Clothing Salon, it will be passed on to a worthy and needy worker.

The Canadian Clothing Salon has been used mainly by Canadian home workers due to the fact that most missionaries pass through New York and are privileged to visit the Clothing Salon in that city. But foreign workers are always welcomed and given as much help as possible. All commended workers are urged to take advantage of the Clothing Salon.

When passing through Toronto workers should make it a point to visit the Salon at 546 Bellamy Rd. in Scarborough, located on the Toronto City bus line, a couple of miles from the 401 highway. If unable to visit, missionaries may advise of their needs by letter. Guidance from the Lord has been given time and again in choosing and sending garments in answer to requests. These sisters long to be of service and rejoice in the Lord's goodness in giving them this ministry. May it be to His Glory.

—Mrs. L. Chambers
—Mrs. A. Brock

IRENE GALLAGHER

117 S. Kern Ave., Los Angeles 22, Calif.

Frances Zavala, age eleven, in the general hospital in a private ward with plenty of time to think, after having heard the Word for weeks, showed special joy in her face. When I asked when she planned on accepting the Lord she replied, "I did a couple of weeks ago." Pray that she will continue to love Him as she does now.

I'm praising the Lord for improvement in the ability of the children in Released Time classes to find scripture references. Also thanks to Him for the interest the Sunday school children are taking in a memorization contest.

Missions Confer About New Congo Government

In view of the new national government taking over control of the Belgian Congo on June 30, two missionary conferences are scheduled in the Congo to consider the future of missions there. John Smart, editor of The Fields and representative of Christian Missions in Many Lands, flew to Africa April 24, and W. T. Stunt, one of the editors of Echoes of Service, Bath, England, also journeyed to Africa for these meetings with missionaries.

The first week's conference is at Nyankunde starting April 30 and the second conference is scheduled for May 10-12 at Elisabethville in the south Congo.

Prayers of the Lord's people are solicited for the outcome of these conferences, and especially for the new Congo government and the future of the work of evangelical missions under its rulership.

CORRESPONDENT'S CHANGE OF ADDRESS

LEXINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Countryside Bible Chapel
S. B. Jackson
1176 South Street
Tewkesbury, Mass.

ROCKY POINT, Long Island, N. Y.

Bethany Chapel
Albert G. Hallock
22 Jacobsen St.
Huntington, N. Y.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE

ZEPHYRHILLS, FLORIDA

Gospel Chapel, 4th Ave., & 8th St.

Breaking of Bread—Lord's Day at 9:30 a.m.

NEW ADDRESSES

Archie J. Field
c/o Guelph Bible Conference Grounds
485 Waterloo Avenue
Guelph, Ontario

George McKinley
3175 East 49th Avenue
Vancouver 16, B. C.

COMMENDATION

Miss Sally Deans

The assembly at Lombard, Illinois, writes regarding Miss Deans, "We commend to you our sister in Christ, Miss Sally Deans, who having heard the Lord's call to His service in Nyankunde, Belgian Congo, desires to serve Him there.

"Miss Deans has been in fellowship with the Christians at the Lombard Gospel Chapel for the past four years and has shown a keen interest in all assembly activities. She has been faithful in fulfilling all her responsibilities during this time. Her godly walk has commended her to one and all in the assembly.

"Therefore, after prayerful consideration, we heartily and without reservation commend Miss Deans to His service in the Belgian Congo."

The letter is signed by six of the brethren. Sally is the daughter of Wm. A. Deans of the Congo.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Doolan

The Christians at Bethel Hall, Brantford, Ontario, have commended to the Lord's work in Angola, Africa, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Doolan. Mr. Doolan has been a great help to that assembly in the Sunday school, among the young people, and in ministering the Word.

Mr. Doolan's home assembly, at Victoria Street, Blackburn, England, is very happy about Mr. Doolan's decision and gives whole-hearted support.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Boyd Nicholson

The two Assemblies of Christians meeting in the Pelham Road Gospel Hall and the Queenston Street Gospel Hall, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada, commend to the Lord and to His people Mr. and Mrs. J. Boyd Nicholson for work in the Belgian Congo.

They write: "Our brother is particularly exercised about helping in the printing and publishing work, and as opportunity presents itself, to engage in ministry and gospel work. He is well qualified for the publishing work, having had extensive experience in printing; he is a commercial artist, has edited several papers, and has assisted with the publication of an assembly ministry magazine. He also holds a commercial pilot's license. Our sister's exercise is in connection with the orphanage work there. From correspondence they have had with those already serving in that area, it is apparent that the workers there would be happy to avail themselves of the help of our brother and sister."

The letter is signed on behalf of the two assemblies by eleven brethren.

Miss Virginia White

The Christians of the Glenn Avenue Gospel Chapel of Winston-Salem, N. C., write: "We heartily commend Miss Vir-



Edited by Charles S. Howard

ASBURY PARK, NEW JERSEY

The Asbury Park Assembly continues to hold the Breaking of Bread services at First Avenue in the Solarium on the Boardwalk at 10:30 Lord's Day mornings.

Bible study and prayer meetings are Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. at the home of the correspondent, Alec Gibson, 30 Pitman Ave., Ocean Grove.

All believers are cordially welcome to these services.

CARPENTERSVILLE, ILLINOIS

Meadowdale Gospel Chapel

We praise the Lord for the evidence of several boys and girls accepting Christ this season in our youth clubs. A wonderful feeling of unity exists at the Chapel. Brother Charles Clohsey's visitation efforts were quite fruitful, and we trust our follow-up will be the same.

FAIRVIEW, NOVA SCOTIA

Fairview Bible Chapel, cor. Willat St. & Frederick Ave.

We opened the chapel in March and had a very happy time. The Christians gathered in for a weekend conference from several of the assemblies in this area and some of the local people came in to the gospel meetings. The work is still to be done to reach this people but the Lord is able.

—D. R. Lennox

GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA

Garden Grove Gospel Chapel, 11236 Dale St.

At a recent meeting William Whitney was appointed program chairman for the assembly. Evangelists, teachers, and missionaries who are to be in the area should address him at 562 North Century Drive, Anaheim, California.

Any other correspondence should be directed to our secretary: Mr. Homer C. Thom, 9092 Washington Ave., Westminster, California.

ginia White to the Lord's work. We believe she has an exceptional gift to work with children. For the past fifteen months she has been a tremendous help to Mr. Eugene Hollingsworth with the children's work at the Pittsboro Home. Formerly she was in happy fellowship at the Gospel Chapel for approximately ten years. Since she was a teacher in the public school as well as a Sunday school teacher while living in Winston-Salem, she gained valuable experience and now is certainly an asset to the Pittsboro Home."

The letter is signed by eight brethren.

We are presently looking to the Lord for guidance in the construction of an auditorium with capacity for 300. Your fellowship in prayer will be appreciated.

—Bruce E. Merritt

GUTHRIE, OKLAHOMA

The work here at Guthrie goes on with some encouragement for which we praise Him who "always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savor of His knowledge by us in every place."

Brother McCullagh is presently away in meetings in Kansas City. We miss him much when he is gone.

—Herschel Martindale

PEMBROKE, NORTH CAROLINA

Good News Chapel is well on the way toward completion. Brethren from Durham, N. C., in conjunction with brethren from Pembroke Gospel Hall and Preston Gospel Hall have diligently labored to this end. We hope to occupy these new quarters soon. Weather conditions have delayed progress in construction, but it is from our God and we wait for Him!

ROCKY POINT, LONG ISLAND, N. Y.

Bethany Gospel Chapel

During the past year we have been greatly encouraged by the growth of our Bible school, due to visitation. Attendance has averaged over 30 throughout the past winter, many parents being reached by invitation to special services, and their attendance has been gratifying. There is a definite need for dedicated believers to help with both teaching and ministry, and also with transportation of the children, who live within a three-mile radius of the chapel. Our school could be increased if these needs could be met.

We were recently refreshed by the ministry of Brother Robert W. Fenty of Anchorage, Alaska, and by precious fellowship with him and his family. His remarks were effectively illustrated with films of his work.

Some of the brethren devote a day each week to the decorating of the chapel, so that much progress may be noted.

—Albert G. Hallock

SUMMIT, NEW JERSEY

We recently enjoyed a visit by Mr. Robt. Fenty and family, which came at the conclusion of a series of meetings with Mr. David Leatham. While attendance was not large, the hearts of the saints were refreshed.

TUCSON, ARIZONA

Bethany Bible Fellowship

After prayer, surveying and planning, Bethany Bible Fellowship on April 3 moved to a new location, in the heart of three new subdivisions. More than 600 new families live within a half mile radius of Hudlow School, totaling a pop-

ulation of about 2,400, more than half of them grade school youngsters. There is no church within a mile.

Transfer is further recognised as being practical since in the present location population growth is static and limited. Most of our families now live in other areas; and several other church groups have come.

The Christians of Bethany Bible Fellowship began breaking bread January 1958. The testimony is an outgrowth of the Bible Chapel Assembly. The work was pioneered in October 1954 by Earl and Janet Mowen, along with a handful of dedicated teenagers. It started as a Family Bible Hour meeting in the Brown School on East Pinna Street. The sprawling and burgeoning desert city presented a challenge to the small group, which enjoyed the commendation and prayers of the home meeting. With the Lord's blessing, the Family Bible Hour has grown to a record attendance of 90. Souls have been saved and others brought to assurance and understanding so that over 25 are now remembering the Lord.

During the summer of 1957 Homer and Mardy Grob, former missionaries to the Philippines, were led of the Lord to assist in the Brown School testimony.

Since his return from Canada last fall, Stuart Wilson has been helping out in the Bible Hour and midweek Bible Study.

Wes and Mary Grimes also joined this witness for the Lord last fall, coming from the Children's Home in Colorado Springs. Wes is doing a fine work among the young people. Various ministering brethren and missionaries have given help and encouragement to the Fellowship. Abe Hartsema ministered during his recent stay in Tucson.

The Bible Hour Bus will continue to pick up passengers in the Brown School area as well as around the outskirts of the new location.

Aware that a modest but respectable chapel of our own will greatly enhance the witness and growth of the testimony, we are keeping up our building fund. Our earnest prayers are that God will give favor in regard to an excellent chapel site on a main thoroughfare only two blocks from the school. Pray with us!

—Homer P. Grob
—Earl B. Mowen

WESTERLY, RHODE ISLAND
Gospel Hall, 111 West Broad Street

When we resumed our Friday evening meetings for young people last fall we had only six young men. But little by little the work has grown and we now have 40 young people ranging in age from twelve to seventeen and most of them unsaved. One has professed faith in Christ.

What a privilege and a responsibility these young lives present. Pray for us.
—John C. Kennedy

MISSIONARY SLIDES AVAILABLE

A lending library of missionary slides, complete with script, is maintained by Wm. N. Bush, 1000 Sherlock Drive, Burbank, California. (See listing below.) Requests for slides should be sent in time so that they can be sent by first class mail rather than by air mail, and requests should include a first and second choice to avoid disappointment.

Mr. Bush will be glad to incorporate into his library sets of slides sent him that cover work in other lands, or pioneer or special work of interest in this country. There should be at least fifteen slides in a set, they should tell a complete and continuous story of the work, and the script should tie the set together in an interesting way.

MISSIONARY SLIDES WITH TYPED SCRIPT AVAILABLE FOR LOAN

OLDER SETS

1. Natal, South Africa	20 slides	Ken Fleming
2. Formosa	32 slides	Conrad Baehr
3. Honduras	41 slides	W. Tidsbury
4. Philippine Islands	16 slides	Ken Engle
5. Dominican Republic	20 slides	James Cochrane
6. Belgian Congo—Replaced by four later sets—See below		
7. Ecuador, East and West Jungle	105 slides	Pete Fleming, Dee Short, Ed McCully, Jim Elliot Very short script
8. Ecuador, "Mid-Century Martyrs"	100 slides	Selected by Missionary Avia- tion Fellowship on Martyr- dom of Five Missionaries. Includes Sound Tape by Radio Station H. C. J. B. of Quito. Also has typed script.
9. Jerusalem and Vicinity—Complete script	16 slides	Harry Medrow
10. Nazareth and Vicinity—Complete script	18 slides	Harry Medrow
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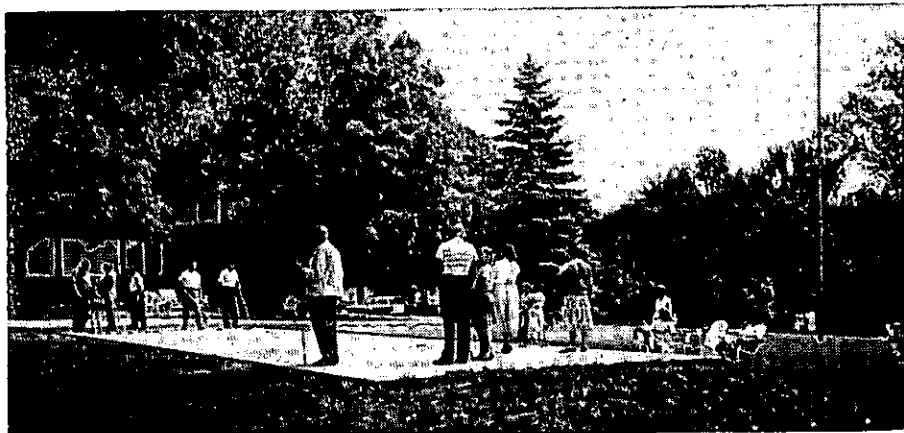
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by John Small

There have been a few changes in the work since our last report in November, 1958. We still have three Bible Hours each Sunday, and two midweek meetings, one for teen-agers and the other for prayer and Bible study. Bob Johnston (Martin Road, Detroit) has left us for a tour of duty in the Navy, but the Lord graciously replaced him and his wife by exercising the hearts of Ken and Arlene Hill (Chicago and Sturgis) to join us in the work. The move meant personal sacrifice for them, but they are happy to be active in the gospel. Ken is a Rock High School graduate, and his testimony among his friends here is Christ-honoring.

Another of the changes in the past year has to do with the building situation. At Forsyth we have been renting an old store, it being a more central location than the Bible Camp Crafts Cabin. However, the building is difficult to heat, and tenants upstairs are not too sympathetic with the work. Recently one of the local Christians offered a 200' x 200' lot to the assembly for a gospel hall. This property is about a quarter mile from town on a paved road, and is directly across from the Upper Peninsula Bible Camp entrance. It is our plan, therefore, to move an old schoolhouse to this lot and fix it up, as the Lord leads. Two new families have been attending regularly since Christmas, and we have an average of 30 in the Forsyth Sunday School.

The people of Turin kindly donated the use of the public school for our Bible Hour in their community. It is much more convenient than the little place we had been using; warmer, with indoor plumbing, and separate rooms for the different age-levels. We regret that there are no adults coming, the oldest in attendance being 17. If we ever build in Rock, we will combine the two groups, and maybe reach more parents that way. At present, we have about twenty young people regular at Turin.

A chapel in Rock could increase attendance. There are between 60 and 70 crowding into our living room, two dozen of them adults, mostly unsaved. The Lord provided a corner lot for a chapel, and we have been encouraged of late to build, through gifts from assemblies and individuals near and far. We would appreciate prayer-help, that we may move according to His clear directing. "Except the LORD build the house, they labor in vain that build it" (Psa. 127:1).

Three of the 24 young people who went from Sunday schools to Bible camp professed faith in Christ, and six children trusted in the Savior at our VBS. The Christians who were baptized a little over a year ago are going on well. We are especially encouraged by the progress

of one of them, Gerald Hill. He and his wife are a clear testimony to the Christ who satisfies, and he takes an active part in two of our Sunday schools.

For eight months of last year I broadcast over a local radio station on Sunday mornings. The "write-in" response was poor, but quite a few personal contacts opened up, and we are still following through with some of them. Other sound gospel ministry is available over local stations, and since we felt under pressure for time in preparing scripts, we decided to give it up.

Speaking at funerals and visiting in homes have proved to be good ways of reaching people. I've been able to spend an evening a week with the parents of a Sunday school pupil ever since we dropped radio work.

Opposition from a local denominational group is still evident. We have lost two fine Christian girls through the interference of misinformed parents. One goes on, but the other girl seems to be backsliding. We covet the prayers of the Lord's people for the work and the workers in this part of Michigan's upper peninsula.

CYRIL SHONTOFF
722 Argyle Ave., Sherbrooke, Que.

Brother Roger DuPont and I had a very enjoyable and profitable time in southern Louisiana using the French Open Air Campaigners van among the French-speaking population. The Lord gave many doors to preach the gospel and three souls indicated their desire to be saved. Meetings ranged from open-air services, through mission and bayou meetings, cottage meetings, and visitation among the French and the Indians. We also had French radio broadcasts, one prison meeting and two high school meetings.

Upon returning to Quebec we had fifteen requests for French New Testaments in Sherbrooke. We have been delivering these and visiting some of the interested contacts. We trust that the Lord will touch some of these and they will come through for Him.

On the legal side, our lawyer has advised us that the city of Sherbrooke will not press charges unless otherwise forced to do so and we trust this may mean the opening of the door in Sherbrooke for open air meetings.

**PIONEERING
TODAY**

EDITED BY DONALD M. TAYLOR

Six Into Three

For the past several summers we have combined the July-August issues of the magazine to give us a little breather and opportunity for uncrowded vacation.

This year we are planning to reduce the summer and fall issues to three: May-June, July-August, September-October. We also are eliminating four pages from this edition.

Why?

Never have we had a heartier response to the magazine and to our annual survey by way of both comment and contribution. Never before have so many mentioned the value to them of the editorials. But sharply increased circulation, with increased cost of printing, mailing and postage have boosted expense to a point that has demanded temporary curtailment.

By November or possibly even sooner, the Lord enabling, we expect to resume monthly publication.

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We thank the Lord for the privilege and opportunity of having 167 boys and girls in our care since the opening of the home thirteen years ago.

During 1959 fourteen children were admitted to the home, while twelve were discharged. Of the twelve who left us, eight had professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior, two having been baptized and received into assembly fellowship. At the present time there are 23 boys and girls in the home.

This year has again been blessed by the presence and help of many volunteers. Without the interest shown by these friends of the Home it would indeed be difficult to carry on this ministry.

It is now almost three years since Ebenezer Cottage housed its first family of boys. We have found this foster type home to be invaluable for the care of our young people. Our hope to acquire suitable property for use as our girls' cottage has been realized and necessary approvals have been secured to ready it for occupancy. We rejoice in the goodness of God for permitting us to expand this phase of our program.

We covet your earnest prayers that the Lord will meet our staff needs for this year in His own perfect way and time. Currently there is a need for house-parents for the boys, foster parents for the new girls' cottage, a Christian social worker and a full time maintenance man.

—Richard B. Matthews, Supt.

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA Christian Canteen

Robert Fenty and family were in Colorado Springs, Colo., during April on their way up the Alaska highway back to Anchorage.

They were able to observe and share in the work among servicemen at the Christian Canteen in Colorado Springs over a period of four days, including the weekend, which should be helpful to them as they undertake similar work in Anchorage soon after their return to Alaska.

W. M. DAWES

1468 Columbia Ave., Trail, B. C.

I am kept busy in the Trail-Rosland area. My time is spent between the two assemblies of this district. Much of the work is of a pastoral nature, also giving help in the gospel, ministry for saints, and visitation.

We have recently had some splendid children's meetings with Brother Lionel Hunt. A large number professed to be

saved. I am presently very busy in follow-up work.

Lord willing we will be directing the Silver Birches Bible Camp again this summer. This is the camp's 22nd year. There have been many trophies of His grace and we look to Him for continued blessing.

IOWA BIBLE CAMP AND CONFERENCE

The fourth season of Iowa Bible Camp is planned, in the will of the Lord, for June 19. to 24, beginning Sunday with registration at 3:00 p.m., and ending with the noon meal on Friday, the 24th.

Camp site is "Covenant Bible Grounds," Twin Lakes, Iowa, 25 miles west of Fort Dodge, between Rockwell City and Pomeroy, on the west side of North Lake.

Last summer 200 attended, and blessing from the Lord was evident. In the three years since Iowa Bible Camp began, many have found Christ as Savior, and of these a good number are going on for the Lord. Ages are 9 to 14 for the Senior camp. Wm. Morgan, Atlantic, Iowa, will be in charge of the Junior camp and John Montgomery of Des Moines, the Senior camp.

Any one desiring further information please write Karl J. Pfaff, 2613 S. Martha, Sioux City 6, Iowa. Only the first 200 applications will be honored, so we urge all who plan to attend to get in their applications early.

LOWER PENINSULA BIBLE CAMP Jones, Michigan

Though we had considerable snow and new snow warnings were broadcast for March 5, there was an excellent turnout at our regular camp business meeting. Interest was high and many new ideas were offered, some of which are already being followed up.

Colored slides of camp are available. We would like to have the privilege of telling the camp story and showing these slides to you.

Some of the speakers expected this summer are Joe Balsan for junior boys; E. Gross for junior girls; Jas. Boswell for senior boys and girls; Dan Smith for Youth Camp; and W. F. Naismith and Ronald Hogan for the Labor Day Conference.

—J. H. Herbert Meeks

SILVER BIRCHES BIBLE CAMP

Located on Lower Arrow Lake near Robson and Castlegar, B. C., this youth camp, now in its 22nd year, is sponsored by assemblies in Trail and Rosland, and this year is under the leadership of Mr.

and Mrs. W. M. Dawes. Program includes sports and handicrafts, Bible exploration, swimming and boating. Camp for boys 8 to 15 is held this year August 1 through 10, a Camp for boys and girls 8 to 11 is scheduled for August 10 through 19, and a Camp for girls 8 to 15 is planned for August 22 through 31. In addition a Teen Camp will be held over the Labor Day Weekend. Camp Registrar is D. F. Rice, Box 1222, Rosland, B. C.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir:

Never mind if people criticize your magazine and complain about the new size. You cannot please everyone! So please God about it, and let the rest go! For my part the size makes very little difference. I enjoyed the small size, and greatly enjoy the larger size. In fact, I enjoy LETTERS OF INTEREST in any size! It is like the little girl whose pet kitten died. When her little brother suggested getting a new kitten for her, she burst into tears and sobbed: "Oh no, no, no! I don't want another! It was the inside of my kitty that counts!" I feel like that about your magazine.

Dorothy Mabel Gray
Cordoba, Argentina

Comment: What more could we ask for from readers than a letter like this once a month—unless it might be acknowledgment from some several thousand who neglect to write.

Dear Sir:

May I suggest that a line of truth which is neglected even more than "Church Truth" is "Family Truth"—the whole range of truth concerning Christian marriage, family life, hospitality, and the Christian home. The subject is at least as prominent in the Word of God as is the subject of the Church. And unless Christian households and families are functioning according to God's plan assemblies will be incapable of doing so. For one thing, leadership and public service in the assembly, as carried on by elders and deacons, requires men who are competent householders, those zealous in teaching the Word to their own families. If Christian householders paid due heed to the instructions of I John, false teachers would rarely find their way into the assembly and, if they heeded III John, godly teachers and preachers of the Word would never suffer from lack of hospitality.

Those around about us may rarely observe what goes on in our meeting rooms, but they do take careful note of what goes on in our homes.

Dr. J. W. McMillan
Belgaum, India

Comment: The duty of local churches is not to uphold one line of doctrine to the neglect of others, but to hear, observe and teach the whole counsel of God. Family life is the foundation for assembly testimony.

Dear Sir:

There is room for an assembly in this city of 6,000. There are one or two young families here with assembly background and we have been praying that God would send an elder brother here to pioneer this city and lay the groundwork for a meeting in His Name alone.

D. M. Ross
Box 3905, Grand Prairie, Alta.

Comment: It will be good if a wise, able, godly older brother goes in response to this prayer; but it may be that the Lord will use these younger men already in Grand Prairie to develop a testimony. There are hundreds, even thousands of such places in Canada and the U. S. where spiritual young people—older ones, too—could take employment, set up homes and be used of the Lord to establish a testimony to His name.

Dear Sir:

The accounts in LETTERS OF INTEREST continue to be a great help to us as we are continually looking for new ideas to help propagate the precepts and principles of scripture. I also appreciate your tactful handling of difficult subjects in the editorials.

Dr. John T. Pollard
Lexington, Mass.

Comment: Thank you. May the Lord give us more wisdom to be more helpful through earnest waiting on Him.

BOOK REVIEW

IN HIS NAME by John S. Robertson. Pub. by Food For The Flock Committee, 853 Bloor St. W., Toronto, Canada. 100 pages, \$2.00

This is a painstakingly accumulated history of assemblies meeting in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in Toronto and vicinity over the past century, with the earliest record coming from 1862.

The author, who has for many years been in fellowship at Central Gospel Hall, is concerned chiefly with its activities and the activities of those missionaries, workers and companies going out from Central. He has done a very thorough job of research. His occupation has been largely with early days and with beginnings.

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Letters

OF INTEREST



Top, Welfare Conference Group at Claremont, California, which met to discuss care of aged and children in assembly homes. Bottom, Grace Christian Home, Sherbrooke, Quebec, for older Christians (see stories on inside front cover)

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WELFARE WORKERS CONVENE AT CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA

By Wilbur S. Claus

On the principle that "In a multitude of counselors there is safety," Christians from assemblies in the U. S. and Canada, interested and active in the care of children and the aged, met at the Claremont Gospel Chapel, Claremont, Calif., April 1 and 2, for a two-day conference. The program consisted of addresses, reports, and lectures from Mr. James Gunn, Elm Home, Midland, Ontario; Mr. Frank Faulkner, El Nathan Home, Marble Hill, Mo.; Mrs. Arnold Mattice, registered nurse and nutritionist, Oshawa, Ontario; Dr. Sterling G. Pollocks, M. D., Los Angeles; Mr. R. B. Matthews, Adelaide Christian Home for Children, Culver City, Calif.; Capt. John Barlow, New York, and others.

Panel discussions on such matters as pre-admittance of the aged, administration of homes for elderly saints, and related topics were active and fruitful. It was the unanimous opinion that all persons seeking admittance to an assembly home should be in reasonably good mental and physical health, and that such information should be so conveyed in a letter or certificate from a recognized physician, who is in sympathy with Christian ideals. It was pointed out that all applications should be considered in the light of the prevailing legal or welfare regulations.

In discussing the administration of homes for senior Christians, it was suggested that numbers should not exceed 30 to 35, and that the fellowship among the residents should be like that of a Christian family, with a family altar, a minimum of rules and regulations, varied activities and projects, etc.

The emotional and psychological needs of the aged were thoroughly explored and discussed and it was noted that through visitation, writing of letters, and in other practical ways, younger Christians can be of service and blessing to these saints. What constitutes good nutrition was well presented by Mrs. Mattice. Another topic of interest was the matter of inducing young Christians to assume responsibility toward the aged and to work on the staffs of the various homes.

The needs, problems, and responsibilities of children's homes were likewise reviewed. In brief, it appeared that all the principles set forth as to homes for senior Christians were also applicable to children's homes.

All who participated in and attended the conference felt the meetings were informative, inspirational, and of blessing. A committee composed of James Gunn, Frank Faulkner, Will Pell, Ernest Little, and Will Simpson are to plan (D. V.) another Welfare Conference for 1961.

ADELAIDE CHRISTIAN HOME FOR CHILDREN 5441 Overland Ave., Culver City, Calif.

In the will of God, our new girls' cottage will open this summer with Mr. and Mrs. Lou Morris of Phoenix, Arizona, as foster parents.

Mr. Walter Elliott, of Toronto, the first part of June assumed maintenance responsibilities and we are very grateful for this.

The Lord has led us to a Christian social worker who will serve well in this capacity. We have not yet definitely secured her services but it would seem that this is of the Lord.

We rejoice to see evidences of the Spirit's work in the lives of a number of our children of late and trust it will result in salvation and devoted lives.

We still need a couple to work with our boys and would appreciate prayer that the Lord will meet this vital need soon.

GRACE CHRISTIAN HOME COMPLETES ITS SECOND YEAR

(See photo on front cover)

Grace Christian Home is sponsored by Grace Chapel Assembly in Sherbrooke, Quebec, an assembly affiliated with the Christian Brethren Church in the Province of Quebec. During 1959 it was directed by a committee selected by members of the assembly and responsible to them, including Dr. W. J. Klinck, chairman, A. J. M. Reynolds, W. R. Langley, H. A. Welch, Miss Clair Bernard, R. N., Matron, Miss Sylvia Carson, R. N., Mrs. H. Munkittrick, and Mrs. W. J. Klinck.

Several additions and improvements were made to the home during the past year, most notable being the new staff house, which, besides providing essential comfort for those whose devoted service makes the home possible, has made it possible to receive three more residents into the home.

The main building of the home now accommodates 22 residents, and two more can be housed in the cottage. In addition there are guest rooms in the basement, which we have been able to put at the disposal of visitors coming from a distance.

During the year several of the Lord's servants have visited the home and their presence and ministry were much appreciated by both residents and staff.

After an 18-month period of no breaks in the family, four of our residents were called into the Lord's presence in the closing months of the year. We keenly feel their loss, but, since each was trusting the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation, we know that they are in that better home that He has prepared.

EL NATHAN DIRECTORS MEET

The board of directors of El Nathan, Inc., met at Marble Hill, Mo., on Saturday, April 30, 1960.

There are ten people in the home at the present time, including Mrs. Bollinger, and Miss Minna Gene Bollinger, the superintendent.

There is a real need for some married couple who would like to serve the Lord, to come to the home, where the man could work about the grounds and his wife help in the preparation of meals, etc.

Present housing facilities are not good. There is too much climbing of stairs, and we would like to build a ground level building which would be designed to save work and eliminate flights of stairs.

It is suggested that inquiries concerning the home should be addressed to Miss Minna Gene Bollinger, Supt., El Nathan Home, Marble Hill, Mo.

—E. T. Sandeen

CHRISTIAN HOME FOR CHILDREN, INC. 6 W. Cheyenne, Colorado Springs, Colo.

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Our primary purpose is to teach these youngsters that our Lord Jesus Christ is the only Savior. It would be easy to get professions from all our children, but we want to see genuine repentance and genuine conversion resulting in transformed lives. This is God's work and we are simply vessels in His hands to teach the gospel by word and example.

Those who are really saved are encouraged to follow the Lord in believers' baptism. All of us on the staff are personally convinced of gathering to the Lord in a New Testament way and thus are concerned about teaching these principles as well to those who manifest life in Christ. This requires divine wisdom.

These things I am sure underscore our need for the prayers of Christians.

—Robert W. Sawyer

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Many Saved During Bancroft Gospel Series

Some two years ago Brother Robert McLaren, Jr., had occasion to come to Bancroft (Ontario) to pick up a tent. As it was the regular prayer meeting night, he joined us, bringing a message from the Word. He was invited to return, and, the Lord opening the way, began special meetings in January, 1960 with Douglas Robinson. A small advertisement was inserted in the local paper and the hall was almost filled from the start. Meetings were held each Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday night.

Every morning at 6:00, the brethren met for prayer in the basement of the hall and the sisters in the main auditorium. These were times of heart searching and real liberty in prayer and they continued throughout the ten weeks of the campaign.

Christians who had grown cold were restored and a good number of unsaved professed faith in Christ. As the meetings continued numbers increased, and people from the surrounding country came in. Our brethren were able to visit many homes, and there, too, the Lord blessed. The young people put their shoulders to the work, using their talents and gifts in music and testimony. Numbers of them rededicated their lives to the Lord. Brother Bob McLaren was able to start a weekly broadcast over radio station CHEX in Peterborough. This program, "Glad Tidings Gospel Hour," is one of six which he regularly broadcasts.

Those who professed salvation and restoration numbers over 60, but only eternity will reveal what has been accomplished. It has been the greatest move-



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4. As a service to the Lord's people, to forward gifts to laborers in the gospel as specified by the giver, and to distribute without partiality gifts which are not earmarked for specific workers.
5. To be of service generally to the Lord's people.

Addresses shown with workers' letters are their home addresses, not the places from which the letters may have been written.

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Editors' Page

ELDERS

Judging from reports received from many sources one great lack among the assemblies is the absence of godly men to do the work of elders. It is plainly evident in the New Testament that God's order for His assemblies calls for men fitted by the Holy Spirit to act in such a capacity. Various names are used to describe these men, such as bishops, overseers and elders. These names are interchangeable and describe the varied duties of these men. Compare Acts 20:17 with Acts 20:28 and Titus 1:5 with Titus 1:7. If we are following the New Testament pattern, as we profess we are, we will be careful in each of our assemblies to have men such as these doing the same work today. It is very evident that the New Testament assemblies had a plurality of elders in each local church (Acts 14:23; 20:17; Phil. 1:1; Titus 1:5 and 1 Peter 5:1).

There should be no dispute as to the teaching of Scripture about the matter; instead, there should be much mourning on our part because of the lack of Scriptural elders. It is not our purpose here to go into the qualification, the call or manner of recognition of elders. We trust we will have some teaching in the near future by one of the staff on this matter. Our purpose here is to call attention to the need and to suggest that there should be much exercise of heart among us regarding it. We are not going to mention any of the various plans which are being used to solve the difficulty. Some of them, in our judgment, are sound and practical and some are very unscriptural. We would emphasize again our only purpose at this time is to ask that the matter be considered seriously in all our assemblies. We must have qualified, functioning elders if our assemblies are to continue to be a positive witness for God.

—Charles S. Howard

THE ONLY FOUNDATION

Every normal person builds for eternity whether he plans to or not. The sad fact is, however, that we are not all wise builders. In order to build wisely we must be sure of an adequate and secure foundation. An inferior foundation will cancel out the value of any house built upon it, no matter how well built that house may be. There are many inferior foundations upon which men build their lives, such as love of money, love of worldly pleasure, love of power and love of popularity. To build upon such foundations brings inevitable eternal loss and disaster.

It is, therefore, well to bear in mind there is only one foundation that can be relied on in all kinds of storm and stress, and that is Christ and Him alone. "For other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

If we have built our hopes, faith and loyalty on Him, we shall never falter no matter what difficulties may arise. Not only shall we be safe and secure on this foundation, but we shall have the joy of building upon it only such a structure as will be in harmony with it. May we then,

as the Lord enables us, seek to reflect the pattern of the foundation in that which we attempt to build.

—J. W. Kennedy

FROM AN UNOPENED BOOK

Asked if he had read a certain book, a college teacher exclaimed, "Read it? Why, I haven't even lectured on it!"

He was being facetious. But are we sometimes guilty of speaking on a passage of Scripture which is virtually an unopened book to us?

Oh yes, we have read it through time and again. We have looked it up in one or more commentaries. But have we digested it? Has it entered into our bones? Have we eaten the book? Have we lived it out? Is it a part of us? Is it so our own that no man may defraud us of it? Or might we be readily robbed of it as Littlefaith in Pilgrim's Progress was robbed?

James exhorts us to be doers of the Word and not hearers only, and he warns about the especial accountability of teachers of the Word. If more teachers were like Paul, more hearers of the Word would be doers, for Paul could say: "Those things which ye have learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do."

MEANINGFUL MEETINGS

Reading through the Acts of the Apostles we encounter many meetings of believers and meetings held by Christians for the unsaved. These meetings were varied: some scheduled, some impromptu; for prayer, teaching, preaching of the gospel, etc. But they all had two things in common: they were purposeful and they produced results.

Let us look at several of them to illustrate this. Returning to Jerusalem from the Lord's ascension, the apostles together with over one hundred other disciples met continually for prayer. On the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit was given, according to promise, but also in answer to those prayers. On that occasion a vast multitude was drawn to hear the testimony of the apostles and as Peter preached urgently about 3,000 were saved.

Peter and John, threatened and released by the Jewish council, went to their own company. As these believers prayed unitedly for boldness to speak the Word and for signs and wonders to attest to the power of the Name of Jesus, the place was shaken and the Holy Spirit filled all the believers, and they spoke the Word with boldness; and great power was given to the apostles witnessing to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. Philip preaching Christ to Samaria had the whole city for his audience and many believed. The Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the Word when Peter preached in the house of Cornelius.

When meetings have earnest purpose results follow. But if we meet merely because a meeting is on the calendar and without true purpose it is unlikely that anything will be accomplished. Coming together with real purpose and expectantly in dependence on the Lord should revolutionize many of our assembly gatherings.

—Donald M. Taylor

VINCENT DAVEY

70 St. Maurice Ave., Noranda, Quebec

At Rollet, 28 miles from Noranda and Rouyn, the French-Canadian assembly carries on steadily, although it is not large. The Sunday school and Bible class have an increased attendance. A family of eight recently showed a good interest in the gospel, and we trust to see the father and mother saved. I expect to visit isolated Christians and interested ones again in Temiscouata County, if God permits.

ALLEN C. FERGUSON

440 Linwood Ave., Monrovia, Calif.

A very happy three months of door-to-door visitation was spent covering first as large a territory as possible in one month, leaving a "God's Way of Salvation" and spending as long a time in conversation as possible or profitable. Then each home was revisited twice. Not a day passed without my meeting one or more to whom God had already been speaking. I am able to lead more souls to Christ in one week by door-to-door visitation than I formerly did in a month of meetings. Furthermore, they are souls that as far as our assemblies are concerned have never been given the gospel.

JOHN M. MARTIN

Box 38, Hawkesville, Ontario

During July we are again making a gospel tour along the north shore of Lake Superior, distributing gospel literature and doing open air work. Brethren John Aitkin of Shelburne, Ont., and Leonard Fex of Chapleau, Ont., and I will greatly value prayers. While this is primarily a seed-sowing campaign, we pray that some may be saved and a permanent gospel testimony established in this neglected area.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Christian Fellowship Chapel

The tremendous expansion and growth of the Valley of the Sun, greater Phoenix, presents a real challenge for pioneer work.

Next month will mark the sixth year since a small group began remembering the Lord. For several years we met in homes and rented halls. In the past four years we have had our own chapel that seats 120, plus four class rooms and a small house that we use for living quarters and also class rooms.

The Lord has been blessing of late in the salvation of several souls and new families coming into fellowship. There is the opportunity for another testimony 35 miles east of us. Several families who have previously met with assemblies in the east are now residing there. This effort should be a matter of much prayer.

—Don Archibald

STANLEY T.H. BEASLEY

Burnt Point, Nfld., Canada

God is richly blessing on this isolated and rugged shore. After fourteen years of laboring among these fishing villages God is raising up gift among these unlearned fishermen. I sat back at our last conference on this shore and took part only once, being stirred as they ministered Christ and encouraged one another, as they are all suffering boycotting and persecution for His Name's sake.

After laboring alone the past eighteen months we rejoice in having a helper. Our young brother Sid Rooley, though not fully commended to the Lord's work, has come with the hearty endorsement of Bethel Chapel, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., to help in the Lord's work. He visited for three weeks a year ago, and was so burdened he gave up his job as manager of a shoe department, bought a 3/4 ton carryall bus, and drove down. The saints rejoice in this help, and not a little in having another bus. Stories of our escapades along these cliffs and snow drifts just this winter alone would make a thriller.

It is good to have help in the sorting and distribution of the last 4000 pounds of clothing received. Paul was admonished by Peter, James, and John to remember the poor, which Paul says, "I was forward to do" (Gal. 2:9-10). Thanks to all the saints and sisters' groups who have thus done.

Ten men from this district were on a ship that was crushed by rafting ice and sank at the ice fields on the seal hunt. Three were from Burnt Point. The captain told me how the ice came through the sides of the ship at 3:00 a.m. He put the 40 members of his crew on the ice to tow small dories with their personal gear in across a mile of ice to the nearest ship. But he said the hardest was to see their spring wages go to the bottom as the ship took nearly 4,000 seal pelts down with it.

This, like their simple fishing, is the fight all our brethren put up to make a living. But had you been with us in one meeting when an assembly received ten into fellowship in one morning, almost doubling it, you would know the joy we have as we preach Christ among them. We have had many baptisms and much blessing. Praise His Name, we can say, with all who labor in this tenth province, for the joy of working with these sincere, simple, but God-fearing people.

HOWARD FORBES

189 Burma Street, Arvida, Quebec

In the north, in the Saguenay Lake-St. John region, we continue to be encouraged in that after Brethren Roy Buttery, Charles Eugene Bouliane and I distributed 40,000 pamphlets, in addition to the pamphlets Brother Norman Buchanan is sending to the region, we have received requests for 670 New Testaments, but haven't seen any of these saved as yet.

Two weeks ago we baptized four at Arvida, two of whom were from Chibougamau, 220 miles northwest. The assembly formed at Chibougamau last winter is making good progress, with the Christians assuming their responsibilities in breaking of bread and preaching of the gospel. Since the beginning of the year someone has gone up from Arvida once a month to help and encourage these Christians.

At present I am at Drummondville where four were baptized. Brother Roland Lacombe is quite encouraged with the visits he is making at Sorel about 50 miles away. We had thought to do some colportage work at Actonvale, about 25 miles from here, but some towns have begun putting up signs in English and French forbidding colportage. Brother Lacombe is in favor of proceeding in spite of signs.

After being twice laid aside by severe illness since his arrival from France, Brother Racine is now delivering powerful messages in the French-speaking assemblies. For almost a year Brother Brian Tatford of France has worked hard to develop a better spirit of unity in the French-speaking assemblies and we trust that his efforts, coupled with the powerful ministry of Brother Racine, will bear permanent fruit to the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

W. L. KOSIN

P.O. Box 48, Lander, Wyo.

In the months we have been in this area God has given many assurances that this is the place of His appointment, granting us favor in the eyes of the Indians who are helping us to learn and analyze their language. Though they are remarkably patient, one of them said to me today, "If I were a white man and had all the material you have written down I would know how to put the Indian language together by this time, because I learned to spell and I only went through the fourth grade." He does not stop to realize that he had grammar and spelling books and a teacher who knew what pronouns, adjectives, etc., were. I have been having difficulty finding out what the third person singular pronoun is in Shoshone, but the Lord led me to a discovery today as I was getting a phrase written down in Shoshone while eating dinner with our informants.

Before and after dinner we worked on a word list and our informant added many of them to my record on tape. Then I took some pictures of them at their request and had a brief riding lesson with the son, who is evidently quite expert at breaking, handling, and riding horses.

Each day I make it a habit to review the more than 300 words and expressions that God has enabled me to memorize and to go over additional ones that I am gradually adding to those acquired. In my devotional studies I am using the Greek N. T. for my own spiritual food, but also with a view to becoming more familiar with it in preparation for the translation into Shoshone in due time.

Although God has enriched our souls in the remembrance of our Lord each Lord's Day, we have looked forward to the time when God would open the way for us to share with others in honor, praise, adoration, and worship of our great God. We look forward to this for the first time this Lord's Day afternoon and we are also expecting God to answer prayer in establishing an assembly here in Lander among the white folks also.

RAYMOND TAYLOR
12416 Parent St., Pointe Aux Trembles, P.Q.

We had the joy of leading to the Lord a lady who had left the Roman church to become a Jehovah's Witness and had groped in this darkness for 21 years. We contacted her six months ago and after many visits she finally accepted Christ.

Another trophy of His grace was brought to the Lord in a chapel where we were asked to conduct French gospel meetings. The Lord blessed and we saw souls saved and seven baptized.

We have a prayer and Bible study group in our district and average attendance have been about twelve. Recently three Roman Catholic families have opened their homes for meetings.

How eager we are to have our building in use! Plans were accepted by the city and we now have the permit. We still look to the Lord for the money involved to build such a place. Pray that every part of this building will be built by Him and be for His glory.

ROLAND LACOMBE
Box 191, Drummondville, P. Q.

We have started a new work in the town of Sorel. We distributed two times some "Message de Verite" in each home, and we have received 25 demands for the New Testament.

In distributing the New Testaments, I found several interested. At a house, a woman after talking about free salvation, asked me to go and see her husband

at night, for she said, "He thinks like you about the salvation of his soul." I went back at 7 o'clock and all the family was there; the father, mother, three big girls and two young men. For two and a half hours I talked to them, showing them a lot of verses of the gospel, and they were listening, and they asked a lot of good questions. They bought a Bible, and they asked me to come back.

Let us pray for this town, and especially for those who look and are thirsty for the truth.

SEEKS LIBERTY TO WORK WITH MEXICANS



Mexican Workers with Literature

Mexicans crossing into the U. S. to work on farms are documented at the U. S. Reception Center near El Paso, Texas. John A. W. Halliday, 5936 Jemez Drive, has found it a strategic spot for distributing Spanish gospel literature. Having recently encountered restrictions because of violent opposition from a Mexican official, he asks prayer for restoration of his former liberty in this work.

Hilltop, Toronto Group Prepare to Build Chapel

Christians living in the western suburbs of Toronto (Ontario) have been meeting at Hilltop Public School, Trehorn Drive, Etobicoke, since September, 1959. Previous to this, planning and prayer meetings were held in various homes.

Approximately 50 are in fellowship. The Sunday school has an average attendance of 100, the majority from the neighborhood.

On alternate Sundays an evening meeting is held in various homes. Friday evenings a "Happy Hour" is conducted with approximately 75 attending. Some blessing has been seen in this work among the boys and girls.

We have been encouraged by the response from the community and have purchased a suitable site, adjacent to

Hilltop School and a new development. The present facilities at the school are available only for a short time and the work has been hampered for lack of space for a Family Bible Hour. There is no evangelical work nearby and we would covet your prayers that a testimony to the glory of our God be established in our own building in the near future.

John M. Ellis

FORT WILLIAM, ONTARIO

The Friday evening children's work in our home draws in the neighborhood of 60 to 70. Some of the older girls who trusted the Lord last summer have begun to show interest in other assembly meetings. Pray that they may step out for Christ and be the means of stirring up interest among other teenagers in Green Acres.

Several adults have shown an interest in the meetings, too, and we look to the Lord to deal with them through His Word and Spirit.

—F. O. Jones

WILLIAM HYND
26 Wexford Ave., Hamilton, Ontario

I have labored in the needy parts of Ontario for over 35 years. Now at 79 I'm not able to get out with the message of love as I used to. Last year a young man drove me through the north to visit the little assemblies as far north as Cochrane and Timmins, back to North Bay and all the way to Gatchell and Sault Ste. Marie., Ont., then back into the various places I had gospel tents: at Oakbine, Desbarats, McClellan, Echo Bay, and Sylvan Valley. We traveled over 1500 miles. The Lord blessed our visits and the saints in the little assemblies were encouraged.

There is still time to Register for the

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ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS

The radio program continues with letters manifesting interest coming in regularly. We have a new approach to our music which has proved effective and some listeners have commented appreciatively on the change. Instead of using recorded music we have augmented our Methuen singing group with some from Lexington, Framingham, and Worcester, resulting in a well-balanced chorus group directed by Robt. Watters, Jr. It has also provided quartets, trios, and solos. We were able to tape the music for three weeks on a single Sunday afternoon and the messages were added later. Pray that the Lord will bless His Word to the estimated coverage of a quarter million people.

—William C. Watson

BOISE, IDAHO

**Christian Assembly Chapel,
Hartman & Russet Sts.**

In answer to earnest prayers for help in the work here, the Lord sent Brother Charles Lacey with his wife and son last October. He continued with us through May, speaking on a chart on "The Course of Time from Tternity to Eternity" and on the books of I and II Samuel. He also conducted children's meetings each Friday night through the winter months. Interest was good.

We covet prayers that the Lord will send another of His servants. Anyone interested will please contact the writer

C. C. Hollar, Corr.
1308 E. Boise Ave.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Grace & Glory Chapel, 7708 S. Indiana Ave.

We are glad to be able to share with the Lord's people by word and picture the progress that is being made on the Grace and Glory Gospel Chapel, Inc., 7708 South Indiana Avenue on Chicago's South Side. This building will cost roughly \$37,000 and will seat close to two hundred people. The Lord has signally blessed us in that Stewards Foundation has come to our help with a loan of \$30,000, for which we are deeply grateful. This has done something to the hearts of the believers and there is much earnest prayer going up to the throne of grace for help in meeting all liabilities honorably for the glory of God our Father.

The prayerful interest of the Lord's people will be deeply appreciated.

We hope to be in the building before fall, and to begin canvassing the neigh-



Grace and Glory Gospel Chapel rising in Negro residential area in Chicago.

borhood and building up attendance in the Sunday school and adult meetings in this good residential area.

—O. F. Gall

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

**Washington Heights Bible Chapel,
10310 So. Charles St.**

Owen Hoffman recently concluded a twelve night series of messages on the book of Daniel. Words cannot express our thanks for a most spiritually profitable, highly interesting and unusual exposition on this prophetic book. All of the messages were visualized by a large chart or life sized figures, using ultra violet light, and were very effective.

We have never had so many strangers at our meetings, and great interest was shown by saved and unsaved. Two professed salvation, and a Jewish lady was dealt with who is under conviction. In addition we Christians were challenged to a life of greater witness for our God.

—Don J. Thomson

CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

At the opening of the new Culver City Gospel Hall, the Word was ministered by Brethren Sydney Maxwell, Harry McCready and George McKinley. We are truly grateful for this new home for what has been known for many years as the Jefferson Blvd. Assembly, which was planted in Los Angeles over 60 years ago by Brother W. J. McClure and other esteemed servants of the Lord. The new hall has already been the birthplace of a few souls and His own people are cheered and encouraged.

Sydney Maxwell and Harry McCready just finished four weeks of special gospel meetings in our new hall which were a real blessing. The voice of God was heard in every meeting, a number were saved,

others restored and the Lord's people were revived and encouraged by seeing His good hand with us in this new location.

—James Parr

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Gospel Center

Ten young believers have confessed publicly faith in Christ in the waters of baptism. Three are students at the University of N. C. in Chapel Hill, where an Inter-Varsity group is progressing nicely. A number of these students attend the Gospel Center regularly.

John Milton Mills has been preaching on a number of the Sundays during the past few months; and David Ward and William McNeil brought helpful messages on Thursday nights.

Charles Van Ryn from Emmaus Bible School was with us for the month of June.

GIBSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Gibsonville Gospel Center

Worth Ellis, Durham, N. C., completed a fourteen-day Gospel campaign, during which the Lord stirred the hearts of many and revived and refreshed Christians. Quite a few persons professed faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Pray that interest will grow.

—James Farlow

HARTFORD GOSPEL CHAPEL

576 Prospect Ave., Hartford, Conn.

Our hearts were lifted heavenward and the Lord Jesus Christ was exalted at our recent conference, as Brother Gordon Reager, Robert Crawford, Robert McClurkin and Clark McClelland ministered the Word. Attendance was good.

—Alexander Brown, corr.

IMMANUEL MISSION
Box 368, Shiprock, N. Mexico

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Montgomery left hurriedly May 11 and Mr. Montgomery was admitted May 17 to Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia. Ten days later the surgeon removed a tumor from his brain. Complications following have left him quite low. He is being fed intravenously and through a tube. But the doctor says he is recovering. Mrs. Montgomery especially needs our prayers in this difficult ordeal.

Mr. Walter McAfee having enlarged our dining room and made my personal living quarters more attractive and having helped Don Perrault put on a new roof, has left us after a four weeks visit.
—Evelyn Varder

MANCHESTER, CONNECTICUT

As regards our conference here, numbers present were much higher than previous years, and the ministry was very helpful and encouraging. One professed to be saved, and others seemed much concerned.

—William G. McBride

MIAMI, FLORIDA

Central Gospel Chapel, 1455 N.W. 53rd St.

The racial change immediately north of us has affected the work to some degree; however, the Family Bible Hour attendance continues to stay between 250 and 325.

A series of ministry meetings with Brother Welch of England was held the month of June and later in the summer a special evangelistic effort with the children and young people is in view.

We still visit the County Children's Home at Kendall once a month where approximately 200 listen to a clear gospel message.

Wednesday nights we have been studying the chart "From Egypt to Canaan," and interest has been heartening.

The schedule of meeting times has been altered to meet more effectively the particular needs of this work as follows: 9:00 a.m. Sunday, Breaking of Bread; 11:00 a.m., Family Bible Hour; 7:30 p.m. Gospel Service; Wednesday evening, 7:45, Prayer and Ministry; Friday, 7:00 p.m., Young People's Fellowship.

A cordial invitation to fellowship with us is extended to all the Lord's people who may be visiting in South Florida.

—Don Gustafson

MONCTON, NEW BRUNSWICK

Our recent conference was a time of blessing from the Lord. The Word was faithfully preached, and the Lord set His seal of approval in salvation. The saints were greatly cheered. The attendance was larger than for several years.

Mr. F. W. Schwartz had ten nights of ministry and gospel with us. The Word

was searching and edifying, and we did appreciate his visit. He went on then to River Hebert, N. S., and purposes visiting several assemblies.

—Norman L. MacNeil

MORGANTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA

Our long awaited chapel is going up and we are doing much of the labor ourselves to cut costs. It is certainly a co-operative endeavor, with several assemblies taking part. We were particularly thankful for a number of days of work on the building given by Brethren Welcome Detweiler, Worth Ellis, Ermal Robinson, and Preston Keith. These men can weld and drive nails as well as preach.

—Herman Luhm

MOUNT AUBURN GOSPEL CENTER

226 Mount Auburn St., Watertown, Mass.

The former Cliff Street (Boston) assembly, which for the past three years has been meeting in Belmont, expects (D. V.) to occupy its new building at this address July 1.

PRINCE RUPERT, BRITISH COLUMBIA

We have been able to rent a large hall for our breaking of bread, Sunday school, and the evening gospel meeting. We have much more room for our Sunday school classes. Our midweek prayer and Bible studies are now taking the form of cottage meetings.

Brother Matthew Pollock was with us until the middle of June. We had a special Mother's Day service at which a young boy confessed faith in Christ.

K. H. Chitty

NEWTON, NEW JERSEY

We recently enjoyed the ministry of Brethren Robert McClurkin and Gordon Reager. They were able to do visitation, and distribute invitations and tracts. The saints were blessed, though the attendance was not large. We value prayer for our work here in the gospel among adults and children. We visit the jail about once a week and other visitation is done. Some earnest souls are dealt with.

—John M. Decker

OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Bethany Gospel Chapel

The assembly experienced a time of blessing during a recent visit of Brother David Sharp. Through visitation he gained a ready entrance into many homes, along with various other brethren from the assembly, each afternoon and evening throughout the weeks of his stay. The work of the Sunday school and Friday night craft program has done much to prepare the way for this visitation program.

As a result there were confessions of faith on the part of some, questions were answered regarding our ways of meeting,

baptism' was explained to those interested and Bible readings were begun in the homes of some with young families who find it difficult to attend as often as they desire.

Brother Sharp also spoke at all of the regular scheduled meetings during his stay.

—E. W. Harper

SCARBOROUGH, ONTARIO

Faith Gospel Chapel, Victoria Park

We enjoyed having Mr. Leonard Phillips and Mr. Fred Peer bring us the Word of the Lord during our conference. At both afternoon and evening meetings, the hall was filled almost to capacity.

We would like also to give thanks for growth in numbers. Quite a few have joined with us in the past twelve months and we now have about 75 in fellowship.

We are also going ahead with the finishing of the upstairs portion of our building and hope to have it fully completed (D. V.) in about two months.

Pray that the Lord may bless abundantly this renewed effort in this district.

—George Rowell

SHELBYVILLE, TENNESSEE

During meetings with Brother T. B. Gilbert of Murfreesboro, Tenn., two professed to be saved. The hearts of the believers were warmed and touched as to the need for more love, unity, and prayer.

Earlier two others professed to be saved during visitation by Brother Robert Clark, and one other through a regular gospel meeting. We thank the Lord for these He has saved and pray for the many others who come in on Sunday mornings and are yet foreigners to His grace.

—Robert G. Wiser

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

On Lord's day afternoon, April 10, 1960, about 100 believers from the St. Louis area assemblies gathered for the ground breaking ceremony at the proposed site of the new Hazelwood Bible Chapel at 8610 Latty Ave., Hazelwood, Mo. (formerly Kossuth Ave. Gospel Chapel). This location is in a newly developed area.

—Elmer H. Keppel

STONY BROOK, NEW YORK

c/o Horace Klenk, New York Avenue

There is a fine nucleus for an assembly. Regular meetings are held in our home at the above address and we welcome visitors. The schedule: Lord's Day 9:45 a.m. the Lord's Supper, 11:00 a.m. Family Bible Hour, 7:30 p.m. Preaching and Teaching Service; Wednesday 8:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting and Study of the Word.

TORONTO, ONTARIO
Danforth Gospel Hall

At a farewell service for the Dr. Ross Woodward family the hall was filled with friends from assemblies throughout the city.

Dr. Woodward spoke briefly of their desire to be in the Lord's will as they return to Africa after an absence of almost a year and Mr. Colin Anderson gave a short word of ministry.

The Woodwards sailed from New York, May 5.

—A. Johnston

REXDALE, TORONTO, ONTARIO

In Rexdale, a suburb in the northwest of the city, work has been carried on in the gospel and Sunday school for sometime, and Christians met to remember the Lord for the first time in the newly-erected hall on Bergamot Avenue, Rexdale, June 5, 1960.

The order of meetings is: Sunday, Breaking of Bread 10:30 a.m., Sunday School 2:30 p.m., Gospel Meeting 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday—Prayer and Bible Reading 8:00 p.m.

The correspondent of the Rexdale assembly is: Roy W. Lutley, 20 Blondin Ave., Weston, Ontario.

**MAP Hopes to Place
New Assemblies On Map**

Meeting at the very doorstep of the nation's capitol, a group of fifteen men, called together by Dr. William W. Cunningham, of Manchester, Maryland, on May 13, 1960 organized a group to be known as Maryland Assembly Pioneers.

This initial meeting of the MAP was preceded by a dinner at the Brooklyn Gospel Chapel, 502 Jack Street, Baltimore. Those present were E. George Alcott, Carl E. Armerding, Milton F. Bloom, Walter E. Carr, William W. Cunningham, Roger K. Dunkerton, Frank W. Fenby, Jack C. Hamaker, Charles E. Hocking, William Graf, Jr., Emmett Kauffman, John Kearney, Paul F. Loizeaux, Stanley G. Loizeaux, John Suess, Sr. The group was representative of the Baltimore area and of western Maryland.

The reading of Acts 1 presented a challenge to consider the power of our witness, the Holy Spirit; the person of our witness, Christ; and the place of our witness, Jerusalem and all Judea. Discussion followed relative to workers, building programs, and financing.

It was decided to first form the necessary corporation to comply with the laws of the State of Maryland. Maryland is divided geographically into four distinct areas: metropolitan Baltimore, the southern (or greater Washington) area, western Maryland, and the eastern shore.

Mr. Hocking, representing the Hagerstown area, reported readiness for a testimony there with several thousand dollars

on hand to begin a work. Dr. Cunningham spoke of his desire to see testimonies in Westminster, Reistertown (where ground has already been donated), and Hanover, Pa., before he goes Home.

The following MAP officers were elected: President, Dr. William W. Cunningham, of Manchester, Md.; Treasurer, Francis Cole, of Baltimore, Md.; Secretary, Jack C. Hamaker, also of Baltimore.

The following were named as members of the executive board: Roger K. Dunkerton, of Baltimore, and Charles E. Hocking, of Waynesboro, Pa.

The meeting was closed with a season of prayer, all fifteen brethren present taking part, asking for wisdom and willingness to be used of God in this great effort.

—Jack C. Hamaker

SICK

Stanley M. Ledyard

Recently my son drove me to Logansport, Ind. to conduct a funeral service. However it was too much for my heart in its weakened condition and I've been incapacitated since. My doctor strongly advises me not to preach for another six months to a year. Mrs. Ledyard and I would appreciate very much the prayers of the Lord's people.

NEW CORRESPONDENT

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
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George McAllen
76 Walker Rd.
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Gospel Hall, 1100 North Avenue 54,
Mr. Robert Sherrard
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Glendale 8, California

Mr. John Blayne, former correspondent, now resides at 272 East 61st Avenue, Vancouver 15, B. C., Canada.

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**CORRESPONDENT'S
CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

PRINCE RUPERT, BRITISH COLUMBIA
K. H. Chitty
420 Sherbrooke St.

NEW ADDRESS

Stuart C. Wilson
West Guilford
Ontario, Canada

CANDID COMMENTS

by a Reader

Mutilated Hymn Books: The Number One Enemy of hymn books is the book rack behind the seat. Heavy books like *Choice Hymns* will soon be found with squashed corners and burst cloth at edges. The damage results from the saints "popping" them into the racks. A layer of half-inch foam rubber on the bottom of the rack helps, but saints should be educated to place them with edges touching the bottom evenly.

**Kevin G. Dyer Commended
To Correspondence Work**

Returning to Emmaus Bible School to become director of the correspondence departments, Kevin G. Dyer has brought with him from his home assembly in Tasmania—the Sheffield Assembly—a commendation to this work.

Enroute back to Emmaus from his visit home, Kevin with his wife and infant son visited several Emmaus regional directors to get a first hand view of the work. Subsequent to his graduation from the school in 1959 he served as acting overseas correspondence director. Now he is to be responsible also for the domestic correspondence department.

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PRINCE RUPERT, BRITISH COLUMBIA
K. H. Chitty
420 Sherbrooke St.
Prince Rupert, B. C.

ASSEMBLY YOUNG MEN stationed at Fort Monmouth, N. J., will receive a warm welcome from the believers in Long Branch, N. J., only two miles from the Fort. The Hall is on Art Street near Grand Avenue.

Contact Brother Joseph Cagliostro, 6 Linden Avenue, West Long Branch, N. J. (CApitol 2-8800) or Frank Pizzulli, 332 Chelsea Avenue, Long Branch, N. J. (CApitol 2-8653).

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, Barnegat, N. J. Brothers and sisters who are spending their vacation at Barnegat Bay are welcome at the Christian Fellowship, Lower Shore Road, Barnegat, N. J. Breaking of Bread, Sunday, 10:30 a.m., Prayer meeting and Bible Study, Thursday, 8 p.m. Rooms are available for those needing accommodations.

Letters

EVERETT BACHELDER
Box 655, Nome, Alaska

Station KICY is in full operation and we are seeing results already from Tom Westwood's Bible Treasury Hour broadcast each day. Letters come from as far as the Aleutians, 1000 miles away.

We are making a combined vacation and missionary trip to St. Lawrence Island, within 49 miles of Siberia. We are thankful for your prayer fellowship.

GEORGE BARTON
c/o Mr. Williams, 818 Clough St., Waterloo, Ia.
We had good meetings in Minnesota and in Waterloo, Iowa. One young man was saved.

GEORGE BAXTER
Box 141, Flagstaff, Ariz.
These are busy days with fifteen to eighteen meetings weekly. It is good at our midweek prayer meeting to see tears as believers pour out their hearts to the Lord on behalf of unsaved loved ones and friends. We pray that some of the unsaved husbands will give up their worldliness and turn to the Lord.

We look forward to the Bible school in the summer months and ask prayer that we may reach many unsaved children and their parents.

WM. E. BELCH
297 Bleecker Ave., Belleville, Ontario
In Sarnia, Ontario, we had a gospel series with good interest. Several active young couples in this Devine Street meeting are carrying on a good work with the young. I have spent most of the time of late in Belleville and area where we have seen the salvation of several, chiefly couples. This means families for the Sunday school and meetings.

AUBREY DELLANDREA
Greenhill Ave., R.R. 1, North Bay, Ontario
In New Liskeard, northern Ontario, a series of gospel meetings was held with encouraging attendance, and tokens of God's saving power. A woman 74 years of age confessed faith in Christ, and also two of her granddaughters. Others were interested and we look for further blessing. The assembly there is striving together for the faith of the gospel. On the opening night of this campaign three were baptized who had been taught the truth of gathering by the local brethren, resulting in their leaving a denominational place to fellowship with the assembly.

In February I commenced a fifteen-minute program on the North Bay station (1000 watts—to be increased to 10,000 watts before the end of this year), and on the 15th of May our first broadcast went out over CKAR Huntsville and Parry Sound Station.

The Lord has encouraged our hearts as we learn that many unsaved folk are listening to the messages, among them quite a number of R. C.'s.

In June I had a gospel campaign in Deacon, Ontario.

WM. BOUSFIELD
Duntroon P. O., Ontario, Canada

I shall appreciate prayer for my sister, Miss Maude Bousfield, who is sick, and will be under the doctor's care for some months.

WILLIAM M. BROWN
6790 N.W. 33rd St., West Hollywood, Fla.
I will be in Norwood Chapel, Chicago (D.V.), for two weeks in July and then up to Pine Bush Camp in upper New York for two weeks. Following this I will be a week in Kearny, New Jersey, and back home August 22.

C. E. BULANDER
703 Delamatyr, Knox, Indiana
Recently we had gospel meetings at Ora, Indiana. They have not had meetings there for five or six years and the need is great. There are about 65 in the Sunday school.

R. CAPPIELLO
611 Orange Street, New Haven 11, Conn.
I was in Mechanicville, N. Y., for one week, taking the regular meetings, and also in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and at Hoboken, N. J., for a one-day conference among the Italians.

DON CHARLES
65 Francis, Larkspur, Calif.
It is still our pleasure to preach and sing the gospel around the Bay Area, knowing that His Word will not return to Him void. My wife and I still enjoy a measure of health and strength and are grateful to Him for all His goodness.

SVEND CHRISTENSEN
15 Castle Hill Dr., Rockingham, Halifax Co., Nova Scotia
Since moving into the new chapel a good number of strangers are coming, and some showing real interest. Among these are the builder and his wife. Please pray for their conversion. The last few weeks our Sunday school attendance has averaged over 100.

ROBERT A. CRAWFORD
13 Beverly Avenue, Malvern, Penna.
I had a gospel campaign at Victoria where Wm. Oglesby lives and labors faithfully. Attendance was good.

After the opening of the Pottstown, Pa.,

chapel, I continued for two weeks in the gospel there, and in door-to-door visitation.

WALLACE CUDMORE
158 Ellen Ave., Midland, Ontario

I spent some months with Brother Thomas Wilkie in Forest, Ontario, where a good number came out, quite a few of them strangers, and eleven professed faith in Christ.

In Sioux Look-Out, Ontario, I sought to give a little help to the dear saints, also preaching the gospel. The brethren here are doing a good work. Many in this little railroad town have been pointed to Christ over the past years.

WELCOME DETWEILER
415 N. Hyde Park Avenue, Durham, N. C.

I conducted a ten-week Sunday school building contest in Goldsboro, N. C., where a new chapel was erected two years ago. Interest was slow but steady, and we praise God for one adult who trusted Christ.

A few servicemen and their families from nearby Seymour-Johnson Air Base are attending the Family Bible Hour here at Durham. Pray that they may be brought to know our wonderful Saviour.

ARTHUR W. DEWHURST
430 Park St., North Reading, Mass.

Presently I am back home in North Reading. The avenues open for service are more than can be taken care of, but we are helping in the regular meetings in our home assembly and often have calls elsewhere.

The Natick assembly, now known as the Village Chapel, observed its first anniversary. There is real spiritual maturity in the group, and since they are energetic also, there is the foundation for a healthy and growing testimony.

The Payson Hall assembly has its new building to the point where they expect to be able soon to hold regular meetings.

I have also visited the assembly at Methuen where as an unsaved lad I heard the gospel preached faithfully for years; and the New Bedford assembly where it is good to see the testimony still looking up for the blessing that is sure to come when a faithful witness is maintained.

CHESTER DONALDSON
385 MacLean Drive, Timmins, Ontario

The Lord has encouraged us in His service in northern Ontario during the past year. Some have been saved and added to the assembly in Timmins during the past few months which has not only encouraged the saints but has increased the responsibility to show a shepherd's care for the new converts.

Our radio program, "Thoughts from the Book," has been broadcast now for one year over Station CKGB and has met

with a good response. We have signed a contract for the next year as we feel this to be the Lord's will.

Northland Bible Camp is in its third year of operation on its own property. Experience has shown that this camp will contribute extensively to the assembly work in northern Ontario. Our building program this spring involved a lodge to be used for meetings and fellowship. A conference was held in this lodge on July 1 for the Christians of the area.

ERVIN D. DRESCH

817 Texas Ave., San Antonio 1, Texas

We are thankful for having been permitted of God to carry on the Sunday school work for so long a time. Those who were our first scholars in the primary department now bring their grandchildren. Attendance averages about 65. Last Sunday it was 95. Two classes use the Emmaus Correspondence lessons, in Spanish and English. Soon we will be having DVBS classes. Pray for this important gospel testimony, and for us.

DAVID R. EDNIE

Route 3, Marion, Va.

We had a week of gospel meetings at the chapel, quite a good number of unsaved coming in to hear the message.

In the children's meetings we see interest and growing numbers.

O. W. ELDER

306 S. Naches Ave., Yakima, Wash.

Mrs. Elder writes: I am writing for my husband, as he is suffering with arthritis and other ailments. During the cold weather he has to spend a great deal of time in bed. However, when warm weather comes he is generally able to get out for meetings and Bible schools.

He was able to be at the State Fair and 37,000 gospel tracts were given out, others helping, of course.

We are hoping, in the will of the Lord, to continue the work and will appreciate your prayers.

EDWIN FESCHE

721 E. 34th St., Baltimore 18, Md.

I spent some weeks serving assemblies in Connecticut, followed by a few days in Boyertown, Pa. Later I plan to spend a week with the assembly at Arlington, Va.

V. PAUL FLINT

156 N. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park, Ill.

Our school year was a good one. Summer activities include a trip to Seattle to visit aging loved ones and then a three-week or longer session at a new camp up near Elliott Lake, Ontario, and a weekend at the Iowa Bible Camp in northwest Iowa with Karl Pfaff, D.V.

We look forward to the return of Kevin Dyer to take over direction of the Correspondence School. While I enjoy this ministry, it will be a relief not to be re-

sponsible for so many administrative duties in addition to teaching.

T. B. GILBERT

Box 309, Murfreesboro, Tenn.

We are getting more people in to our meetings since we are in the new chapel. We had 60 at our preaching service on a recent Sunday morning. Some have been saved and homes are being opened for visiting, which is the way our best work is done. Three women visited us from Nashville as a result of our 8:30 a.m. Sunday radio broadcasts.

JOSEPH GIORDANO

65 Side Hill Road, Hamden 17, Conn.

I ministered at Shiloh Chapel, Bermuda, and South Norwalk, Conn., where a young man was saved. God is blessing there and the unsaved are coming out.

A number of months ago we began a children's afternoon Bible club in a neighborhood where a few of our families live. We have had as many as 15 children out and the gospel is penetrating. We hope to have a one week DVBS using the local fire house.

GEORGE GRAHAM

1913 Butler St., McKeesport, Penna.

While I was ministering the Word in Toronto, Ohio, the meetings were very encouraging, with Christians coming out well.

ABE H. HARTSEMA

1060 Allen Avenue, Muskegon, Mich.

We were in California six weeks, ministering at Claremont, Pasadena, Pomona, San Bernardino, Colton, Riverside, Canoga Park, Santa Barbara, Carmel, San Diego and El Monte.

We have been away six months, contacting a number who are somewhat isolated from fellowship because of distance, as well as having meetings in a number of assemblies through the south, giving ministry mainly for Christians.

We are now leaving for home and the start of DVBS and camp work in various places.

We have promised (D. V.) to be back in California for several months starting with the New Year's Conference at Sacramento.

DAVID HORN

1537 S. Milwaukee, Denver 10, Colo.

We have kept busy making radio tapes as it takes twelve each week. We are also helping at Denver, Longmont, and Burlington, Colo., and in Kanorado, Kansas.

WALTER JENSEN

2033 Grand St., Scotch Plains, N. J.

I have enjoyed opportunities of late to minister the Word of God among young people. A weekend conference of

those in the 13 to 21 age bracket was held on Long Island, and the workshop periods, ministry, and fellowship made great impressions on the attendees.

Prayer for my wife is still solicited. She suffers pain almost constantly. He expects us to be "anxious for nothing" and we do want to be that kind of testimony for His glory.

HAROLD G. MACKAY

3714 Freeman Mill Rd., Greensboro, N. C.

There is much to encourage in the work here; and in Greensboro we are seeing attendance nicely increased over that of last year at this time. Several have professed recently. There are many visiting with us for the special messages on Daniel I am giving on the Lord's Day.

For six months now I have been struggling with a deep infection in the throat, which has made speaking a difficulty. Possibly the doctor's suggestion of a complete rest from preaching should have been taken, but it is hard to stop when there is so much to be done. There seems to be some slight improvement at the present, and we hope it will soon please the Lord to give complete recovery.

The prayers of the saints will certainly be appreciated.

DAVID METLER

1001 E. Elbo, Portales, New Mexico

Recently we were offered the community hall in a government project for children's meetings. We started out with 20 children and now there are around 70.

Through the children we are able to reach their parents also. Two families have asked us to come to read the Bible to them.

A young couple in Portales have told us they are saved, after studying the Word with us in their home for about a month.

EARL MILLER

702 W. Barner Street, Lot 14, Frankfort, Ind.

A baptismal service was held at Indianapolis a couple of weeks ago, when two women and a teen-age boy were baptized. One of the women was saved at the Billy Graham Crusade in Indianapolis last October. There are two in that assembly now who were saved during the Crusade. The boy was saved through the young people's activities at the assembly. He bears a very bright testimony. It is good to see saints growing in the Lord and walking in paths of obedience.

A. ROSS MCCONKEY

11730 Hubbell Ave., Detroit 27, Mich.

We have been in London, Ontario, doing visitation work, and ministering; also seeking to give help in nearby assemblies. The Lord has given evidence of His blessing, for which we praise Him.

NAZAR NAZARIAN
120 Pine Avenue, New Milford, N. J.

We have been giving much time to visitation, especially among Armenian people, and were able to send 134 large parcels of used clothing to needy families in Syria, Greece, Lebanon, Jordan, Israel, Austria, France and Turkey. We are grateful to many for supplying this clothing, and for gifts for postage.

JOSEPH K. PAULICK
Box 881, Flagstaff, Ariz.

A young Navajo father has trusted Christ and gave his testimony at the chapel. Another young convert is now enjoying happy fellowship with us, going out on our all-day trips to Shonto and Red Lake. He gladly gives his testimony and speaks for his Lord.

DONALD PERRAULT
Immanuel Mission, Shiprock, New Mexico

We visited the hogan of William Scott, a Christian, and spent about two hours there. There were Bible texts on the wall and we learned that his wife has just recently accepted the Savior too. We trust they will continue to grow in grace and knowledge.

HENRY PETERSEN
3227 Pontiac, La Crescenta, Calif.

During the past months I have had meetings in Portland's two attractive new chapels, Eastgate and Grace & Truth, in promising communities. After a night each at Northgate, Whitman and Des Moines in Seattle area, went to California Bay area for a month at Castlemont, the annual conference at Bethany and two weeks at Hayward. Had series at North Hollywood, La Brea in Los Angeles and at San Diego. Expect to be in Ohio (D. V.) during July and coming West be at the California Bible camp, followed by meetings in the Middle West in the fall.

KARL PFAFF
2613 S. Martha, Sioux City 6, Iowa

We are in our first week of DVBS here, to be followed by Iowa Camp at Twin Lakes. It promises to be another full camp, and we trust it will be as fruitful as last year's when 40 came out for the Lord. Our summer is booked full with activities to the last of August when our young people gather at Twin Lakes.

LEONARD PHILLIPS
47 South Boulevard, Oak Park, Ill.

Our trip to Georgia and South Carolina seems to have been appreciated and there were a number of requests to return.

At Leaside, Toronto, we ministered the Word for four weeks. Attendance was up to nearly 200 for Family Bible Hour. It's good to see the growth since we were in fellowship there six years ago.

We were at Faith Chapel, Toronto, for a month and also at Glebemount for the Tuesday evenings; moving on from there to Windsor before returning to Oak Park.

FRANK PUZZULLI
P.O. Box 37, Long Branch, N. J.

Thank God, I'm feeling much better as I go on. Glaucoma is causing me some distress, but I am improving. Do continue to pray for me as to my health. I have been able to visit some of the nearby meetings for a night, seeking to minister to them from God's Word.

EMILIO RAMOS
c/o Paul R. Biller, 1040 Evergreen Ave.,
Bronx 72, N. Y.

Since my return from Puerto Rico last November, about eleven have accepted the Lord as Savior; four of them Roman Catholics. All are confined to bed in the various hospitals in New York City which I visit daily. Two saved have passed into the presence of the Lord.

At present I am working half-time as a shipping clerk with the New York Bible Society. The rest of my time I devote to visiting the sick daily with the glorious gospel of salvation. Also I encourage these patients to take the correspondence courses from Emmaus Bible School both in Spanish and English. They have really been helped and edified.

V. M. RIVERA
327 Farnfield Ave., San Antonio 11, Texas

Here at the local assembly the testimony goes on well and since the beginning of this year four dear souls had been added. They are manifesting the life and fruit of the new birth.

R. L. SAVAGE
3048 Robinson St., Regina, Sask.

The Lord's people at Punnichy, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Prince Albert, and Strasbourg, expressed appreciation of the Word ministered, and the many visits made to the neighbors.

For the most part, here on the prairies, it is a struggle to maintain the testimony. Young people often marry outside the assemblies, and while some come into fellowship by that route, others are lost to us. The ebb and flow of populations is away from the farms, and the prairies as a whole.

CARL SOUTH
17267 St. Aubin Ave., Detroit 12, Mich.

We have been teaching Sunday school classes at the (colored) Gospel Chapel where we are in fellowship and conduct a young people's meeting on Sunday afternoon. Response and evidence of growth in many have been evident.

At Berean Chapel in Ferndale, we conduct a Friday night young people's work which has been growing, too. On Wednesday nights we have adult cottage meetings. Pray that the Lord will minister the Word preached and taught to individual ears.

Mrs. South has been helping among the women of the Gospel Chapel, primarily to sponsor missionary exercise.

We have appeals to help elsewhere, but working in a secular capacity to support our large family, we have felt it wiser to concentrate on one locality rather than trying to spread out too thinly in many places.

F. E. SPANGLER
Voices from the Vineyard,
15 Park Row, Room 2506, New York, N. Y.

The major part of my time is spent in assisting missionaries. Five days a week I am at the above office receiving and distributing funds for missionaries throughout the world; assisting in editing and preparing missionary news to be published in "Voices"; meeting incoming missionaries or transporting them and their effects to plane, train or ship, when they leave our shores; obtaining reduced fares for missionary travelers; and recommending them to Christian organizations where they may purchase equipment at substantial savings.

In addition to service at the office, Mrs. Spangler and I superintend the Julia Hasse Memorial Missionary Home in Union City, N. J. We also reside there so as to be readily available to receive the missionaries and provide them with temporary lodging during their stay in our area. There are varied matters in which we are often able to help them, and thus make their time with us one of refreshment and encouragement.

I still find time to minister the gospel and teach the Word in our metropolitan area.

TOMMY STEELE
P.O. Box 7472, Winston-Salem, N. C.

We had a precious time with the saints at the Brooklyn Chapel in Baltimore. One Roman Catholic boy of about fourteen professed. In a recent Sunday evening service in Winston-Salem a splendid young couple remained behind to accept the Lord. Attendance is good at our Sunday services and we are praising the Lord

for a continuing harmonious spirit among the saints. We are proceeding with caution with our expansion plans.

ERIC S. VETTERS

1516 McLarenwood Terr., London, Ontario

I spent three months in Montreal working with the saints at Ebenezer Gospel Chapel. Homes were visited and the seed sown. Also I had nine weeks of meetings for the children, three days per week.

The attendance of unsaved at the Family Bible Hour was most encouraging, and unsaved came in to the gospel service on Lord's day evening. The Lord blessed His Word.

HAROLD WAGLER

Box 283, Thessalon, Ontario

Hungering for straight-from-the-Bible ministry, numbers of persons from a neighboring town and surrounding rural area have driven 30 to 40 miles to the meetings here. Yet to launch out into this district seems beyond our time and ability. But the Lord knows and no doubt will send His servant or enable us to go.

ERNEST WOODHOUSE

243 Devon Rd., Washington Township, Westwood, N. J.

During 1959 I was confined to a reduced schedule of meetings. This continued until the summer conferences, between which definite breaks were advised. The restrictions continued until the end of the year, but many areas were nevertheless visited.

1960 so far has found me back in some of these New Jersey centers, as well as a number of the Florida meetings. New Haven, Conn., Newport News, Va., Florence, S. C., were also visited. A short series of meetings was held at Terrill Rd. Chapel in Fanwood, and a children's campaign in Yonkers, N. Y., where five or more professed and others were spoken with.

We have been encouraged during the past few months with a few definite conversions, and, I believe, definite evidences of blessing among the Lord's people, in Groton, Conn., and in Pittsburgh, Pa. As you will see, this means that I am at last in full harness, and deeply grateful to the Lord's people for all their prayers.

If the Lord will, the Hackensack Assembly will be breaking ground for a new chapel in Washington Township, and we look forward to opening in November. Much in the way of visitation and other preparations for the opening up of a totally new district lies before us. We solicit the prayers of the Lord's people.

DAVID WARD

8 Watrous Ave., R.F.D. 1, Mystic, Conn.

A week in North Carolina was my first visit to the Piedmont area assemblies and I enjoyed seeing the work the Lord has done there. The conference at Greensboro was well attended and the Lord gave help and encouragement around His Word.

For a month I gave a hand in the pioneer effort at Brattleboro, Vt. Pray for this new venture being carried by three young couples.

TOM WILKIE

Box 183, Forest, Ontario, Canada

Brother Blackwood and I had two weeks in Abbotsford, B. C., with some fruit. From there we went to the South Main Assembly in Vancouver. On children's night we had around 200 in the Hall and a number of parents were present.

CANADIAN MSC REPORT

During the eight months period May 1 to December 31, 1959 the Missionary Service Committee, Inc., Toronto, composed of Brethren John Barlow, George W. Marsh, R. Gordon Mitchell, Stuart K. Peterson, John Smart, and S. F. Sommacal received and administered \$178,555.76 of which \$172,492.45 was for missionary work. In this eight month period receipts were higher than at any previous time in the committee's history.

Gifts sent to Missionary Service Committee Inc. for the work of the Lord at home and abroad are forwarded without deduction and in a manner which a study has indicated achieves the greatest advantage to the missionary. In many instances a distinct saving is effected by using a certain method in the forwarding of funds.

Expenses for administration are met through gifts earmarked for this purpose. Expenses include two full time employees with a third for certain periods each month, bank charges, exchange on cheques, forwarding of funds (usually by airmail), printing, stationery, telephone, telegrams, and office rental. Members of the Committee give of their time freely, not only during the regular Wednesday meeting, but day by day as the need arises. Donors are furnished with receipts for income tax purposes.

FOREST, ONTARIO — A warm welcome awaits Christians vacationing in the Forest area. We believe that a letter of commendation is scriptural and appreciate the thoughtfulness of Christians carrying one.

BOOK REVIEW

THE LORD FROM HEAVEN by Leon Morris. Pub. by Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan. 112 pages, \$1.50.

Someone has wisely said that most errors start with an over-emphasis of truth. This has been particularly true in regard to the person of our Lord Jesus Christ. From earliest times there have been those who have emphasized either His deity or His humanity at the expense of the other. In more recent years, the rationalists and the modernists have given large place to the human Jesus while denying His essential deity. This book, by Leon Morris of Ridley College, Melbourne, represents itself as "A study of the New Testament teaching on the deity and humanity of Jesus Christ."

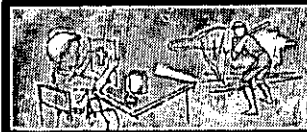
For a brief book, the subject has been covered admirably well with a balanced emphasis on our Lord's humanity and deity. It is unfortunate, however, that Dr. Morris used so many quotes from other authors. In some cases, it is difficult to know whether he is proving a point or using the quotation as example of error. One cannot help but compare the book of the same title written by Sir Robert Anderson and republished recently by Van Kampen Press, Wheaton, Illinois, which had a minimum number of quotations from current writers and depended almost entirely on the use of scripture. These two books, written many years apart, complement each other, and both are absolutely committed to the unique personality of the Lord Jesus Christ, Who was God manifest in the flesh.

Coming back to Dr. Morris' book, one or two things should be said about the mechanics of the writing. It is unfortunate that the volume has not been translated into Americanese for readers in the United States. There are several expressions and abbreviations which appear to be from "down under"; e.g., "Dn.," "Gen.,"—abbreviations for Daniel and Genesis. Particularly annoying is the author's use of "Op. cit." in a list of references where it is almost impossible to go back and find the author and book referenced. It is also unfortunate that in the many references only the name of the book and the city of publication is given without any publisher. This is particularly true because many of those cited are not familiar to our reading public.

In spite of these criticisms, I would recommend this book highly to be read and reread. There are many choice nuggets of truth to repay a careful study of this most important subject.

T. D. Parks

SPECIAL PRICE—50 cents each; 5 for \$2. "Return to Simplicity" (Notes of 1956 High Leigh Conference), and "New Testament Church Organization," by Donald L. Noble. Write Box CL, c/o Letters of Interest, 127 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago 6, Illinois.



Youth Work



CHICAGO AREA SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The annual conference is to be held Saturday, September 17, at Woodside Chapel, Maywood, Illinois, with Robert J. Little as the principal speaker. Theme: Importance of the Sunday School to the Assembly. The conference starts at 8:45 p.m., and the evening session at 7 p.m.

—Stan Papworth

A. JAMES DAVIES

533 Gilmour St., Peterborough, Ontario

Last month at Union City, N. J., eleven boys and girls accepted the Lord.

At Grove St., Plainfield, N. J., about 100 each night heard the gospel. Without pressure eight stayed behind in one evening, seven of them accepting Him as Savior. A few adults have also accepted the Lord during this trip.

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

The Daily Vacation Bible School was held evenings since a number of the local Christians were free only at this time. We are praying that this will be a means not only of building up the testimony in the area immediately around our Denali Bible Chapel but also of reaping seed sown during the winter and spring.

As for our Bible Camp, Camp Li-Wa, the Lord encouraged us to branch out into two ten-day sessions this year; Boys' and Girls' Camp, June 20 until July 1, followed by Teenage Camp, July 5 until July 15. We hope to erect a second frame building and perhaps one or two cabins to replace the badly worn tents used previously. Used and native lumber has already been purchased for this purpose. The Kings and the believers in Dawson, Yukon Territory, are also interested and purpose, Lord willing, to spend time this summer at Camp Li-Wa, "Living Waters."

—Donald C. Sauer

IRENE GALLAGHER

117 S. Kern Ave., Los Angeles 22, Calif.

The new Sunday school room is in use and has helped our space problem, though it isn't fancy.

Sunday night some neighbors not in favor of the gospel were loudly playing an electric guitar outside the hall and making a disturbance. It is usually quiet during the meetings and I wondered if the Spirit were working in some heart and Satan were angry. After the meeting a

young R. C. man from a Mexican labor camp accepted Christ.

On the way home from sewing class last Friday a mother who has been attending regularly, studying a Bible course, and memorizing scriptures told me she is now sure of her salvation.

The priests in the chaplain's office of the General Hospital have made a stir about the liberty I have to teach complete wards of children. They say it is against hospital rules. However, my liberty has been only slightly curtailed since I began this work in 1945.

HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

The five assemblies in the Harrisburg Area (the Gospel Hall at Kelker St., the 17th & Herr St. Gospel Chapel, the new assembly at Oberlin Gardens; also the assemblies at Lebanon and York) have joined in a series of young people's meetings, conducted in the best interests of teenagers. Speakers and subjects are chosen to be of highest interest to younger Christians and also those of the younger group who need Christ as Savior are in view.

Each assembly acts as host to the other four in turn, and after each meeting there is a social period when light refreshments are served. Meetings are held every month on a Saturday evening and attendance has been increasing since the program started last year.

Some of the speakers have been William McNeil of Ontario, Canada, and David Kirk, of Canada; also Shockley Few and Mel Wisner.

The young brethren who are leaders in the young people's meetings meet regularly with other brethren of the assemblies to plan and pray.

—Donald Neidig

LIONEL A. HUNT

17 Thurstfield Crescent, Toronto 17, Ontario

On my recent trip to Trail, Rossland, Vancouver and Kamloops, British Columbia, there was marked evidence of the Lord's blessing. The total number hearing the gospel in the Trail and Rossland was 840. The results in Vancouver are a further cause for thanksgiving.

Meetings were held in the little country assembly at Foxmead, Ontario. This work was founded by Alexander Marshall over 75 years ago and the now tiny group

did well in getting out 85 or more children. One little girl of six was brightly saved and four others gave good indication of similar faith.

Following an "Alan Knight Memorial" Crusade in a Toronto school, I leave for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, to work with Brethren Svend Christensen, James Stahr and others.

MOUNT HERMON, CALIFORNIA

Bay Area Bible Camp

1960 Camp Dates and Speakers

Kid's Camp Mount Hermon

July 31 to August 7

Speaker: Jack Davies

Junior Camp Mount Hermon

August 7 to 14

Speaker: Tom Carroll

Young People's Conference Mission

Springs August 20 to 27

Speakers: Harold Wildish, and Richard Matthews.

IOWA BIBLE CAMP & CONFERENCE

Twin Lakes, Iowa

Friday-Sunday, August 26-28, Young People's Bible Conference at Covenant Camp Grounds. Speakers expected: Paul V. Flint and Dr. B. Jackson. No applications necessary. All over 15 invited. Cost is reasonable. Fellowship and ministry for young believers. Twin Lakes is 25 miles west of Fort Dodge. Contact Karl J. Pfaff, 2613 S. Martha, Sioux City, Iowa.

WOODY MURPHY

Box 9, Siler City, N. C.

In meetings with the boys and girls in Lexington, Mass. and Goldsboro, N. C. we saw a number profess salvation.

We have just started our first Bible school for the summer here in Siler City. Our attendance is the largest we have ever had and we have had the privilege of dealing with fifteen to twenty who expressed a desire to know Christ. Our attendance today was 217, for a city with a population of only 4,000.

We go to Newport News, Va., Winston Salem, N. C. and then on to Kenilworth, N. J. Then back to Richmond, Va. and Greensboro, N. C. The month of August is filled with meetings with the boys and girls at Bristol, Va., conference and boys' and girls' camp at Greensboro.

We realize more and more the value of working with the young people.

FOR SALE: 2-bedroom Mobile Home, completely furnished, twin beds. 41 ft. long Cabana, 20' long by 8' wide. Carport and lot 125' by 50' with 20' alley. Flowers and trees. Isabel Kennedy, 6724-70th Ave., N., Pinellas Park, Fla.

HARRY PILKINGTON
Box 24, Allen Junction, W. Va.

A teen-age boy confessed Christ in the hospital. During the summer we expect to be directing three DVBS at Allen Junction, Gracemont in Cleveland, Ohio, and Otsego; W. Va.

ROSSLAND, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Recently a most successful Children's Crusade was held here under the leadership of Mr. Lionel A. Hunt of Toronto. Meetings ran from Friday to Sunday night and saw the chapel well filled, with up to 200 attending nightly. Of the 260 children contacted 53 were dealt with personally and many came to know Christ as Savior. While statistics can be over-emphasized, it was most interesting to note that of the eight, nine, and ten-year olds present, 30% remained behind for counseling when the invitation was given.

Time will assess the full impact of the meetings on the local work, but already five of those attending have started coming to the Sunday school. Follow-up visitation is contacting every child who remained for counseling and this has already shown results in open doors and cordial contacts.

This is the third time that Rossland has conducted such a crusade and our experience has certainly shown its effectiveness.

—D. F. Rice

ERNEST B. SPRUNT
18 Haynes Ave., St. Catharines, Ont.

I had a series of "Happy Hour" meetings for boys and girls in the Queenston St. Hall here with average attendance of 257 children, a high of 285. Many young ones thus heard the gospel and learned scriptures.

I expect to help in vacation Bible school work at Detroit with the Curtis Ave. Assembly, and later in Toronto with the Westmount Assembly.

ROBT. STALEY
Post Office Box 368, Shiprock, New Mexico

As we look back on our first year here we think of many things the Lord had to teach us, but pray we've learned the all-important lesson that we can do nothing in ourselves.

The school year's end is sad, in a way, since most of our children go back to homes and camps that are really heathen. Pray for them through the summer months. Especially we think of those who are Christians, that they might remain faithful under very difficult circumstances.

Our house now has the walls standing

and we trust soon, the roof will go on. How we long to be out of our two dark rooms into a house again.

VALLEY CHRISTIAN HOME FOR CHILDREN Wasilla Road, Palmer, Alaska

An energetic young man, Harold Self, was sent of the Lord to take Jim McCormick's place while they were on furlough. Farming and dairying were new to him but he is doing very well. Mrs. Ethel Zinn became ill and was ordered to complete bed rest. She is now back home but will not be able to resume her usual duties, especially any cooking. We have been able to employ a homesteader's wife one day a week to do ironing and cleaning (there are 25 to 30 rooms to care for), and Christian women from Anchorage have come out as able to help, which was greatly appreciated. **OUR GREATEST NEED IS FOR A COOK.** Pray earnestly with us.

We have weekly meetings for Christians in a homesteader's cabin but are still concerned about getting into another area before false doctrines get in. There are no houses large enough for meetings and the bulldozed roads are rough.

STUART C. WILSON
West Guilford, Ontario

At our young people's conference in Tucson, Arizona, Mr. Tom Olson was the main speaker. Interest was good locally, and young people attended from El Paso, Texas, and Flagstaff, Arizona. Two girls from El Paso accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Harrow Assembly Offers Furnished Furlough Home

We are prayerfully concerned regarding immediate occupancy of a home next door to the Gospel Hall. Several of the brethren here have donated household articles and cash to furnish the home so that it might be used by the Lord's servants.

Brother Gordon McLellan and his family occupied it for eight months and we were blessed by his capable ministry. Now they are again in Trinidad, so the house is vacant. We furnish the heat and oil, and use two rooms and basement for Sunday school classes.

Perhaps some of the Lord's servants on furlough could occupy it and use it as a center from which to carry on deputation work. If any are interested they would write to our correspondent, Arthur Hernandez, Harrow, Ontario, Canada. Harrow is about twenty miles south-east of Windsor.

—Herman Reum

Seattle Young People Carry on Youth Rally

This youth rally was specifically for unsaved youths, and much effort and prayer preceded it. Counselors, including college students and adults, were trained in counseling techniques.

Our youth leaders were able to obtain advertising space in three widely read newspapers, as well as securing the cooperation of several local radio stations. Large posters were placed in schools and at popular drive-in restaurants, advertising the rally and the two films to be shown. Our youth leaders also visited schools, where they had an opportunity to meet and invite many teenagers.

During the three weeks preceding the rally our young people personally invited many in the various junior and senior high schools of the area. Those invited received small advertisements concerning the films and the program, and their names were put on our prayer lists. Then during the week immediately before the rally, nightly prayer meetings were held at the chapel, especially for the rally itself. Young people and adults alike attended these meetings.

The rally began at 7:30 p.m. and lasted until about 9:30 on both the Friday and Saturday of the rally. As many as 120 teenagers filled the chapel each night. Small folders had been printed showing the program for the evening, and containing an invitation to the Sunday morning and evening chapel services and youth meeting. The programs for both evenings included singing, a trumpet duet, a vocal duet, and two gospel films. Following the film, a short invitation to accept Christ was extended to all unsaved teenagers present.

Immediately after the program, refreshments were served, this period being designed for getting acquainted with those who attended the rally. It was possible, also, for the counselors to help some of those who had become concerned about their relationship to God.

The assembly is now following through in presenting Christ to lost teenagers. A combined meeting of high school and college young people was held for the benefit of interested teenagers, and a social is now being planned for the near future. We are also remaining faithful in prayer.

—Carlotta Stokes
(Age 17)

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE

GROTON, CONNECTICUT
Gospel Chapel, 81 Poquonock Road

The Lord's day evening service is now begun as 7:00 p.m.

—William Ward

C onferences

COLORADO ROCKIES

The Colorado Rockies Bible Camp and Conference is scheduled (D. V.) for August 2 through 8 at the Covenant Heights Bible Camp, seven miles south of Estes Park, Colo. Speakers expected for the Adult Conference are Charles Van Ryn of Oak Park, Illinois, and Peter Pell of Grand Rapids, Mich.

CROWSNEST LAKE BIBLE CAMP

8 mi. west of Coleman, Alberta, Highway No. 3
WORKERS' WORKSHOP

June 29 to July 2: Subjects—Personal Work, Devotions, Hobby, Fire Prevention, Sports.

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July 2 to July 10, 12 years and up.

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July 9 to July 16. Children under 9 must have a guardian. Trains will be met by appointment.

Notify Mr. R. Woods, Box 3, Coleman, Alberta.

CAMP IS FREE OF CHARGE

For further particulars write to
Mr. R. W. Dash, 1314-12th Ave., South, Lethbridge, Alberta.

LAKE GENEVA, WISCONSIN

An eight-day Young People's Conference will be held again this year (D. V.) at the Lake Geneva Youth Camp, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. The conference begins Sunday afternoon, August 28, and continues through Labor Day.

Mr. William Patterson of Jamaica, W. I., will be the speaker. A very interesting and profitable program has been arranged for this conference for high school and college age young people. For additional information, or a conference folder, send inquiry to: Lake Geneva Young Peoples Conference, R. R. 3, Box 137, Lake Geneva, Wisc.

—Warren Landeck

MID-SOUTH BIBLE CONFERENCE

The fourth annual Mid-South Bible Conference will be held, Lord willing, the third week of August, beginning Sunday afternoon August 21. Location is spacious, lake-filled Montgomery Bell State Park, on U. S. 70, 35 miles west of Nashville, Tenn.

Again this year low rates will prevail, with the best in food, recreation, Chris-

tian fellowship, and ministry of the Word provided.

William MacDonald and many other capable Bible teachers will minister the Word. Mid-South being a family conference, facilities for all ages are to be provided, and children will be under the able leadership of Mr. Ernest Gross.

Some individual cabins are still available for families, as well as accommodations in the beautiful crab orchard stone Inn. Make your reservation now by writing Box 654, Nashville, Tenn., giving names and ages of all in your party. \$1 per person registration fee must accompany reservations.

—John Phelan

PINE BUSH BIBLE CAMP

Thompson Ridge, Orange County, New York

The Pine Bush Bible Camp, Thompson Ridge, Orange County, N. Y. opened July 2 and continues through August 27.

The following speakers will be with us for gospel and ministry of the Word: Edwin Fesche July 2 to 9, A. James Davies July 9 to 23, Joe Giordano July 23 to 30, William Brown July 30 to August 13, Horace Klenk August 13 to August 27. Other speakers will take part.

Rates are reasonable: Boys and Girls \$20.00 per week, Adults \$24.00 per week.

For folder, write to: Howard Klenk, 9120 Columbia Ave., North Bergen, N. J. (Phone: Union 9-1730).

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Laurel Bible Chapel

We expect in the will of the Lord to hold our annual conference for the study of the Word the Labor Day holiday, September 3 to 5. Brethren James Boswell and Robert Little are to be with us to minister.

All who wish accommodations should write well in advance to the correspondent, A. L. Brunner, 7391 San Miguel Ave., Lemon Grove, Calif.

STORY BOOK LODGE

Christian Camps, Inc., Box 108, Gilbert, Minn.

Story Book Lodge is located on Cedar Island Lake, on a ten-acre tract of beautifully wooded land and several islands.

Facilities at Story Book Lodge vary from ultra modern to the most rustic, combining the unique and artistic as well as plain architecture; from "Noah's Ark" to the five-unit "Wordless Book" Motel. For those who like to "rough it" there is the Boat House, Big Tent and Robinson Crusoe's House on an island. Then there are the dining hall and kitchen, recently added.

Camping dates and ages for 1960 are: July 4-16, 2 weeks for boys and girls ages 8 to 12 or 13; July 18-30, 2 weeks for boys and girls ages 8 to 12 or 13; Aug.

1-13, 2 weeks for teenagers ages 13-19; Aug. 14-28, 2 weeks for family camp. Each camp is limited to 60 campers.

ALDERGROVE, BRITISH COLUMBIA

A conference marking the opening of the new Aldergrove Gospel Chapel was held Lord's Day afternoon, May 8, with friends from ten nearby assemblies attending.

The Aldergrove assembly was the outgrowth of a gospel series by Mun Hope at the Aberdeen Community Hall in 1948. Since then, believers from the Aldergrove assembly have helped in forming several other assemblies in the vicinity.

In one district alone, the population is expected to increase by 1976 from the present 60,000 to 200,000 owing to a scheme being promoted in a hitherto rural area to erect a planned city with industrial and other commercial enterprises.

ATCHISON, KANSAS

The conference was well attended, with a full house at every meeting. Those ministering the Word were George Rainey, Ben Tuininga, Kenneth Baird, John Horn, David Horn, Willard Rodgers and Ralph Swanson. Mr. Rainey remained a few days for messages on the pastoral epistles.

—R. L. Townsend

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Overbrook Gospel Hall, 62nd and Jefferson

Our annual conference was of blessing to many. Helpful ministry was given by Brethren David Kirk, Gordon Reager, Sydney Porteous and John Rankin. Mr. Kirk continued for a week on "The Life and Times of Elijah," and this, too, was much appreciated.

—James Martinadale

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Friendship Ave. Gospel Hall

The Annual Christian Conference (God willing) will be convened in the Gospel Hall, 4917 Friendship Ave., September 24-25, preceded by prayer, Friday, 23rd, at 7:30 p.m. The Saturday morning session will be in the order of a conversational Bible reading, considering "The Moral Glories of the Lord Jesus Christ."

A friendly invitation is extended to all the Lord's people, and the Lord's servants who desire to share in this fellowship. Friends from distant parts will be cared for. Address communication to John S. Martin, c/o Gospel Hall, 4917 Friendship Ave., Pittsburgh 24, Pa.

BELIEVERS BIBLE CONFERENCE DRAWING FROM LARGE AREA

Reservations for the Believers Bible Conference are being received from Christians throughout the eastern United States. To be held at Lake Louise Conference Grounds near Toocoo, Ga., August 21 through 28, the eight-day conference will feature such speakers as Harold G. Mackay, R. Edw. Harlow, and Robt. J. Willey. Professional golfer Johnny Spence, of Columbia, S. C., will testify as to his conversion two years ago.

A nursery and children's meetings will be conducted during regular conference sessions. Older teenagers will attend regular sessions but will also have meetings of their own under the direction of Hugh Morgan of Greensboro, N. C.

Morning sessions are from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. and the balance of the day is free for recreation except for informal prayer and Bible reading gatherings before or after supper. The dining room at Lake Louise is completely air conditioned.

An added recreational feature this year will be horseback riding.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Nixon of Australia will be in charge of music for five days of the conference, and guests who play musical instruments are asked to bring them.

Full details may be had by writing Miss Carolyn Peebles, 3030 Walton Way, Augusta, Ga. A \$2 registration fee is required for all over eight years of age. Those planning to attend are urged to send registrations immediately, as space is limited.

—Shockley Few

RICHMOND HEIGHTS, MISSOURI

We had a wonderful conference. The saints were refreshed and God gave the needed Word in ministry and gospel. We had a large attendance and trust the Holy Spirit will bring some to the Savior. Among the speakers were J. I. Duguid, J. B. Hunte, M. Stevenson and G. Nowell.

—David R. Woods

*"A Camping Conference
for the Entire Family"*

MID-SOUTH BIBLE CONFERENCE

Montgomery Bell State Park
35 miles west of
Nashville, Tenn.
AUGUST 21 to 28

Speakers:

Wm. MacDonald, E. H. Gross,
Robert Clark and many others

Rates:

Adults, \$20, Children pro-rated
Write Box 654, Nashville, Tenn.

COMMENDATION

Don Archibald

The assemblies meeting at the Christian Fellowship Chapel in Phoenix, Arizona, and at the Bible Chapel in Tucson, join in commending to the Lord's people Don and Esther Archibald, for the work to which He has called them. They write,

"For the past six years the Archibalds have been serving the Lord in pioneer work in the Phoenix area and desire to increase the effectiveness of the assembly's testimony in this rapidly growing metropolis."

The letter is signed by four brethren.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Goring

The assembly at the Bible Chapel in Overland Park, Kansas, has commended Paul and Sue Goring to the Lord and to His work in Pasto, Colombia, South America. They write,

"Mr. and Mrs. Goring have been associated with the Overland Park assembly for seven years, and for all of this time have been exercised to go to a foreign land to make known the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Both are qualified school teachers. Paul's outstanding gift is in teaching the Word of God, and we believe he will be able to give helpful, sound, scriptural teaching to the new converts in Colombia, thereby making them more useful and fruitful in evangelistic work and Bible ministry to their own people.

"The Gorings plan, in the will of the Lord, to go to Colombia this summer. We ask your earnest prayer support on their behalf."

Glenford Murphy

Regarding Glenford Murphy of Lakefield, Ontario, the assemblies at Lang, Lakefield, and Peterborough (Braidwood) write: "He has been very active in his spare time in preaching the gospel in this district and he has frequently ministered the Word in our midst. His ministry has been very much appreciated as well as his help with the children's work.

"Brother Murphy has sought our fellowship in regard to devoting his full time to the Lord's work. We most heartily commend him, and pray that the Lord will bless him in the work to which he feels the Lord has called him."

Douglas Robinson

"The saints who gather to the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, at Bancroft, Lakeview, and Graphite (Ontario) Gospel Halls, commend to full time service our brother Douglas Robinson, who has shown a real interest in the Lord's work. His desire is to serve the Lord full time, having left secular work and gone out at Abraham of old, depending on the Lord."

Gordon Kyle Named As Army Chaplain

Appointment as First Lieutenant in the Chaplains Branch, USAR, has been recommended to The Adjutant General by the office of the Chief of Chaplains for (Chas.) Gordon Kyle. First assignment for Lt. Kyle, who was commended for this work by the Polk Street Assembly in Dallas, Tex., will be at Fort Bliss, Texas.

COMMENDATION WITHDRAWN

Walter Angst

Grace Chapel assembly of Sherbrooke, Quebec, deeply regrets to inform the Lord's people that Walter Angst, who was commended to the Lord's work in this Province by this assembly, has decided to withdraw from the fellowship of the assemblies to serve in another communion. In view of this decision the saints at Grace Chapel feel obliged to withdraw their commendation of him.

Dennis Clark

"In view of Brother Dennis Clark's decision to retire temporarily from India, for the sake of the family, until such time as they may become established on their own, when our brother and sister hope to return to India, we desire without prejudice to our brother and sister in any way, to withdraw the letter of commendation referred to."

The letter is signed on behalf of the assemblies of Vancouver and New Westminster, B. C.

During their stay in Canada, Brother Clark expects to be engaged in the work of the Lord as Literature Secretary and Stewardship Secretary for the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, with headquarters in Toronto.

FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS the remembrance of the Lord has been held in the F. Parker Loizeaux home every Lord's day during July and August. Many have expressed appreciation of the privilege of remembering the Lord while on vacation at the shore. All our brethren and sisters in Christ are welcome, at 9:15 a.m. The address is 4 Harbor Drive, Ocean Beach 2, Lavalotte, N. J.

SNUG HARBOR GUEST HOUSE

28 Bath Avenue
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We are happy to announce that we are again open for guests, and welcome our many friends to the delights of a vacation with Christian fellowship at the sea shore.

Jean Govan and Lillian Duffus
Telephone PRespect 4-5625

From Anguish and Darkness to Light and Anticipation



By Charles Peterson, Chaplain, Auburn and Centralia (Washington) Hospitals (which are under ownership and control of Stewards Foundation).

It was in the Auburn General Hospital, Auburn, Washington, on March 4, 1960, that I first met Mrs. —, 34 yrs. old, a wife, and mother of several children.

Emaciated as the result of numerous illnesses and operations (her present illness being thrombosis-phlebitis) and from a long addiction to narcotics, she presented a picture of complete hopelessness.

"Chaplain! Chaplain!" came the call from the nurse in charge, and as I responded she said, "We have a patient in Room — who needs your help. Please see her immediately, for we have been unable to console her, in her mental anguish!"

I slipped quietly into the room and shut the door. She was seated on the side of the bed, with her feet elevated. A table had been placed in front of her to give easy access to the things she needed. Her head was bowed, resting on her knees, which position she maintained almost all of the twenty days and nights that she was with us.

I told her who I was, and that I had come to help her: "Oh, Chaplain," she said, "I'm beyond any help from you or anyone else." I suggested that perhaps she felt this way because she did not know our wonderful Lord Jesus, who says, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." "Oh, Chaplain," she said, "God has completely abandoned me, because I turned away from Him long ago in my sins."

Then began a battle between the

forces of evil, and the power of God, which continued until late the night of March 22. In that room, which had been the scene of so much mental agony and physical pain, and so much vicious reluctance on the part of the forces of evil to release her, Satan was forced to withdraw his forces and Jesus Christ was crowned Lord of her life!

From the hour the Spirit of God took possession, no narcotics, cigarettes, or sedatives were needed or desired, nor was she anymore afraid to die, but rather longed to see her lovely Savior's face and prayed that it might be soon.

This can be fully appreciated only when it is realized that so desperate was her need for relief, that she could not wait for help to roll up her sleeve, but would plunge the hypodermic needle through her sweater and hospital gown. With trembling hands she would reach for a fresh cigarette before she had finished the one she was smoking, and would scream aloud to the nurses for sedative relief. Scores of times she clutched my arm and cried "Oh Chaplain, please don't leave me alone, I'm afraid to die!"

While attending this patient during these twenty days, there were numerous conversations between us which, only as a breach of confidence, could I repeat. But I can share excerpts of some of them.

One afternoon, after many hours of agonizing sleeplessness, much sedation having been administered without effect, I said to her, "Mrs. —, you need sleep so very much, and you are not getting it, so with your permission, I would like to pray to my Father in Heaven, and ask Him to give you rest and sleep." This led to her asking, "Who is God? What is He like? Do you think He will hear you and help me to rest?" What an opportunity to tell her of the revelation God has given of Himself, in His Son. "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God, in the face of Jesus Christ." No where else can we fully see God, but in the face of Jesus Christ. Through His Son He created us for His pleasure and glory. We failed Him and became the lowest of sinners, but He stretched forth His hand a second time, to redeem. To create, God had but to speak, and it was done. But to redeem, He had to suffer, bleed and die. And this He did in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ, whom He sent to take for us the place of death upon the cross, which our

sin had so richly deserved. Then she said, "Please pray." And while I prayed she fell asleep, and slept for more than two hours.

On another occasion, as I stood quietly by her bed, she said, "Are you here, Chaplain?" (By now she was losing her sight.) "Yes, I'm here, Mrs. —." Then she said, "Why are you here? Why do you stay with me so much when no one else wants to? They can't bear to look at me. I'm not a fit person even to look at. I am dying, and no one seems to care, but you. Why do you care?"

I was thankful that she could not see me, for by this time my tears were flowing freely. Scriptures were used to tell her that "I care, because He cares so very much!"

A small volume would result if what happened in Room — were fully documented. On the last afternoon, March 24, I had for several hours been bracing her with my arm around her shoulders, for she was now too weak to hold herself up, or even to speak.

Earlier she had said, "Chaplain, I am quite sure I will die today. Will you be with me when the Lord takes me home?" I assured her I would. Now the time was drawing near, and as we quietly waited, I said to her, "Mrs. —, I know that you cannot answer me (and I was not sure she could hear me either), but I would like to rehearse some of the precious things we have talked about." So for a little while I did, then stopped and waited.

Slowly her hand moved about until she found mine, then she patted it several times, as though to tell me all was well. Then in a few moments she fell asleep in Jesus.

That room that afternoon became a little bit of Heaven, and I lifted my heart to God in thanksgiving for allowing me to witness this miracle of love and grace.

PORT CHARLOTTE, FLORIDA

At the end of August we plan to move to Port Charlotte, Florida, where as far as we know there is no assembly in this growing community of 1500 homes.

Any Christians living in or near Port Charlotte interested in a testimony to His Name (the only church at present is R. C.), please contact us.

I have been among assemblies of the Lord's people for 37 years, and have been correspondent of the Emmanuel Gospel Assembly, Ferrisdale, Mich., for a number of years. James Noall, 19216 Hershey, Detroit 3, Mich.

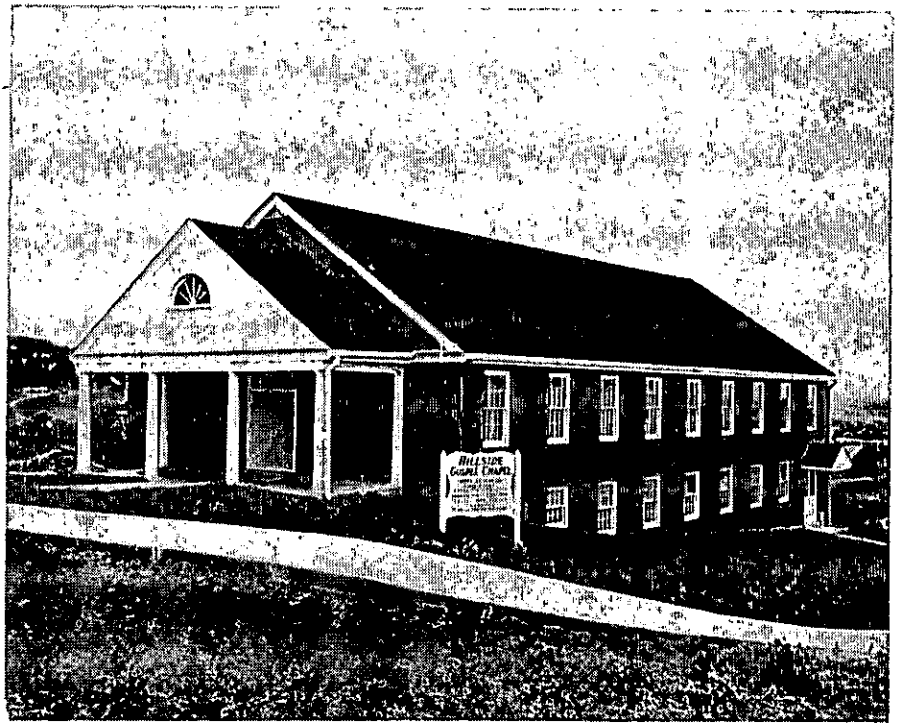


"I've been preaching ever since the night I was saved, and my first audience was my wife," Oliver G. Smith would say again and again. He was continually at it on and off the platform from 3 a.m. January 31, 1913 until the Lord took him home May 31, 1960—47 years, four months. And his preaching was not in vain: literally hundreds of sinners were brought to the Savior through it, and assemblies at Stout, Garnavillo, Hitesville, Aredale and Hampton are fruits of his labor together with other pioneers.

His preaching companions have included Alfred P. Gibbs, Leonard DeBuhr, Paul Elliott, William Warke and Louis Brandt over the course of years.

Oliver Smith was born near Waterloo, February 6, 1883. He married Pearl Flickinger May 10, 1905. He had quit church going rather than act the hypocrite, but after three children were born to the union his feeling of responsibility toward them moved him to join the church which had his wife enrolled as a member, if not an active one.

Then Charles Herman, a Christian farmer moved to the neighborhood. He bore an excellent testimony in his daily life and always backed up his earnest words with the Scriptures. After two years Oliver was convinced he wanted what Charles Herman had. Through this concern and reading a gospel tract titled Safety, Certainty and Enjoyment he was saved at the hour and day mentioned above. In that tract he read the question from John 9, "Dost thou believe on the Son of God?" His honest answer was: "No. If I did I would be saved and have everlasting life." He saw then and there he was a lost, helpless unbeliever. Then at once he saw that Christ had borne his sins on the cross, and he jumped up, ran into the bedroom, shook his wife awake, and told her the good news of his salvation.



Assembly Moves from Hall to Chapel

To avoid identification with religious groups whose doctrines and antics bring reproach to the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the assembly meeting at Bible Truth Hall in Pottstown, Pa., in moving to a new building erected in the north end of the city, chose the name Hillside Gospel Chapel.

Another change made was in the schedule of meetings, as follows: The Lord's Supper 9:30 a.m., Family Bible Hour (Sunday School and adult services) 11 a.m., evening services 7:30; prayer and Bible study Thursday 7:45 p.m. There has been a good response to this change.

Of brick construction, the new chapel has ten well-equipped Sunday school rooms in the basement, and upstairs an auditorium seating about 250. There is ample off-street parking space.

A week of meetings with Tom Olson followed an open house tour for the public 2 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, June 5.

Seven years after he was saved, Oliver Smith sold his farm and from then on devoted his full time to the preaching of the gospel. His years were spent mostly in eastern Iowa. He was a true, fruitful laborer.

In early May this year he took ill. Medical examination revealed cancer. He lived just eight days after an operation. He was conscious to the end and looked forward with keen anticipation to being with the Lord.

Around 700 persons attended the funeral services June 3 at Western Avenue Gospel Hall in Waterloo. All could not get into the building. The services were conducted by Leonard DeBuhr and Paul Elliott, frequent companions in labor.

Beside his widow, Mr. Smith leaves four daughters: Mrs. Ruth Hauser of Manchester, Iowa; Mrs. Helene Luhm of Duluth, Minn.; Mrs. LaVelle Smith of Waterloo, Iowa, and Mrs. Vivian-Korfe of Riverside, Calif. There are also seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren, a sister and a brother.

William M. Rae Is Still Living, Active

In our May-June issue appeared a biography of William Rae of Sault Ste. Marie, who went Home to be with the Lord in 1958 at the age of 88. Because inadvertently the name shown over this account was "William M. Rae" some readers assumed it concerned William M. Rae of Portland, Oregon.

We are glad to report that though he is in his late 80's, William M. Rae of Portland, a gospel pioneer for many years in western Canada and the United States, is still living. His activities have been curtailed due to Mrs. Rae's advanced years and ill health. But he himself would still be working the out-of-the-way places as in years past, if he did not feel his duties to be more at home. Even so he does manage to get out occasionally to preach.

QUEBEC BRETHREN EXPRESS CONFIDENCE IN DR. HILL

In their dealings with the provincial government, assemblies in Quebec are represented by a legal corporation titled The Christian Brethren Church in the Province of Quebec. At the annual meeting in Sherbrooke, Quebec, May 14, under the presidency of the vice chairman, Dr. W. J. Klinck, a motion of confidence was passed in view of reports recently published impugning Dr. A. C. Hill.

The motion moved by W. O. Stucker and seconded by Randolph Simpson expressed full confidence in Dr. Hill, and appreciation of his work on behalf of the assemblies in Quebec and of the spread of the gospel.

This account is published here on request of the gathering.

PALABRAS FIELES '60 EDITION OVER MILLION

I am praying that the way will open for the 1961 issue of "Palabras Fieles" to be printed, as each year the cost goes up.

We advertised the Emmaus Course in the 1960 issue and Don Kieft of Mexico said it brought very good results and he would like to have another course in the next issue.

There were 1,020,000 copies printed of the 1960 issue and we could have used many more.

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CANDID COMMENTS

by a Reader

Bawling Babies: Parents who remain in a meetings with a vociferous infant do three things:

1) Draw attention to their own selfishness.

2) Upset the speaker's train of thought.

3) Steal away the "Seed of the Word." A parent who thinks his or her bawling babe is "cute" should make a study of facial expressions!

Intelligent Correspondents: Many visiting speakers find upon arrival they are committed to more speaking engagements than anticipated. The thoughtful assembly correspondent informs the speaker well in advance of all meetings and sends him copies of any printed notices or calendars. He also advises the visitor where he will be staying, and gives him the location of the host's home and the chapel. The careful correspondent certainly promotes preaching preparation.



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BIBLE STUDY MEET ATTRACTS YOUNG MEN

"This is the best Bible conference I have ever attended. What a wonderful sendoff for me!" exclaimed a young man in his first week of full-time ministry. One of the speakers remarked that this was one of the first conferences of this kind he had ever attended which had serious Bible study as its one goal.

These reactions were representative of the feeling of the 80 men who attended a conference at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, May 6, 7, and 8. Young men came from assemblies as far as 300 miles away for this weekend of intense Bible instruction.

Five competent Bible teachers developed the theme of the conference, "The Word for This Age." The program included messages on the doctrines of Inspiration, Canoncity, Interpretation, and Authority. Practical applications of these doctrines were spelled out by such messages as "Liberty in the Word," "The Word in Worship," and "The Word in Practice."

Everyone seemed to be greatly benefited by the instruction and practical advice of elder brethren Mr. Robert J. Little of WMBI, and Dr. Carl Armerding, professor of Bible at Wheaton College. One of the most thought-provoking messages was given by Mr. Donald M. Taylor, entitled, "Liberty in the Word." Mr. John Harper of Emmaus, Bible School brought a very profitable—even though more technical than others—message on the Canon of Scripture.

Mr. C. Stacy Woods, executive secretary of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students, challenged the group by statements like this one: "The

Word of God is not an end in itself; it is a means to an end—sanctification." He stressed the importance of submitting to the authority of the Bible in one's daily life, not just giving verbal assent to its authority.

An indication of the enthusiasm with which the conference was received was the spirited discussion, both in formal discussion groups and informally during free time. On Saturday evening, about thirty of the men spent three hours around the fireplace discussing with some of the speakers the problem of elders and deacons in the local assembly. Some were deeply exercised about a more consistent pastoral ministry.

In spite of many circumstances against the success of the conference—steady rain and sleet all weekend, a woman's missionary conference planned in Chicago for the same weekend, and Sunday being Mother's Day—the conference was a success. God answered prayer. We thank Him for it.

Because the conference was received with such great enthusiasm, plans have been made to make it an annual affair. Our prayer is that conferences of this nature will spring up all over America—and around the world.

Any one interested in knowing more about the details of planning a conference of this nature may write Gerald F. Hawthorne, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois; Ward Gasque, Hotel Gasque, Florence, South Carolina; or Robert Harper, 411 Western Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois.

—Ward Gasque

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SAN DIEGO ASSEMBLY HOST TO WORKERS

For the first time the annual Christian Worker's Conference, now in its 23rd year, is to be held at San Diego. Laurel Bible Chapel, 4445 Laurel Street, is to house the meetings. This is a sizable undertaking for this one assembly, but it has been doing things in a big way for years. The chapel, built in recent years, with its tremendous Sunday school facilities, will demonstrate to many conference visitors what can be accomplished where there is faith, unity and a will to work. (See front cover)

In outlining below some proposed topics for discussion at the three days of meetings, Thursday through Saturday, November 3-5, the convenors want it understood that these are only suggestions. Other topics can be presented, and room can be made for them if necessary by dispensing with some of these. All elders and all brethren carrying responsibility in local assemblies, all commend-

ed workers and all active in the Lord's work or vitally concerned about it are especially invited to attend. They are asked to submit topics for consideration and to be prayerfully prepared to participate in the discussions.

Headings for topics for the three days are: Thursday, Restoration of Erring Saints (we all need that); Friday, Revival of Effective Service (more concern about the lost, more interest in pioneering, etc.); Saturday, Renewal of Spiritual Emphasis (we need to get a better hold of our priceless possessions).

The conference can be outstanding, sending all who attend forth to better serve the Lord, live more joyfully and usefully; or it can be routine. That will depend on the degree of advance preparation in prayer and the spirit in which we attend. If there is expectancy from the Lord we cannot be disappointed.

The Conference Convenors

ASSEMBLY SURVEY FAIRBANKS TO CLAREMONT

By Donald M. Taylor

Air distance Seattle to Anchorage, Alaska, 1,448 miles. We took off about 1 a.m. and landed around 1:35 a.m. Our pilot had announced 2 hours, 31 minutes anticipated flying time, but we had crossed two time zones enroute. It was black night in Seattle when we left; gray pre-dawn in Anchorage when Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fenty met Mr. Edwin A. Gill of Portland and me at the airport. We claimed our baggage and then they motored us to the home of S/Sgt. Robert Denyer in Spenard (suburban Anchorage). Bob and his family were over at Chitina for a vacation and he had left word for us to occupy his apartment.

Around 6 a.m. Bob Fenty came from his home around the corner to report a call from our Chicago office, which was unaware of the five hour lag between CDT and Anchorage-Spenard time. I said I'd call back and rolled over for another couple of hours sleep. At breakfast we found the Fentys had added temporarily to their family of three children four others whose mother had to go to the hospital. I got through to Chicago. After breakfast and a visit to the Northern Lights Boulevard Chapel, a block away, Bob drove us to the Valley Christian Home for Children at Wasilla, about 55 miles north.

There we were greeted by the Harold Richards, James McCormicks, Wilbur McAfees, Mrs. Ethel Zinn and several other workers. Wilbur, who was working on remodeling and enlarging the main building of the Home, left a few days later for Korea to help build a school-house. There still remained considerable carpentry, painting and installing of kit-

chen equipment to do, but others can finish this and he had to go when a flight was available in a Harry Holt chartered plane. The Home will accommodate many more children than at present and look much more attractive when all the work is done and the grounds landscaped and the yard set in order.

Next day, Thursday, we drove to Anchorage with Mrs. Richards to see some of the Christians and the city, to take part in the weekly Bible study at Northern Lights Boulevard Chapel in Anchorage and to hold a board meeting of the Valley Home, as one of the board members resides there and could not conveniently come to Wasilla. Harold had gone on ahead on other business. Good attendance at the chapel, where Paul Hammon led the singing and opened the meeting. The following business meeting at the Denyer home lasted until around 11 p.m. to 11:30—so we were late getting back to Wasilla.

Saturday morning I took the Alaska Railroad train north to Fairbanks, a day-long 300 miles through lovely mountains, over and along rushing streams, and then through a long level land, snapping color pictures all the way. It was daylight when Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Mattix met me at 9 p.m. standard time. Don Sauer, just back from camp, also came to greet me, went home to get his wife and then at the Mattix home we visited until well after midnight. It was still rather light when we retired.

Sunday morning there was a good attendance for the breaking of bread at Denali Bible Chapel, and a larger num-

ber for the Family Bible Hour at 11 a.m. After dinner Dwight took me for a tour of Fairbanks and then out to Camp Li-Wa to discuss with the brethren adding the superstructure to Denali Bible Chapel. The assembly is much in need of the added space, and also plans, D. V., to purchase adjoining land for parking and future expansion. Mrs. Sauer entertained me together with the Lindberg brothers from Emmaus at tea at the camp. The boys had come up to help with the new camp. Then we drove back to Fairbanks for the evening meeting, which also was well attended.

When I got back to Wasilla Monday around 8 p.m.—the train was an hour late—Mrs. Richards was waiting to drive me up to the Little Susitna Mountains overlooking Matanuska Valley to get a sunset picture. The Richards had taken us up there Wednesday evening, but I didn't have my camera along. Then Saturday morning Harold Richards had tried to get me to the mountain for a picture before train time, but we finally decided we couldn't make it without missing the train and turned back. It was nearly an hour's drive from Wasilla. Now I was able to shoot several frames of color around 9 o'clock, just as I had shot pictures of the main street of Fairbanks after meeting Sunday night.

Tuesday we had an early breakfast and a little after 4 a.m. Harold, Mrs. Richards, Mr. Gill and I set off for Chitina, about 200 concrete and 39 gravel miles away. We stopped to shoot glaciers, mountains, mountain sheep and other scenes en route going, and coming back drove right through except for stopping for a bite of supper. We got home after midnight. We had a nice visit at Chitina with the Denyers and had lunch with them in the house Tommy Thompson built adjoining the gospel chapel where there was once an assembly. Chitina is now a ghost town—in fact, is being exploited as such—and the chapel property is being used for a Bible camp for the assemblies in the Anchorage area.

Tommy Thompson, who is on furlough in South Africa, also built for himself the home which the Fentys are occupying temporarily and which they hope to use for a service center for military personnel, and he also pushed through the building of the Northern Lights Blvd. Chapel.

Mr. Gill took off by train for Fairbanks on Wednesday and the Richards drove me to Anchorage to fly back to Seattle. I took a slower daylight flight—about five hours and saw a lot more of the country. Next day I took the train to White Rock, B.C., where a brother from the young North Surrey assembly met me. We drove to the home of one of the other brethren for a discussion of their building plans,

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Quite a number of our readers take advantage of this Annual Reader Survey to tell us they like the magazine and to please keep on sending it, or to say they don't want to see it again; to change their address; to send in the names of Christian friends who are not yet receiving it; to comment, suggest and criticize (we really do appreciate the criticisms, for they help us improve the book); and to share, if so inclined, in the expense of publication and of serving as a channel for transmittal of funds to the Lord's work and His workers, and as an information and service bureau. The expense is running something over \$25,000 a year.

What more should we say? We are not only looking in 21,500 directions. We are looking right at you!

Letters to the Editor

We are among those uncounted hundreds of your readers who neglected to respond to your "Reader Survey." We would like to add that we look forward to receiving and reading this magazine from cover to cover. We have found, particularly in the last few issues, some very excellent and thought-provoking articles and anticipate others. It is obvious that a lot of prayer and planning go into the setting up of LOI, and as long as this continues, you, as well as the readers, cannot help but receive a spiritual stimulant from this effort.

Mrs. Mary J. Mitchell,
Weston, Ontario

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Because of my practice we are located 50 miles from our assembly, which means we can attend on Lord's Day only. "Letters" keeps us in touch with what is going on in other places. I wonder if the saints in larger communities really appreciate what they enjoy in established assemblies?

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Editors' Page

BEWARE OF WISDOM

"For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe" (1 Corinthians 1:22).

Nicodemus came to the Lord Jesus saying, "We know . . .," but the Lord answered him, "Art thou a master of Israel and knowest not?" Nicodemus, eager to learn, to add to his wisdom, was much slower in coming to faith than the woman of Sychar's well, who was completely indifferent to spiritual realities when first the Lord spoke to her. Nicodemus' wisdom was an obstacle to faith; he had much to unlearn before he could enter the kingdom with the simplicity and trust of a little child.

No one of us was saved through our wisdom. We did not grow into faith by reason. Paul could have overwhelmed the wise men of Corinth with his logic and made converts of the whole city. But he determined to know nothing among them except Jesus Christ and Him crucified: to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness. Man's departure from God began with a reaching out for wisdom and knowledge beyond what God had ordained. Eve took of the fruit of the forbidden tree because she saw it was "a tree to be desired to make one wise." Each advance of wisdom and knowledge, though heralded by the world as salvation for the race, when unaccompanied by faith, only carries man further into darkness.

We Christians need to beware of wisdom; not of the wisdom which Paul spoke among the perfect, but of worldly wisdom, wisdom James calls earthly, natural, devilish. We need to beware of it in facing the problems and tangles of life; we need to beware of it when we study the Scriptures. The Word of God is a difficult book. What Peter said concerning Paul's writings applies to the whole: in the Bible are many Scriptures which the ill-taught and ill-established wrest to their own destruction.

Heresies are children of pride. They grow out of our finding answers to puzzling passages by our own mental powers, unaided by the Holy Spirit. Great intellects have become great heretics. Failing to bring to bear on a difficult text the whole Word of God, and failing to wait humbly on the Teacher sent by our Risen Lord, we pursue it to what we assume to be a logical conclusion, and breed a heresy. Paul, because of the exceeding greatness of the revelations given him, had to have a thorn in the flesh to save him from that pride which would have made him to depend on his own great mental powers.

It is bad enough when the Christian business man succumbs to the wiles of worldly wisdom. It is far worse when the Bible student takes such pride in his scholarship that he assumes superior knowledge in spiritual matters, thinks himself above other Christians, and dares to give his own explanation of what Peter and Paul, James and Jude and John, and other writers of the Word were "trying" to say. He has never learned or has forgotten that in the Word holy men of God spoke as they were borne along by the Holy

Spirit. He fails to realize that the Holy Spirit is as essential to the reader as He was to the writers. And he has overlooked the principle laid down by Paul to the Corinthians: "If any man thinks he knows anything, he knows nothing yet as he ought to know."

Beware of wisdom, unless it be wisdom from above.

—Donald M. Taylor

ELDRSHIP

The subject of eldership is vital because it affects the assembly in the areas of guidance, teaching, and government. Assembly problems may result in division, which thing God hates, when such could have been prevented by accepting the judgment of qualified elders (overseers) (1 Tim. 3:1-7, Titus 1:6-11). This editorial for the sake of brevity is general in nature, dealing with principles and not details.

"Elder" simply means "older," indicating spiritual maturity. The designation refers to the person but not to his function. The designation bishop (overseer) refers to the same person, but has to do with his responsibility or work. The elders (always plural) guide, instruct, rule. Elders are necessary for an assembly to function scripturally. They are to be recognized (Heb. 13:7), honored (1 Tim. 5:17), and submitted to (Heb. 13:17) as those who have the rule, but not the lordship (1 Peter 5:3).

Mature, time-tested, spiritual men are a blessing, indeed, to an assembly. An elder, though mature in the scriptures, is not necessarily a preacher. Some are more notable for their counsel and guidance (1 Tim. 5:17). The assembly which is without known elders is poor indeed. Where the recognition of elders is lacking problems often lead to serious consequences which the care of godly elder brethren might have prevented.

We exhort believers to consider their subjection to God's government for the church through elders before divisions form, so that there will be no accusation of clerisy or feeling that elders are unqualified spiritually because they differ from popular opinion (Titus 1:10-11).

There are many respected teachers who would differ, perhaps claiming dispensational grounds, or spiritualizing the scriptures quoted, or saying that elders are only by apostolic appointment. To such we say only that we are convinced a careful study of the Word furnishes ample justification for believing there are those whom God has set as overseers in the assembly (Acts 20:28).

We are fully aware of the dangers of leadership by self-appointed men who are stubborn, wilful, lacking in love, tact, spirituality, and even common sense. This is a problem for qualified elder brethren to judge. The recognition of scriptural elders is threefold: by the Spirit (Acts 20:28), by the congregation (Heb. 13:7), and by the elder himself (1 Peter 5:2). The agreement of all three is essential.

Let us not be unruly, but rather pray for the elders, as those who must give an account and who watch for souls.

—Virgil Hollingsworth, Jr.

MORE SPIRITUAL "CASE HISTORIES"

J. D. Ibbotson

After five years of chaplaincy at Belmont Community Hospital in Chicago, we are more than ever confirmed in the belief that it is a valuable and rewarding work. One constantly feels inadequacy for the task, but looking to God daily for wisdom and strength, we go on sowing and frequently reaping, looking forward to the great day of reckoning when we will know rightly exactly what has been done.

Mr. K. was admitted to Belmont Hospital April 26 as an emergency medical patient. He was a real skeptic. "I don't believe in this Jesus stuff; no one knows for sure, etc." He gave the usual human reasoning for not taking serious thought about eternal matters. On my first contact I remained a few minutes, gave an assuring word from the scriptures, along with a tract or two, and offered a short prayer for his well being and profitable visit to the hospital.

In a few days I learned he was to go to surgery, so I made it my business to see him once more, this time remaining longer and bringing eternity very strongly before him.

A few days after surgery, which was very serious, I visited him again. He was very glad to see me and invited me to his bedside so he could talk to me. He said, with tears, "It MUST be true, it IS true, about Jesus; I believe in Him now." I could see on his countenance a real change, such as one can discern when a work of the Holy Spirit has been done in the heart.

After this he regained his strength and we had many happy times going over the Word, which I frequently found him reading. Each subsequent visit found him looking forward to reading and prayer. At present writing he is returning to another section of the country, but we hope, in some way, to have contact with him in the days ahead.

William S., a 21-year old rheumatic fever patient, was in Belmont for several months. On first visit he informed me he was of the R. C. faith but would be glad for me to visit.

It was my privilege to sit for long periods at his bedside reading and answering questions. One day not long after he was admitted to the hospital and I had gone over with him carefully the way of salvation, along with the other patient in the room, he reached out his hand as I was leaving, and with tears in his eyes, he confessed he had believed in the Lord Jesus Christ and expressed his thankfulness for being shown the true way. After that I had many visits, seeking to unravel some of his difficulties and

questions. He was quiet, soft spoken, sincere, and very studious. One day he told me he had informed the priest he did not need to come for confession or the "communion" any longer.

When he left the hospital one of the Emmaus Courses was sent to him and we trust he will grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mrs. S. . . . , aged 70, has been a patient twice in the past year. She was a Roman Catholic, but since her divorce many years ago that church has disowned her as far as certain of their rites are concerned. Her husband has been dead many years, so she was living quite alone in a small apartment near the hospital. Her loneliness made her very susceptible to friendliness.

When Mrs. S. . . . came in for the second visit, to our great joy she said, "Chaplain, I believe just as you told me from the Bible and I say it in my heart every day, that I'm a sinner but Jesus died for me on the cross, and I believe in Him." One could discern from her expression and warm spirit that it was real to her.

Experiences such as these occur frequently in the several hospitals which Stewards Foundation operates. Many precious souls find peace with God and assurance of eternal life through the daily ministry. The task is one of real joy, though physically and mentally exhausting, and one leaves the hospital very reluctantly at times, when we realize there are many more who would welcome a visit.

SISTERS IN THE LORD'S WORK

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The Lord continues to provide gospel literature both for the 380 patients in the Piedmont Sanatorium and for the follow-up work among ex-patients.

One such is a boy of twelve who was saved shortly after being admitted to the hospital eighteen months ago. When he returned home, he could quote correctly about 500 verses of scripture and showed real promise. He writes me for Emmaus courses and scripture memory cards for his little sisters and for the Sunday school class of which he is teacher. When he left the hospital he was working on his seventh Bible correspondence course.

IRENE GALLAGHER
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Antonio, the young Mexican laborer who professed faith in Christ over a

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month ago at the gospel meeting, has returned to his home in Mexico. Do pray that he will take a firm stand for Christ.

A few weeks ago five of the Gospel Sewing Class mothers were presented certificates for completing the Bible course on the Gospel of John. Only one of them came to the knowledge of the truth through the study.

We have some very interesting contacts in our door-to-door visitation on Sunday afternoons. Some have attended meetings as a result. Pray that souls will be saved as a result of this work.

MRS. M. SINCLAIR

% Mr. E. Hulde, 1756 Taylor St., Victoria, B. C.

The Lord graciously blessed our work in California in the Released Time Classes in Los Angeles and in women's work. At Vista a dear woman was saved and in Garden Grove, a lovely college girl, at a teenagers' class. Since then a Bible club has been started in the college.

Now I am in Canada. Please continue to pray for me, for strength to carry on the work so dear to my heart.

Mrs. M. Sinclair

WITH THE LORD

On September 8, Miss Florence Owen passed away in her sleep at the Western Assemblies Home in Claremont, California. She was 98 years old. She came to California as a young girl from Cork, Ireland, and through Harry A. Ironside came into fellowship at the Gospel Auditorium. At that time she was house mother for Frank "Borax" Smith, a wealthy Oaklander who cared for 100 girls whom he had adopted. In the early 20's she gave up this work to become a prison missionary. She led many of these condemned men to the Lord, visiting the Alameda County Jail, San Quentin, and many other prisons in this area for over thirty years. She knew such men as Warden Duffy and U.S. Supreme Court Justice, Earl Warren, who at that early date was District Attorney for Alameda County. Many of the prisoners depended on Miss Owen to take care of their problems, which she did very faithfully. About eight years ago she took up residence in the Western Assemblies Home at Claremont where she has been ever since. Miss Owen was in fellowship at the Gospel Auditorium for about 35 years before going to Claremont. Many of the Labor Day conferences there were made successful by her management of the kitchen.

-Geo. D. Armerding

WITH THE LORD

ANDREW CRAIG

Mr. Andrew Craig, Sr. passed into the presence of the Lord on Saturday, August 13, 1960, at approximately 5:45 a.m.



On Lord's Day, July 17, he suffered a heart attack while having meetings at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, but returned to New Jersey by train. At the insistence of his children a doctor was called and he was ordered to a hospital where he received the best of care by Christian

nurses. His condition thereafter was critical. He had begun to rally when on the morning of August 13 his family was notified he had suffered a fatal heart attack. His wife and helpmeet had predeceased him and since her passing, his wish had been to be with her.

He is survived by a brother, evangelist David Craig of Ireland; and a sister, Mrs. Russell of Scotland; two children, Andrew and Margaret of Fairlawn, N. J.; and five grandchildren, David, John, and Robert Craig, and Marion and Douglas Varney.

Mr. Craig spent 30 years in the service of the Lord. The funeral was one of the largest known in this area, indicating the esteem in which he was held. Mr. Paul Bitler of New York City officiated at the service.

—Ned Varney

LUIGI ROSANIA

Although this brother now with the Lord had many excellent gifts, he excelled in two. As an evangelist and soul winner, summer after summer he labored under canvas with brother Patrizio and others, and saw much fruit and assemblies established. He would carry on faithfully preaching the gospel in the evening and all day long visiting from door to door with his bag filled with gospel tracts for distribution. He won his way into homes and hearts of even the most rebellious by his winning personality and kind manner.

Again, he excelled as a pastor. He was always concerned about visiting the sick and aged and especially those who had strayed from the assembly. His greatest joy was to see souls saved and believers restored and the assemblies prospering.

May the calling of our dear brother from this scene of labor be instrumental in rallying many of us to take our place in the Lord's service to fill in the gap.

—M. A. Rannelli

HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN AT HOME WITH THE LORD

John Millard Doyle, who for some time prior to his death served as chaplain at the Bethesda Hospital in Chicago, was born the first time on April 7, 1892, in Philadelphia, Penn., and at the age of 12 was born again into the family of God. Hungry for the things of God, he came to Chicago and entered Moody Bible Institute, from which school he was graduated in 1918. While a student he came into contact with the Stewart family, and friendship with them resulted in his becoming identified with the Austin Gospel Hall Assembly. Later he was united in marriage to Florence Stewart.

Throughout his life, and especially during his years at Norwood Gospel Chapel in Chicago, he manifested in a marked way the heart of a true shepherd.

Mr. Neil Glass, a member of the Evanston (Ill.) assembly, and administrator of Bethesda Hospital, recalls, "Typical of Millard's humility was his reaction to a child's statement about him while he served as Chaplain at Bethesda.

"Millard had been visiting with a young Jewish boy in the pediatric ward and showed him how to fold a sheet of paper and with one cut of a scissors make a cross. He had also told the young child some Bible stories and spent an enjoyable (for both) time with him.

"Later in the week Millard was stopped in the corridor by the boy's mother and asked if he were the chaplain. The



mother then expressed her appreciation of the time spent with the boy. She told how they had come in to visit him that night, and he had excitedly said, 'Mom, the man from God was in to see me!'

"When he later related this incident, Millard added thoughtfully, 'You know, that made me examine myself to see if I did have something from God for him.'"

Mr. Doyle is survived by his wife, his daughter Patricia, and five brothers and sisters.

HOWARD MONTGOMERY

On July 18, 1960, brother Howard Montgomery, senior missionary at Immanuel Mission, Shiprock, New Mexico, went to be with the Lord "which is far better." Brother Howard served the Lord among the Navajo Indians for twenty years, for a number of these years suffering from an illness that at last proved fatal.

On May 28 he underwent surgery in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for the removal of a brain tumor. At first he showed



signs of improvement, but at the beginning of July he began to show signs of weakness and, going into a coma on July

15, awoke in His presence at 2:00 p.m. July 18.

Only 53 years of age when he passed away, he leaves his widow, Helen Johnson Montgomery; three children, Lois Jean, Ruth Ann, and Howard; his mother, four brothers, and two sisters.

The funeral services were held in Allentown on July 21. Brother William Richter from the Germantown assembly, and John W. Moser, a former co-worker at Immanuel Mission, conducted the funeral.

Brother Montgomery was said to know the Navajo language as did no other white man. In the words of another co-worker at Shiprock, New Mexico, Miss Evelyn Varder, at the time the first school building burned at Immanuel Mission, "It was the Lord's building and He can do with it as He see fit." Howard was the Lord's servant and He has done with him as He saw fit.

At the close of the services at the graveside, Helen Montgomery expressed joy that the gospel had gone forth at the funeral, and added, "I plan to go back to the Mission. I feel the Lord called me to the work there and I do not see why I should not return—unless the Lord should show me otherwise." Pray for her.

—John W. Moser

GEORGE BAXTER
Box 141, Flagstaff, Arizona

During the Bible school at Shonto we camped under a canopy of trees and had the meetings under trees too. The three meetings a day were well attended and these young Christians drank in the Word with joy. On the Tuesday night of this school, five came to the Lord, among them a medicine man who had bitterly opposed us and persecuted the Christians. On Thursday night our interpreter had the message, and there was great interest among the big group who gathered. A car neared us and then drew away three times and finally stopped. A young man got out, saying he was ready to accept Christ. Fifteen others followed him. After they had been talked with and shown other scriptures, they were asked for testimonies. This young man said he was a Navajo policeman and had to help carry away the dead and wounded after accidents along the highway and he had realized he was not ready to die. He had obtained a Bible and was reading it secretly and at last had found peace with God. Pray for the 26 who came to Him in that week of meetings.

As we write we are at Red Lake where the attendance is wonderful. So many adults have come that we had a men's class and a ladies' class, too, beside the children's classes. Thursday night, eleven came to accept the Lord, many of them teenage young people.

E. H. DELLANDREA
Bishop's Cove, Newfoundland

I am back in Newfoundland after a short visit home. At present we are on the east coast helping the assemblies and carrying on open air work in the out-ports. In the fishing season the best way to reach people with the gospel is to visit from house to house and preach the gospel in the open air. As we sow the good seed we look to the Lord that there will be much fruit in the salvation of souls.

WORTH ELLIS
828 Lakehurst St., Lakeland, Florida

We have been in Lakeland a month now and are getting adjusted to this new field of labor. The work here is rather small but there seems to be a nice spirit of unity and a desire to grow. These assets, with the blessing of God, we believe will in days to come result in a good solid work here.

Our contacts at present are rather limited. However, visitors come in from time to time. Any of the Lord's people having relatives or friends here whom they would like us to contact, may drop us a line.

T. MICHAEL FLOWERS
Box 1439, Savannah, Georgia

Earlier this year four adults obeyed the Lord in the waters of baptism, marking the beginning of a testimony in Beaufort, South Carolina.

We have seen a number of professions recently as a result of home visitation. We praise the Lord for this demonstration of the gospel power but we desire to see them wholly identify themselves with the Lord and the testimony.

Another first was our DVBS. The attendance was encouraging and opened the way for many new contacts. Two of those who came were also at Grace Bible Camp and made a profession of faith.

We were privileged to preach and teach the Word at Grace Bible Camp again this year. For the high school camp we used the chart "Two Roads and Two Destinies." Many professed to have seen things much more clearly than before.

The radio ministry goes on weekly with many listening. We do earnestly pray that the program will continue to sound forth the Good News in the area to the praise of His glory.

GRANDE PRAIRIE, ALBERTA

Since publication of my note in the magazine this year, many have been exercised about establishing a testimony in this city, and it is our prayer that the Lord will encourage local believers to seek the will of the Lord in this matter.

During the summer, brother Wallace Cudmore of Midland, Ont., visited us in response to the published note. The local Elks' Hall was rented and our brother preached the plain, powerful gospel for eight successive nights. Much visitation work was done and many tracts given out. These meetings were, I believe, a definite sign that He is desirous of further efforts in this place.

Wm. Wilson took time to come and help us along. We had Bible readings in our home and one evening brother Wilson spoke to a group of young people from one of the local churches. Brethren Wilson and Cudmore feel that a tent campaign should be carried out next summer and many of the Lord's people in Edmonton and Vancouver have volunteered to help in supplying a tent, loudspeaker, etc. Please pray that the Lord will guide and direct.

During the coming winter months we intend to hold children's meetings in our home.

—Doug Ross,
Box 3905, Grande Prairie, Alta.

W. F. GURNETT
Youngstown, Alberta, Canada

This past school year, as in previous years, I have been allowed a half hour class each week in the rural schools. This area is sparsely settled cattle country so the attendance isn't large, but there is no Sunday school or church for these children to attend. In two schools the service was held in the evening with the parents attending regularly; the other six, during the day. The farthest point each week is 75 miles from home.

PIONEERING TODAY

The new work in Youngstown continues to be encouraging, with unsaved coming under the sound of the gospel, and a good group of children for the Family Bible Hour. With prayer and Bible study and a young people's meeting, the weeks seem full, and pass so quickly.

GEORGE F. HEIDMAN
Rockwood Court, Bldg. 17, Apt. 2,
St. John, New Brunswick

Wallace Cudmore and I are in the second week of meetings in the Harcourt district. Last summer God graciously saved some near here at meetings we held in a schoolhouse. This year we have erected the portable hall.

We are visiting the whole district systematically, having conversation with the people at every opportunity and leaving a Gospel of John with tracts in every home.

The haying season has lessened attendance during the week, but there were sixty out last Sunday. We use a loud speaker and some who do not come in can hear nearby.

ROLAND LaCOMBE
26 Montcalm, Marcotte, Drummondville, P. Q.

I am very encouraged in distributing tracts, and visiting with the ones who received the New Testament in the city of Sorel.

We have two families very interested and I hope that they will be saved soon. They need our prayers and fellowship, because persecutions and mocking from priests will be very hard for them.

DAVID METLER
1001 E. Elbe Street, Portales, N. M.

We feel that the Lord is leading us to build a mission in the midst of the Spanish section. We find that the people will not come into our homes to any of the meetings so we want to be in their midst. We are still going into their homes for Bible study and having the children's classes so we feel that we should have a meeting place in their section. We are planning to have all our meetings there and hope to be able to do something soon. The children's work has been very good this summer despite opposition from the local priest.

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STANLEY STREIGHT
Box 464, Montague, P.E.I.



Twelve years ago the Lord led us here and it was my joy and privilege to serve in the gospel alone for one year, then together with the wife the Lord graciously gave.

The Lord has blessed us with five children, which means that Marjorie cannot help in classes and meetings in different districts as she once did, though of course she teaches a class in the assembly Sunday school and sometimes has a class in our home, and helps with camp and DVBS as she is able.

Since coming to the Island we helped for a couple of years in starting the work at Upton Gospel Chapel, then carried on work in Georgetown, and Montague where we are now making our home.

A small assembly has been brought together in Montague and a suitable chapel built in the town, where we meet for prayer, worship, Sunday school, and the preaching of the gospel and ministry of the Word.

Much of our time during each summer is taken up with Emmanuel Bible Camp, Dundas, P. E. I., and holding DVBS in Montague and surrounding districts. This August I ministered at a children's camp in Nova Scotia for ten days.

There is no end to the opportunities for house-to-house visitation and we have touched only the edge of this work. Just a few days ago I had the joy of reading the Word of God in the home of some Dutch immigrants and pointing out in their Bible the same portions so that they could follow on in their own language. They were R. C.'s but seemed ready to listen. Pray for them.

We have built a Bible booth which we take to a number of exhibitions on the Island and Nova Scotia where we sell Bibles, Bible story books, mottoes and

plaques, hymn books, etc., distribute gospel tracts, and preach the gospel with a loud speaker. There is a great field which could be covered each year in this way, but we are not free to go to more than four of five places. We would like to see a couple of young men who could take the booth and follow the exhibitions through from June to late September and go to all the larger centers in the Maritimes sowing the good seed of the gospel. No doubt they would reap as well.

NEW JERSEY GOSPEL PIONEERS

For the past two years representative brethren of the North Jersey Assemblies have met and planned and the result is the recent filing of corporation papers and the establishment of "New Jersey Gospel Pioneers."

The initial project of this organization is the establishment of Pioneer Evening School of the Bible, to commence classes in the fall. With the advice and help of Dr. Edward Harlow, Mr. John Smart, and Mr. Ernest Woodhouse, curriculum and faculty have been established. These brethren, with Dr. Walter Liefeld of the Sea Cliff (Long Island) assembly, will comprise the initial teaching staff.

Classes will be held in the Rutherford Gospel Chapel and the program will consist of twelve Monday evening sessions each term with two terms per year. The fall term started September 19, 1960, and the spring term January 16, 1961, D. V. Printed folders describing the school and its ministry will be sent to all the New Jersey assemblies late in the summer. Others interested may contact the registrar, Mr. Leslie Campbell, 7 Sheridan Place, Fair Lawn, N. J.

SICK

A. JAMES DAVIES
533 Gilmour St., Peterborough, Ont.

Mrs. Davies reports—"In connection with my husband's illness, he is responding very well to treatment and is progressing satisfactorily, for which we thank God. The doctors say it will be a long time before he can again be active (1961), and he still has to remain in the hospital, but I feel sure that this time of being laid aside, will prove to be the greatest blessing in both our lives since our conversion. Please continue to pray for him."

MRS. HENRY FLETCHER
487A Parkside Dr., Toronto 3, Ont.

Mr. Fletcher asks prayer for his wife who has had a relapse and is now hospitalized.

ERNEST GROSS
Box 1113, Greenville, South Carolina

Mrs. Gross writes: "The Lord blessed this summer in the salvation of many boys and girls in Bible schools and camps. While at Camp Hope, N. Car., and with two camps ahead, Ernie had to have an emergency operation. The doctor said poisoning had already set in. Pray that the Lord will work things out for His glory."

R. T. HALLIDAY
P.O. Box 4148, Station A, San Antonio, Texas

I am back in the hospital again after spending five weeks there previously following a heart attack. They suspect another blood clot now in the heart. For the past year or two my health has been poorly and the doctor has prohibited me from preaching to crowds since the exertion would further damage my heart. During my recent heart attack, I was "sick nigh unto death, but the Lord had mercy on me." (Later) I have made good recovery and had a nice meeting last night for Mexican teenage Christians.

MRS. ELGIE B. JAMISON
320 28th St. S. W., Mason City, Iowa

Mrs. Jamison underwent surgery August 18 and was to remain in the hospital for an extended period. She had been unwell for some time.

MRS. WALTER JENSEN
2033 Grand St., Scotch Plains, N. J.

"My wife underwent surgery again in an attempt to relieve all body pain. She is so very weak since this operation. She is now out of oxygen, etc., but unable to walk as yet and also suffering other distressing complications. The prayers of all believers are earnestly coveted."

FRANK PIZZULLI
P.O. Box 37, Long Branch, N. J.

Thank God, I am feeling much better, though still very weak. I'm grateful for the privilege of being able to visit some of the nearby assemblies and help in the ministry of God's Word. Do continue to pray for me.

AN ARMY CHAPLAIN REPORTS

C. Gordon Kyle

My first tour of duty is for three years and began May 22, 1960. We are stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas. In the few weeks we have been here we have had many opportunities to preach the good news of our Savior. These opportunities go beyond the military bounds and out into the civilian communities. We have had many contacts with Christians here in El Paso and are thrilled at the work many of them are doing. We have come to know Mr. and Mrs. John Halliday, who are doing a good work in the gospel at the Mexican border, reaching Mexican workers as they come across into the States.

Counseling opportunities are unlimited. The Lord has seen fit to use us already in leading several fellows to the Redeemer. What a thrill to preach the gospel to many who never heard it before. I have been newly assigned to the United States Army Training Center where well over 1000 men are in training. These men come in for a six month tour and then go back to their reserve

units. This gives us 1000 different men every six months. Since I am the only Protestant chaplain in this organization the burden is so much the greater. We will value highly the fervent prayers of the Lord's people that our labor will be fruitful here for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.

This past month I have been holding three services each Sunday morning and a Bible study each Wednesday evening. We also have services at the Wm. Beaumont Army Hospital and in the Stockade periodically. Personal contacts with the gospel are numerous interspersed throughout each day. It is wonderful to be a messenger with the water of the Word in a spiritually dry as well as physically dry place.

Ruth has begun a Child Evangelism class in our home each Thursday afternoon and has been having large numbers of children out. Many of these are from military families and do not often get out to church or Sunday school.

KENNETH K. BAIRD
1077 9th Street, Boulder, Colo.

The Lord blessed His word in the salvation of boys and girls at the Colorado Rockies Bible Camp and Conference this summer. Truly He is the living God who hears and answers prayer.

WILLIAM BROWN
6790 N.W. 33rd St., West Hollywood, Florida

The Lord blessed at Pine Bush Bible Camp. On August 14, I began a week in Kearny, New Jersey and then returned to West Hollywood. The meetings in Norwood Chapel in Chicago were successful and quite a number professed.

SVEND CHRISTENSEN
15 Castle Hill Dr., Rockingham, Halifax Co., Nova Scotia

The Lord blessed the visit of brother Lionel Hunt to the Maritimes. The first week of meetings was in our home in Rockingham, Nova Scotia. We had tried to secure various public buildings in the area, but all efforts failed. I had an emergency appendectomy a few days before the meetings began. The attendance was not large. The opposition could be felt, yet we saw encouragement. The child of a top television and radio star attended each meeting. He stayed behind two evenings. The brilliant laddie next door had a very bright conversion. The son of a lieutenant commander who had been saved in our home a year before, and had moved to another station, was visiting with us for a few days and got assurance, etc.

At the new Fairview Bible Chapel in a Halifax suburb, the top attendance was

212. At Dartmouth across the Harbour, they had a full house, too. Over one hundred children stayed behind in each place to be dealt with during the five days.

In Summerside, Prince Edward Island, between sixty and seventy were spoken to after the meetings. The attendance in Charlottetown, P. E. I. averaged two hundred. Nearly one hundred children were counseled. At Montague, P. E. I., a small village in the eastern part of the Island, the peak attendance was one hundred. Around a dozen stayed behind for counseling.

These meetings have made many important contacts for each assembly. Please pray for wisdom, as a follow-up program is carried on. Many of these children came from unsaved homes and from modernistic and R. C. churches. We thank God for sending brother Hunt to the needy Maritime Provinces, and for the many children brought under the sound of the gospel.

At present, we are busy directing Emmanuel Bible Camp in Dundas, P. E. I. We rejoice to see the Lord working here also.

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TENTS

Among the workers pitching tents for evangelistic meetings during the past summer were Eric McCullough of Cedar Falls, Iowa, and Leonard DeBuhr of Aplington, Iowa, at Hector, Minn.; H. G. Dobson of Evergreen Park, Ill., and Paul Elliott of Aplington, at Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Chauncey Yost near his home in Ontario, Wisc.

LOOKING FOR FELLOWSHIP

PARKERSBURG, W. VA.—Mr. and Mrs. Herman James of 626 Briscoe Road, Parkersburg, West Virginia, Route 22, would be interested in hearing from any brethren coming to their area. They were saved in Kingman, Arizona, and have been without assembly fellowship for some time.

OPPORTUNITY—Old but small assembly in fair-sized eastern city offers comfortable six-room unfurnished apartment over chapel rent free in return for care of building. Dependable, retired couple experienced in and willing to do neighborhood visitation desired. Please write Box HBC, Letters of Interest, 127 S. Wacker Dr., Chicago 6, Illinois.



FAIRBANKS, ALASKA
Camp Li-Wa (Living Waters)

The peak of another northern summer has been reached and with it the conclusion of another double session of Bible Camp at Camp Li-Wa five miles from Fairbanks.

Until 1957 a small piece of property about 50 miles from Fairbanks was rented for one or two weeks, but since that year a 40-acre tract of land, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Platt, who are in the local assembly, has been developed. It is wooded and has its own small lake with a depth of up to 26 feet. Enough clearing has been done to allow for the



necessary buildings and for a good playing field.

Last summer a surplus military building was purchased from nearby Ladd Airforce Base, torn down, and most of its lumber used in the erection of a 50' x 30' combination kitchen-dining hall. Cots and mattresses were also purchased through military surplus; and new plastic dishes and stainless steel cutlery were sent up by the sisters in our home area. This year several ten-man tents were purchased to replace the odd assortment formerly used.

Through the kindness of the New England sisters, a second frame building, 40' x 20', was built this summer, and it serves as chapel, store, office and indoor recreation hall.

Last winter three small fiberglass row-boats were made and these proved a popular and much-enjoyed addition to camp equipment this year.

Unlike camps in the home areas, we do not have numbers of neighboring assemblies on which to depend for workers. Last summer, five young men from Emmaus traveled north to help in the building program and the spiritual work at camp and again this year we had two with us for the summer. The Christians in Dawson, Yukon Territory, have been actively interested and this summer we appreciated the help of several adults from the assemblies in Anchorage and Mentasta Lake. These, and some local believers, have made the camp program possible.

This year the Lord encouraged in the planning of two ten-day sessions, the first for 8 to 12-year olds and the second for teenagers. Some 110 campers were contacted. Many came from the Fairbanks area, some from the village of Nenana, one carload arrived from Dawson, and one from Whitehorse, these making most of the 400 and 700-mile trip over gravel road. God saw fit to save about 25 during the two periods.

—Donald Sauer.

JOHN HUNT

917 14th Street, Bellingham, Washington

At the annual Ocean Beach Bible Camp sponsored by the Cosmopolis, Washington, assembly, of the 150 or more who attended, quite a few professed faith in Christ.

The camp was ably directed by brethren Larry Anderson of Whitman Chapel, Seattle; and John Covert, correspondent of the Cosmopolis assembly. Brother Sam Stewart and I were invited to give gospel messages and to minister the Word.

I am presently giving help in Bellingham, Wash., speaking on Daniel.

KAUKAUNA, WISCONSIN

Community Gospel Chapel, 1717 S. Main St.

We had two weeks of DVBS and were

pleased with the results and obvious leading and blessing of the Lord.

The cheerful and able help of four Emmaus young people gave us an excellent first week, and two stayed on to help brother William Morgan the second week. We were much encouraged with new boys and girls who came to the school and the excellent attendance of their parents at the program. We feel that the Lord gave us a successful Bible school again this year.

James E. Watson

MASOKOBI BIBLE CAMP

We know of 21 campers (seven boys, 14 girls) who professed faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. In addition quite a number were helped spiritually.

Brother Hershel Martindale's ministry made a lasting impression on campers, counselors, and all on the camp grounds.

Pray with us as we follow up this work, that we may direct the campers in the truth of God's Word.

—Jim Rankin

WM. MORGAN

1004 Locust St., Atlantic, Iowa

The boys and girls of the Bible schools and camps this year were all very well behaved, and the Lord has given us many precious souls. Lyman and Atlantic, Iowa, were very good schools; and I took the last week of the Kaukauna, Wisconsin Bible School, before going to the Iowa Bible Camp. The first week of Kaukauna was taken by the Emmaus Bible School students and they did a wonderful job of teaching and helping the assembly in that area.

At Lake Geneva we were able to get close to the children with the good message of the gospel, spending more time with each child, and we are looking forward to a reaping of young souls for the Lord Jesus.

WILLIAM J. McRAE

348 McLean St., Renfrew, Ont.

We were at Camp Galilee for five weeks this summer and saw the Lord's good hand upon the effort there. We also had vacation Bible schools in both Renfrew and Pembroke, Ontario, with an encouraging attendance and a good number professing faith in our Lord. We had an enrollment of over 100 in Pembroke and at least 25% of these were Catholics. We believe the Lord saved the souls of some.

CAN YOU USE three dozen "Tabernacle Hymn Books" (good condition)? Write the Book Nook, 2622 Wilgus Road, Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

NEWTON, BRITISH COLUMBIA

At the annual Newton and District DVBS in the Canadian Legion Hall, total registration including students and workers, was 330. During one weekday session it was necessary to erect a tent to accommodate the overflow.

Following the Bible school, the tent was erected on the premises of brother Mun Hope's residence in the Green Timbers district, and nightly meetings were held.

PINE BUSH BIBLE CAMP

% Robert McLaren, Sea Girt, New Jersey

We have been enjoying the blessing of the Lord at Pine Bush Bible Camp to the extent that we find ourselves in need of a new chapel. The present chapel will hold about 75 children but the camp frequently has over 100 children.

We have been blessed with able and willing workers who will construct the building when we have the materials. In addition to the new chapel, we plan a new dormitory to accommodate the crowds the Lord is pleased to send to Pine Bush.

Anyone interested in knowing more about the Lord's work at Pine Bush should contact R. McLaren at 709 Baltimore Blvd., Sea Girt, N. J., from whom a sound motion picture on the camp may be obtained.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

The Bible Chapel, 279 E. 3rd St.

On a hot, sticky night in late July a little gospel cart pushed down a cobblestone street. It stopped in front of a vacant lot filled with rubbish and workers directed the loud speaker towards the crowded slum streets of the Lower East Side. The record player was turned on and soon the voice of Bev Shea filled the air. A group of Puerto Rican teenagers lounging in front of a candy store glanced over. Dressed in green sport shirts and suspenders and wearing little black hats they appeared little interested. Some slouched over parked cars smoking marijuana; others sat on the sidewalk propped against a brick building drinking beer. One fellow danced the "cha cha" as Bev sang the line, "I must tell Jesus all of my problems, I cannot bear my burdens alone."

The record ended. The Spanish song, "O Amor de Dios" ("The Love of God"), was next. It attracted attention. Windows of the six-story walk-up apartment house were pushed up and Spanish faces looked out in curiosity. Children flocked around and were soon taken aside by Mrs. Helen Petrale to hear a Bible story. Harry Navarez, an 18-year old worker, took the mike:

"Ladies and gentlemen, we are here to tell you about the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible says we are all sinners and we're going to hell. Hell is real, my friend. The Bible says...."

Several gathered unobtrusively around the gospel cart to listen. Other workers went down the streets passing out tracts. Mr. Stokes began to witness to a Jewish man. A 20-year old, Sandy Quiles, crossed over to do personal work with the teenagers by the candy store. Dick Hopkins, a 25-year old summer worker from Wheaton, Ill., spoke to a young fellow who seemed convicted by the message.

"Have you decided for Christ yet?"

"No." It was said shamefacedly. "But I got a brother that preaches."

"So, how about you?"

"I'm afraid," he began, his head bowed, "because you see—to tell you the truth—I got a bad habit."

The young fellow rolled up his sleeve and showed Dick an arm scarred with the narcotics needle. Dick pleaded with him for an hour. As they leaned over a red and blue mail box under the street light, Dick asked "Won't you let me pray with you, Ben?"

"No, please, I'm afraid."

Mrs. Petrale finished an explanation of the Wordless Book, looked at the 15 children clustered around her, and asked, "Now anyone who would like to accept Christ tonight, step forward."

Several did, including an Hungarian woman whose teenage daughters had done likewise the preceding Sunday.

The meeting ended. The gospel cart returned to its home at Third Street Bible Chapel. As it bounced along the cobblestone streets the workers were filled with joy and sadness—joy because the gospel was preached and some believed, sadness because fellows like Ben delayed a decision.

Won't you help in prayer? Pray:

1. That there will be a minimum of interference from Catholic priests, Jewish folk and the police.

2. That teenage gang members and whole gangs like the Dragons, the Untouchables, the Sportsmen, the Bopping Balerenoes, the Forsythe Boys, the Collegians might be saved and step out for Christ. Also pray that God would keep them from fighting and deliver many from the drug habit.

3. That the scores of children who have professed Christ on park benches in the Projects might continue in Christ.

4. That the Jewish folk might respond to the Hebrew and Yiddish gospel records and to the Jewish tracts given to them.

5. That the lessons learned in a recent two-week DVBS might be retained by the children and that those who went to Pine Bush Camp would be blessed.

6. That teenage girls might grow in the Christian way. Pray for the follow-up

work on street conversions and for the convert classes.

7. That Christians in your own city would be exercised to evangelize their own slum areas.

PITTSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA Pittsboro Christian Home, Inc.

A plan to accept older workers into the Home, which was mentioned in our last news letter, was misunderstood by some, who thought that we were opening a rest home for the aged. The fact is that we now have rooms that are separate from the living quarters of the children for Christians who are willing and able to serve the Lord on a limited basis and would be an asset to the work. We will give further information to those who desire it. The need for workers and the opportunity this would afford some to serve the Lord who otherwise might not be able are two reasons why we decided to accept older workers. We might add here that any Christian individual or couple who believe that Lord would have them work with children and young people should get in touch with us.

A visit to a state correctional institution recently has given us a greater determination to care for more neglected and dependent children. No doubt many more Christians would want to serve the Lord in this field if they only know that there were so many boys and girls who need someone to care for them.

Eugene Hollingsworth
Superintendent

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BIBLE CAMP 609 Catalina Rd., Fullerton, California

This summer 466 boys and girls, plus counselors and staff, spent six happy but strenuous days at Forest Home in the beautiful San Bernardino Mountains. Before the end of the week a good number had professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and some teenagers had dedicated their lives to His service. Of particular significance was the cooperative and happy fellowship among counselors and workers from some sixteen southern California assemblies.

Three camps were run concurrently: for Pre-teen Juniors (Grades 4 through 6) with William Bush as speaker; Junior Hi Intermediates (Grades 7 through 9) with Robert Young as speaker; and Seniors (Grades 10 through 12) with Henry Petersen as speaker.

Twenty-one men and 22 women counselors bore the brunt of the work as theirs was a 24-hour job. A staff of 33 other workers was on hand to assist in the accomplishment of the camp objectives.

—Bruce Merritt, Camp Manager 1960

DAVID WARD

8 Watrous Ave., R.F.D. No. 1, Mystic, Conn.

As we look back on the summer we have real cause to rejoice. We had one of our best vacation Bible schools at Groton, with an increased attendance in the Intermediate Department and two or three who professed faith in Christ. Our boys' camp and youth week at Berea were blessed of the Lord in the salvation of souls and during the teenage week real progress was made in the lives of some. Once again we saw the Lord's hand in salvation.

At Camp Li-Lo-Li youth week, at least three professed faith in Christ. From there we went on to Greenwood Hills for the final week of the conference season, just in time to repack our bags and set off for Emmaus for a month of teaching there.

NEW ADDRESSES

Robert Arthur
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Worth Ellis
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John T. Rae
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Honolulu 16, Hawaii

Arthur B. Rodgers
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Colorado Springs, Colorado

W. Ross Rainey
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Hazelwood, Missouri

Eric S. Veters
Apartment 2
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London, Ontario, Canada

DOCTOR IN PIONEER TERRITORY wants to borrow chart (prefers Eternity to Eternity) to use in newly-planted assembly. If you can help, write Box BV, % Letters of Interest, 127 S. Wacker Dr., Chicago 6, Ill.



BARNEGAT, NEW JERSEY

Brother V. Sobral, missionary to Portugal, ministered the Word at the Christian Fellowship, Barnegat, New Jersey, and showed slides of his work. The meeting was well-attended.

CADILLAC, MICHIGAN

The assembly formerly meeting here has been discontinued.

CENTRAL ISLIP, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK

Central Islip Gospel Chapel, 225 Joshua's Path

A series of special tent meetings is being conducted in a 40' x 20' circus type tent which was loaned by Mr. William MacDonald of Emmaus Bible School. Chairs for the tent were given, in answer to prayer, by the Union City, New Jersey assembly.

The tent has been an object of interest to all but especially to the young folks of the neighborhood. Two young girls came to see it and when told about the Sunday school, went home and got permission to attend. These two girls have already contacted two more.

Two young folks were saved about two weeks ago. Pray that more will come to Christ! Some are on the verge of committing themselves to the Savior and we trust that it will not be long before this happens.

A consistent visitation program is conducted every Sunday afternoon. The Lord is blessing with opportunities to witness and good prospects.

Prayer is asked for the tent meetings which are held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of each week, with a different evangelistic speaker each week.

Edward Everett

CHERRY RIVER, QUEBEC

We had our annual conference with brethren Duguid and Wallace as the special speakers. The Word having been faithfully ministered by both brethren, we believe that the Lord's people were spiritually refreshed.

After the conference brother Duguid stayed on at Cherry River for the following week to minister the Word. These special meetings were well attended, and we feel that the Lord richly blessed the Word to edify the Church and challenge the sinner.

—George Brier

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

Assemblies of Christians gathered in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ in

Colorado Springs, announce the following changes:

Southside Bible Chapel

Secretary: Roger Cocking
219B W. Cheyenne Road
Telephone: MELrose 2-7042

Sunday
Breaking of Bread 9:15 a.m.
Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Gospel Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Thursday
Prayer & Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
Friday
Children's Meeting (September through May) 7:30 p.m.

Northeast Bible Chapel

Correspondent: Elmer C. Shackletter
1508 Swope Avenue
Telephone: MELrose 4-5773

The new chapel building has been completed and is now being used. Blessing in the salvation of a precious soul followed the first gospel meeting in this new location.

Sunday
Breaking of Bread 9:15 a.m.
Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Gospel Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday
Prayer & Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
Friday
Children's Meeting (September through May) 7:30 p.m.

We are always glad to have true Christians, who are pure in doctrine and clean in life, visit us at any time for any of the meetings.

CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

Culver City Gospel Hall, 11138 Venice Blvd.

The Culver City Gospel Hall is the new home of what was known for many years as the Jefferson Boulevard Assembly, the foundation for which was laid over 60 years ago by brother W. J. McClure and other esteemed servants of the Lord. It was the first such company of Christians in or around Los Angeles.

Locating on Jefferson Boulevard in 1912, the assembly remained there until January 1957. Due to the changing conditions which confront assemblies in large cities, it became unsuitable, and in answer to prayer the Lord open the way for us to find a cash buyer.

Through the liberality of the saints we were able to raise considerable funds and Stewards Foundation kindly furnished us a loan to make up the balance. A number of our brethren, and sisters also in their measure, gave unsparingly of their time and ability and thus we were able to keep the cost to a minimum. We are humbly grateful to God, and He has already permitted us to see souls saved and His people cheered and encouraged. We will value prayer for the testimony.

DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA

For sometime the brethren on the east coast in the Halifax area (Daytona Beach) have been exercised about having an assembly, and the Lord has now opened the way for us to start an assembly in the Community Hall, Allendale, Florida, four miles south of Daytona Beach, on Route #1.

A cordial invitation is extended to visitors to come and have fellowship with us during their stay in this area. We pray, if it is the Lord's will, that some of the Christians will come and dwell among us. They will be a great help and most welcome.

We are known as the Halifax Chapel, located on Highway #1, four miles south of Daytona Beach, just opposite Allendale Post Office.

Our meetings are as follows: Sunday, Breaking of Bread, 10:00 a.m.; Preaching of the Gospel, 7:30 p.m.; Thursday, Prayer and Bible study, 7:30 p.m.

For further information, please contact Walter Stewart, CL 2-8490, Box 2034, Allendale, Florida.

DOYLESTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

Grace Gospel Chapel

Recently 21 believers in our Lord Jesus Christ were baptized, thus publicly confessing their faith in Him. Included in this number were two family groups of four and six members. Testimonies revealed that the Holy Spirit used various means of bringing them to a saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, namely: Sunday school teachers, camp counselors, radio ministry, as well as ministry in public meetings.

Earlier this year real interest was shown in a week of special meetings for children conducted by Melvin Wistner. Week night attendance reached 299, a majority of them children, and 338 were present for the closing meeting on Sunday evening. Fourteen children remained after the meetings, indicating their desire to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior.

It is now six years since the assembly moved into its new chapel. We have seen attendance increase in the Family Bible Hour from an average of 135 to 225 during those years. The assembly has had so much to praise God for during its 38-year history, not the least of which has been an active group of young people.

—Francis M. Rickert

EAST FREEDOM, PENNSYLVANIA

On Lord's Day, July 24, 1960, Christians gathered to remember the Lord for the first time at East Freedom Chapel, East Freedom, Pa.

For several years previous to this a small group met in the Obie Snider home at Imber, Pa., to remember the Lord, and study His Word.

Mr. A. P. Gibbs spent nearly two weeks ministering the Word in the new chapel, preaching to children especially, but the last five messages were for Christians, to remind us of the blessings we have in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The interest and attendance of those in the community was gratifying.

There are still numerous details to be completed, but we are now regularly observing the Remembrance Meeting at 9:30 a.m., Sunday school for all ages is at 11:00 a.m., and on Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m. we meet for Bible study. On Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. we hold our weekly prayer meeting.

—Samuel J. Hagen

FOXMEAL, ILLINOIS

The annual conference was held over the weekend of July 3, with large audiences at the meetings. Ministry was varied and speakers who took part were Wm. Hynd, Robert MacLaren, H. Orton and S. Taylor. The Sunday school picnic took place on the Monday, and the children were addressed by brethren Hynd and Taylor. Visitors who attended the conference were shown generous and commendable hospitality.

HARMONY, PENNSYLVANIA

Through use of the Gospel Barn Booth which was operated at three different fairs in this area, Gospel tracts were received by 16,000 people.

Free Bibles were given to those requesting them and there were 121 applicants for the free Emmaus Bible course.

Brother Harold Sipek of Tucson, Arizona, gave help at two of the fairs, using tape recorded gospel songs. He also conducted a successful DVBS here with an enrollment of 50 children. Two adults received the Savior as a result of his ministry. Brethren Amos Marburger and Edward Bohl had a part in these projects.

Full directions for making the booth will be sent upon request made to Edward A. Bohl, Harmony, Pennsylvania.

HOPEWELL, VIRGINIA

Kenwood Heights Gospel Hall, 3005 Poplar St.

We had a two-week DVBS, with brother Fred Fries of Clayton, N. J., who is very gifted along these lines. Brother Fries also conducted ministry meetings nightly, and we believe all who came received a great blessing.

Our brother and his family were with us for almost a month and brought much joy to our hearts. The Lord will richly bless and reward them for taking their vacation and using it for Him in this manner.

—Hayward L. Morrison

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Lincoln Heights Gospel Chapel,
Kentucky Ave. & Ashland Rd.

At the Family Bible Hour there is good attendance, and the Sunday school is seeing an increase, with more classes being added. Our work with the teenage group has been fruitful. Four of these young people have accepted the Lord as Savior, and have asked to be baptized.

We just completed two weeks of DVBS, with an average of over 100 children attending daily. Many of the parents were present at the program on the closing night, when printed invitations were given out, as to the time of our meetings, and a cordial welcome was extended to all.

—J. Hunter, Sr.

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Grace Gospel Chapel is now at its new location, 3680 Rhodes Rd., Memphis, Tennessee: Meetings are as follows:

Lord's Day: Breaking of Bread, 9:15 a.m., Family Bible Hour, 11:00 a.m., Sunday School, 11:00 a.m., Young People's, 6:00 p.m., Gospel, 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer and Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.

Chapel phone during services, FA 3-5700.

MIAMI, FLORIDA

1455 Northwest 53rd St.

Sunday, Breaking of Bread, 9:00 a.m., Family Bible Hour, 11:00 a.m., Young People's Meeting, 6:15 p.m., Gospel Meeting, 7:45 p.m.; Wednesday, Prayer and Bible Study, 7:45 p.m.; Friday, Youth Fellowship, 7:00 p.m.

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Gospel Hall, 2447 Mascher St.

Recently we had the joy of baptizing and receiving into assembly fellowship five young believers.

Pray with us for some unsaved about whom we are burdened.

We have noticed an increase of interest at our Lord's Day evening and midweek prayer meetings.

—Robert L. Scott

REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN

Our annual conference at the 5th Ave. and Garnet St. Gospel Hall was a time of real spiritual refreshing. About 150 of the Lord's people from various assemblies throughout the province gathered to hear the Word ministered by David Kirk of Hamilton, Ontario, together with our local brethren, George Hogman of

Estavan, R. Savage of Regina, and W. Farquhar of Moose Jaw. Our hearts were greatly cheered.

—A. Winship

ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

The Roanoke assembly DVBS was ably conducted by William J. Oglesby of Victoria, Va. An average attendance of better than 86 was attained. All available Christians worked cooperatively and enthusiastically during this endeavor. Two girls and a boy professed saving faith in Christ for which we praise God. We are confident eternity will reveal much more for His Glory when the fruits of the seed sown in the hearts of the boys and girls are harvested.

—Seldon H. West

SARNIA, ONTARIO

Devine St. Gospel Hall, 714 Devine St.

During a gospel campaign with brother Wm. E. Belch of Belleville much visitation was done and the meetings were well attended. The Lord blessed with the salvation and restoration of precious souls. The following week brother John Bramhall of Charlotte, N. C. had four nights of ministry and much interest was shown.

Later, while brother James Boswell of London, Ontario was with us, nine believers followed their Lord in the waters of baptism. To God be all the glory.

—W. L. C. Deeves

WICHITA, KANSAS

East Kellogg Gospel Chapel

Our Bible conference was well attended and all enjoyed the profitable ministry given by brethren David Kirk, Donald Norbie and Richard Burson.

Prayer is requested for a series of gospel meetings being held in Wichita, Kansas, which started September 18. Brethren T. R. McCullagh and L. E. Linsted are speakers.

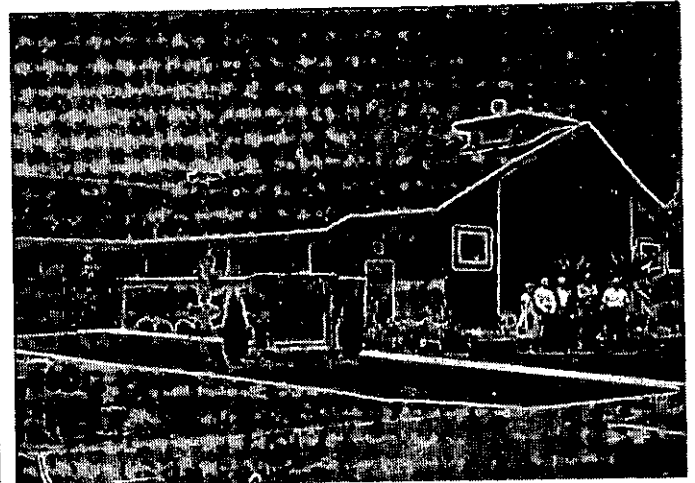
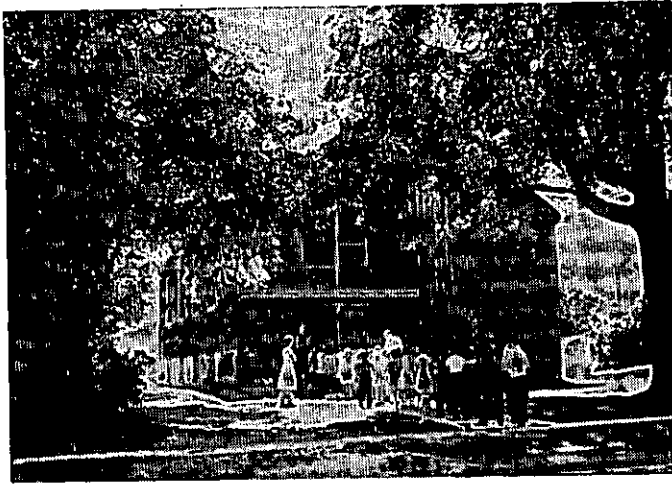
COMMENDATION

ROBERT HARPER

The Meadowdale Assembly commends Robert Harper to the work in which he has labored in his spare time for four years.

He has now expressed a desire to labor full-time, first in Meadowdale and then elsewhere as the Lord leads, teaching the Word and doing personal work, and helping to consolidate the work of the assembly.

The Elgin and Wheaton, Illinois assemblies join in this commendation.



New Pomona, California, Gospel Chapel

SHELBURNE, ONTARIO

Bethel Bible Chapel

On June 12 we held our first meeting in our new chapel. Attendance was exceptionally good, with a capacity audience at the evening service. Speaker was Mr. R. Gordon Mitchell of Toronto. Mr. John Martin of Hawksville, Ontario, scheduled to speak at the evening service, was prevented by illness.

Since 1922 we have held our meetings in a small building about five miles west of Shelburne, but since opening the new building in the village itself, attendance has increased.

We are now using the basement for our regular meetings as it may be some time before the upstairs portion is finished.

Our present order of meetings is: Sunday, Breaking of Bread or Remembrance meeting, 9:30 a.m., Sunday School and Family Bible Hour 11:00 a.m., Gospel service 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Prayer meeting and Bible Study 8:00 p.m.

We have also changed our name from Bethel Gospel Hall to Bethel Bible Chapel. Our new chapel faces the north and is tree-shaded, which makes it difficult

to get a good picture, but the enclosed snapshots show a portion of those attending our DVBS August 1 through 12.

—A. D. McConnell

HAROLD GERMAN

God willing, I shall be visiting the U. S. and Canada in the fall for about nine months, particularly for gospel work and ministry. My U. S. address will be %George MacWilliam, 43 Garfield Avenue, Hamden 17, Conn.

My Canadian address will be % Albert Graham, 145 Scott St., St. Catharines, Ontario.

I expect to fly to New York September 22 to commence special meetings at New Haven, Connecticut September 24.

October 16 through 30, I will be at Glen Head, New York.

HELP WANTED—by New England assembly. Couple or brother to do visitation work, etc. District has Raytheon and General Electric plants; also stone quarries. Write Box NC, %Letters of Interest, 127 South Wacker Dr., Chicago, Illinois.

Our Stewardship

**Received During June and July 1960
U. S. A.**

<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<i>Nos. issued</i>	<i>Total</i>
1024-1242	\$13126.65
For Fellowship	12367.80
For Expenses	729.00
For Literature	29.85
TOTAL	\$13126.65

**Received During June and July 1960
CANADIAN**

<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<i>Nos. issued</i>	<i>Total</i>
1892-1908	\$1384.40
For Fellowship	1330.00
For Expenses	54.40
TOTAL	\$1384.40

NEW CORRESPONDENT

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Roseland Gospel Hall, 233 West 111th St.
Henry Slager
1107 E. 145th Street
Dolton, Illinois

EDMONTON, ALBERTA

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Mr. S. L. Cox, Jr.
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FOXMEAD, ONTARIO

Mr. John Miller
R.R. 2
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JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

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MIAMI, FLORIDA

Central Gospel Chapel, 1455 Northwest 53rd St.
Eric F. Young
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Miami 47, Florida

NORTH SURREY, BRITISH COLUMBIA

E. Stahl
11491 94A Avenue
North Surrey, B. C., Canada

The North Surrey Gospel Hall is located on Hjorth Road. Breaking of Bread is at 9:30 a.m., Sunday School and Bible Class at 11:15 a.m., preaching of the Gospel at 7:30 p.m. and the Prayer and Bible Study meeting is on Thursday at 8:00 a.m.

Form of Bequest

I give and bequeath to LETTERS OF INTEREST ASSOCIATES, a non-profit Illinois corporation, the sum of _____ dollars, and I declare that the receipt of said Associates shall be a sufficient voucher.

CHANGE OF ASSEMBLY LISTING

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
Goodview Community Chapel
1716 Goodview Road

Order of meetings: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., Gospel Service, 11:00 a.m., Breaking of Bread, 7:00 p.m.

Bible study and young people's meetings are planned to begin in the fall.

Dr. William W. Cunningham
Correspondent

DON M. ARCHIBALD

1931 W. Orangewood Ave., Phoenix, Arizona

This week we are beginning Bible classes at Apache Junction in the home of a family from the Sturgis, Michigan, assembly. Several other families are interested in an assembly testimony, and one is coming in to the chapel each Sunday.

HOWARD D. BOSWORTH

Box 896, Fayetteville, N. Car.

Last weekend we pointed four servicemen to the Lord Jesus. We are not number-conscious but we like to see numbers coming to Christ. We trust that these will give evidence of true faith by lives lived for Him.

We (the assembly meeting at the Canteen) have bought a lot and hope to erect a chapel building in the near future. The Canteen has been a poor place for reaching the people of Fayetteville, but we are sure of the Lord's help with visitation and prayer to prosper this work.

C. E. BULANDER

703 Delamatyr, Knox, Ind.

Many of the Christians, no doubt, have heard that my dear wife had a coronary heart attack. She has been confined to her bed since May 11. While she can be up for a little exercise in the house, the doctor advises a complete rest for the next three months.

TOM CARROLL

2726 Gayner Avenue, Richmond, Calif.

On a preaching tour in the Northwest, I had special meetings with brother Fred Elliot in Salem, Oregon, and ministered the Word at chapels in Portland, Seattle, Vancouver and Duncan, B. C.

During the summer, I ministered the Word at the Bay Area Junior High Camp at Mount Hermon, and at the camp sponsored by the three chapels in the Sacramento area, where God blessed His Word.

In September I was in Seattle for a children's campaign at Whitman Avenue Chapel.

When at home I try to help the Bay Area assemblies and thank God for much encouragement.

ROBT. CLARK

1512 Wilson St. Shelbyville, Tenn.

The Lord has been favoring us in the middle Tennessee area with additions to the assemblies whom we trust will be real helps. Pray for the growth of each work which stands alone in its community as a pillar and ground of the truth in the midst of much organized religion.

ROBERT A. CRAWFORD

13 Beverly Avenue, Malvern, Pennsylvania

I was with brother George Wilson in a tent effort in Virginia, getting off to a rather late start due to weather conditions.

The day of tent work seems over in most areas, but once in a while we hit a spot where it is still the best contact with the people in a community.

I recently was in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, again. I had opened the Hillside Chapel with two weeks of visitation and meetings in April.



Letters

W. M. DAWES

1458 Columbia Ave., Trail, B. C.

A month was spent on the coast of British Columbia, having meetings in Brae Road Gospel Chapel, Duncan; Victoria Gospel Hall, Victoria; Elim Gospel Hall, Courteney; Cascade Gospel Chapel, Burnaby; and Quadra Gospel Chapel, Victoria.

Our summer session at Silver Birches Bible Camp was our twenty-second. We had full enrollment for our three ten-day camps.

ARTHUR W. DEWHURST

430 Park St., N. Reading, Mass.

We have been able to keep busy here and also to visit at Fort Devens among the soldiers. Some nice contacts have been made and via correspondence we are keeping in touch with them.

A Syrian Orthodox Catholic woman recently trusted Christ and is giving us much encouragement and joy as we see her progress in things spiritual. We visited her several times and one day as she was reading the booklet, "All Power," she yielded herself to the Savior for salvation and at once began to testify to others, saying that she no longer was the old "Flo" but that she was now the new "Flo."

A man of fifty years to whom I had given a tract wanted further conversation, and after a full 45 minutes dealing with him he bowed his head and sobbing out his confession of sin, he professed to trust Christ for salvation.

One soldier seemed most interested as we spoke of divine things to him. He said, "You people have cleared up a lot of things that have had me puzzled for years." How true, "The entrance of Thy Word giveth light."

A Spanish-speaking boy wanted Spanish literature and so we have sent him some good gospel Spanish language reading matter.

V. PAUL FLINT

156 North Oak Park Ave., Oak Park, Illinois

This summer we visited the Pacific Northwest once again, but for a shorter time than usual. In August we helped in a new Bible camp near Walford, Ontario, some 115 miles east of the Soo, for three weeks. Then we were with Karl Pfaff out near Fort Dodge, Iowa, for a weekend youth conference before returning to Emmaus and the fall routine.

O. F. GALL

3429 S. Michigan, Chicago 16, Ill.

During the late summer I visited in the

Los Angeles area in fellowship with the brethren of Bethel Hall where an effort is being made to reach colored people with the gospel. In the three weeks of preaching some interest was manifested and a good number heard the Word. The need in Los Angeles as elsewhere is appalling and very little is being done.

Grace and Glory Gospel Chapel in Chicago is nearing completion and assemblies will be notified of the opening in due time.

R. EDWARD HARLOW

27 Cedar Court, Plainfield, New Jersey

The summer schedule included meetings at Greenwood Hills Bible Conference, Lake Geneva Conference Grounds, and Lake Louise Bible Conference for one week each. Most of my time is spent at THE FIELDS office, but also there are many meetings in this area.

ABE H. HARTSEMA

1060 Allon Ave., Muskegon, Mich.

On our return from the West Coast, we held DVBS here in Muskegon with about as many youngsters attending as the chapel would hold.

After this we were away again for camp work in New Hampshire and Canada as well as meetings in the assemblies along the Ottawa, Ont., valley.

In the will of the Lord, sometime during the late fall, we shall be returning to the West Coast where tentatively some four or five months of meetings are scheduled in various places.

Our sincere thanks to the Lord's people who have prayed. The Lord has graciously answered, making it possible for me physically to continue giving out the gospel and ministering to the Lord's people.

GEORGE F. HEIDMAN

Rockwood Court, Bldg. 17, Apt. 2, St. John, N.B.

We erected the portable building, painted it inside and outside, and located it at Harcourt, 89 miles north of Moncton, N. B.

Brother Wallace Cudmore joined this effort, which started July 17. The Lord gave us souls in a schoolhouse near here last year.

Brethren James Blackwood and T. G. Wilkie started in a portable building at Riverview, adjacent to Moncton.

SYDNEY HOFFMAN

15 Burnview Crescent, Scarborough, Ont., Can.

We had four weeks of Daily Vacation Bible School; the first two weeks in a public school near Bendale Bible Chapel; the second school in another public school building to the north of our chapel. A parents' program for each of these two schools was held at the chapel. We thus reached about 150 parents, most of whom had never been to the chapel before. Attendance in both schools was gratifying, and a number of intermediate

pupils confessed faith in Christ.

Bendale Bible Chapel, built last summer and opened in October, 1959, has seen much activity. Through the Sunday school, with an attendance of 150 to 175, and our Friday Night Hobby Class with an attendance of 150, we are reaching an increasing number of people from the immediate district; not forgetting the Ladies' Fellowship each Tuesday night which has a good attendance. More people are now attending the Family Bible Hour.

Lord willing, I resume my Bible classes in three nearby public schools this fall, which will be my fifth year. I teach the Word of God as it is written. They allow me half-hour periods among the older grades only, reaching 500 pupils a week. There is some fruit evident.

HERMAN LUHM

892 Stewart St., Morgantown, W. Va.

While our camps in the Hinton area were smaller this year the blessing of God seemed more pronounced. Some professed faith in both camps, and we were especially happy over the spiritual progress of many of the teenagers.

Lord willing we hope to be in the new building here by October. The new neighborhood seems favorably impressed and we trust the Lord to save many.

HAROLD G. MACKAY

3714 Freeman Mill Road, Greensboro, No. Car.

At the Greenwood Hills Conference there was a spirit of interest and appreciation for the ministry, and we trust the Lord spoke to hearts.

From there, I went to Bristol, Tennessee, to help in that conference; then, later, to Lake Louise in Georgia.

Radio ministry, preaching and teaching, and pastoral visitation fully occupy my time, and more than tax my strength. Low blood pressure of late has sapped my energy and makes it rather difficult to carry the full schedule planned. But the Lord gives grace, and we rest on His promise, "As thy days so shall thy strength be."

H. FREEMAN MARKS

3385 E. 5th Ave., Vancouver 12, B. C.

On a visit to Victoria Island we enjoyed renewed fellowship with the Christian friends in the Victoria Hall Assembly. When in this city, I help in several of the assemblies, especially the smaller ones, and am thankful to have recovered strength again after a recent stroke. I will shortly be 88.

ROBERT McCLURKIN

46 Aberdaen Rd. S., Galt, Ont.

Following a series in Mechanicville, New York, I will be having a series at Pottstown, Pennsylvania. Gordon Reager and I hope to start gospel meetings in Waverly, Ontario, in October, (D.V.).

T. R. McCULLAGH

411 E. Logan, Guthrie, Okla.

We just closed three weeks gospel meetings in the tent on the outskirts of Guthrie. We have a number coming to our Sunday school from this community and had hoped many adults would come to the tent. We were disappointed in this; however, a good number came from town. There was good interest and the Lord was pleased to save some.

Another family has moved to Guthrie from Fort Worth, Texas. Brother John Smith gave good help in the tent work, as did brother Hershel Martindale. Brother Don Stahl from Fort Worth spent his vacation here working for the Lord. The whole community was visited house-to-house, giving invitations to the meetings and leaving tracts. The seed was sown and God will give the increase.

JOHN McGEHEE

467 Beechtree Drive, Cincinnati 24, Ohio

We have much to praise the Lord for in His work here. We have been gladdened and encouraged by seeing whole families for whom we have prayed, saved and brought into the assembly. Especially do we rejoice to see some of these recent converts becoming soul winners themselves.

The assembly has outgrown the remodeled farmhouse we've been using for almost two years. Plans are being made to erect a chapel auditorium as soon as possible.

N. NAZARIAN

120 Pine Avenue, New Milford, N. J.

In the past ten months we were able to send 176 parcels of used clothing (nearly two tons) to the needy in Greece, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Israel and France.

We sent more than 80 packets of tracts, booklets, books and magazines to more than 30 addresses in many countries. We have published thousands of tracts in two languages and have bought for free distribution many pounds of tracts in five languages.

We were also able to send small gifts to needy saints and full time workers in the Middle East countries.

All who received these parcels and tracts, etc., join me to thank you all who made this good work possible. Your reward is sure.

B. M. NOTTAGE

2984 Belvidere Street, Detroit 14, Michigan

At a united baptismal service at Bethany Tabernacle, Detroit, thirteen were baptised. The converts were from several of the assemblies. Brother James Coleman gave suitable ministry of the Word and brother John Moore, Jr., did the baptizing. This is the third such service in recent months, with about forty thus obeying the Lord. We rejoice to see a few confessing Christ in the various assemblies here in Detroit.

PETER PELL

248 Hastings Street N. E., Grand Rapids, Mich.

Following my stay in Belmont Hospital, I had a good time in Denver and at the Estes Park (Colo.) Conference and at Greenwood Hills, Pennsylvania.

We have seen blessing in Northwest Gospel Hall, Grand Rapids, largely the result of individual effort on the part of sisters. Someone has called individual contact the most successful method of evangelism.

DONALD C. PERRAULT

Immanuel Mission, Shiprock, N. M.

We are feeling keenly the loss of our senior worker, Mr. Howard Montgomery. Mrs. Montgomery returned early in September to work among the Navajo women especially. Pray for her.

As school opens 50 children are enrolled, 40 of them Indian. This is a big undertaking and as we think of the spiritual needs of such a large family we ask your prayers.

E. A. ROBINSON

Edlan, Virginia

The Lord has blessed the work here and we rejoice to see the Spirit working in the Christians. Attendance is very good, interest is high, and we have the joy of seeing some saved and added to the meeting.

I was in Bristol, Virginia, for a ten-day series in the gospel and was encouraged to see the interest grow and have the opportunity of working in that field. In Marion, Virginia, I found a good hearing and some interest on the part of outsiders. The meetings in Harrisburg, Chambersburg and York, Pennsylvania, were well attended and the interest was good. In Baltimore, Maryland, we saw the hand of the Lord working in the meetings there.

ARTHUR B. RODGERS

127 1/2 So. Tejon, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Fort Carson is extremely low in personnel at present, which happens from time to time. However, the Lord has encouraged us right up to the present by showing blessing, not only among servicemen, but also in reaching civilians for Christ.

TOMMY STEELE

P.O. Box 7472, Winston-Salem, N. C.

The Lord gave a blessed time of fellowship and ministry in Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Gibsonville, N. C.

We have experienced very good attendance in the regular Sunday services in Winston-Salem. On a recent Sunday evening we baptized ten, mainly adults.

The house next door, used as a Sunday school annex, will soon be entirely debt free and we are discussing expansion plans. Prayer will be much appreciated.

I've also had the privilege of ministry in Sanford and Durham, N. C., and Victoria, Va., recently. We are continuing a daily broadcast on a network of stations.

W. D. STOUT**Rt. 1, Box 216, Kapaa, Kauai, Hawaiian Islands**

We are now at the place where we need a meeting house. Our home is far too small and buildings are few. There are four or five families who could be counted on to come and I am sure it would be easy to have 40 or 50 teenagers out to activities geared to their age and give them the gospel.

Recently we were in Honolulu to visit the Friendly Bible Center Assembly. Just the Sunday before, they had baptized seven. There were nearly 50 remembering the Lord that Sunday and close to 150 at Sunday school, so the work goes on well there.

C. ERNEST TATHAM**Box 355, Boca Raton, Florida**

After nearly three years of ministry at the Boca Raton Bible Conference Grounds in south Florida, we feel that the Lord is leading us into another field of ministry in this fastgrowing state. Hence, as of September 1, we are living in West Palm Beach, where we will cooperate with the Florida Gospel Pioneers in a new area of that general locality. In the meantime, we are settling with the assembly at Bethesda Chapel, West Palm Beach, where I am to hold special meetings throughout the month of September.

In addition to this, we are arranging for weekly Bible classes in some spiritually-needy cities along the Gold Coast, and may also take on a daily radio ministry.

I am writing from Toronto, Canada, where we are spending two months in ministry at Leaside Bible Chapel, as well as the Richvale, Bendale, and Glebe-mount assemblies. In addition to this we are also giving help at a couple of Canadian Bible conferences.

RALPH A. WEST**97-46 93rd St., Ozone Park 16, N. Y.**

Our new Center is 39 Beekman Street (not Place). We call it the "Beekman Street Gospel Center" and it is open every noon hour for a prayer meeting to which Christian business men and women are invited. As time goes on we will be having merchant seamen visiting us; also there will be a Sunday school effort after Labor Day.

G. E. WILSON**1652 Morden Drive, Niagara Falls, Ontario**

Brother Robert Booth and I have been in Gore Bay, Manitoulin Island, Ontario, and we expect to commence a gospel effort in the canvas tent near Hespelar, Ontario if the Lord will. We would appreciate the prayers of the Lord's people for these meetings.

RAY ZANDER**Box 7542, Richmond 31, Va.**

Two recently professed faith in Christ here in Richmond, for which we praise His name. Door-to-door visitation is now going on and many tracts are being distributed.

**BURLINGTON, COLORADO**

Our Twelfth Bible Conference of Christians at Burlington, Colo., will be held (D. V.) October 7, 8, and 9, 1960, preceded by a prayer meeting October 6 at 8:00 p.m. Among speakers expected are brethren Joseph Balsam, Gerard Couenhoven, T. R. McCullagh and Leslie Sandberg. The conference will be held in the Burlington Gospel Chapel, 314 12th Street, Burlington, Colorado. Accommodation will be provided for those from a distance.

—Sam Morrow

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**78th Annual Fall Conference**

"Present Day Cults" is to be topic for discussion at the opening Bible reading session of the 78th Chicago Fall Conference, convening Saturday and Sunday, October 22-23, D. V. This discussion period is to be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

The speakers who have accepted invitation to give ministry at this conference are Dr. Carl Armerding of Wheaton, Illinois; William Bryson of Philadelphia, Pa., and Robert A. Crawford of Malvern, Pa.

Other conference sessions are on Saturday at 2:30 and 7:30, and Sunday at 10:30 (The Lord's Supper) a.m.; 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Some 25 Chicago area assemblies join in this annual conference. Visitors may write in advance to Mr. George Law, 1726 Wesley Ave., Evanston, Illinois, for entertainment in private homes.

DAVENPORT, IOWA**Harrison Gospel Chapel**

Our annual Bible conference will be held this year, in the will of the Lord, September 24 and 25, commencing with prayer meeting on September 23. We are expecting brethren Tom Olson, Robert Little and Henry Petersen to be with us. We extend a hearty invitation to the Lord's people to be with us for our eleventh conference.

—A. T. Livingston

ELM SPRINGS, KANSAS

The Twenty-second Bible Conference of Christians gathered in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ is being held at the Elm Springs Bible Hall October 15 and 16, preceded by prayer meeting October 14 at 8:00 p.m.

Speakers expected are Ben Parmer of Burlington, Colorado, Joseph Balsam of Des Moines, Iowa, and Leonard Lindsted of Wichita, Kansas.

Arvid Johnson, Correspondent
R. 1, Gypsum, Kansas

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

The assembly meeting at Curtis Gospel Chapel, Curtis and Lenore Streets, has planned (D. V.) an annual conference October 1 and 2, beginning with a prayer meeting at 7:30 p.m., September 30.

A number of the Lord's honored servants have been invited to speak at this conference.

Meals will be served and accommodations provided as in previous years. Address correspondence to C. H. Simms, 12672 Griggs Ave., Detroit 38.

FLINT, MICHIGAN**Pasadena Avenue Gospel Chapel
601 East Pasadena Avenue**

The 24th Annual Conference will be held in the will of the Lord September 24 at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. The Saturday evening service will be held in the Emerson Junior High School auditorium, two blocks west of the chapel.

Speakers expected are brethren Carl Armerding, Wheaton, Illinois, and R. Edward Harlow, New York. We extend a hearty invitation to all.

HAMILTON, ONTARIO**MacNab St. and Queensdale Ave., Assemblies**

Our 85th Annual Conference will be held as usual at the Canadian Thanksgiving, October 8, 9, and 10, commencing with a meeting for prayer at the MacNab Street Gospel Hall on Saturday at 7:30 and with the usual meetings following at the Scottish Rite Cathedral on the Lord's Day at 10 a.m., and 2:30 and 7:30 p.m., and on Monday at the same hours. A hearty invitation is extended to all of the Lord's people. We are looking to the Lord to send His servants to minister the Word of God in fellowship with Himself. Address all communications to G. P. Cesar, 124 Wentworth Street South, Hamilton, Ontario and R. J. North, 17 King's Forest Drive, Hamilton, Ontario.

HOUSTON, TEXAS**2402 Louisiana Street**

The 59th Annual Bible Conference will be held Friday night, October 21 and all day October 22 and 23. The speakers are David Kirk and James Gunn. Direct correspondence to Mr. Glen Lemon, 608 Oriole Lane, Pasadena, Texas.

KANORADO, KANSAS

The Kanorado Assembly will hold an all-day meeting as their conference this year, on October 2, with a prayer meeting on the 1st at 8:00 p.m. We cordially invite as many as can to come and enjoy the day with us. Those of the Lord's servants who are exercised to minister at this time will be preaching the Word.

The meeting on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. is for Breaking of Bread; at 1:45 there will be a children's meeting; ministry of the Word will be at 2:30 and preaching of the gospel at 7:30 p.m.

—Floyd M. Kemp

LONDON, ONTARIO

The annual Thanksgiving Conference, sponsored by Hamilton Road Gospel Hall, Egerton Street Gospel Chapel and Bethel Chapel, Moore St., will be held (D. V.) October 9 and 10, preceded by prayer, Saturday, October 8 at 7:30 p.m., in the Egerton Street Gospel Chapel. Meetings on Monday are to be held in the Hyatt Ave. United Church auditorium, corner of Hamilton Road.

Brethren expected for ministry of the Word are Ross McConkey, Norman Buchanan and Dr. Carl Armerding.

A friendly invitation is extended to the Lord's people to share in this fellowship.

—Harold E. Down

MONTREAL, QUEBEC

The assemblies of the Montreal area are again combining to hold, D.V., their Thanksgiving Conference in the Ebenezer Gospel Chapel, 6000-13th Ave., Rosemount, Montreal, Quebec, on October 8, 9, and 10, inclusive. The ministering brethren expected are Messrs. James Gunn of Midland, Ontario; A. A. McLaughlin of New York; J. I. Duguid, of Montreal, and others.

Those coming from a distance and requiring accommodation, kindly notify Wm. O. Stucker, 3731 Ethel St., Verdun 19, P. Q., not later than October 7.

OMAHA, NEBRASKA

Omaha Gospel Hall, 45th and Hamilton Sts.

The Annual Conference of the Omaha assembly will be held Saturday and Sunday, October 8 and 9, beginning with a prayer meeting on Friday evening, October 7.

The usual arrangements will be made for accommodation of visitors, and any communications should be sent to William R. Jones, 4359 Hamilton Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

ORILLIA, ONTARIO

West Street Gospel Chapel

The 79th Annual Conference of Believers will be held (D. V.) at the Canadian Thanksgiving, October 9 and 10, at the West Street Gospel Chapel. The conference will be preceded by a prayer meeting on Saturday evening, October 8. A cordial invitation is extended to all the Lord's people to attend, and the usual accommodation will be provided. Address all communications to the correspondent, G. V. Hartshorn, 345 Colborne Street, Orillia, Ontario.

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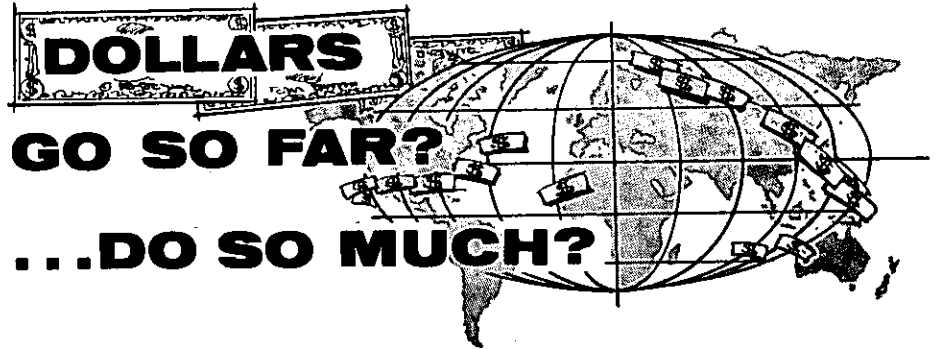
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Back and forth, to and fro, east and west, north and south across the United States and Canada they went building, remodeling, buying gospel halls and chapels, youth Bible camps, homes for elderly Christians, Christian schools, conference grounds, hospitals.

They traveled to other lands to do chores for missionaries, financing stations, homes, cars, equipment, record presses, hymn books. They went to Usumbura, Ruanda-Urundi; Congo, Northern Rhodesia, South Africa, Angola, Nigeria, India, Argentina, Ecuador, Peru, British Honduras, Trinidad, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Japan, Syria.

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and then I got a plane to Portland.

In Seattle before going north we had visited the new Lakeside camp at Deer Lake on Whidbey Island, which the assemblies are building. Volunteer workers were getting it ready for camps in August, some of them spending their vacations helping. It is a lovely camp and is to be excellently equipped at a fraction of what it would cost with contracted labor and paying full cost for materials and equipment. It was the first of four camps visited on this tour. We heard George Landis that first Sunday morning at Whitman Avenue Chapel in Seattle and in the afternoon took the ferry to Bainbridge Island to visit the Richard Gills and to attend the evening service of the little assembly in a community hall. The assembly is making progress and the testimony is felt around the island. We were sorry to have missed visiting the Northgate and Des Moines assemblies.

The Sunday after getting back from Alaska I was at Eastgate Chapel in Portland. Andrew Cotton of Chicago spoke at the 11 o'clock service. We got adults and children lined up at the front for a color picture after the meeting, and although many were away, we had to go back a long distance and climb up a ladder to get all in the picture—even with a wide angle lens. The assembly has seen real response in the neighborhood since its opening there just about a year ago, and several have been saved.

There was a good attendance at the new Grace and Truth Chapel in the evening, but as yet practically no impact has been made on its neighborhood—those present were mostly assembly people. In the afternoon we looked at some possible sites for the Linnton Gospel Chapel, as the state is taking the present property for widening the road.

In Oakland, California, next Wednesday we enjoyed a visit with the William Spees, on furlough from work with the pygmies in the Congo Republic, and then drove to the camp grounds in the Santa Cruz mountains, which the Bay Area assemblies are building. Mr. and Mrs. Martin Brown of the Richmond assembly sold their home in El Cerrito, bought a 37-acre property in the mountains, and with Allen Jones and Eldredge Schlottman set up Koinonia Conference Grounds as a non-profit corporation to which they deeded some of the land. The assemblies took hold and for the past several months volunteer workers have been busy getting the camp ready for '61 season. The site is beautiful. Lack of a waterfront, except for the thin mountain stream above which supplies their water system and a thinner trickle below, is to be made up for by a swimming pool. The first season the camp will accommodate 100 at a time plus workers.

Wednesday night a group of brethren with their wives, representing the San Jose assembly, came to see us at the Browns' to discuss building a meeting place. They have found a suitable site in San Jose, and hope soon to start. Presently the assembly meets in the various homes of its members, moving about from time to time over a rather wide area.

Sunday morning we enjoyed breaking bread with the Pomona assembly in their well-planned, attractive chapel. They have fair attendance, but would like to see more response from the neighborhood. They hope that special meetings with Harold Wildish will prove helpful in building up attendance for them as well as other assemblies in the area. In the evening we were at Claremont Chapel. We were sorry not to have seen the flourishing work at Garden Grove and the progressive testimony at Temescal Chapel, as well as other new and old assemblies in the Los Angeles area.

Monday took us on a business trip to Santa Barbara. Tuesday before taking the afternoon Santa Fe Chief for Chicago we visited the Western Assemblies Home at Claremont and had lunch with Superintendent and Mrs. James Ross and the residents and staff. We saw the new cottage which is under construction to provide space for more residents. It is an excellent home, a model for homes for elderly Christians.

On this quick west coast tour from Fairbanks to Claremont we had seen and heard much to encourage and some things that were discouraging concerning the testimony of the assemblies. In some places it seems—as if meetings are largely routine, with little expectation of blessing, while in others there is alertness and determination—and things are happening. It was good to see the interest in young people evidenced by the many camp projects. These camps are harvest fields.

COMMENDATION

MRS. JAMES R. HESS

Two years ago the assembly at Bethany Chapel, Wheaton, Illinois, commended James R. Hess to the Lord for His work at Sakeji, No. Rhodesia, and elsewhere in Africa. September 3, 1960, he was joined in marriage to Rhoda Grace Harlow, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Harlow, of Bethany Chapel.

Mrs. Hess had been preparing herself for missionary work with her husband by completing a three-year course to become a registered nurse and by a year of Bible school work. On the wedding day the home assembly of the young couple added Rhoda's name to her husband's in their commendation.

James plans to be back on the mission field with his bride before the end of the year.

NEW ENGLAND YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

The fourth annual New England Young People's Conference sponsored by the New England Assemblies will be held, Lord willing, November 4, 5 and 6 in the Hayden Memorial Auditorium on the Boston University campus, Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.

The conference will open with a prayer and ministry session on Friday evening at 8:00. This session will be held at the Village Bible Chapel, Old Town Hall, Framingham Center, Mass. Saturday morning will be given over to workshops, informal discussion sections dealing with subjects of spiritual concern to young people. The workshops have proved to be a popular feature of the conference. Saturday afternoon at 3:30 there will be ministry, followed at 7:00 p.m. by a gospel youth rally. The Breaking of Bread will be held at the regularly scheduled time of the local assemblies meeting in the greater Boston area. The Sunday afternoon ministry session will begin at 3:30. The concluding session will be an evangelistic service at 7:00.

Speakers will be Mr. Owen Hoffman of Washington, Georgia and Mr. John Williams of London, England.

Homes of Christians will be open for all those coming from a distance. For further information write to Hospitality Chairman George W. Johnston, 12 Leighton Street, Natick, Mass. or Mr. Rowland E. Hill, 8 Joan Avenue, Stoneham, Mass., Conference General Chairman.

AIRLINES NOW HAVE SPECIAL RATES

The Air Traffic Industry is now prepared to offer a reduced rate to Christian workers, the Airlines Clergy Bureau having received recognition by the Civil Aeronautics Board on September 1, 1960. This arrangement was sponsored by Northeast Airlines.

The Bureau has announced that service is now available from New England to Florida and the Bahamas, with negotiations in progress to cover six Central States, and all the Western States from Alaska to Arizona before the first of the year.

The Air Travel reduced rate is 50% of regular one way first class or coach fare. To make travel even more economical the Bureau has negotiated with 39 independent hotels, and motels across the nation, and four hotel chains for special consideration of 25% discount off regular room rates when identification card is presented. These hotels are located in the United States, the Caribbean and parts of South America.

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YOSEMITE, CALIFORNIA

Approximately 350 persons attended the California Bible Conference, held July 9 to 17 in Yosemite National Park.

The speakers were Harold Wildish of Jamaica and John Walden of Colorado. Prayer and ministry meetings were held each morning in the Church Bowl, while gospel services took place there each evening. Attendance at the latter reached at high as 600, and included many of the Park vacationers.

Other activities included group picnics, drives to scenic points, an early morning group bicycle ride, an evening weiner roast and an early breakfast on the river bank.

These annual conferences, which were inaugurated in 1947, combine a vacation in one of America's greatest natural wonderlands with the opportunity to enjoy Christian fellowship and sit under the ministry of well-known Bible teachers.

The 1961 Conference is scheduled for July 8 to 16, 1961 (D. V.). The speakers are to be William MacDonald and C. Stacey Woods. The conference registrar is Earle E. Fries, 495 St. Augustine Avenue, Claremont, California.

—Robert Wilkinson, Chairman

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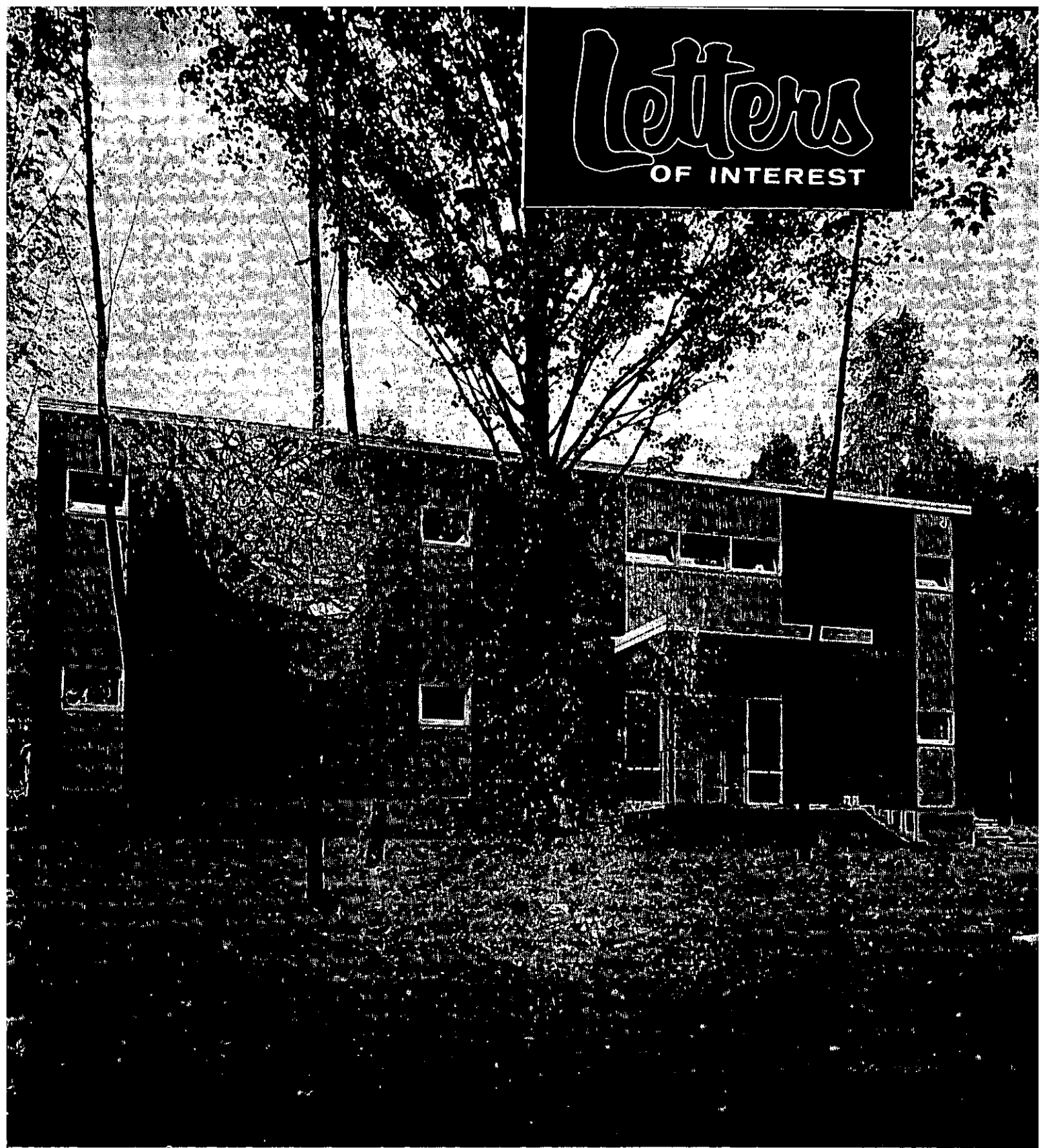
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GUELPH GROUNDS SITE OF NEW CHAPEL

On Sunday, September 11, the Christians meeting at Eramosa Road, Guelph, Ontario, opened their new chapel now located on the Guelph Bible Conference Grounds property at 491 Waterloo Avenue. Speaker was Mr. R. G. Mitchell of Toronto.

For many years the assembly had met at Eramosa Road and in the last few years had carried on an extension Sunday school in the west end of the city.

Due to lack of facilities and space it was decided to move to a new location, and land was provided at an intersection of Waterloo Avenue and Silvercreek Road, Guelph.

The building was designed and erected by Welcon Limited, a local firm of which our brother L. J. Harris is president. In the planning the emphasis was on children and young people's work so that the building contains 16 Sunday school rooms plus a boys' hobby class workroom.

The main auditorium will seat 375 and a smaller auditorium 150. These can be combined and together with a balcony give a total seating capacity of approximately 600. There is also a nursery, a large primary room, an office and kitchenette.

The two Sunday schools have been combined and since inception four new families have been added to the fellowship.

The order of services for Sunday is now:

- 9:15 a.m. The Lord's Supper.
- 11:00 a.m. The Family Bible Hour.
- 7:00 p.m. Evening Service.

ROLAND LACOMBE
P.O. Box 191, Drummondville, Quebec

We presently have a multitude of New Testaments spread a little everywhere in French Canada and the Province of Quebec is covered with evangelical tracts.

Now what we need is some workers able to visit these persons in their homes and show them that they should not know anything else than what is written (II Cor. 1:13).

If the Jehovah's Witnesses have won people to their movement by thousands it is simply because they have men and women who visit continually in the homes. It is surely not because they have the truth, for their doctrine is false and diabolical.

So I invite you to pray that the Lord multiply His workers, who will visit in the homes. It is work most difficult and ungrateful, but with the help of your prayers, it would be possible (Ps. 126:5-6).

NEW ADDRESS
Eric McCullough
3415 Dallas Drive
Cedar Falls, Iowa

CRISIS IN QUEBEC

We are face to face with a great opportunity in the Province of Quebec. There are three indications of renewed interest in the Gospel.

(1) Our workers in the Saguenay area have covered about 80,000 homes with gospel literature. They have received 800 requests for New Testaments and these have been sent by mail. Now they have the monumental task of calling on these "contacts." Never before have so many requests for Testaments been received: this is surely a sign of a real desire for the Word of God.

(2) The "Back to the Bible Hour" now has ten broadcasts in the Province. They receive over one thousand letters a month, a previously unheard of response. This evangelistic organization has no workers in Quebec, of course. They must look to workers already in this province to follow up these contacts.

(3) The "Every Home" crusade is well under way. Over 100,000 homes have received gospel tracts and many interested people have written in for the Bible study course which is serviced by Bethel Bible School. But who is to call on these people in their homes? "Understandest thou what thou readeest?" "How can I, except some men should guide me?"

How are assemblies of Christian brethren equipped to meet this threefold challenge?

(1) The number of active workers is decreasing. During the past two years we have lost three workers. Thank God, we have one or two young people in training but they are not yet able to give their full time to the work, and of course, they will be young and inexperienced at first.

(2) Are we supporting those who are in the front line? Giving to workers has fallen off greatly during the summer months and several of our missionaries are really in need.

We do not feel we should evacuate the field and leave the work to other evangelical groups. Yet already, for the want of workers, we have had to leave at least two potential assemblies to the care of an evangelical church.

It is our hope and prayer that experienced French-speaking missionaries from the Congo, who cannot return to that field, may be led of the Lord to "come over to Quebec and help us." But we must appeal to the Lord's people in North America to support the workers already here by their prayers and gifts.

We may be sure that the Holy Spirit is moving in thousands of hearts in this province and surely He will raise up the evangelists and shepherds needed. The question is, will we have our full part in this?

—Arthur C. Hill
309 Dufferin Avenue,
Sherbrooke, Que.

1960 ANNUAL SURVEY

This is the second month of our annual survey. We are grateful to those who have already responded, and before the survey is concluded we hope to hear from many thousands of others. Why not make it a one hundred percent return this year?

It has been the writer's privilege and pleasure to serve as treasurer of *Letters of Interest* for almost twenty years and we have seen its continuing needs met and its usefulness grow and develop over the years, for which we praise God.

During that time, as has happened in all other endeavors, costs of producing and mailing the paper have tremendously increased and naturally it requires more money to carry on this work for God and as a service to the Lord's people in assembly fellowship. We cannot raise the subscription price because we have none, and therefore the matter is left entirely to the discretion of the individual to respond as the Lord may lead. The enclosed self-addressed envelop is intended to be used by you personally. Again we say, make this a one-hundred percent return year.

Last month we mentioned that the magazine costs, roughly speaking, \$2,400.00 per month or about \$28,800.00 per year. We have more than 20,000 readers. An exercise in simple arithmetic would indicate very quickly the pro rata share of each reader.

As we have stated many times before, we want all our readers to answer the survey, whether they have an address change to report, a comment to make, a criticism to offer, or a contribution. Why not let us hear from you today, and in so doing help on this work of the Lord? The day of service will soon be over and "The night cometh when no man can work."

—James W. Kennedy

HELP WANTED: VANCOUVER ISLAND

At a recent meeting in Nanaimo of several of the assemblies on Upper Vancouver Island the need for a full time worker to do visitation work was one of the main topics. It was felt that all of these assemblies needed help in contacting people in each district who had been reached by Family Bible Hour, or through Sunday school children, and that if someone were to spend several months here with a couple of days a week in each town much good could be done.

Please mention this in your magazine in the hope that someone may be led to write to us. The various assemblies could then meet and decide what to do.

—Harvey Lowe
Box 1090 Duncan, B. C.

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LACK OF UNITY

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The following statement in a recent letter from a brother who visited on this side of the Atlantic for several months, causes exercise of heart: "I feel the lack of unity among the assemblies in the United States and Canada is a master stroke of the enemy, and is robbing the Lord of His glory and of His place in the midst of the saints. What wisdom is needed as one moves around among God's people!"

With very little imagination one could place himself in the position of a European visitor and wonder at the meaning of some of the strange and unscriptural phraseology current in certain areas. We, like any visitor, would soon sense the disunity underlying such a statement as, "Those walking in the old paths, welcome," especially if we learned that the "old paths" advocated were not old enough to be scriptural. We would quickly detect conceit in another similar phrase, "Those teaching the right ways of the Lord are welcome." Any group of Christians assuming the high ground that they, and very few others, are the only ones who teach the right ways of the Lord, must surely be self-deceived, not having learned the frailties of humanity and that iniquity taints the Christian's most holy activity.

To learn that inter-assembly fellowship in many parts is based upon uniformity of practice rather than upon the presence of Christ in the midst of those who gather in His name, would be a great surprise to us.

Furthermore, the antipathy on the part of some claiming a superior spirituality

toward other brethren who disagree with their claims, eventually would lead us to see how foreign such an attitude is to the spirit of Christ.

Like the sister Chloe of the first century, we would probably return from our visit and report to some spiritual father, as she did to Paul, that there are contentions among us.

Would to God that the apostolic authority of Paul's word to Corinth were more felt today. "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (I Cor. 1:10).

—Food for the Flock



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Editors' Page

SCRIPTURE TEXTS

As one visits in various parts of the country, he is impressed with the new buildings in which a large number of assemblies are comfortably situated. We can truly thank God that such is the case. While it is true that God has been good to His people in granting them such fine places in which to meet, yet one wonders if the accommodations are fully appreciated. The decor and appointments are beautiful and harmonious but in some of our new buildings there is something that is conspicuous by its absence; and that is a suitable scripture text or two properly placed on the walls for all to see.

When an appropriate verse of scripture is displayed in a building it lends dignity and conveys a silent message from God to the unsaved and perhaps a note of encouragement to the Christian. It establishes, too, in the mind of all visitors, that here is a place where the Word of God is honored, revered and obeyed. It is in the assembly that the Lordship of Christ is recognized and it is here that His Word should have a proper and rightful place.

Such texts have been the means in God's hands of creating thoughts of eternity in a soul and eventually leading that soul as a penitent sinner to our wonderful Savior. With so much wall space available in many new buildings, no better use of it could be made than to display from it a continuous message from the Word of God. Brethren, suffer the word of exhortation.

—J. W. Kennedy

CHRISTIAN ATTITUDES

In everything in life much of our success and happiness depends on our attitude. Much more in our Christian life is our attitude important. We were born with the wrong attitude toward God. When we repented of our sin and came to Him for forgiveness we had to change our attitude toward Him and ourselves, and then the new life for Christ began and with real meaning.

Now that we are in the family of God it is vital that we have the right attitude in order to have victory in our Christian relationships. Paul's wonderful letter of joy to the Philippians gives us the secret and it is all wrapped up in four NOTHINGS.

First, in Phillipians 1:20, our attitude toward the world: "In *nothing* ashamed." Paul desired that Christ should be magnified in his body whether by life or by death. Why should we be ashamed when we have the greatest possible message to tell the unsaved world all about us. We must let our light shine brightly in this dark world.

Second, in Phillipians 1:28, our attitude toward the spiritual powers: "In *nothing* terrified by your adversaries." Paul experienced warfare with evil powers and it is no different today. Why should we be disturbed over the atom bomb, rockets into space, godless world leaders, false religions, even though we know they are under the control of our unseen foes, Satan and his host of angels. Let's leave

them to God for we know who will be Victor. Let our confidence in God be manifested.

Third, in Phillipians 2:3, our attitude toward other Christians: "Let *nothing* be done through strife or vain glory." Paul esteemed others more highly than himself and see what blessing followed! How can there be trouble or disagreement among members of the body of Christ if we adopt this attitude? How absolutely vital this is to the well-being of our assembly testimonies. Let our love for the brethren be well spoken of.

Fourth, in Phillipians 4:6, our attitude toward God: "Be full of care for *nothing* but in everything by prayer. . . ." Paul's attitude was to bring everything to the Father and leave it at the throne of grace. The result was peace of heart and mind. Why should we be anxious when we can bring everything to God in prayer? Let our prayer life be effective.

A proper attitude in these four relationships of life will make every moment count for the glory of God and our Savior Jesus Christ.

—Don Thomson

RULE IN THE ASSEMBLY

In these days of increasing cares, burdens, anxieties and frustrations, the urgency of good pastoral care, constructive ministry, and intercessory prayer is felt more and more in the assemblies of God's people scattered throughout this land. We see assemblies grow and prosper because someone prays, tends and cares for the "flock." This may be one person, or many, but such care is essential to the growth of a testimony.

If the simple way of gathering under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, rather than under the direction of some able man of God, is to be maintained in the assemblies, including those which feel the necessity of supporting a full time worker to perform pastoral duties, then the responsibility of maintaining the scriptural order must fall squarely upon the shoulders of the elders of the local group. This brings us back again to the oft considered question: "Who are the elders, how are they chosen, and what are their duties?" Whether they are appointed, elected, or recognized does not seem to be as important as does the fact that they qualify—by the standards laid down by Paul in writing to Timothy and to Titus. This is of paramount concern to each member of the Body of Christ. Also, it is of prime importance to the assembly, so that they may perform their Spirit-directed duties in the manner intended for them by our blessed Lord.

The New Testament has many instructions and directions from which we can grasp fully that service which the Lord desires from an elder, bishop or overseer. There is no need to go to the Old Testament for instructions. But we often go to the Old Testament for a beautiful story, which, like an illustration in a book, gives us a graphic picture of the thought which is being expressed in the New Testament.

Such a picture is found in Judges 9 in the fable shouted by Gideon's youngest son, Jotham, from the top of Mount Gerizim, to the men of Shechem. You will recall that Abimelech, Jotham's older brother, had just slain his seventy brothers and had been proclaimed king, not because he had a desire to serve, but rather because he was impelled by his pride to rule. Here is the fable:

The trees went forth on a time to anoint a king over them; and they said unto the olive tree, "Reign thou over us." But the olive tree said unto them, "Should I leave my fatness, wherewith by me they honor God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees?" And the trees said to the fig tree, "Come thou, and reign over us." But the fig tree said unto them, "Should I forsake my sweetness, and my good fruit and go to be promoted over the trees?" Then said the trees unto the vine, "Come thou, and reign over us." And the vine said unto them, "Should I leave my wine, which cheereth God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees?" Then said all the trees unto the bramble, "Come thou, and reign over us." And the bramble said unto the trees, "If in truth ye anoint me king over you, then come and put your trust in my shadow: and if not, let fire come out of the bramble, and devour the cedars of Lebanon."

When the trees of the forest seek a ruler to whom do they first turn? Not to the stately cedar, or the lofty oak, but to the lowly olive tree—wrinkled, time-worn, and probably old. What is the work of this tree? The answer is clear—fruit bearing—not ruling. The olive, with its oil and fruit would cause us to think of the Holy Spirit and the "fruit of the spirit" in the assembly.

Next, the trees turn to the fig tree. Again a lowly appearing tree, but one that can produce a sweet and nourishing fruit. There is one thing significant about this fig tree—its unquenchable thirst. Give it water and it will give you fruit in proportion. Can you not see an elder in the assembly so saturated with the water of the Word that the fruit abounds to the edification of the whole and the glory of God?

Now the trees turn to the vine, source of wine that "cheereth God and man." Again we look at the assembly and think of Hebrews 12:2. "Who for the joy that was set

before Him endured the cross." One often realizes that a little part of the joy that was set before Him is found when a group of His Redeemed sit down from week to week to remember Him in the loaf and the cup. We think of our "cup of blessing" as contrasted with the Lord's "cup of sorrow" and of His precious shed blood.

In these three trees we see assembly rule in practice. Note these prominent thoughts. The "oil of the Spirit" is "fruit in evidence" and is so recognized. The fruit that comes from saturation in the Word is sweet and nourishing to all in the assembly. The "joy of the Lord" pervades the assembly because of our fellowship in the cup of blessing. The most evident thought about each of these is that each function of a ruler is based upon "service" and not on "rule." The assembly is filled with the Spirit, saturated with the Word, and rejoicing in the Lord, and no one has exercised "rule."

But the trees feel that they still need one to rule over them. So they turn now to the bramble bush. This bush is repelling and formidable in appearance and its only function is to keep people at a safe distance. It makes a fine protective hedge. We remember at once the thorns promised to Adam and finally laid for us on the head of our Savior at Calvary. The trees want a ruler. Israel wanted a ruler and God gave them King Saul, to their everlasting shame. So the ruler now lays down his terms—complete obedience, not to the Word, but to him—or destruction. By the standards of this world, this is today's method.

But in the assembly, would we not remember those eternal words of the Lord in Luke 22:27: "For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? Is not he that sitteth at meat? But I am among you as he that serveth."

As we look for oversight in the assembly, let us thank God when we find those in our midst who follow our precious Lord's example in the capacity of a servant among the flock, and thus produce the rule that is based on love and not on power.

—Robert W. Mojonnier

(The writer acknowledges his indebtedness to Mr. S. H. Ridout for some of the foregoing thoughts and illustrations.)

WITH THE LORD

Mrs. Henry Stadt

Our beloved sister, Mrs. Stadt, a true mother in Israel, ended her pilgrim journey July 3, 1960, but the issues of her life will live on. Wife of the late Henry Stadt, who was a true shepherd of the people of God, Mrs. Stadt thoroughly entered into the life and work of her husband and a noble family remains to witness to the godly lives of the parents, as well as untold numbers who enjoyed the preciousness of the Stadt hospitality.

Mrs. Stadt was saved under the ministry of a native of India and through the faithful ministry of brother Dana E. Hartwell of Muskegon, Michigan, Mr. and Mrs. Stadt in 1915 saw from the scriptures the place the Lord would have them take in relation to Himself. After the departure of her husband, Mrs. Stadt sought to do what she could locally to carry on his faithful pastoral ministry, calling on the sick and invalids of the area at regular intervals. She will truly be missed from her place!

A large company gathered at Eastern and Baldwin Gospel Hall, Thursday,

July 7, for the funeral service conducted by two "adopted sons" of the family, Joseph Balsan and Venus Brooks. "Mother" Stadt is not dead, but sleeps! —Venus Brooks

Margaret Ruth Tharp

On October 5 Miss Tharp, elder daughter of Mr. E. J. Tharp, succumbed to injuries sustained in a fall. She had for several years been in the Rest Haven Home in invalid condition. She was extremely happy there and had been wonderfully cared for.

Miss Tharp had the joy of serving the Lord in Manchuria for a number of years, having been in charge of both grade and kindergarten schools.

Beside her father she is survived by a brother Robert, and a sister, Barbara.

In our July-August issue there appeared a notice from James Noall of Detroit, regarding his plan to move to Port Charlotte, Florida, where he hoped to start a testimony to the Lord's name with the help of others. However, the Lord purposed otherwise and on September 14, 1960, took him to be with Himself.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA
Gospel Hall, 2447 Mascher Street

The following change is now effective.
Breaking of Bread, 10:30 a.m., Lord's Day
Day
Sunday School 11:30 a.m.
(Previous times were 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.) Robert L. Scott

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

Twelfth Ave. Gospel Chapel, 3601 Twelfth Ave.

The order of meetings is as follows:
Lord's Day Remembrance 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:30 a.m., Family Bible Hour 10:30 a.m., Evening Service, 7:00 p.m., prayer and Bible study, Wednesday 7:45 p.m. Note that the Sunday School and Family Bible Hour are separate services.
E. H. Smith, Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Parkside Gospel Chapel, 910 Santiago

Beginning Sunday, December 4, 1960, the meetings of Parkside Gospel Chapel, San Francisco, will be as follows. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Family Bible Hour, 11:00 a.m.; and Breaking of Bread, 7:00 p.m. On Tuesday, prayer and Bible study at 7:45 p.m. M. B. Strayer

Letters

EDGAR AINSLIE
817 N. Chauncey Ave., W. Lafayette, Ind.

I have just returned from the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, area where I enjoyed ministering to various small assemblies needing encouragement. Especially is this true of the Gospel Barn at Harmony, where brother and sister Bohl continue. They need earnest prayer. God is blessing and fruit is being seen.

JOSEPH BALSAN
4011—13th Street, Des Moines 13, Iowa

The summer was spent in activity among the young, with two weeks at Lower Peninsula Bible Camp, one week at Colorado Rockies Bible Camp, and two weeks in children's meetings and canvassing work in a new area in Minneapolis with a number of devoted local brethren. In all efforts the Lord gave blessing and encouraged our hearts, for which we praise Him.

During October brother Ben Parmer and I are having gospel meetings in Elm Springs, Kansas.

My wife continues to gain in strength for which we praise God, but has been suffering quite a bit from the after-effects of the X-rays, so we value continued prayer in our behalf (James 4:16-18).

PAUL R. BITLER
1040 Evergreen Ave., New York 72, New York

Besides the Spanish assembly work, we distribute the Spanish Emmaus courses for U. S. A. and Puerto Rico. From letters received this past month we quote briefly: "I am a practical nurse in a hospital in Puerto Rico and with these courses I have received good teaching and help and I want to give you the thanks." A farm-hand in Ohio writes: "To help me with my lessons I would like to buy a good Bible." (Note: We sent him one which he paid for.) From a prisoner in Texas: "I want to keep on with the Bible lessons. Can you give me some reading helps and material for a class we have here in prison?" A student in Puerto Rico writes: "I want to give you my thanks for the course on Peter and the Church. I have obtained great knowledge that is a real help to me in my spiritual life." Another letter says: "I am in an area where Mexican farm-hands come up from the south. I was wondering about reaching these folks with the courses. Please send me some tracts."

ROBERT BOOTH
23 Parkcrest Drive, Scarborough, Ontario

For two weeks I helped out at Milton, Ontario, where our brethren Frank Pear-

cey and Ronald Dart labored all summer. A number of precious souls have professed salvation, and a good work has been done. I had a series of gospel meetings at Broadview Gospel Hall in October where a good work has been carried on among the children.

JAMES K. BOSWELL
605 Emery Street, London, Ontario

God richly blessed these past months in the West Coast and in Canada and we have seen many saved, both young people and adults.

In November (D. V.) I will be at Fort William, Ontario, and New Bedford and Groton, Connecticut. Thank you for your prayers and fellowship.

WM. BOUSFIELD
Duntroon, Ontario

The Lord willing I expect to commence gospel meetings in the West Toronto Hall on October 23 and shall value prayer.

J. W. BRAMHALL
2309 Commonwealth Ave., Charlotte 5, N. Car.

A week of ministry has just been given in the local assembly in Charlotte, North Carolina, my home residence. The Lord has graciously added a few to the testimony and is encouraging the work with the addition of a number of believers who are showing a very earnest consideration of the Lord's work.

At present a week of ministry is being given in Reading, Pennsylvania, to be followed with two weeks at the assembly in Collingdale, Pennsylvania.

VENUS BROOKS
P.O. Box 215-N, Pembroke, N. Car.

I have been in special meetings at our rural meeting place, Preston Gospel Chapel, for the past week. Indications are that these will continue into next week. Attendance is good and interest very keen and we trust to see some lasting effects.

SVEND CHRISTENSEN
15 Castle Hill Dr., Rockingham, Nova Scotia

The Lord gave us a very fruitful camp season on Prince Edward Island. We added two new periods this year: for teen age young people and a family camp. Both were a real success. Mr. Streight, Mr. Stahr and Mr. Matthews were the speakers at the youth camps and Mr. C. Greenhow at the family camp.

At Halifax we are planning a follow-up and visitation program for all who have been contacted since opening the chapel in March.

ROBERT CLARK
1512 Wilson St., Shelbyville, Tenn.

It was my joy to be at the Mid-South Conference again this year. It is refreshing to see the exercise of heart on the part of the young men of Tennessee who shoulder the burden of the conference.

If the Lord allow I shall be in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, for a two week series of ministry meetings. The balance of time is spent seeking to assist this work in Shelbyville.

It was a real encouragement to have a young married couple move into Shelbyville to help in the assembly testimony. Dave Main and his wife and child left New Jersey to find employment here in an effort to use their lives for the advancement of the assembly testimony in the middle part of the state. We thank the Lord for such exercise of soul.

NEAL DE YOUNG
Calera, Alabama

Prayer is requested for the work in the schools in these parts, that the seed sown in the hearts of boys and girls may bear fruit for eternity.

DAVID R. EDNIE
Route 3, Marion, Va.

In September I was on the radio again and praise God for this opportunity to spread the gospel to thousands of people in these mountains. I am also working in the prison camp among the colored prisoner. During the summer months the prisoners are out working in the roads and are scattered, but in the winter they are confined to the camps and are more inclined to listen to the message of the gospel.

In our children's work we shall continue with "Footsteps of Faith," a course of study that takes them through the whole Bible. This work is also a matter for prayer and we covet prayer.

EDWIN FESCHE
721 E. 34th St., Baltimore 18, Maryland

I have been visiting some rural parts of northern Virginia where the meetings were encouraging. I have also been serving in nearby Washington, D. C., and Baltimore. Some local pastoral visitation has been in order. I underwent an operation in August but am recovering nicely.

NEIL M. FRASER
c/o A. Stewart, 9950 Pierson St.,
Detroit 28, Michigan

Leaving from Eugene, Oregon, where an assembly was established after tent meetings shared with brother Fred Elliott of Portland, we went north to Vancouver Island. The assembly there was begun after meetings we had some 30 years ago. Brother George Stewart, now of Portland, had the ground well prepared. We also visited assemblies at Hurdsfield, North Dakota, and Williams and Virginia, Minnesota, all of which we saw started years ago. In Williams we stayed with a brother reached by God's grace in the school house 32 years ago. We had a week's meetings there.

At Story Book Lodge, an off-shoot of the assembly work in Virginia, we mini-

stered with Ben Tuininga. In Upper Peninsula Bible Camp, which was under the able leadership of Russell Van Ryn, we ministered the Word night and morning with Don Fraser of Detroit. The Minneapolis conference was next, where a goodly number were gathered. Thence we went to Lombard, Illinois, where a constantly expanding work seems to be evident. In Detroit we kept busy six nights a week in four different chapels.

We have leased our house for a year and hope to be in the East and South until the spring. Communications should be made to the Detroit address given above.

LOUIS J. GERMAIN

444 Bank Street, Ottawa 4, Ontario

In a town 25 miles away the chapel, which has been closed for a number of years, is being repaired, painted, and the yard cleared away of trees and rubbish, and we hope soon to remember the Lord and have a Sunday school and gospel meeting on Lord's Day evening.

The town has been covered from door to door with "Messenger of Peace" and a few interesting contacts have been made. As the testimony has been poor during some of the time the chapel was open, no doubt the people will be rather slow to come, but we hope to be able to win their confidence. Kindly help us by prayer.

J. W. GIBBS

2 Ridge Road, Belmont 79, Mass.

Friday afternoon I spent some time on the Japanese ship "Shizuoka Maru" and the American President Lines ship "President Arthur," with some splendid opportunities on each, despite the usual indifference and carelessness found on the American ships. I had been referred by brother West to the chief officer on the Japanese ship as a believer but found he had been promoted and transferred to captain on the "Kyoku Maru." The present chief officer told me he was still Buddhist and appeared at first rather indifferent to Christianity, but by the help of the Lord I talked with him for some time and he warmed up to the point where he very gladly accepted literature and a Gospel of John in Japanese and English.

On the "President Arthur," the men were reluctant even to take any Christian literature. However, I was able to lay some on the bunks and was able to talk with an elderly seaman who did have some interest in the gospel.

Another instance of the Lord's help was on the British "City of Agra," with British and Indian crew. I had no sooner got on this ship and was opening my bag to get out my literature, etc., when a young cadet approached me and as I opened my conversation by stating my "business," he at once flew at me with question after question. After he finished I asked him to sit down and for some time I endeavored to answer some of his

questions from my open Bible.

Another cadet whom I met in his room was altogether a different type of boy and while he was not a Christian he did have a New Testament in his room and listened with absolutely no arguments whatever. The 2nd Engineer was a professed believer, yet had no assurance of eternal salvation. A lovely time was spent with him in his cabin.

GEORGE HOEKSTRA

11137 S. Normal Ave. Chicago 28, Ill.

A month was spent in Cosmopolis and Yakima, Wash., and also in a Bible camp near Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, sponsored by the Coeur D'Alene and Spokane assemblies. While visiting our daughter in Colorado we gave help in the assembly at Longmont.

We were encouraged in Lincoln, Nebraska, where the Lord's people have built a chapel in a new neighborhood and are seeking to make Christ known to children and grown ups.

We had planned to spend one Sunday in Belleville, Illinois, but the need was so great that we spent three Sundays with them encouraging them in the ways that be in Christ Jesus.

While in Crown Point, Indiana, we had services in the county jail where more souls are reached in one meeting than enter our chapels in a year. We had a good meeting in the jail in Belleville, too.

The present trip ended with children's meetings in Detroit.

ALEX IRVINE

Black Capes, Quebec

Brother W. A. McLellan and I shared in three ten-day vacation Bible schools, two of which averaged attendance of well over one hundred daily.

Our conference at Black Capes was well attended. Brethren W. J. Paterson and Milton Lovering ministered the Word very acceptably. Brother Paterson continued meetings nightly for two weeks filling the hall, sometimes to overflowing, with those who manifested a keen interest in his stirring messages. We feel that the visit of our brother has been a blessing to saved and unsaved here.

We ask a share in the prayers of the Lord's people for the work along this Gaspé shore.

GEO. M. LANDIS

Rt. 2, Box 79, Fayetteville, Pa.

I was in the Brooklyn Gospel Chapel, Baltimore, September 25 to 30; in Loch Hill Chapel, Baltimore, October 2; in Melrose Chapel, Roanoke, Va., October 9 to 14, and am to be at Emmaus Bible School, November 14 to December 21.

DAVID LAWRENCE

205 S. 12th Street, Centerville, Iowa

We were encouraged last Wednesday night in witnessing four obey the Word

in baptism. Two or three more are exercised. One, a lady who has come to the Sunday evening and Wednesday night meetings regularly for the past three years has either been saved, or has been tremendously enlightened, for she now rejoices in the truth of eternal security.

DAVID LEATHAM

110 Beacon Blvd., Sea Girt, New Jersey

We have just returned after visiting Swansea, Massachusetts, Westbrook, Maine and several places in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

In Nova Scotia I held meetings for gospel and ministry in Truro, Port Howe, New Glasgow and in Swaine Street Hall as well as Fairview Chapel, Halifax. Then we stopped over in Moncton, New Brunswick, for our last weekend in the Maritimes. We had the joy of meeting again a number who were saved in earlier campaigns during our years of residence in Nova Scotia.

We are now back in New Jersey, looking to the Lord for guidance as to our service this winter.

LEONARD E. LINDSTED

753 S. Chautauqua St., Wichita 16, Kansas

Brethren T. R. McCullagh and I are in the midst of gospel meetings in Wichita, Kansas, to be followed by a series of gospel meetings in Burlington, Colorado, the latter part of October.

ROBERT McCORRY

137 Queen St., South, Hamilton, Ontario

I have been visiting in a few of the assemblies around Hamilton, Guelph, Clyde, Valens. The scripture, "Be swift to hear, slow to speak," is in my favor! The effect of the slight strokes I have had is still with me. However, when the Lord's people have time to wait on me, I usually get there, and they understand what I have for them. And "little is much if God is in it." I am feeling stronger physically and able to get around a good deal.

W. A. McLELLAN

21415 Santa Clara, Detroit 19, Michigan

At present I am in Schenectady, New York, in company with Herbert Meeks, and then go on to the Gaspé Coast of eastern Quebec, where we expect in the will of the Lord to spend five weeks in special meetings.

There are six active but small assemblies who always appreciate help. Brother Milton Lovering is carrying on work at Cascapedia and our brother Alex Irvine at Black Cape.

There is also a weekly radio broadcast carried on by brother George Campbell at New Carlisle. This broadcast reaches all the Maritime Provinces, including Newfoundland, and has been carried on for the past twenty years with blessing and encouragement.

HERSCHEL MARTINDALE
815 E. Harrison, Guthrie, Oklahoma

The Lord encouraged us recently with three who professed Christ as Savior. Another source of encouragement was the opportunity of continuing the daily radio work over our local station at half the price we had paid before. Our Lord is surely gracious.

DAVID METLER
1001 E. Elbe St., Portales, New Mexico

We were encouraged when one of the Spanish girls from a Catholic home told us that she knows our Lord. Many of our children are from Catholic homes and we have opposition from the priest at times but we try to ignore him. We are still looking for a small home or building that we can rent in the Spanish section. We can always use clothing as we are dealing with the very poor. One family with eleven children have to sleep in their coats and whatever clothes they have as they have no blankets. They usually sleep five in a bed so they can keep warm. We are dealing with this mother and she allows as many of the older ones to come as can find clothes to wear.

WILLIAM MORGAN
1004 Locust, Atlantic, Iowa

We had a series of children's meetings at the Overland Park Assembly, Kansas, followed by a series of meetings in October in Rockford, Illinois, and another in Chicago at the Washington Heights assembly. Remember in prayer a series in November, the week of the 27th, to be held in the Denver, Colorado, assembly.

WOODY MURPHY
Box 9, Siler City, North Carolina

Here in Siler City God has been saving souls and restoring others to fellowship. In the past few weeks we have had several young married people accept Christ, and they are going on well for the Lord, desiring to learn as much as possible about the Word. We baptized 30 last Sunday night. This has been a real stimulant to the entire assembly. We believe God will continue to work as these young converts continue to witness and bring others to meeting with them.

W. FRASER NAISMITH
11337—124 St., Edmonton, Alberta

Now that our tour of Canada and the United States is almost complete, we would take this opportunity of expressing to the many dear saints of God our sincere and heartfelt thanks for the hospitality afforded us throughout our itinerary.

Our sailing date is December 12. The ship is the S. S. "Orcades" and we leave from the port of Los Angeles in the will of the Lord. New Zealand is the next sphere of activity for the Lord and we anticipate renewing the friendship and fellowship of many dear believers in that land.

R. PEACOCK

I spent four weeks at Vernon, B. C., doing house-to-house visitation with gospel literature during the day and having evening meetings with the few saints. I spent three weeks at the Morning Star Bible Camp, where 40 professed to be saved and four were baptized. Then I went north to Prince Rupert, Terrace, and Kitimatt where I did house-to-house visitation and had meetings in the evening. At present I am at a place called Rock Creek, new ground. We thank God a few are coming in to hear the gospel in a rented building. The reception from door-to-door is encouraging.

GORDON N. REAGER
8 Lowry's Lane, Rosemount, Pennsylvania

Mr. R. McClurkin and I are in a gospel campaign here in Waverly, Ontario. There is a real exercise on the part of the saints and we look for a time of blessing in the salvation of precious souls.

W. ROSS RAINEY
7229 Boellner Drive, Hazelwood, Missouri

Just now I am spending most of my time with the Hazelwood Bible Chapel. Construction of the new building is progressing and we hope to be in by December. Hazelwood and area abounds with children, manifesting a large Sunday school potential.

Meetings in our temporary hotel quarters have been well attended with several residents regularly attending the evening service. A few Sundays ago a young man confessed Christ, the consistent testimony of his wife being a prime factor.

I have been gaining some good experience at the "Sunshine Mission" in downtown St. Louis, thanks to the kind invitation of brother William Buschart of the Hazelwood Bible Chapel. Later this month I am looking forward to speaking at the Washington University IVCF, and give thanks for the many open doors granted me.

EDWARD RICHMOND
Box 62, Dover, Delaware

We have been greatly encouraged during this entire year. God has opened doors in many towns for the gospel and has given us some precious jewels for eternity. Each year we are able to get further into this state with the gospel. Two recently saved were Roman Catholics and a fine young man, 21 years old, from Virginia. Several Air Force men and their families have also been saved this past year. Many Christians are coming to us for help in spiritual things and hours are spent with these souls who are hungry for the Word, yet have difficulty understanding some of the plain teaching of the scriptures. This alone has kept us confined to these areas, making it just about impossible to visit assemblies out of the state.

V. M. RIVERA

327 Fanfield Avenue, San Antonio 11, Texas

Another soul was saved recently. After we had dealt with her for sometime the light finally dawned upon her heart.

Recently we had a baptism at a nearby river and I preached the story of love and redemption to a large crowd previous to baptizing the believers.

I am holding Bible readings in homes and finding interest in eternal things among the hearers.

F. W. SCHWARTZ
14283 Terry St., Detroit 27, Michigan

At Asheville, N. C., I had a week of children's meetings, which were very well attended, and followed these with ministry to the Lord's people. I went to Greer, S. C., next and from there hope to go to West Virginia to give a little help. I shall value prayer.

CYRIL SHONTOFF
772 Argyle Avenue, Sherbrooke, Quebec

In Sherbrook this year we were advised that the city would not press charges in last year's arrest for preaching in the open air, unless they were otherwise forced to do so. They granted us permission to hold a week of open air meetings in Jacques Cartier park. No visible opposition was manifested and two young fellows indicated their desire to be saved. Open air meetings have also been held in Scots-town, Ste. Anne de la Rochelle, Bromptonville and St. Hermenegilde.

Some of our time is spent in visiting various assemblies with the gospel. I was privileged to be at Boys' Camp at Frontier Lodge where we had a most profitable time and saw two lads in our cabin come to the Lord Jesus Christ. We rejoice in this and pray God to care for them as they return to indifferent or ungodly homes.

I was in Ottawa with brother Len Percival for a week of French open air meetings September 11 to 18. Please pray for us that in all things we may do His blessed will and be found faithful even as He was.

After two weeks of vacation Bible school in the South Normandie Gospel Hall in Los Angeles, I visited assemblies in Riverside, Pomona, Claremont, San Diego and Oakland, California. Also, on my way east I had several nights of ministry with the Elm Springs assembly in Kansas.

ERNEST B. SPRUNT
18 Haynes Avenue, St. Catharines, Ontario

After two weeks of vacation Bible school in the South Normandie Gospel Hall in Los Angeles, I visited assemblies in Riverside, Pomona, Claremont, San Diego and Oakland, California. Also, on my way east I had several nights of ministry with the Elm Springs assembly in Kansas.

After three days at home with my family I left to commence children's

meetings in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on September 25. In October I went to Montreal, Quebec, for two weeks of children's meetings and in November I purpose being in Flint, Michigan, for work with the children and with adults as well.

JAMES A. STAHR
235 Cumberland St., Charlottetown,
Prince Edward Island

Seven adults and twelve young people have been baptized, strengthening the assembly in the Charlottetown Bible Chapel. A real interest has been evident among college age young men, with some taking a stand for the Lord, others still resisting conviction.

In September we held a youth banquet in a hotel in the P. E. I. National Park. Blake Matthews from Truro, Nova Scotia, was the speaker.

Starting in November our radio broadcast, "Truth for Today," shifts to an afternoon time. Through the broadcast another family has recently come into the work.

TOMMY STEELE
Box 7472, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

We had the privilege of ministering the Word at a Labor Day weekend Bible conference in Virginia at which three professed faith in the Lord Jesus and several other important decisions were made. My time has been more than full in connection with the local testimony and work on the radio. Brother August Van Ryn is with us for two weeks ministering to the saints and in the gospel.

C. ERNEST TATHAM
Box 355, Boca Raton, Florida

During the past five weeks I have been ministering almost nightly at Bethesda Chapel, West Palm Beach, Florida with encouragement from God. Attendance and cooperation have been excellent, and some fruit has been evidenced. Following special meetings in the New York area I plan a series of weekly Bible classes in several places on the Florida east coast, including Delray Beach where there is no fundamental testimony.

My dear wife underwent surgery for cancer two weeks ago, and is now at home convalescing. This has been a severe blow to us; but we have been proving again that our God is "a very present help in trouble."

BEN TUJINGA
9826 Goethe, Minneapolis 27, Minnesota

We had eight weeks of camps, one tent campaign, several conferences and made many calls during the summer. A number came to Christ and we thank God for movements of His Spirit.

AUGUST VAN RYN
390 W. 56th St., Hialeah, Florida

I had three happy weeks at home, keeping busy with five meetings a week, and am leaving this week for three months

of ministry in the Carolinas and further north, ending at New York City.

JOHN WELCH
26 Elm St., Andover, Massachusetts

This year I spent four months in Peterborough, Ontario, where the saints at Braidwood realise the potentialities for the Family Bible Hour and Gospel service represented by the parents of Sunday school scholars who have no other connection with the assembly. My wife and I visited the homes of all these scholars, and also the homes of those who attend various midweek classes, of which there are many at Braidwood. If the Lord be not come, I am returning to Peterborough for the first nine months of 1961, to follow up this work.

Recently I spent five weeks at Pittsburgh, and eight weeks at Key West, Florida, Greenwood Hills, Pennsylvania, and Camp Berea, New Hampshire.

A new work has begun at Murrysville, near Pittsburgh, and visitation there brought a full chapel one Lord's Day evening.

ERNEST WOODHOUSE
243 Devon Road, Washington Township,
Westwood, N. J.

Following children's meetings in Youkers, N. Y., where several professed conversion, it was my joy to minister at a special youth retreat at Silver Lake, N. J., where young people from three assembly groups gathered for a weekend. Again God gave definite fruit. Among those who were blessed was a teenager who had just made her first professional "rock and roll" recording. Her first vocal effort thereafter was "Now I belong to Jesus."

Meetings followed in Tenafly, Rutherford, Hackensack, Jersey City, and Fairwood, all in New Jersey.

We were encouraged last Lord's Day morning by the conversion at Tenafly, N. J., of a man, much prayed for over a period of many months.

Work on the new chapel building in Washington Township, N. J., continues steadily, and initial contacts with the neighborhood have already been made. A DVBS was held in the small Town Hall, which we rented for the occasion, and which was filled with boys and girls. J. Giordano conducted the school. A canvass of the area with leaflets prior to the DVBS gave opportunity to acquaint the people with our plans for the future. Another period of visitation is planned before our occupation of the new building. God willing, in December. Opening services for the new chapel, to be called The Valley Bible Chapel, are to be held, if all goes according to schedule, on December 31 and January 1, and the speakers expected are Messrs. Welcome Detweiler, Hugh Horner, Ernest Tatham, and Ernest Woodhouse. The Township in which

we are building is a fast expanding one. It has quadrupled in the last few years—and as yet there is only one small church in it! Since our plans for the new area have been in existence, no less than nine families with interests in the district have joined assembly fellowship, and we are convinced that a season of real reaping lies ahead of us! We shall deeply appreciate the prayers of the Lord's people.

RAY ZANDER
Box 7542, Richmond 31, Virginia

I am having meetings in Key West, Florida, at present, where hurricane Donna caused many to think about eternal things.

Key West escaped damage from the hard hitting storm which had winds from 160 to 170 miles per hour, but the other Keys suffered damage which is indescribable.

On the front page of the Key West newspaper was a detailed story of "Donna." The last paragraph read:

"Adding irony to the scene was a lone religious signboard that stood through the storm while hundreds of others were blown away. The sign read, 'Prepare to meet your God.'"

We had that sign erected about two years ago.

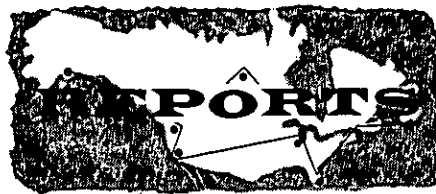
LOS ANGELES AREA CAMPAIGN WITH HAROLD WILDISH

The Los Angeles area assemblies were blessed in the recent visit of our brother Harold Wildish September 6 to September 25. This gospel effort was preceded by considerable exercise in cottage prayer meetings throughout the area. It was marked by a spirit of unity among the assemblies in united prayer meetings as well. The first series was held in the new Pomona Chapel sponsored by nine or ten of the assemblies east of the city. In spite of extreme heat there was an exceptional turnout, with overflow at times. A number of souls were dealt with by trained counselors with worthwhile results.

The second series moved into the city and was held at La Brea Chapel. Ten city assemblies cooperated, regular meetings were suspended in some cases, and many friends and neighbors were brought. One couple brought between 25 and 30 during the ten days of meetings. Every night the main auditorium was filled and on four nights a total of between 400 and 500 people overflowed into an adjoining room. Trained counselors again were used and a number were dealt with.

Following these meetings our brother spent a few days at Laurel Bible Chapel in San Diego.

W. F. Barrington



ASBURY, PARK, NEW JERSEY

This assembly gladly welcomes all believers from assemblies vacationing in this vicinity; also those who are permanent residents. Meetings are held in the Solarium, 1st and Boardwalk, Lord's day at 10:30 a.m.; prayer and Bible reading Thursday, 8:00 p.m., at 30 Pitman Avenue, Ocean Grove.

Alec Gibson, Correspondent

BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO

Bethel Chapel

During the past winter we have been greatly encouraged by the growth of our assembly as a result of commencing a Family Bible Hour and doing visitation. Attendance has increased from approximately 80 to a maximum attendance of 115. Parents of Sunday school children who are not professing Christians have been attending quite regularly and the Lord has blessed in the salvation of two couples.

Mr. W. E. Belch spent most of the winter in Belleville doing visitation work and the results of this have been seen in the salvation of souls and the addition to assembly fellowship of some twelve persons.

Our meeting is blessed with a good number of young people who are spiritual and desirous of winning others to the Lord.

Several months ago we had the joy of baptizing four believers.

—James Alexander

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Roberts Memorial Gospel Hall

Special nightly (except Saturday) evangelistic services were being held during the entire month of October at Roberts Memorial Gospel Hall, 8600 So. Bishop St., Chicago, Ill. Speakers were Leonard DeBuhr of Aplington, Iowa and Eric McCullough of Cedar Falls, Iowa.

CAP DE LA MADELEINE, QUEBEC

Chapelle Evangellique, 225, rue St. Pierre

You have been without news of our assembly for quite some while. It was founded in 1947 by our brother Paul Boeda, who came from New York to spread the wonderful news of the gospel among the French Canadians, here in Cap de la Madeleine and its surroundings.

The ministry he started has prospered enormously and we are known as the largest assembly in the Province of Quebec. The Lord has blessed and done great things for the *Canadiens*, and we glorify and praise God Almighty with unceasing thanks for every blessing.

The *Canadiens* continue this ministry here, and take a great part in it in the Province of Quebec, by prayer, offerings for missionaries, and other means. It has also been a pleasure to be able to give a part of the basement of our chapel for the work of a Christian printing shop, through which we have had the opportunity of spreading the message of the word of God.

Lately, we have had a baptism, where eight testified publicly for their Lord and Savior by being baptized.

—Gerard Dufour

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

Opening of the new Northeast Bible Chapel was highlighted by special meetings conducted by Owen Hoffman, Washington, Georgia.

Except for Sunday nights Mr. Hoffman spoke on the book of Daniel, using various visual aids for emphasis. These messages were enthusiastically received by all in attendance. Suspense reigned from night to night in contemplating the truths of God's Word and the means by which the Word would be visualized.

Opening this series of meetings with a message on the "Living Stones," and closing with "The World on Fire," Mr. Hoffman, by use of black light and other visual aids, added greatly to the effectiveness of the messages. Only eternity will reveal the final results of these meetings as the Spirit of God continues to work in our midst, convicting of sin by bringing to memory the spoken Word so vividly portrayed.

While in Colorado Springs Mr. Hoffman spoke to the science club of the local high school and presented Christ to these young folk in a way they're sure to remember and contemplate.

Elmer C. Shacklette

EAST FREEDOM, PENNSYLVANIA

We are having a four week series of meetings this month (October) with Brother William J. Patterson, who will speak on various themes centered around the Lord Jesus Christ. We pray that our Lord will be enabled to use these messages, and all of us will be used that the assembly testimony in this new chapel, and the community in which it is located, may prosper. (See photo)

—Dr. Samuel Hagen

EDMONTON, ALBERTA

The fifth annual conference of Edmonton assemblies was held October 8 to 10 in the new Jubilee Auditorium. The near capacity audiences were revived and refreshed by the ministry of brethren J. K. Boswell, R. J. Little, and Fraser Naismith. Christians from the prairie provinces and British Columbia were present. At the Sunday evening meeting one young man confessed Christ as Savior and another was restored to fellowship with the Lord.

Brethren Naismith and Boswell also ministered in assemblies throughout the city.

—N. C. Penman

GUTHRIE, OKLAHOMA

There has been some encouragement. Brother John Smith and family have moved here, and he has taken a teaching position in the public schools. He's quite gifted in ministry of the Word and care of the saints. We look for the Lord to bless in this move. Also after the meeting last Lord's Day, a young married woman, for whom we've been praying for some time, confessed Christ as her Lord.

Herschel Martindale

HONOLULU, HAWAII

Friendly Bible Center

Eight believers have been baptized, bringing the number of local believers in fellowship to 26. This does not include service men who fellowship with us while on duty in Hawaii. We are having a Sunday school contest, urging the children to invite their parents. Last Sunday we had eight adults out as a result.

The following is a revision of our weekly meetings: Sundays, Sunday School, 9:00 a.m., Lord's Table, 10:30 a.m. and Ministry, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Bible study and prayer, 7:30 p.m. and Fridays, young people's, 7:30 p.m.

We ask prayer that the Lord may open the way to obtain property for a building; that we may start a 15-minute daily radio broadcast of Tom Westwood's Bible Treasury Hour over KAIM; and that the Lord will raise up gift among us, as our growth continues.

—William Clapper



MESA, ARIZONA

For two and one half years a small group of believers has been meeting for the breaking of bread, Bible study, and prayer meetings. We are happy to have in our fellowship Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Skinner, formerly of the Elgin, Illinois, meeting. Any desiring contact with the group may write to Henry Schoening, 120 S. Temple Drive, Mesa, Arizona, or call WO 4-7249.

Breaking of bread is at 9:30 a.m., Family Bible Hour at 10:45 a.m. gospel meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday. Wednesday evening prayer and Bible study is at 7:00 p.m.

—Henry Schoening

MONCTON, NEW BRUNSWICK

For two months brethren Blackwood and Wilkie had a wooden tent in River-view, a new town across the river from Moncton. The meetings were poorly attended by adults from that community, but the Monday night meetings for children brought in a fair number. Several professed to be saved.

Brethren Cudmore and Heidman had a tent in Harcourt, a comparatively new locality 40 miles north. They held meetings each forenoon for children which were well attended. The evening meetings were quite well attended by adults, and two professed to be saved. Following that effort they had a few weeks in a community hall in Upper Rexton where the Lord saved quite a few.

We have had appreciated meetings with A. Douglas, D. Leatham and A. Stenhouse.

—Norman L. MacNeil

OSHAWA, ONTARIO

The meeting times for the assembly in Oshawa are as follows: Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Breaking of Bread, 12:00 noon Sunday school and Bible class, 7:00 p.m. gospel service; Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. Bible reading and prayer meeting.

—Arnold Mattice

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

The Olney Assembly, 314 W. Chew Street, Philadelphia 20, Pennsylvania, has resumed the monthly afternoon meetings for ministry each third Lord's Day, October through April inclusive.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA, CALIFORNIA

Mr. Harold Wildish came to California first for the Yosemite conference; following which he had a dinner meeting in Oakland with some of the leaders in the Bay Area assemblies in preparation for a series of twenty meetings in nine of the area chapels, climaxing in special evangelistic meetings in the Oakland Auditorium Theater. The Lord blessed wonderfully and more than 75 made professions. At the downtown meetings about 35 accepted the Lord. From Oakland Mr.

Wildish went to the Los Angeles area.

The Labor Day Conference at the Gospel Auditorium was attended by capacity crowds. Two more souls accepted the Lord after the evening meeting when Harold Wildish spoke on Luke 15. Brethren David Sharp, R. F. Elliott, Tom Carroll and Rowland Hill all shared in ministry of the Word.

Mr. Robert E. Little of Chicago was with us for eleven meetings in eight of the chapels and was well accepted by all. He went from us to Los Angeles and then to San Diego.

—Geo. D. Armerding

SOOKE, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Milnes Landing (Sooke) Hall

Mr. David Sharp visited homes and conducted meetings for three weeks, including holding a DVBS. We were encouraged by signs of blessing among the children. Help is still needed in this pioneer area.

—J. S. Russell

VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Victoria Gospel Hall

The Annual Sunday School and Workers Conference will be held Friday, November 11. All interested in work among young people are cordially invited to attend. Mr. Robert Arthur of Seattle will be one of the speakers.

Mr. H. W. O. Atkins was here for a few days of ministry commencing October 16, and Mr. Huron Sheppard of Camp Imadene conducted a week of children's meetings commencing October 24.

—J. C. Russell

ZEPHYRHILLS, FLORIDA

Christians meeting in the Gospel Chapel, 4th Ave. and 8th St., Zephyrhills, Florida, extend a cordial invitation to the Lord's people from other assemblies, when they are visiting in this state. Breaking of Bread is at 9:30 a.m., Family Bible Hour, 11:00 a.m. Lord's Day; Prayer and Bible Study, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

—Carrol D. May, Correspondent

LOOKING FOR READING MATERIAL? Good literature (such writers as Darby, Kelly, Coates, Gibbs) available at the new Believer's Book Store, 603 Kings Highway, Myrtle, South Carolina. John W. DuRant, Jr., proprietor.

SLIDES MADE—Scripture texts, hymns, choruses; for Christmas programs, etc. Woody Murphy, Box 9, Siler City, North Carolina.

CHRISTIAN LADY, recently widowed, wishes to share lovely country home with older married couple or single ladies. Write Box H5, Letters of Interest, 127 S. Wacker Dr., Chicago 6, Illinois.

WANTED: Scofield Bible distributors. Handsome profits on name brand Bibles, books, etc. Write: C. S. D., 13966 E. Glenn Dr., Whittier, Calif. (Note corrected address.)

BOOK REVIEW

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

Authored jointly by R. E. Harlow and John Smart, this informative handbook on assembly missions in sixteen fields of Latin America is packed with well cataloged material. The book includes thumbnail sketches of each North American worker, giving background, area from which commended, experience, education, etc.; a look at the field where each serves, indicating special problems, work being done there by others, allusions to the origin of the assembly work; and a report on the indigenous testimony—the number and strength of native assemblies and their commended workers, etc. A map section pinpoints the whereabouts of all workers, there are illustrations and charts, and statistical data for reference is appended.



This handbook is highly recommended for youth group study, for women's fellowships, and for every individual who feels responsible to acquaint himself with the Lord's work in this part of the world. Copies may be obtained, two for \$1, from The Fields, 16 Hudson St., New York 13, New York.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE

CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS

As of October 2 the order of meetings was changed as follows:

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Ministry 11:00 a.m.
Breaking of Bread 7:00 p.m.

—W. Frank Faulkner

WIDOW'S ADDRESS CHANGE

Mrs. Paul Plubell
2340 Fitzwatertown Rd.
Willow Grove, Pennsylvania

C onferences

Edited by J. W. Kennedy

BRITISH COLUMBIA Fraser Valley District

The Pacific Northwest Bible Camp and Conference, sponsored jointly by the Aldergrove and Newton assemblies in the Fraser Valley Camp Grounds, drew believers from fifteen assemblies. Among those who gave appreciated ministry were A. C. Peterkin of Barbados, West Indies; J. Cochrane of Dominican Republic; Donald R. McIntosh of the Dominican Republic; G. E. Foggin of Taiwan, China; H. W. O. Atkins of London, England; and Mun Hope and Eric L. McKinley. Following the missionary rally on Lord's day afternoon, September 4, seven young believers were baptized. The presence of God was felt during the meetings. Daily prayer meetings were held at 6:00 a.m.; and during the evening at 7:00 p.m. Several confessed Christ as Savior and some were restored to fellowship.

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI Troost Avenue Gospel Hall

The annual conference will be held at Troost Avenue Gospel Hall on November 11, 12 and 13, beginning with a prayer meeting on the night of November 11 and continuing with ministry and gospel all day on November 12 and 13. Noon and evening meals will be served at the Hall on Saturday and Sunday. Those coming from a distance will be entertained in the Christians' homes.

LAKE LOUISE, GEORGIA

More than 300 persons attended the Believers Bible Conference at Lake Louise Conference Ground in Georgia August 21 to 28 at which speakers were Harold G. Mackay, R. Edward Harlow and Robert J. Willey. This number included some 40 family groups from seventeen different states and Canada. Children's meetings and a nursery were conducted during the morning session to give the parents freedom to attend the ministry meeting. On the closing day ten young people confessed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ by baptism.

The dates for the 1961 conference are July 30 to August 6. Tentatively, speakers are Mr. C. Stacey Woods and Mr. John Smart. The conference is already accepting reservations, and some of those attending this year's conference have already made deposits for 1961.

Conference convenors for 1961 are: K. L. Raffery, St. Louis, Mo.; Richard Reetzke, Savannah, Ga.; Andrew C. Stoll Jr., Black Mountain, N. C.; David Horst,

Charlotte, N. C.; Tommy Steele, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Robert J. Willey, Orlando, Fla.; Phil J. Hoffman, Port Orange, Fla.; Hosea Batten, Atlanta, Ga.; T. R. Rollason, Harrisburg, Pa.; and Shockley Few, Columbia, S. C., Chairman.

LAKELAND, FLORIDA

The Lakeland Gospel Chapel is happy to announce its first annual Thanksgiving Conference to be held on Thursday, November 24, 1960. The schedule of meetings is as follows: 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Among the speakers expected is C. Ernest Tatham.

Out-of-town visitors desiring overnight accommodations should notify Bob Burns, P. O. Box 1086, Lakeland, Florida, as soon as possible as accommodations are limited.

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Grace Gospel Chapel, 3680 Rhodes Road, Memphis, Tennessee, announces its Eighth Annual New Year's Conference which will convene (D.V.) December 31, 1960, at 8:00 p.m. Mr. John Bramhall of Charlotte, N. C., and Mr. Philip Clarkson of Chicago will minister the Word. Other conference sessions will be on Lord's Day January 1, the Lord's Supper being observed at 9:15 a.m., and ministry at 11:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and on Monday, January 2, at 10:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. As in the past, visitors will be freely entertained. We extend a hearty invitation to all to come and be with us.

—G. B. Humphreys

33 Ashlawn Cove
Memphis 12, Tennessee

METHUEN, MASSACHUSETTS

Methuen Gospel Chapel, Inc., 9 Center Street

The annual conference will be held (D. V.) on Saturday evening, November 26; and all day Sunday, November 27, 1960, at the chapel, 9 Center Street in Methuen.

Speakers expected are David Kirk of Hamilton, Ontario, and Robert Crawford of Philadelphia.

Communications should be addressed to the Correspondent, Robert A. Watters, 4 Robandy Road, Andover, Massachusetts.

MID-SOUTH BIBLE CONFERENCE

A Report

More than 200 guests at the Fourth Annual Mid-South Bible Conference at beautiful Montgomery Bell State Park in the highland rim section of Tennessee, enjoyed facilities ranging from modest cabins to the most luxurious "Inn" and motel accommodations. Professional chefs provided the best in fine foods. Total costs for the week were held down to a bare minimum of \$20.00 per week for adults.

A great variety of ministry by gifted servants of God has been a feature of each of Mid-South's four years of blessing. In 1960, Fred Gladstone and Jay Dunaway directed the children's camp; teenagers were under the ministry of Hal Greene and Donald Jeffrey; and those speaking to the adults were Robt. Clark, T. B. Gilbert, Dick Hazen, Virgil Hollingsworth, William MacDonald and Nesley Underwood.

The fact that this year's campers have already reserved more than half of the cabins for 1961 (Lord willing) is of great encouragement to the convenors of Mid-South. In the will of the Lord, mid-August of 1961 will be the time for the Lord's people who so desire to gather again in this beautiful setting at Montgomery Bell Park. Those interested may write: Mid-South Bible Conference, Box 654, Nashville, Tennessee.

—John Phelan

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

The 85th Annual Reunion of Christians will be held on Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 1960, in the Metropolitan-Duane Church, 13th Street and 7th Avenue, New York City, at 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. (D. V.)

Speakers expected are Robert McClurkin of Canada and August Van Ryn of Florida. There will be special services for the children at the same hours as those for the adults.

Refreshments will be served between meetings. Please come and bring the family with you.

POTTSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

Hillside Gospel Chapel of Pottstown, Pennsylvania, formerly known as Bible Truth Hall, is happy to announce its annual conference for Monday, January 2, 1961. Anyone reading this article is invited without further notice to enjoy a day of fellowship at this Bible conference which will be held at the Pottstown Youth Center located at the extreme east end of town on Firestone Drive. Meetings are scheduled for 10:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The following speakers will minister the Word: Robert J. Little, William MacDonald (both of Chicago), and Stacey Woods of Malvern, Pennsylvania.

Frederick E. Frey

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

The annual New Year's Conference of Northern California assemblies will be held again this year at the Twelfth Avenue Gospel Chapel, 3601 12th Avenue, Sacramento, California, sponsored jointly by the Loomis Gospel Chapel, Bible Chapel (North Sacramento), and the Twelfth Avenue Gospel Chapel.

Abe H. Hartsema, of Muskegon, Michigan, is the invited ministering brother. The conference will convene at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, December 31, with a youth rally. Sunday afternoon, at 2:30 p.m., the next conference session will be held with

brother Hartsema as the first speaker, a missionary as the second.

Monday afternoon there will again be ministry by brother Hartsema and a missionary will tell of the Lord's work on the foreign field. A meal will be served following this meeting. The evening session will be at 7 o'clock.

On Sunday each assembly will hold its own meetings in the morning and evening, the afternoon meeting being the only conference session that day.

—Ronald A. Warford

TAMPA, FLORIDA

The annual one day conference (D.V.) will be held in the Seminole Gospel Auditorium, 5103 Florida Ave., Monday, January 2, 1961. Meetings will be at 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 and 7:00 p.m. Speakers expected are Geo. Walker (Cuba), Neil M. Fraser (Oregon) and others. Meals will be served. Parking facilities are ample.

—F. C. Thisse

TILLSONBURG, ONTARIO

We purpose in the will of the Lord holding our 66th Annual Conference in the Gospel Hall, Harvey Street, on November 18 at 8:00 p.m. Saturday meetings are: 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 and 7:00 p.m. On Lord's Day, Breaking of Bread is at 10:00 a.m., a children's meeting at 1:30 p.m. and ministry at 2:30 p.m. A gospel meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. Visitors will be entertained and meals will be served. We extend a hearty invitation to you. Correspondence may be addressed to J. E. McCormack, Box 322, Tillsonburg.

WATERLOO, IOWA

Downing Avenue Gospel Chapel,
1645 Downing Ave.

The second annual missionary conference of the Downing Avenue Gospel Chapel assembly in Waterloo September 16 to 18 was an occasion of blessing and spiritual uplift, and realignment of personal objectives for many. Christians from assemblies in Des Moines, Sioux City, Fort Dodge, Ottumwa and Sully, Iowa and from Minneapolis as well as the Western Avenue Gospel Hall assembly of Waterloo attended. One sister from Miami, Florida, visiting in our area, was also our guest.

Reports from the Dominican Republic, French Guiana, Peru, and Northern Rhodesia were given by James Cochran, Willi Gyger, Gerard Couenhoven, and Robert Young, who also gave good ministry of the Word.

During one hour of the conference season the missionary wives gave personal testimonies to the sisters while the brethren were addressed by Larry Hagen of Minneapolis, who told of his fellowship with assembly missionaries in Japan during military service there, and of the Lord's dealings in directing him to go to that field in full time missionary service in the early part of the coming year.

The conference was attended by a good number of young people of high school and college age. Our desire is that these young lives will be drawn into paths of consecration to the Lord.

Geo. W. Jones, Corr.

WEST READING, PENNSYLVANIA

Bible Truth Chapel, Fifth Ave. and Franklin St.

Our Thanksgiving Day Conference will be held November 24 with meetings at 10:30, 2:30 and 7:00. Speakers expected are Peter Pell, Edward Richmond and Robert Crawford. Meals will be served noon and evening.

WESTBROOK, MAINE

Spring Hill Gospel Hall

We purpose having our second annual conference on Lord's Day, November 13. The Lord's Supper will be at 10:30; Ministry at 2:30 and Gospel at 7:00. Speakers expected are Gordon Reager of Rosemont, Pa., and George Heidman of St. John, N. B., Canada. A hearty invitation is extended to all the Lord's people. Please advise beforehand if expecting to come. These brethren hope to remain for a series of gospel meetings. Prayer for blessing is requested.

—Charles R. Grob

COMMENDATION

Ernest W. Belch



The assemblies at Bethel Chapel, Belleville, and Elim Chapel, Arkona, having known brother Ernest W. Belch all his life, and having observed his great interest and continued activity in Christian ministry, take pleasure in commending him to the

full-time exercise of his gifts in the assemblies of Christians. The letter is signed by fourteen brethren.

Roy Beverly

The Christian Fellowship Chapel of Phoenix, Arizona, which commended Mr. Beverly to gospel work among immigrant workers in Florida, now commends Roy and Ruth Beverly to the work of the Lord in the Bahama Islands.

They write: "The Lord has blessed their efforts and we urge the Lord's people to encourage them in every way possible. We consider it a privilege to send them forth, with their large family, to this needy field."

Colin Heath

The Cherrydale Community Chapel (Arlington, Va.) and Gospel Chapel (Washington, D. C.) assemblies join in commending to full-time service Mr. Colin Heath, known to them for a number of years, and now retired from active secular work.

When living in Washington, D. C., and Arlington, Virginia, brother Heath took active part in the Bible Hour and gospel and ministry meetings, and he is commended in the confidence that he will be greatly used in bringing souls to the Savior and ministering His Word. The letter is signed by eight brethren.

SISTERS IN THE LORD'S WORK

MRS. MAY McKELLAR

829 Short St., Victoria, B. C.

I left Mentasta Lake on August 29 as I have felt the need of a change and rest, and the Lord has led Miss Grace Trowbridge of New York to come up and take over my work, at least for a time. Please do remember Miss Trowbridge and this little village in prayer. I expect to stay in Victoria, at least through the winter. After that I am willing to stay or to return, as He leads.

Before I left the Lord gave me the crowning joy of seeing three women obey the Lord in baptism. They had been desirous to do so for some time and when Mr. and Mrs. Crabb came in on their way back to Fairbanks, Mr. Crabb baptised them. He gave such a good message and the whole village was there to witness the scene.

Our Christian school teacher has just returned for another year and he is helping in the meeting.

IMMANUEL MISSION

Minnie Armerding

Last evening Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Gilbert, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., were with us, and he gave a fine message on Hebrews 10 to an appreciative audience. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Little were with us for a recent weekend and Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dresch made their annual visit later in the month. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Barker brought us an interesting report of the work in Congo, and more recently we had a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Langguth of Chicago, who came with brother Joe Paulick. Brother Gordon Fraser continues his Bible teaching here on Wednesday evenings. Our Indian group is getting a blessing from the ministry of these brethren, and others who stop in to see us.

WANTED—large canvas chart designed by C. J. Baker of Kansas City, Mo., entitled "The Times of the Gentiles." Any information as to location of such a chart would be appreciated. Please notify W. R. Simpson, 2934 Leeward Ave., Los Angeles 5, Calif.

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PIONEERING TODAY

Edited by Donald M. Taylor

WALLACE CUDMORE
158 Ellen St., Midland, Ontario

Brother George Heidman and I spent the summer in New Brunswick where we had meetings over a year ago, at which time about ten were saved. The Lord was pleased to give about the same number again this year for which we give Him all the praise. Before leaving we had the joy of baptising a number, and it surely was nice to see their eagerness to obey the Lord.

Last week we were able to get an unused church building about 50 miles from home, in a rural community. We had the first meeting Sunday afternoon and it was a thrill to see the place filled to capacity. We trust the Lord will give us to see some fruit in the gospel in the coming weeks.

LEONARD FEX
Chapleau, Ontario

Since the chapel opened last fall we find a greater interest shown by some.

The coming of Ronald Millson to teach school at Sheppard and Morse Lumber Townsite, has given the work an added boost.

This is a place where a brother with a teacher's certificate for public school could do a good work for the Lord. A little Indian Reserve called Tophet, which has been the downfall of teachers in past years, would be an excellent field for some young brother to serve the Lord. A member of the Reserve Council told me not long ago they were considering turning to the R. C. for a teacher, since the Protestants "were not able to stand up to it." This would mean a closed door to the lumber camps.

God has been good in sending Roland Jolin (a French Christian) to Chapleau, which will make it now possible to start the French work, a long time need.

We have lately seen our first fruits of the gospel in the Indian work at Tophet, with a few of the children coming to Christ. How we praise God for this after the years of seemingly fruitless sowing.

In Chapleau itself the gospel service attendance is increasing a bit.

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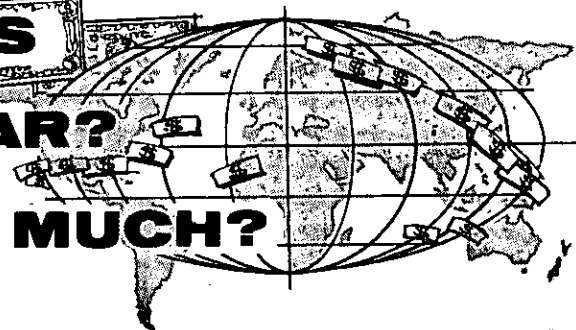


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Back and forth, to and fro, east and west, north and south across the United States and Canada they went building, remodeling, buying gospel halls and chapels, youth Bible camps, homes for elderly Christians, Christian schools, conference grounds, hospitals.

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HERBERT HARRIS

8 Valley Rd., Corner Brook, Nfld.

We had one of our best seasons with the boat. We anchored at a place called Daniels Harbour for about a month. The Lord was working so we put up a portable hall and moved our boat up the shore about fifteen miles. Souls are being saved here so we rented a large house we can use for living quarters as well as a hall. About 200 miles of road has just opened up along this shore so there are many open doors we can now reach by car.

W. J. LEAROYD

8168 Birnam Street, Montreal, Quebec

We recently encountered a refreshing example of the power of the Word of God to change hearts. A Catholic woman whom we visited had asked for a New Testament because she had worn out the one she had been reading for twelve years. She had not yet come to the conclusion that all the Catholic doctrines were wrong, nor was she completely free from what we would call superstitious practices, but her life had been completely changed by the Book. She radiated love for Christ, and was assured of her salvation by faith in Him. She was anxious for another visit as she found so few around her who had even the least interest in the truth of the Bible which so filled her mind and heart.

TOM McCULLAGH

411 E. Logan Ave., Guthrie, Okla.

I am in Iowa holding meetings in a school building near Cumberland. This building was bought by the saints in the Lyman meeting, a basement put under it, and a Sunday school and gospel work has been carried on for the past two years. The building is filled nightly and there are signs that the Lord is working by His Holy Spirit through the Word. We believe souls will be saved as we continue here.

KENNETH R. BAIRD

1077—9th Street, Boulder, Colorado

Ruth and I were at Colorado Springs for a large DVBS at which the daily average attendance for ten days was over 430. More than 600 were present for the closing exercises. The Lord saved some. Such an effort is possible only through much prayer and labor on the part of the local Christians.

TOM CARROLL

2726 Gaynor Ave., Richmond, California

At Whitman Avenue Gospel Chapel in Seattle where I was invited to conduct a special children's campaign, the brethren agreed that instead of relying upon prizes, etc., for success, we would give ourselves to prayer and work. We organized daily prayer meetings and the saints passed out ticket invitations everywhere.

Out of that atmosphere of prayer and



Youth Work



desire for precious souls God worked in a wonderful way. He alone knows the real results, but it encouraged those who prayed to see about 30 children and young people remain for counseling and a housewife opening her heart to Christ after the meeting, at home, when her newly saved husband spoke to her.

Oh, that God might give us the spirit of prayer continually. I am convinced in my own mind that this is the secret for all effective and lasting work for God.

ROBERT W. HARPER

419 Western Ave., Wheaton, Illinois

We had a two week vacation Bible school in Meadowdale with a record attendance of 142. During the school we saw about 40 children, each personally dealt with, profess salvation. There were also 12 who came for assurance.

Also we seek your prayers for the youth work which started the first week of October. We reach 175 children weekly during the four nights per week of youth clubs.

LIONEL A. HUNT

17 Thurfield Crescent, Toronto 17, Canada

Much prayer is needed for child crusades at Coldwater, Michigan; Faith Chapel, Toronto; Sea Cliff Chapel, New York; a possible "Alan Knight" united crusade in Toronto November 15 to 18 and with the saints at Egerton Chapel, London, Ontario, November 21 to 25. Prayer would also be appreciated for various adult meetings during these dates.

CLARENCE A. LOW

P.O. Box 511, Sanford, North Carolina

During the three weeks of the Piedmont Bible Camp for Boys and Girls near Greensboro, North Carolina, it was my privilege once again to assist Woody Murphy and Welcome Detweiler and a fine group of Christian counselors from the Piedmont assemblies. Some 300 young people attended and the Lord was pleased to bless in the salvation of a good number.

WILLIAM MURRAY

10921 73rd Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta

During three weeks of camp the Lord gave us to see about 30 or more young folks profess faith in Christ, while nine who were saved in previous years were baptized, as was also a woman who has come out of the Reformed Church and has slowly learned baptism and gathering to His name.

Two weeks of DVBS followed and we had about 60 regulars each morning. At the closing exercises quite a number of parents and friends were present. The

children sang part of the Cantata connected with the lessons given, while the smaller children ages four to seven, sang action choruses.

DONALD C. PERRAULT

Immanuel Mission, Box 368, Shiprock, New Mexico

The school hums to the noise of 46 voices. My wife and I have the responsibility for 36 of this number. We have six beginners and the first day of school is always a big day for them. They take their first bath, get new clothes, have their hair washed, head lice removed, etc. They get all shined up and then bedtime comes along and they have to undress and put on pajamas! Life is pretty confusing for a few days. Then, of course they don't understand any English, so there are a lot of adjustments they have to make. How we do covet your prayers for them, that we may be able to lead them in His Paths, and that the Word of God may find a lodging place in their hearts.

ROBERT STALEY

Immanuel Mission School, Box 368, Shiprock, New Mexico

We are thankful that the children have "settled down" well this year. It is always hard for the beginners to adjust, but they also are doing quite well. We have 46 in school this year. I have 23 in grades four to eight and Miss Huff has 23 from the beginners through the third grade. One of her beginners is a 14-year old boy. He presents special problems, but so far seems quite willing to work. Don and Nora Perrault have 36 of the children living in the dormitory. They certainly need our prayers for such a large family. We have two girls attending as day school students whose parents operate the nearest trading post to us at Sweetwater. Their parents are Mormons and in need of a Savior just as much as our Navajos.

We have been having some help from students from a Navajo Bible school in Cortez, Colorado. A missionary pilot flies them down on weekends and they help with camp visitation and in the meetings on Sunday. We are very thankful to the Lord for making this possible. We expect the Sunday attendance to increase as a result.

We have been making the school children a matter of extra special prayer, that more might be saved. Already I believe we have seen more interest than last year and we do continue to pray that the Lord will work a great work among them this year.

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YOUTH WORK

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BUFFALO, NEW YORK

The work among the colored people here is progressing slowly. The work among the children brings joy and is most encouraging. Also there is a teen age meeting attended by from five to fourteen young people. On Tuesday nights we have a Bible class for adults. A few are interested. Some come in once or twice and then drop out, but we do thank God that they hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. In the gospel effort on Sunday nights we see a visitor now and then.

Mr. Spencer Dibble from Nigeria had two weeks of special gospel meetings October 2 through 16 for the colored people of this area. It was encouraging to us to have this white brother work with us in our effort to reach the unreached colored folk of this area. We made up approximately 1000 leaflets to give out.

O. C. Tillman

FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA

The Florence, South Carolina, assembly invites all post high school young adults in the Southeastern Area to a Bible training conference during the Christmas holidays. The conference, planned for the weekend of December 30 through January 1, will be held at the Hotel Gasque, Florence, South Carolina.

The conference theme is "The Word of God." All participants will speak on subjects related to this doctrine. In the will of the Lord the speakers will be Mr. H. G. Mackay, of Greensboro, N. C.; Mr. Douglas Watson, of Columbia Bible College; Mr. Harold Greene, of Nashville, Tenn.; and Mr. William F. Anderson, of the Florence assembly. Music will be under the direction of Mr. James Redling, of Lakeland, Fla.

The speakers, together with Mr. Redling, will lead discussion groups on such subjects as teaching the Bible, studying the Bible, preaching the gospel, personal evangelism, visitation, etc.

The purpose of the conference is to train young adults in the great doctrines of the faith, to give them help along practical lines of service, and to encourage them to take a more active part in the work of their home assemblies. The aim is especially to train young men in preaching and teaching the Word.

Total cost for the weekend conference will be \$15.00, which includes registration fee and hotel lodgings and meals for two nights and days. The conference will begin on Friday evening at 7:00 and end Sunday afternoon at 3:00.

For reservations and further information write Miss Pinky Sweet, 909 Lorraine Drive, Florence, South Carolina.

KEARNY, NEW JERSEY

During a children's gospel crusade with Wm. Brown of Hollywood, Florida, 20 children made decisions for Christ and we have had seven children added to our Sunday school through this effort.

Robert Turner

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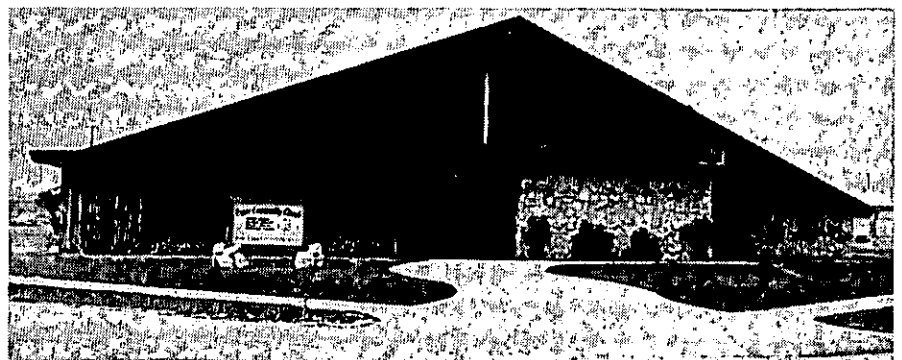
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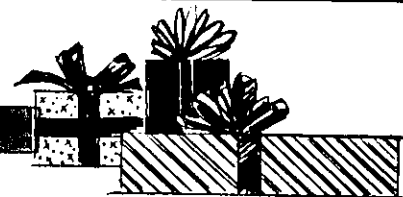
NEW CHAPELS



BEAUFORT 5. CAROLINA—This attractive chapel owned by the Southern Gospel Association, houses a thriving colored testimony. T. Michael Flowers is the full-time worker here.

FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA—Christians in Orange County, formerly meeting at Garden Grove Gospel Chapel, have acquired this large and attractive building, Grace Bible Chapel, at 1119 South Lambert Drive, Fullerton, readily accessible from the Santa Ana and Riverside Freeways. Meetings are held Sundays at 9:30 a.m. for Sunday School and Adult Bible Class; 11:00 a.m., Family Bible Hour; and 7:00 p.m. Worship service. On Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. a meeting is held for prayer and Bible study.





★ The Gifts

At this season friends are remembered and gifts are exchanged. They met on the road to Damascus: the devout, fiercely zealous, relentless young Pharisee, and the Son of God.

Saul of Tarsus was in pursuit of believers in Jesus of Nazareth to drag them off to prison and to death, for in his heart burned hatred for that name and all who were identified with it. Jesus of Nazareth was in search of Saul, for in his heart burned unquenchable love for that unlovely Jew.

Born a Roman citizen, Saul had come a long way from his father's affluent home in Tarsus; via the feet of Gamaliel, on a career of religious ambition and pride that pushed him, like his namesake, head and shoulders above his contemporaries; past the stoning of Stephen, on to the official business of persecuting the followers of Jesus; with ecclesiastical position and fame and heaven as his goals.

Jesus of Nazareth had come a long way from the riches of His Father's house via Bethlehem's manger, the poverty of a Nazareth carpenter's home, via the sorrowful route of scorn and rejection by His own people, via Gethsemane and Gabbatha and Golgotha, in search of Saul of Tarsus.

They met on the road to Damascus. The voice of the Son of God from the excellent glory halted the headstrong course of the young Pharisee. He who had aimed for religious supremacy became Paul, less than the least of all saints. From a dungeon he wrote years later, "I count all things loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them refuse, that I may win Christ..."

Why? Why should he so gladly endure so much for the One who met him on the road to Damascus? He tells us in another letter: "The Son of God loved me, and gave Himself for me."

Sometimes we encourage one another in giving to the Lord by saying, "God will be no man's debtor;" as if He possibly could be in any case. It is wonderful to be able to give to the Lord and have Him give to us much more in return. But how much more glorious to have Him accept all that we have to give without making visible return, because He knows we love Him who first loved us.

At this season we remember those who love us and whom we love by giving gifts.

—The Editorial Staff



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Letters

JOHN Y. M. AITKEN

1553 Finlay St., White Rock, B. C.

During recent months I have visited places on Vancouver Island, in the Fraser Valley district of British Columbia, and in the state of Washington. Interest was displayed in the gospel and ministry, and contacts were made through home visitation. I am now in the interior of British Columbia, and expect to visit interior places in Washington on my way back home, late in December.

ROBERT BOOTH

23 Parkcrest Dr., Scarborough, Ontario

At the time of writing I am laboring with brother Tom Wilkie at Grand Bend, Ontario. We are having good meetings, with blessing in the gospel. We will value the prayers of the Lord's people as we continue to hold forth the Word of Life.

A. C. DELLANDREA

Greenhill Avenue, R.R. 1, North Bay, Ont.

At North Bay we are being encouraged in the regular meetings, visitation work, weekly services in the district jail, and in broadcasting the gospel.

I was at Deacon for their conference, which was a happy time. The attendance was the largest ever, the auditorium being packed to capacity, and people outside could not get in. Six were baptized on Lord's day afternoon and a soldier confessed faith in Christ. Brethren Bill McRae and Ross McConkey shared in the ministry. Brother Norman Kion was present and took part in prayer. He is now totally blind, but still ministers to the Lord's people, preaching the gospel and carrying on his radio work. His untiring service for the Lord, handicapped as he is, ought to be a real stimulant to every Christian to labor more wholeheartedly.

I request your prayers for meetings here, and also for brother Ray Fox and me as we plan to return to Marathon and White River to do pioneer work in His will.

H. FLETCHER

487A Parkside Dr., Toronto 3, Ont.

I was able to be at several fall conferences; also to pay a brief visit to the Spanish assemblies in New York, where I always get a warm welcome, as many of them we knew or saw led to the Lord in Puerto Rico. I am sorry to add my dear wife is confined to bed again and I am caring for her. (See page 3.)

COLIN HEATH

Rte. 1, Box 279, Port Orange, Florida

We are busy in the Lord's work in the Daytona Beach area helping out in a new and small assembly, known as the Halifax Chapel, meeting in the Community Hall at Allandale, 603 U.S. Highway No. 1 South, opposite the Allandale Post Office. The meetings are: Lord's Day, Breaking of Bread 10:00 a.m., Family Bible Hour 11:00 a.m., and Gospel Service 7:30 p.m. On Thursday the Prayer Meeting and Bible Study are at 7:30 p.m.

Though we are a small meeting we have been encouraged by the Lord, and seek the prayers of the saints for definite blessing.

A cordial invitation is given to all who are vacationing or in the vicinity to fellowship with us.

JOHN A. HORN

419 Smith St., Atchison, Kansas

Brother David and I have had meetings the past few weeks in Iowa, Missouri and Kansas in the main well attended.

HESKETH JOHNSON

3820 Fargo Street, Erie, Pa.

We have seen several children and older persons profess faith in our Lord Jesus recently. Here in Erie we are in the midst of a series of children's meetings. Interest and attendance are good. We plan to enter upon a systematic visitation program in the general area of the chapel next week.

HAROLD KESLER

3961 Sherman Drive, Arlington, California

At the present time I am in meetings in Springfield, Mo. September and October were spent in meetings at Sully, Albia, Greenfield, Atlantic and Berca, Iowa, and a week in Omaha. I expect to go from here to Waco, Texas, for two weeks, then return to Riverside, California.

STANLEY H. KING

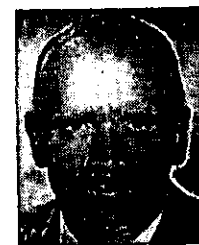
11420—90th St., Edmonton, Alta.

Since October we have been in Edmonton, Alta. This came about after many months of exercise about leaving Dawson, Yukon, and at present we are seeking His face for future service. At present, with the fellowship of local brethren I am temporarily employed by the Dominion Government, since we will be here for some months, and it will enable me to help in the burden of expenses connected with our move.

The work in Dawson continues to be encouraging, as His people carry on an effective witness for Him. In Edmonton the Lord has already given much opportunity to witness and we trust the Lord will be able to use us for His glory.

DAVID LEATHEM

110 Beacon Blvd., Sea Girl, New Jersey



I am seeking to give help at Fenimore Street Chapel in Brooklyn, New York, with a series of Wednesday night ministry meetings. I was at the Olney Hall monthly conference in Philadelphia recently and shared the ministry with brother Ed Richmond. In October I spent a week in Newton, New Jersey, and enjoyed visiting the local hospital and prison, making a number of contacts in both institutions. I also visited Long Branch and Plainfield, New Jersey, for gospel and ministry and Bridgeport, Conn., for their monthly conference in November.

LEONARD E. LINDSTED

753 S. Chautauqua St., Wichita 16, Kansas

I had a short series of gospel meetings at Burlington, Colorado, with Roger Bauzhaf of that city. There was good interest and some blessing, for which we are thankful.

During November I had children's meetings in Atlantic, Iowa, and ministry meetings in early December at Oklahoma City.

W. B. MACKIE

2424 Barth St., Flint 4, Mich.



During a six weeks series at Bethany Chapel, Calgary, we were much encouraged by growing attendance and interest. A lad of sixteen has accepted the Lord Jesus as Savior. The saints

have canvassed the neighborhood and given out many invitation folders. A doctor in the assembly had a week off and went with me to several homes, where we were well received as we sought to invite the residents to the services.

Another brother is taking a week's vacation, and together we hope to visit many more homes, reading the scriptures to the folks and talking to them about the way of salvation. A keen interest is shown.

L. MONTALVO

151 Noll St., Brooklyn 6, New York

Lately the Lord has been saving souls here. Brother Vangioni of Argentina has been with us and some have professed and seem to be going on well for the Lord. Six or seven would like to be baptized here in Evergreen Chapel and more in the other meetings are awaiting baptism.

The meeting at 1736 Lexington Ave.

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HE THAT SOUNDED THE TRUMPET WAS BY ME

—Nehemiah 4:18

Never has there been a more challenging age than the one in which we live. Never have there been such opportunities for testimony as are afforded us today. Given the energy and the interest, we could in five years double the number of assemblies in North America. But never has the opposition of the enemy been more unremitting and varied; his attacks ranging in character from the cruel rush of a roaring lion to the soft suggestions of an angel of light.

Consequently, like Nehemiah on the wall, we need to keep in constant touch with the Lord and in close contact with one another, so we can encourage one another in the work and share alike in the building and defense. Mutual prayer and aid are vital to success in the task the Lord has so graciously given us.

The especial province of Letters Of Interest is, like that of Nehemiah's trumpeter, to keep Canadian and United States assemblies and the individual believers affiliated with them in touch one with another, as well as to serve as a channel for financial fellowship for the work and workers.

The cost of performing these functions in 1961 will run around \$29,000. That is the cost of publishing: photographs, art, engraving, typesetting, printing, envelopes, postage, mailing, plus the cost of distributing gifts to the Lord's servants. There is no cost for editorial work. And the nominal charge made for office services is donated by the organization which supplies it.

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Editors' Page

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Of all Bible portions the Twenty-third Psalm is undoubtedly the most widely known and most frequently quoted. Why is this?

Often we are lonely. The universe is so large and God at times seems far away. At other times we are afraid because of our knowledge of ourselves and of others. We are afraid that man may destroy himself and us. Sometimes we are deeply despondent because death has suddenly taken away a loved one. Occasionally we have been frustrated by doubt, even though the greater part of our life has been lived in triumphant faith.

Then we pause and read the Twenty-third Psalm. Our heart and mind tell us immediately that God is not a detached impersonal power, but a living bright reality. He is a loving Shepherd who intimately guides each of His children. In the midst of a terrifying world He leads us in a peaceful valley. In hours of doubt and spiritual barrenness He gives us food which restores our souls. Finally, at the time of our leaving this scene He opens the door to His eternal home where we will dwell with Him forever.

—J. W. Kennedy

TIRED TESTIMONIES

Although the title of this editorial is composed of a contradiction of terms, for no true testimony can be tired, most readers probably will sense at once what we are talking about.

We speak of local churches as testimonies, for a major purpose for their existence is to witness to the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Having in recent years visited a considerable number of assemblies or churches in the United States and Canada, and in the past month a few assemblies in Europe, and having discussed assembly life here and there with many Christians, the writer believes that tiredness characterizes many, if not the majority, of them.

The prayer meetings are not usually well attended, and generally there is lacking an air of expectancy about them. The gospel meetings are better attended, but there are relatively few unsaved present, and there appears to be little anticipation of anyone trusting the Lord at these meetings, which are ostensibly convened for the purpose of bringing sinners to the Savior. There is laid on us a duty, and we go through the form of fulfilling it.

The ministry and gospel preaching are frequently routine. The audiences evidently expect to hear little that is fresh and invigorating, designed to stir up the saints and teach them, and to awaken and alarm sinners; and they are rarely disappointed. There are exceptions, happily; sometimes "full-time workers," sometimes those who are secularly employed, to give excellent ministry and gospel addresses that evidence deep study and prayer and keen perception. But more often the addresses, even when ably delivered, are routine.

Sometimes, perhaps quite often, our gatherings for the remembrance of the Lord Jesus Christ with the bread and the cup before us are our best meetings. There seems to be spontaneity, the leading of the Holy Spirit, a real grasp

on things unseen in our worship, adoration and praise in hymn, prayer and in the reading and exposition of the Word. But with no desire to be critical, but rather with a longing for reality, one wonders how deep is the exercise at the Lord's Supper when there is so little evidence of expectation and such sparse attendance at other gatherings.

If this analysis be in any way true—and we can but be glad if it is not—what can be done to correct our condition? If it be true, are we not in the condition of the church at Ephesus as depicted in Revelation 2:1-7? If we are, the Lord who walks in the midst of the lamps of testimony has prescribed the cure: Him to whom our hearts were drawn at the time of our salvation, and whom we saw then in all our brethren. We have left our first love. Therefore, He counsels: "Remember from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent... To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God."

Or if we have so far gone from our first love that we are in the sad, seemingly hopeless condition of Laodicea, the last of the seven churches, He still holds out opportunity for recovery. "I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent."

—Donald M. Taylor

SUBJECTION AND LIBERTY

Evangelical Christians who were disappointed by the election of a Roman Catholic as president of the United States should remind themselves that out of loyalty to the Lord Jesus Christ they should nevertheless give him whole-hearted support. Paul counsels this in writing to the Romans: "Let every soul be subject to the authorities that are above him. For there is no authority except from God; and those that exist are set up by God. So that he that sets himself in opposition to the authority resists the ordinance of God; and they who thus resist shall bring sentence of guilt on themselves." And Peter commands by the Holy Spirit: "Be in subjection to every human institution for the Lord's sake; whether to the king as supreme, or to rulers as sent by him, for vengeance on evildoers, and praise to them that do well. Because so is the will of God, that by well-doing ye put to silence the ignorance of senseless men: as free, and not as having liberty as a cloak of malice, but as God's bondmen."

Those who have feared a proscription of our liberty as Christians also should ask themselves, What have we been doing with the liberty we have enjoyed so long? Have we been taking advantage of it as fully as we should to preach the gospel, to talk about the Lord to our neighbors, to distribute gospel literature, to preach in the open air, to reach out to the world around us the cup of salvation in the hundreds of thousands of ways available?

We see no immediate threat to our freedom as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. But should we not in the circumstance arouse ourselves to earnest, loving labor in the gospel for the Lord and for our fellow men while daylight remains, for the night comes when no man can work?

Paul reminds Timothy and us that "God has not given us a spirit of cowardice, but of power, and of love, and of wise discretion." Have we been skulking or taking our ease while souls were perishing around us? Paul continues: "Be not therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord... Be strong in the grace which is in Christ Jesus... Take thy share in suffering as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." Quite likely in most parts of the United States our suffering for the gospel's sake will not at present go much beyond the endurance of a sneer or a harsh word, and the setting aside of some enervating habits of ease. Can we not do that much for Him who for us and the joy set before Him "endured the cross, despising the shame"?

Being in subjection to authority, we are the Lord's freemen; employing the liberty at our command, we are the Lord's bondmen.

The Staff

BALANCE OF POWER

We hear much today of the balance of power between the free world and Communism. This balance is supposed to keep us out of war and preserve our world from destruc-

tion. In the Christian fellowship there is balance of power which is the secret of victory in the Christian life. In Luke 24:19 the two on the road to Emmaus, speaking to the stranger, tell of Jesus Christ who was "mighty in deed and word before God and all the people." A beautiful picture of perfect balance for spiritual power!

During the recent election campaign it has been apparent that "talk is cheap." Promises are made and solutions to problems put forward and it is almost impossible to conceive how they can come to pass. "Promise anything to get elected," is the order of the day. If we can see the impotence of words without deeds in the political scene, how much more is this true in our Christian testimony.

Two four-letter words, yet how vital: "deed" and "word." It is interesting to notice that "deed" comes first, though we usually quote it in reverse order. Words come easier than deeds, but God's Word puts deeds first. And as James exhorts in his letter, "Show me your faith by your works." The perfect balance is found in the Lord Jesus Christ: mighty in deed and word, first before God (that is the inner secret life with God, the inner motives); then second, to "all the people" (the outward testimony to fellow Christians and to the lost about us).

In this superficial and insincere world, may our deeds match up with our words and the two in harmony lead to a life of victory, bringing glory to God and our Savior Jesus Christ.

—Donald J. Thomson

WITH THE LORD

Mrs. Henry Fletcher

On November 14, 1960, Mrs. Henry Fletcher went home to be with the Lord whom she had loved and served. Nee Agnes C. Renwick (her mother was the daughter of John Rae, pioneer preacher of Manitoba and the Canadian prairies) she was born at Brandon, Man., and saved when not quite eight years of age. Her parents moved shortly afterwards to Galt, Ont., where she was later baptized and received in to the assembly. In 1920 she was commended by the Galt assembly and left with Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Johnston, on their return from furlough, to marry Henry Fletcher who had preceded her there by four years. They were married in the first Gospel Hall built in Venezuela. For over twenty years she pioneered with her husband in that country and Puerto Rico. She is survived by her husband, Henry Fletcher, a son, James Renwick Fletcher, and three grand children.

The burial service was shared by brethren Robt. McGrory, F. Pearcey and James Gunn, and took place in Galt.

1960 PALABRAS FIELES IN MAIL

One million copies of the Spanish language gospel publication, "Palabras Fieles," are currently being distributed. "We can never print enough for the demand," says publisher Carl Ostertag, "and it is good to get them into circulation while the doors are still open."

William C. Maitland

William Maitland was born in the north of Ireland June 12, 1872, and went to be with Christ, which is very far better, October 23, 1960, at the age of 88.

At the age of fifteen brother Maitland was converted through the ministry of Max Isaac Reich in Scotland. At twenty-one he came to the United States, to Chicago, and eleven years later, in 1904, was commended to the Lord's work in Africa by the Austin (now Woodside) assembly.

He left New York accompanied by Thomas Loutitt. In Angola they met J. Stanley Arnott, the man who followed David Livingstone into Africa, who introduced them to the Chokwee tribe. These brethren continued there for ten years without furlough, during which time they learned the language first-hand from the natives and translated a part of the New Testament into that language. Mr. Maitland learned it so well that the natives considered him one of themselves, and he preached with great power and blessing.

In 1950 Mr. Maitland came home for the last time. He was in poor health. He spent some time in Canada, then in 1952 entered the Western Assemblies Home in Claremont, California. There, for eight years, he was nursed and cared for lovingly, until his Homecall.

Brother Maitland will be joined in glory by many who heard the name of Jesus for the first time from his lips.

T. B. Gilbert, who as a boy in Chicago, in 1904, was impressed by the faith and courage of Mr. Maitland when he told of his exercise to go forth to Africa because God had called him, was en route to California and arrived in time to speak fitting words at the funeral. He was assisted by W. R. Simpson and James Ross.

Surviving Mr. Maitland are his sister, Mrs. David Stubbs, her daughter and two sons all living in Chicago.

Ruth Setchell

In the January, 1950, issue of Letters of Interest, there appeared an article written by Murdock MacDonald of Gospel Hall, Sydney, Nova Scotia, describing the plight of eight-year old Ruth Setchell of Sydney, a cerebral palsy victim. Many readers sent gifts through Letters of Interest to help with the expenses involved in her care and therapy.

Recently a letter was received from George F. Heidman, of Sydney, stating that on October 16, 1960, Ruth went to be with the Lord, at the age of 19. "Although crippled in body, she had a keen mind, and we all believe she was really saved," he writes. "Ruthie is survived by her parents, one sister, and two brothers. Brother Douglas Howard and I shared in the services."

Discussions Good but Attendance Small at San Diego Conference

Profitable in prayer and discussion, but somewhat disappointing in attendance was the 23rd annual Workers' Conference at San Diego, Calif., November 3 to 5. Laurel Bible Chapel provided excellent and gracious hospitality.

Much of the prayer and discussion centered around the need for revival of effective service. Matthew 9:38 (Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest)

became the text of the conference. A variety of opinion was expressed as to methods and means, but there was unanimity as to the need and responsibility to evangelize and as to the necessity for prayer and our responsibility to pray.

As in past years, the conference decided to send out a letter inviting assemblies throughout Canada and the United States to set aside a period of special prayer, the first week of 1961 being chosen as the pro-

posed period where convenient. A copy of that invitation appears elsewhere in this issue.

Among those who ministered the Word or told about their work in the three evening sessions, which drew sizable local audiences in addition to the visitors, were T. B. Gilbert, W. Fraser Naismith, John Walden, Donald L. Norbie, David Mettler, David Sharp, William Murray.



CALL TO PRAYER

To Assemblies of Christians gathered in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ on the North American Continent and elsewhere, Greetings. Beloved in the Lord.

The need for effective evangelization of the home fields around us was the burden of discussion at the Workers' Conference at San Diego, Calif., in November. Ways and means to promote this were sought and the one text we came back to again and again were these words of our Lord Jesus Christ from Matthew 9:38: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest."

The restoration of erring saints, the revival of effective service, and the renewal of spiritual emphasis, were all discussed, along with many other questions, and the need for prayer in these matters was agreed to be evident.

"We ought to hang our heads with shame," was the comment made concerning our attitude toward pioneer gospel effort in the home lands. Have we made certain restrictions in our thinking that have no scriptural warrant, and so hindered our outreach? This question was answered with an unqualified "Yes." Such things as covetousness, lowering of spiritual standards, indifference and lethargy among the people of God were all given as reasons why so few young men are reaching out in pioneer service for the Lord in the home lands. Pertinent but embarrassing questions were raised, such as, "Are we concerned about the lost? Are we capable of winning souls? Do we long for souls? Do our elders win souls?"

Brethren, we need to pray, earnestly, specifically, believingly, for God hears prayer. To this end brethren attending

this conference invite you to meet for prayer during the first week of 1961, either in the assembly buildings or in homes, as many as see the urgency of crying to God concerning these and other matters. If this time is not available, then may the Lord direct His people to pray at another convenient time, that we may prove the reality and the power of answered prayer in these solemn and momentous days.

The proposed dates for a season of UNITED PRAYER among the assemblies of the Lord's people are January 3 through 6, 1961. May saints everywhere respond to this invitation. LET US PRAY, BRETHERN, PRAY.

Yours on the behalf of the brethren gathered,

Wm. Murray,
Secretary for the Conference

PIONEERING TODAY

A NEW CHAPEL FOR SHONTO

By George Baxter

ALLIANCE, ALBERTA

As a result of our letter published in this magazine we have had several contacts with brethren from the assemblies, and it has been a great encouragement. Brethren Fairholm of Westlock, Olton of Alix, and Van Steinburg of Edmonton have been down for meetings, and brother Olton is considering coming for a series of meetings. Mr. Wilson has also a prayerful interest. Through these brethren we were also made aware of a Bible camp at Youngstown, only 76 miles away, and we were so glad to take a carload of our local youngsters there for a week and incidentally to ourselves enjoy fellowship with the believers. We are still looking to the Lord to open a way for regular meetings here, in His good time.

At Youngstown there seems to be a very vital and go-ahead assembly. We had no idea we had a meeting "so close," and hope to go over occasionally.

—Mr. and Mrs. David Gascoyne

JOS. DARLING

1892 St. Laurent, Shawinigan Falls, Quebec

Local brethren have sowed the good seed of the gospel in our city. A tract was left at each home which gave opportunity to speak further with those interested. Requests are still being received for a testament or other gospel literature. A priest warned students from a local technical school not to receive evangelists into their homes. Two weeks ago I had a good evening with one of the teachers. We have met one evening each month for the past year or more.

Of the homes where a testament was received, two so far have asked me to return. I have 22 requests at present.

I am visiting the saints at Valleyfield and Farnaham with brother Gratton. Brethren Granger and Gratton have had reason to thank God in both places, where souls have been saved and go on well.

C. DELIANDREA

Greenhill Avenue, R.R. 1, North Bay, Ontario

I have been busy in the home field. The Lord saved a young man here in North Bay recently. The radio work is encouraging.

November 19 brother Ray Fox and I left for Marathon and White River to pioneer there with the gospel. White River is reputed to be the coldest inhabited spot in Canada, so we shall likely taste some of the cold weather in the



It was a clear fall morning. Arising at 4:00 a.m. we finished loading our bedding, food, and building materials on the already overloaded truck and by six were on our way to Shonto, 135 miles away to the north.

We reached our destination about eleven and when our Indian helpers arrived, took hatchets and went after loads of juniper (cedar) bark which were used later to cinch into the cracks between the logs and pile three inches deep over the top of the hogan.

We hauled adobe to the site in our truck. Water was hauled by a team and wagon, and in a truck. We dug a hole in the sand near the building, and in it poured water, adobe and sand in the right proportions and then mixed to a sticky consistency. Children, women, and men first applied water to the bark, then this adobe mixture. The lower part of the building was plastered by the women, using their hands to apply it. The men threw shovels of this same heavy mass on the top of the hogan until it was covered to a depth of six or seven inches. The final step was to apply more water and then give it a good rubbing down until the surfaces were slick.

By five o'clock we were weary. We ate a sand-flavored supper, then had devotions. Spreading our bed rolls on the sandy floor of the hogan we watched the stars through the four foot opening in the top of the roof, and then fell fast asleep.

Early the next morning we had breakfast and the Indians who had helped the day before returned with others, among them a gray haired medicine man. Things went faster and by five o'clock the job was completed. We all lifted our voices to sing praise to the Lord that the building was ready for the cold winter. Then the Indians bade us farewell.

But when we loaded the truck to start home, it buried itself in the soft sand and would not move. Finally, after two hours of strenuous work, we were bumping along the rough road again, reaching home by 11:00 p.m.

The next day we called surveyors about going to Shonto to establish legal lines around our grant of land, as required by the tribe. When this is done we can start a real building for more effective work. A doctor and nurse are badly needed as this is 75 miles from the nearest hospital.

We have at last received a lease from the army for a half-acre of land at Bellemont. We will move a building we bought from them three years ago to this location and make a chapel of it. Rejoice with us and the people there for answered prayer and another victory.

latter part of November and early December. We will value prayer.

After the New Year I go to Kingston for meetings, and then later to St. Catharines, God willing.

FRANK PEARCEY

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In Milton, where I am still with brother Ron Dart, a number have professed

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DIVIDED LOYALTIES IN CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Arthur B. Rodgers

Advances in Christian testimony throughout the world are being accomplished in our time by a number of very efficient extra-church organizations.

None of these service organizations functions as a church, either locally or nationally; they are not under the supervision or authority of a church, nor answerable in doctrine or practice to a church. All the members of such an organization are expected to attend, and preferably hold membership in, a local church; and it seems to be desired by the organization that its own members shall be as widely dispersed as possible for their "church-fellowship" among the local denominations and groups.

Some of these organizations send out missionaries, evangelists, teachers, into various parts of the world. They report to the organization which sends them out, and have no other headquarters or authority over them. The principles and practices of their work seem to differ from those of missionaries in fellowship with home churches. (For example, one of the organizations sends its workers for a tour of two or three years to a place or area, then to another, etc.) Some specialize on features of Christian work which they have developed; their specialities are good and produce results, mainly in the line of winning and teaching converts.

With all that has been said to the credit of these organizations, it must be added, for the sake of facing all the facts, that there is a debit side. Having observed the situation for several years, I find that there are three groups not entirely happy in their relationships with each other. First, young people, drawn out of local churches into the service organization, have a consequent sense of uncertain loyalty. Second, local churches feel that they have lost those who have gone into the organization. And third, the organizations themselves sense some unhappiness on the part of these churches toward them and what they are doing.

Our Lord said, "I will build My Church," and instructed His own in their visible expression of it in the local church (Matt. 16:18; 18:17-20). Men have devised various systems; monastic orders, and more recent organizations copied after human life in the world. A good man of the 19th century who founded a world-wide system of Christian work on a military pattern, on being asked where he got the idea for it, pointed to his own head; he could not claim the Bible as its source. The present trend seems to be toward the plan of a great business organization, with leaders and subordinates. Is it not presumptuous to substitute human arrangement for divine order? Scripture gives us the local church

as God's unit of service, discipline, worship, and every other phase of collective Christian activity. Our Lord is building His Church; what are we building?

Assemblies have reason to be unhappy about their young people who are doing Christian work under organized groups. They come to only one meeting of the church per week, and have a full schedule of meetings with their organization. Their first loyalty is claimed by the organization and its leaders. Being very active and vocal in the organization, they are uncooperative in the assembly. They take other young people from their own meetings to the meetings of the organization. They become aloof, condescending, or critical; and some gradually drop out of the assembly in which they were saved, moving about among various groups. They have been known to entice young converts, saved in gospel activity of the assembly, to the organization and its program. This is a depressing situation to a church with a gospel spirit and a desire to expand in testimony; and the most frustrating feature of it is the loss of the worker himself to the church which could use him in its own service, or commend him to work abroad.

The worker himself, now practically lost to the assembly, but sent by his organization into full-time Christian work, feels disappointed in his home assembly for its lack of interest and support in what he is doing. He tends to forget that he had not sought the counsel and fellowship of his elders, but is being directed by an outside organization. He may never realize how gladly they would have commended him to the Lord's work had he approached and entered it in the normal way among his brethren.



Received during October U. S. A.

<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<i>Nos. Issued</i>	<i>Total</i>
1443-2124	\$10,199.20
For Fellowship	4,900.00
For Expenses	5,296.20
For Literature	3.00
TOTAL	\$10,199.20

Received during October CANADIAN

<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<i>Nos. Issued</i>	<i>Total</i>
1924-2021	\$361.00
For Fellowship	271.00
For Expenses	90.00
TOTAL	\$361.00

NATION'S CAPITOL SITE OF NEW SERVICE ORGANIZATION

A number of Christians in the Washington, D. C., area have recently banded together to organize a non-profit corporation, CHRISTIAN ENTERPRISES, INC., dedicated to the further spreading of the gospel by means of various media, both locally and world-wide, as the Lord leads and directs.

Being considered by the corporation as avenues for making the truth of the Scriptures known are printed material, motion and still pictures, and sound recordings. Initial efforts are underway to prepare several sets of photo slides for use by missionaries and Christian evangelists, including a series of 265 slides with printed script, of C. G. Coleman's book, "The Shining Sword," published by Loizeaux Brothers, which will be especially useful in children's meetings.

A pamphlet containing talks by C. Ernest Tatham, Shockley Few, and Vernon Schrief, transcribed and edited from tape recordings made at the Annual Spring Conference held in Washington, D. C. in April, 1959, is also being distributed by the corporation.

The work to be carried on by the corporation is planned in faith that the Lord will supply all needs. Emphasis will be on areas requiring positive and greater activity. Christians interested in active association with the corporation or in otherwise contributing toward the corporation's goals are invited to write for further information and a descriptive brochure to: Christian Enterprises, Inc., 2252 Minnesota Avenue, S. E., Washington 20, D. C.

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WILL RENT—Christian widow in Chicago area has comfortable room in private home for one or two employed persons. Write Box DO, c/o Letters of Interest, 127 South Wacker Drive, Chicago 6, Illinois.

nue had its official opening November 5 with Dr. Zandrino and F. Vangioni from Argentina as speakers. Later on brother Vangioni visited again and two souls professed.

Our sister G. Tidmarsh of Plainfield asked me to speak to a Spanish class she started in that town which has a large population of Puerto Ricans. Two weeks ago I was in Hoboken where I spoke to a good crowd of young people and Dr. Zandrino gave a word in Spanish which I translated into English. Hoboken has a big Spanish population and they are also depending on us to come and help them.

Pray for the 800,000 Puerto Ricans in New York, please.

CLARK McCLELLAND
R.F.D. 1, Box 68, Westbrook, Maine

We had our conference here last weekend, Gordon Reager, George Heidman and I sharing in the ministry. All felt we had a profitable time. The two brethren stayed on for a couple weeks of gospel meetings. I leave (D.V.) for New Brunswick and Nova Scotia for three weeks before the holiday season.

WILLIAM McNEIL
807 North Person St., Raleigh, N. Car.

My home originally was in Scotland, where I was in fellowship for many years with the assemblies. Fifteen years ago I went fulltime into the work of the Lord with the recommendation of my home assembly in fellowship with other assemblies in the area. In 1953 and again in 1956 I visited the United States. During my second visit I had meetings in Raleigh, North Carolina, and when I decided to move to this country with my wife and daughter, we made our home here in the south. Since coming I have been able to help some of the smaller assemblies in Carolina and also in Virginia. There is quite a lot to be done around these parts both with ministry to edify the saints and gospel preaching to reach sinners.

WILLIAM J. OGLESBY
Victoria, Virginia

At Northside Gospel Chapel we had two weeks of well attended meetings with William McNeil of Raleigh, N. C. We believe some who showed a good interest will yet come out for the Lord. One young couple especially seem promising.

This past week we had 82 to the Family Bible Hour and the same number at the Happy Hour on Wednesday afternoon. This gives us a good outreach in the gospel as most of those who attend the Wednesday service do not come to the Sunday school.

The Tuesday night Emmaus Class is being attended by about 25, eight of these being from nearby church groups. Romans is proving a helpful study in the great truths of the gospel of God's grace.

This weekend I will be at Cherrydale Community Chapel in Arlington, Virginia, speaking Friday night to the children who have been attending the craft classes, and also to their parents. I will be remaining for the meetings of the Lord's Day.

HENRY PETERSEN
3227 Pontiac St., La Crescenta, Calif.



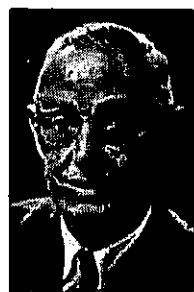
I had a month at Des Moines, Iowa, where we canvassed the community, touching 1000 homes or so. In nightly visits we reached 75 more and in the afternoons another 75 were visited. Best of all, the assembly is keeping up a weekly visitation program, reaching survey prospects, visitors and parents of the Sunday school children.

In Waterloo the following two weeks the same method was followed with good results; also in Davenport, Iowa. Some thirteen adults professed in these three efforts as well as a number of boys and girls. New faces have appeared in the meetings and the saints are encouraged.

In Milwaukee, Wisconsin, many homes are being contacted in nightly visitation and survey. One has professed and several more are concerned. "In all labor there is profit" and the person-to-person method of our Lord Himself never fails to bring results. "Won by one" is still the surest way.

I expect to be in Norwood Park Chapel, Chicago, next for two weeks with the EGYPT TO CANAAN chart.

LEONARD PHILLIPS
47 South Boulevard, Oak Park, Ill.



The work at Faith Gospel Chapel, Toronto, is growing steadily. There is a wonderful spirit of unity and prayer at the moment. The saints have put on a special effort in prayer early Saturday mornings and on Lord's Day mornings the sisters had special

prayer circles in their homes preparatory to brother Lionel Hunt's children's campaign, the result of which was a real harvest of young people. Quite a number of those who came forward were from the Sunday school and others with no church connection whatever. Over 60 were dealt with. My job was like that of a "foreman," watching the counselors' work and helping here and there as necessity arose.

We had some helpful cottage meetings at Glebemount through October. The saints gathered in the neighbors and at the Family Bible Hour the hall was comfortably filled and in the evenings well.

I am now at Orillia where I had the privilege of broadcasting yesterday morning on the local station. I go back to Faith Chapel for the last two weeks of November and then to St. Louis.

SYDNEY O. PORTEOUS
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Brookline 46, Boston, Mass.

I have had the privilege of ministering to God's people in Malvern, Overbrook and Olney at Philadelphia recently; and since then locally in Boston and New England.

GEORGE RAINEY
Box 675, Sarasota, Florida



This is my first preaching trip since June. Engagements were made in the winter for Niagara Falls and Buffalo, N. Y. and I am thankful to God for the return of a measure of health to carry on. There is good interest and the meetings are well attended. I go on from here to Harrisburg and York, Pa. In December I return home for further treatment by my surgeon.

W. BRAM REED
244 Rogers St., Peterborough, Ont.

I am now engaged full time in a secular position in the city of Toronto and expect to be moving there about the end of December.

TOMMY STEELE
P.O. Box 7472, Winston-Salem, N. C.

At a recent Family Bible Hour a man stayed behind to enquire and we believe was genuinely converted. Later a young married woman told her parents she was saved in the same service during the message. We praise God for these trophies. We are having cottage prayer meetings each Thursday evening on the side of town opposite our present chapel, making progress, we believe, toward the establishment of a second testimony in Winston-Salem.

BOOK REVIEW

"YE HAVE MADE IT A DEN OF THIEVES"

Henry Petersen

AN OUTLINE OF NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY by Walter M. Dunnell. 176 pages, paper cover. Moody Press. \$00.00.

This Christian Handbook should prove to be a valuable aid to both Bible school teachers and students at the beginning college level.

"The purpose of the volume," says the author, "is to make clear the general content of the various books, not to deal primarily with matters of criticism or particular analysis. Finer points in the treatment of the books have been placed in footnotes. The suggested readings at the end of each chapter will provide opportunity for further investigation in the problem areas."

THE NEWBERRY STUDY BIBLE, Large Type Reference Edition, edited by Thomas Newberry, with foreword by F. F. Bruce. Cloth board, 1651 pages. Kregel Publications. \$17.50.

Early in life Thomas Newberry, born in 1811, was taught to love the Word of God and he devoted a lifetime to its study in the original languages. After 25 years of intensive study he produced the Newberry Bible, as an aid to students unfamiliar with the Hebrew and Greek. This he was continually enlarging on. In 1886 Hodder and Stoughton, publishers, brought out the monumental six-volume Englishman's Bible edition. This edition has long been out of print and practically unobtainable.

Now Kregel have reproduced it complete and unabridged, titling it The Newberry Study Bible.

In his foreword, Professor Bruce says: "It is good to see it in print again. It is in essence the King James Version of the English Bible, equipped with an apparatus of notes designed as far as possible to give some understanding of the nuances of the Hebrew and Greek texts to the student who has no knowledge of these languages.

"The reader who wishes to derive the fullest profit from The Newberry Study Bible should familiarize himself with the various signs which appear in the text. These signs constitute what might be called a *massorah* to the English Bible. Perhaps the most valuable are those which indicate the tenses of the Hebrew and Greek verbs."

While noting there are instances in which the editor's linguistic scholarship has been left behind the more recent progress of knowledge and research, Dr. Bruce concludes that this "work forms a striking and pleasing contrast to certain other annotated editions of the King James Version, to which (with all their popularity) The Newberry Bible is far

Our Lord was an Appraiser. An appraiser is one who can decide the value and judge the quality of things. Unlike men, who can judge only that which is material, the Lord could properly evaluate the spiritual and moral as well, whether pertaining to a nation or an individual. All four Gospels relate the account of the cleansing of the temple and four pertinent things are pointed out by the Lord (Matthew 21; Mark 11; Luke 19; John 2):

"My (Father's) house," The Sovereign Proprietor
"A house of prayer," The Spiritual Purpose
"Ye have made it," The Sordid Perpetrators
"A den of thieves," The Shameful Profanation

But He was not only an Appraiser. He did not merely look upon the scene in grieved silence. He was also an Appriser. He informed them of their evil deeds. More than that, He approached them personally. He faced them with it. Finally He drove them out singlehandedly from the sacred area.

We were impressed with the words, "Ye have made it." They were responsible for the degrading of the temple area. He "who walketh in the midst of the seven golden lampstands" carefully appraises our conduct today. We make the assembly what it is. This is a sobering thought for all of us. Is it a DIVIDED AND CONTENTIOUS assembly like that at Corinth (1 Cor. 1:11-13)? We make it so. Is it a SCRIPTURALLY DEDICATED but SPIRITUALLY DECADENT assembly like Ephesus (Rev. 2:1-7)? We make it so. Is it a NEWLY-FORMED assembly and FAITHFULLY-

superior as an aid to Bible study. It is a joy to commend this reissue to the Bible readers throughout the English-speaking world."

Beside the apparatus referred to above, the work includes a supplement with some charts on the tabernacle, the temple of Solomon, the courts of the temple, and the division of the land as described in the vision of Ezekiel.

BACKGROUNDS TO DISPENSATIONALISM by Clarence B. Bass. 183 pages. Wm. B. Eerdmans Pub. Co. \$3.50

Purporting to be an objective study—"an illuminating inquiry into the origins of Dispensationalism as conceived by J. N. Darby and greatly popularized by the Scofield Bible" (to quote from the jacket)—this treatise is an attack on dis-

WITNESSING like Thessalonica (1 Thess. 1:1-10)? We make it so. Is it a JOYFUL, GENEROUS and NORMAL assembly like that at Philippi (Phil. 3:1-3; 4:15; 4:1)? We make it so.

Yes, we make the assembly what it is. Let us see to it then—all of us—that we make the assembly what He intends it to be. That day will surely declare whether we have His commendation or condemnation. He is the great Appraiser.

"And He would not permit anyone to carry any household equipment through the temple enclosure (thus making the temple area a short-cut traffic lane)" (Mark 11:16) (Amp. N. T.). While we know that in this age of grace our worship is "inside the veil" is there not a lesson for us here? Should we not earnestly endeavor when we are come together to keep the spiritual exercises on a high level? How often we come ill-prepared for the reception of the Word or to engage reverently in prayer or worship. How much irrelevant conversation between the meetings like "household equipment" serves only to tie up the "traffic."

Abraham (Gen. 15:11) while seeking to worship the Lord had to prevent the fowls from consuming the sacrifices. "Abram drove them away." As we assemble to draw near to God we too must drive away the fowls that would defile the sacrifices. Sisters are often plagued by the domestic "fowl" and during the "sacred moments at Thy table" can be worrying about Sunday dinner and the guests. Brethren in business will be distracted by the commercial "fowl" and young folks by the social or educational.

In order that we may "attend upon the Lord without distraction" (1 Cor. 7:35) let us ask the Lord to cleanse the temple of our minds.

dispensational doctrine by one who has repudiated whatever conception of it he held in early life.

Whatever strength this attack has derives from the assumption that J. N. Darby originated the doctrine—which many able scholars will deny—and from the premise that Darby was a bad man in many ways: ergo, his doctrine must be bad. Darby, says the author, was a man of contradictions and contrasts. Paying compliment to his kindlier traits, Dr. Bass goes on to say, "he was at the same time ruthless in controversy, belligerent to those who opposed him, jealous of his position of authority, and exacting in his demands." Here are a few further estimates of Darby by this author: "vicious in controversy... haughty, imperious.

(Continued on back cover)

SVEND CHRISTENSEN
15 Castle Hill Dr., Rockingham,
Halifax Co., N. S.

The Lord has given us encouragement in our visitation work. A lady told us she was saved last week in her home because we had explained the way of salvation to her. Her eleven-year old boy was saved during Mr. Lionel Hunt's meetings last summer. She came to the gospel meeting last night with a neighbor.

The Sunday school is growing and to date has reached a peak of 128.

We have also commenced a Wednesday night meeting for children who do not come to our Sunday school. In this way we are following up many of the children who came to Mr. Hunt's meetings.

KAUKAUNA, WISCONSIN
Community Gospel Church, 1717 S. Main St.

We recently concluded a ten-day series of boys' and girls' meetings with Brother James G. Humphrey. The attendance was excellent and regular. There was very good interest and a number of older boys and girls professed faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Several have been added to our Sunday school as a result.

EARL E. LUNDIN
Good News Home for Children,
Rt. 1, Box 337 G, Belle Chasse, La.

We expect to be licensed soon by the state which should contribute to the progress of the work. This has been of deep concern to us but we have been told that the normal period of time required to obtain license is one year. This is encouraging in view of the quite solid front of idolatry one encounters in this area.

We praise our wonderful Lord for the privilege of some small service to His glory. Continue to pray with us that the hearts and lives of the boys will be completely yielded to the Master.

DONALD C. PERRAULT
Box 368, Shiprock, N. M.

We continue to have students from the Bible school in Cortez, Colorado, brought in for the weekends and we are so glad that the school children can hear the gospel in their own language at least on the weekends. We do hogan visitation on Saturdays and have been able to visit quite a few. We trust that we may see results from this labor put forth, and that all may be done for His honor and glory.

KARL J. PFAFF
2613 South Martha, Sioux City 6, Iowa

The Lord gave us much cause for thanksgiving and praise in the past season of Bible camp activities, with camps in Iowa, Minnesota, Colorado, and Kansas, closing with a Young People's Conference in Iowa.

The Lord has been giving encouragement locally also. Two young couples and



Youth Work



some teen-agers desire to be identified with the Lord in baptism. A weekly meeting for children and young people is also going now, and we trust this will result in others won for the Lord.

TORONTO, ONTARIO

The Lord blessed seven weeks of intense preparation for the Children's Crusade with brother Lionel Hunt, during which time many special prayer meetings were held and the assembly received much encouragement from brother Leonard Phillips, who was visiting our assembly.

We had excellent weather and the police granted our request for help for children crossing busy Victoria Park Avenue. With an average attendance of 150 children during the five nights of the crusade, we saw 83 stay behind for counsel. Most of the reaping was among girls 8 to 10 years old. It is significant that for years an active work has been done in that age group by faithful sisters.

—A. E. Powell

EVELYN VARDER
Box 368, Shiprock, N. M.

This year we are planning the usual Christmas party for our kiddies the evening of December 16. Our annual meeting will be the following day. There will be a program of gospel songs in which our school children will participate, then a gospel meeting. This year we expect to have as speaker one of our Navajo Christian men whom the Lord has greatly gifted in reaching his own people with the Word. Then we will serve a hot meal to all who attend—700 we expect. Afterward small gifts will be distributed. Pray as we make plans for the day that means so much to us and is looked forward to with keen anticipation by those around us. Our desire is that Christ might be magnified and hearts directed to Him.

MELVIN G. WISTNER
525 Terrill Road, Fanwood, N. J.

This has been a busy year in children's work. During a week in Sterling, Ontario, attendance grew from 69 to 223. Prayer, perseverance and perspiration are good ingredients for a gospel effort.

At the Terrill Road Chapel, Fanwood, N. J., the closing night brought out many unsaved parents which helped to boost the attendance from around 160 to over 200.

A good number of adults came out every night to the children's meetings in Doylestown, Pa. They were a help in many ways and added a nice quality to the effort. The average attendance was around 275 with 388 for the closing night.

Starting and ending a series on the Lord's day has proven very successful.

A month was spent at Joy Bible Camp, Ont., where my wife was camp nurse and I shared the ministry of the Word with Glenford Murphy, Bill and Ernie Belch and others.

DVBS work was done at the Terrill Road Bible Chapel, Fanwood, N. J., Warwick, R. I., and also South Norwalk, Conn., where two efforts were carried on simultaneously.

Children's series were held at Magnolia, N. J., Lexington, Mass., Erlen Chapel, Philadelphia, Pa., and Trenton, N. J.

At present I am at Chambersburg, Pa. for a two-week children's campaign. Attendance has more than doubled and a number have professed to accept the Savior.

From here I'll be visiting Lansdowne, Pa., Rutherford, and E. Orange, N. J. and then a children's series at the Roxborough Gospel Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., December 4 to 11. Meetings at Glen Head and White Plains, N. Y. will round out the year.

"VOICES" EDITOR FETED

Assemblies in the metropolitan New York City area had the opportunity to recognize and honor 50 years of faithful service to missionaries at a surprise gathering, October 3, for Richard J. MacLachlan, editor and president of "Voices From The Vineyard." About 75 friends met at the Julia Hasse Memorial Home, 201 Third Street, Union City, New Jersey, for a program directed by members of the "Voices" staff. A short resume of the history of "Voices From The Vineyard" was given by brother George Mortland, editor and treasurer, who also presented a bronze plaque, and oil portrait of Brother MacLachlan. Telegrams from many absent friends and relatives were read and a reception followed the program.

—Samuel B. Scales

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CENTRAL ISLIP, NEW YORK

On November 6, 1960, the Central Islip Gospel Chapel held its dedication service. Wonderful fellowship was enjoyed with more than 100 visitors from many assemblies, some from as far away as New Jersey. Messages were brought by Louis Montalvo of Brooklyn and Sam Hart of Philadelphia.

The brethren are meeting in a large rented store at 1655 Islip Avenue and the Lord's work is going forward with evident blessing. Another family has been received into fellowship, giving us now eighteen at the Lord's table. In the past year we have seen over fourteen saved, our Sunday school enlarged, a children's club started with more than twenty-five children coming in each week from unsaved homes, hospital visitation, street meetings during the warmer weather and much spiritual growth during the tent campaign.

As a group of young believers we have had to lean heavily on the Lord and have found Him sufficient to meet all our needs and overcome every obstacle. Now that we are meeting in a public place more neighborhood interest has been aroused by the name of the chapel and the neon sign in the window which proclaims to all who pass by, "CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS." May the Lord continue to use us here to His glory.

—Ed Everett

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

The McNab St. Gospel Hall Annual Canadian Thanksgiving Conference convened by the Queensdale and McNab Street Assemblies was held on October 8, 9 and 10, with a good number of the Lord's servants from Canada and the United States present. One soul professed faith in Christ. Many letters received since the conference testify to the spiritual lift received.

Those who ministered the Word were Dr. James Naismith, Geo. T. Pinches, John T. Dickson, Aubrey Dellandrea, David Kirk, William Bousfield, James Blackwood, Donald Moffatt, E. B. Sprunt, Gordon Reager, T. G. Wilkie, Robert McClurkin, Norman Hamilton and Wallace Cudmore.

—G. P. Cesar

HILLSDALE, NEW JERSEY Valley Bible Chapel

Opening services for the new Valley Bible Chapel, are to be held, if all goes according to schedule, December 31 and January 1. The speakers will be Messrs. Welcome Detweiler, Peter Pell, C. Ernest Tatham and Ernest Woodhouse.

—Dave Waardenburg

MONTREAL, QUEBEC

The annual Thanksgiving Conference, sponsored by several assemblies of this area, was attended by many, including a bus load of friends from the New York area.

The ministry on the whole was edifying, comforting and challenging. A session devoted to discussion on "The Lord's coming in the light of current events," by James Gunn, was outstanding. The ministry was shared by brethren J. I. Duguid, James Gunn, A. A. McLaughlin and J. Hay Ritchie.

—W. O. Stucker

NEW YORK, NEW YORK Spanish Gospel Assembly

On November 6 we had the opening at our new location in Manhattan, 113-115 East 101st Street. This is a Day Nursery so we are able to rent it two nights a week and Sundays. It seats about 250 people. We had to move from our old address because a large housing project is to be erected on that site. However, we are still praying and looking for a place that we can call our own.

At our opening meeting a good number of Christians from our four Spanish-speaking meetings attended. Brother John Wilson gave an opening word in English and brethren Fernando Vangioni and Dr. Sandrino from Argentina took part as well in ministry. It was a time of real encouragement and blessing for the saints.

—Paul R. Bitler

NORTH SURREY, BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Lord's people were blessed recently with the ministry of such capable brethren as Dr. C. J. Rolls, Robt. Peacock and Steven Biggs. The gospel, too, has been faithfully preached and we look to God for increase. Soon, Lord willing, we start on our new building on Townline Road and trust it will be ready for use by May or June, 1961. This new district will present a fresh challenge for gospel and Sunday school work. Pray that this new hall and the Christians who will gather there will be a credit and a witness to the grace of our blessed Lord Jesus Christ.

—E. Stahl

OTTUMWA, IOWA

We are changing our midweek service from Wednesday to Tuesday night: prayer at 7:30 and Bible Study from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Also November 6 we began a half hour broadcast over station KLEE (1420 kc) 8:00 to 8:30 a.m., using tapes from the Family Bible Hour.

—J. E. Matthews

ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

The Roanoke assembly, along with guests from neighboring assemblies, enjoyed superb ministry during the annual

Labor Day conference by brethren William McNeil and Harold Mackay from Raleigh and Greensboro, N. C., respectively. The messages were taped, transcribed, mimeographed and distributed to the saints for future study and meditation.

During October we were privileged to have with us brother George Landis of Fayetteville, Pa., who devoted an entire week to studies on the New Testament Church. Many Christians from outside the assembly attended during the series.

—Seldon H. West

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Laurel Bible Chapel is happy to announce a new testimony in the Lakeside—El Cajon area where a few brethren have been meeting in various homes in the community for study of His Word.

They met for the first time on Sunday, October 30, to remember the Lord in His death, and sixteen were present to partake of the Lord's supper. They will continue to meet in the home of Robert Sale, 20631 Falmouth, El Cajon, while they seek the Lord's will as to a permanent location. Breaking of Bread is Sunday at 9:30 a.m., prayer and ministry Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Many at the Laurel Bible Chapel have been praying about the establishment of other testimonies in the outlying areas for some years and all are happy to extend the right hand of fellowship to those who seek to obey the Lord's request in this way.

—A. L. Brunner

—T. T. Sandoz

SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK

The Becker Street assembly, Schenectady, N. Y., held its 65th annual Thanksgiving Conference November 24, 25 and 26 with brethren Lloyd Wineberg and David Leatham as speakers.

—Otto Werres

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Work is in full swing in all the Seattle area assemblies with Sunday school and children's work being carried on with much vigor. The Des Moines Gospel Chapel work in particular is flourishing as far as attendance goes. It is encouraging to see a splendid group of young people at the morning and evening services on Lord's days.

Robert Arthur is kept busy with various meetings in the different assemblies. He had a week of special meetings in Des Moines, ministering on the home, marriage and family life, giving solemn and searching teaching on a very pertinent subject.

TUCSON, ARIZONA

The Bethany Bible Fellowship work in the Hudlow School has been discontinued due to lack of progress in the work. This was a branch work of the Bible Chapel in Tucson, and all believers connected therewith are returning to the fellowship of the parent assembly.

VANCOUVER ISLAND, BRITISH COLUMBIA

A successful Sunday school teacher and workers conference was held November 11 in the Victoria Gospel Hall, Victoria. While the morning session was not so well attended, the afternoon and evening saw the commodious auditorium well filled. Lunch was served in the homes of the local Christians and a supper was served in the hall before the evening session. Ministry was by Roland Savage, now residing on the Island; and Robert Arthur and Charles Howard, both living in the Seattle area. It was well received and deemed appropriate and profitable.

Assembly work on the Island is prospering, with at least twelve assemblies carrying on aggressive testimonies. The Sunday school work in particular seems to be greatly blessed in a number of places with attendance records that necessitate planning for expanded facilities.

Mr. Arthur ministered at Victoria Hall on the Lord's Day and Charles Howard at the Oaklands Chapel where the assembly has a very beautiful new and well planned chapel.

YOUNGSTOWN, ALBERTA



"Welcome to the Gospel Chapel of Youngstown," reads the sign on the above building recently constructed to house a live and growing testimony. Meetings are as follows: Remembrance Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Family Bible Hour, 11:00 a.m., Evening Service, 7:30 p.m. Corresponding secretary is W. L. Armstrong.

NEW SCHEDULE

LADNER, BRITISH COLUMBIA Delta Gospel Hall

Sunday 9:30 a.m.—Breaking of Bread.
11:00 a.m.—Sunday School and Family Bible Hour, 7:30 p.m.—Gospel Meeting.

MORGANTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA Crescent Hills Chapel, 216 Parkview Drive Westover, W. Va.

Sunday, 9:15 a.m., Lord's Table; 11:00 a.m., Family Bible Hour; 7:30 p.m., Gospel Meeting. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Prayer Meeting.

MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN

Worship Service	9:30 a.m.
Bible School	11:15 a.m.
Gospel Service	7:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting & Bible study,	
Wednesdays	7:30 p.m.

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Gospel Chapel, 55th and Louisiana Avenues

Sunday—Sunday school at 10:00 a.m.; Gospel at 11:00 a.m.; Breaking of Bread at 6:45 p.m. and Prayer and Bible Study on Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

—John E. Phelan

TORONTO, ONTARIO

Bedford Park Chapel

Sunday, 9:45 a.m. The Lord's Supper, 11:00 a.m. Family Bible Hour, 1:45 p.m. Young People's Bible Class, 3:00 p.m. Sunday School, 7:30 p.m. Ministry of the Word.

Tuesday, 8:00 p.m. Ministry.

Thursday, 8:00 p.m., Cottage Prayer Meeting.

Friday, 7:30 p.m. Girl's Hobby Class.

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Crescent Hills Chapel
216 Parkview Drive
Westover, W. Va.

ASSEMBLY LISTING CHANGE

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Please notice the new address of the Spanish Gospel Chapel, which is 113-115 East 101st St., New York 29, N. Y. The times of the meetings are the same.

The new address of the correspondent is: Carlos M. Cordova, 44 Palisades Ave., Englewood, New Jersey.

NEW ASSEMBLY

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

A new assembly has been started on the south side of Kansas City by Christians from the Troost Ave. meeting. They are temporarily meeting in a home at 6014 Walnut St. The correspondent is John C. Littlefield, formerly correspondent for the Troost Ave. meeting. His address is 11505 E. Bannister Rd., Kansas City 34, Mo. Phone SOuth 1-7601.

Order of meetings is as follows: Breaking of Bread Sunday, 10:00 a.m.; Family Bible Hour, 11:00 a.m.; Gospel meeting, 6:30 p.m. Prayer and Bible study is on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

CORRESPONDENT'S CHANGE OF ADDRESS

LADNER, BRITISH COLUMBIA Delta Gospel Hall

George Doubroff
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By James W. Kennedy

PAWTUCKET, RHODE ISLAND

Lord willing the annual New Year Conference will be held January 1 and 2, with a watch-night meeting on Saturday, December 31, at 8:00 p.m. Meetings on Lord's Day and Monday will be at 10:00 a.m., 2:30 and 7:00 p.m. A cordial invitation is extended to all the Lord's people. We are looking to the Lord to send servants with exercised hearts to minister the Word of God. Address communications to Francis Gilken-son, 82 Chapel Street, Lincoln, Rhode Island.

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Central Gospel Hall Mission, 222 N. 12th St.

The brethren and workers at Central Gospel Hall Mission purpose holding a conference for the ministry of God's Word and reports of the work here, which is now in its 17th year, on Saturday, January 14, 1961. We extend a hearty invitation and welcome to all the Lord's people.

3:00 p.m. Report on the Sunday school and children's work and on the general theme of rescue mission work; ministry of the Word.

5:30 p.m. Dinner

7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Slides of the mission work; ministry of the Word.

Ample parking is available directly across the street at moderate cost.

—Clarke L. LeValley

SOUTH FLORIDA MISSIONARY CLASS

The Tenth Annual Conference is to be held in Miami, Lord willing, on March 1, 2, 3, and 4, 1961. Missionaries or others interested in attending, please communicate with Elliott Van Ryn, 340 W. 56th Street, Hialeah, Florida.

WANTED—General manager for light manufacturing plant in outdoor advertising industry. Immediate opening. Write Box 294, Sparta, Wisconsin.

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LOOKING FOR READING MATERIAL? Good literature (such writers as Darby, Kelly, Coates, Gibbs) available at the new Believer's Book Store, 603 Kings Highway, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. John W. DuRant, Jr., proprietor.

SICK

R. F. BAYLES

5441 Lawton Ave., Oakland 9, Calif.

Brother Bayles, who has ministered among assemblies of Christians in the United States and Canada for many years, recently sustained injuries, including fractures, in a fall near his home. Prayer will be valued for his good recovery.

A. JAMES DAVIES

533 Gilmour Street, Peterborough, Ontario

I am confident that you have remembered me during these past four months of illness and I thank you. However, a more serious condition has now arisen. In hospital I completely lost my voice for about a week. My doctor sent me to a local throat specialist. After two weeks there was no improvement. This week I went to Grand Rapids to see Dr. Heetderks and he in turn sent me to Michigan University Hospital. The specialist there says that the muscles of my throat are paralysed and he is afraid that it is permanent, as there is no medication or exercise for it. Join me before the Throne that His will be done. Should I be taken out of public ministry I am confident that another door will open—how or where where I don't know. Your prayers are needed for healing and for grace.

MRS. WM. INGRAM

17 W. Pine St., Altadena, Calif.

Mr. Ingram writes that on the way to the Canadian prairies his wife took very sick and was hospitalized for several weeks, finally undergoing major surgery. She is now slowly recovering, for which they thank the Lord who in His loving care has stood by them. They value and deeply appreciate the prayers of His people.

FRANK PIZZULLI

P.O. Box 37, Long Branch, N. J.

I've been doing very poorly for the past two weeks, and am confined to bed. I would so much appreciate the prayers of the Lord's people at this time. I may have to return to the hospital for more X-rays and tests. Hebrews 4 has been precious in these days, and how much I've needed "Mercy and grace to help!"

MRS. JOHN REA

284 Forest Hill Drive, Kitchener, Ont.

Mr. Rea writes: "My dear wife was stricken recently, losing the use of her left side. She has spent three months in the hospital but is now making a good recovery, and we would like to thank the Lord's people through Letters of Interest for their prayers on her behalf. Recently I had to go to the hospital for surgery."

PIONEERING—(Continued from page 5)

faith in Christ since we started May 15. Attendance is still encouraging. I trust we will have the joy of seeing an assembly formed in this community.

WILLIAM WILSON

1955 Orchard Way, West Vancouver, B. C.

I'm writing from Sioux Lookout, Ontario, where there is a small assembly. As usual I find a keen interest among the saints. We number ten at the remembrance feast, a precious season to our hearts. The Sunday school numbers around 30 and is well directed. Mine was the pleasure of addressing the children, and in the early years, those who are now instructing were children. The work goes on, and if the Lord be not come, the third generation may see the salvation of God. Some of Indian cast are often in the meeting, and among them one and two to whom the grace of God has come.

From here I go to Winnipeg for a week, then to Fortier, Manitoba, Granum, Lethbridge and Pincher Creek, Alberta, where I'll be guest of a household of

sixteen. This home has the remembrance feast among themselves and I'm looking forward to having one Lord's day with them. When I was last there, we had the use of the schoolhouse and could not seat all who came. We hope for another such visit (D. V.).

On this trip I have made connection with every place, excepting three, that engaged me in service over the years. What a joy to go back to old fields of service, where there are marks of the power and blessing of God remaining.

REPORTS OF SOME GOSPEL WORKERS

Wallace Cudmore continues to work in a new district about 50 miles from his home. At least seven have professed salvation. Our brother plods on faithfully for God from house to house using rented buildings for the meetings.

Gordon Reager and Robert McClurkin are in their fourth week of gospel meetings in Waverly, Ont. A few souls have trusted Christ and the Lord's people have been cheered.

Joe Boge Heads MPA

At the annual meeting of Missionary Publishers Association in Detroit in October, Joe Boge was chosen as president to succeed Stanley Engstrom, while Dr. R. E. Harlow, Andrew Renfrew and Robert S. Pile were re-elected respectively as vice president, treasurer and secretary. Purpose of the organization is to promote and help finance publishing work in world mission fields. While publishing is recognized as primarily literary, it also embraces radio, recording and visual presentations of the Word.

During 1961 meetings are scheduled for Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, and Chicago—the latter is the annual meeting to be held in October.

The MPA publication Focus is obtainable from the editor James Adams, 2 N. 120 Prince Crossing, West Chicago, Illinois.

Toronto Press Explains Operation of Assemblies

Under the heading, "Have 28 Metro Chapels," the following news item appeared in *The Toronto Daily Star*, November 19:

A religious group that has been one of the mainstays of the Christian community in Metro is the Christian Brethren. They have often been mistakenly referred to here as Plymouth Brethren.

They do not have ordained ministers. They go about their work in a simple and quiet way and already have 28 assemblies or chapels in Metropolitan Toronto. In recent years they have erected more modern buildings.

But the basic beliefs go right back to the Holy Scriptures which they believe to be God's word for saints and sinners alike. A testimony to their faith is that they have more than 1,200 missionaries in the world without the highly organized central structure of other churches.

There is, however, the Missionary Service Committee, which is used as a channel for funds and was started merely to overcome the problem of foreign exchange, etc.

Each assembly of brethren is governed by elders; not in the sense of older persons, but rather those who are mature in the Scriptures.

They have a variety of religious activity on Sundays, with a great emphasis on the school for youngsters. So popular is their camp at Mary Lake that every summer it is booked solid by the weekend after registration opens.

NEW CORRESPONDENT

CLEVELAND, OHIO

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Robt. Connell

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Toronto

Letters to the Editor

Dear Brethren:

You certainly did a wonderful thing when you responded to my letter of a few months ago regarding using my vacation to work with a needy small assembly in a pioneering area.

We spent about a month in Hopewell, Virginia and it was one of the most precious and wonderful times we have ever had. For the DVBS we had about twenty children ranging in ages from 3 to 13 years, and everyone of them was a real joy to work with. We are leaving the results with the Lord who doeth all things well.

In addition we visited many homes and a few people in the hospital. In the evenings for the most part we had ministry and the Lord gave much liberty.

For the most part our day started at 5:00 a.m. and ended about 11:30 p.m., but we were never tired, only constantly refreshed in activity. The Morrisons were wonderful to us. He is an earnest soul with a real devotion to Christ.

—Fred J. Fries
Clayton, New Jersey

To the Editors:

I have no record of having sent in anything to help pay cost of the magazine for a long time so I am enclosing check to apply on this.

Just a word of appreciation—among all our assembly magazines and reports, I feel this is by far the best and is doing a real service to Christians and assemblies. Only in the coming day will we know how important that service has been or how much it has contributed to blessing in the work but I feel sure its influence is greater than is generally realized.

With very good wishes,
Sincerely by Grace,
George W. Marsh

Dear Sirs,

Although my knowledge of the towns, cities and villages of the U. S. A. and Canada is woefully small, it continually widens my wife's and my prayer interest to read the brief reports in the magazine, made both by assemblies and by preachers. Of the latter, it has been our privilege and it is a joy to know quite a number, and the pieces from and about them are always full of interest to us—and carry an impulse to pray the more earnestly.

And the many reports of new chapels and of the widening of your own interests (including hospitals and the like) are packed with thrill to us.

I often look at the photographs of the halls, amazed at the splendid standards and the large "giving" in the home countries that makes such attractive chapels possible—a giving motivated by devo-

tion to the Lord and aimed at drawing to the gospel those who know Him not.

I always appreciate your Editors' page. It stimulates thought considerably—for one buried in Eastern villages.

Crawford J. Tilley
South India

Dear Sir,

May I give my little tribute of thanks for Letters of Interest?

Like one of your correspondents, I enjoyed the small size but after all it's what the magazine contains that really matters. Your title is a very apt one.

Particularly do I enjoy reading the Editors' Page. These short, pithy, articles are not only helpful but heart-searching. "The Snare of Respectability" was, I think, a very timely reminder to all.

A. G. Anstice
Newport, England

Dear Sirs:

I would like to suggest that once a year you print a complete address list of preachers serving the Lord in Canada and the United States. I realize that some may be omitted, but a notation could be inserted that you be advised of such. The list should be without regard for party, line of assemblies, etc. etc.

I am certain that such a list would not only help the Lord's people but would be beneficial to the Lord's servants, especially some who labor continuously in out-of-the-way places and do not make the rounds of assemblies.

—Arnold Mattice
Oshawa, Ont.

ANNUAL SURVEY COMMENTS

Send to someone who doesn't get so many magazines.

F. A. C.

We'll be glad to.

Too large for carrying in lady's purse or man's pocket.

F. D.

The smaller size is less costly to publish. But majority of readers who have expressed themselves favor the larger magazine. What shall we do?

I hope other families interest their children in suitable LOI articles; it broadens their horizons.

G. E. V.

We think and hope so, too.

Would like to see the editor's page enlarged.

F. E. M.

Your magazine has enlarged my vision of the work of the Lord in the various assemblies and given me definite things for which to pray.

R. H. B.

Excellent panorama of the Lord's work in North America.

J. D.

Thank you.

Very little information of direct interest to B. C. subscribers.

Thank you, too. But please watch future issues for British Columbia coverage.

Our children are now becoming interested in (LOI), and are very much enthused about its contents. S. T. J.

Welcome news. What can we do to more interest boys and girls and young people in LOI?

I may say I am an elderly man (age 82), and spend the eventide of life largely in devotional exercises, with special emphasis on intelligent prayer for the work and workers of the assemblies all over the world. Thus "LETTERS" is helpful to me. A. W.

This brother who spent 40 years as a missionary in China has taken up a ministry which the years of service and devotion especially fit him for. Others might well emulate.

How about a feature article with complete Scripture background once monthly on some distinguishing truth of our gatherings, explaining why we continue our testimonies rather than simply going to any good fundamental church?

O. J. G.

Thank you for these excellent suggestions. Watch future issues.

Sometimes the news seems old. Cannot find time to read it. Mrs. R. G. S.

This frank sister nevertheless generously sends \$5 with her reasonable criticism.

Keep the material simple and easy to read and understand, but occasionally give us something to reach after.

E. R. R.

Good thought, but what some have yet to reach for others have already captured, and the Word says, "Let us go on." We hope each issue has something for children in the faith, young men and fathers—we use the terms generically, of course.

Enjoy LOI very much, but I feel only strife and ill feeling is engendered by your occasional editorials which make side swipes at some of our so-called 'tight' brethren. Let's be positive in our ministry and totally ignore the 'tight' aspect.

M. E. N.

We don't aim at side-swiping, but rather at reaching the truth. You are right in saying we need to be positive in our ministry. The Lord was positive in His denunciation of Phariseism and hypocrisy. So was Paul. We have real appreciation of and sympathy for those who think us too lax or too rigid, but little for those who denounce all outside their circle.

BOOK REVIEW

(Continued from page 8)

peremptory, and intractable nature... All who knew him in the early years of his ministry portray him as filled with saintly virtue, while unprejudiced testimony about his later years reveals a nature warped, caustic, and even at times vicious. Though he always maintained that his motives were pure, personal ambition and selfishness were often undeniably reflected in his actions... He gained his authority by simply declaring that deviations from his leadership were evil."

It is a bit difficult to realize that Dr. Bass is speaking about the same man when he says of Darby: "Trained as a scholar among the intellectuals, he found peace in laboring among the poor and ignorant. His unchallenged consistency, sincerity, and unwearied service to the faith commanded the reverence and admiration of those who recognized him as a spiritual guide. Incidents illustrating his singularly benevolent nature are numerous... In an age of rampant materialism, the simplicity and frugality of his life rivaled that of early saints... he was essentially humble in spirit... He was primarily concerned with the glory of Christ, not self-aggrandizement."

Concerning his intellectual abilities and his spiritual scholarship and literary work, Dr. Bass says, "He was ever mindful of the spiritual needs of his followers, and his thoughts, both in speech and writing, constantly soared to the spiritual solutions for all things. Though he was active in religious controversy, his mind was constantly upon Christ and the truth of His church... His published works number over forty volumes of six hundred pages each covering ecclesiastical, doctrinal, prophetic, critical, evangelistic, apologetic, practical, expository, and devotional subjects, as well as several volumes of poetry and hymns... he was held in high regard by men of scholarly attainment. On a visit to Oxford University he instantaneously assumed the place of universal father-confessor, as if he had been a known and long-trusted friend. His insight into character, and tenderness pervading his austerity, so opened young men's hearts that day after day there was no end of secret closeting with him. He was well schooled in all techniques of scholarship."

Dr. Bass holds that "the divisive spirit is an inherent part of the system [of dispensationalism, which he attributes to Darby] to the detriment of the total body of Christ." He asserts: "Belief in a pre-tribulation rapture tends to alter one's concept of the purpose of the church in the world. Dispensationalists, who insist that the purpose of the church is to call out the 'heavenly body' from the world, and that this body will be ultimately raptured away from tribulation, have forgotten that the church was placed in the



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world so that through it Christ's message might come to the world."

It would be poetic justice, it seems to this reviewer, to level at Dr. Bass the same criticism which he has aimed against Darby. Ignoring all evidence to the contrary, he has pinned, on Darby, responsibility for a doctrine he finds distasteful, and while acknowledging Darby's unquestioned scholarship, complete devotion to the cause of Christ, spirituality, and humility, he has assumed that dispensationalism has stemmed from Darby's ambition, lust for power and sectarianism. On the one hand he has found Darby's teachings to have influenced men of all classes and degrees of intellect, both of his own and later times, and on the other he has found Darby to be so atrocious a writer that "his attempts at clarity only confuse the reader, since his style becomes so abstruse that the reader loses the original thought in the complexity of qualifying phrases." How such an involved thinker could impose his peculiar doctrine on his own and succeeding generations, Dr. Bass does not explain. He

has nullified completely the influence of Darby's virtues and scholarship on his doctrine, and has attributed his dispensational teaching entirely to his vices and inconsistency.

Dr. Bass is associate professor of Systematic Theology at Bethel Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.

-D. M. T.

CALENDAR OF THE REFORMATION, by David Porteus. Preface by Joseph Zacchello. 96 pages, paperbound, \$1.50.

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