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GOD HATH SPOKEN

by HANS R. WALDVOGEL

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MAJESTICALLY the Epistle to the Hebrews opens with this statement: *God hath spoken unto us by His Son!* A word of Almightiness, of Finality! A word to be heeded! For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, how shall we escape if we neglect to heed the word which was spoken to us by the Lord and was confirmed by them that heard Him?

How powerfully the declaration thundered forth in the beginning: Let there be light! There natural darkness was overcome by the creation of light. But here God speaks the Word which overcomes the darkness of sin and ushers in the light of eternal righteousness. Oh wonder of wonders! God hath spoken unto us sinners by His Son—to every repentant sinner: “Be of good cheer, thy sins are forgiven.” For He who is the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person and upholding all things by the word of His power has by Himself purged our sin, “sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on High,” been made for us a High Priest “who is holy,

harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners and made higher than the heavens.”

God hath spoken—unto the fathers, by the prophets,—unto us, by His Son. And if the question is asked: Art Thou greater than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank thereof himself and his cattle, we receive the divine answer: “If thou knewest the GIFT of GOD and who it is that speaketh to thee.” Oh, this is life eternal to know Him and the power of His resurrection, for whosoever drinketh of these cisterns shall thirst again,” but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; . . . it shall be within him a well.” Even so the Epistle under consideration introduces this mighty Son of God, this great salvation, as bringing in a better hope, a more excellent ministry, better sacrifices, an eternal redemption, a better country, an eternal kingdom that cannot be moved, a Savior Who saves to the uttermost all them that come unto God by Him.

That is what Jesus was talking about when He said, “I have many things to say unto you but ye cannot understand them

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now. Wait until the Holy Ghost is come." That is what Paul is talking about in I Corinthians 2 when he says, "Eye hath not seen and ear hath not heard. We speak the hidden wisdom of God which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But unto us God hath revealed it by His Spirit." Oh, how we as God's people need ears to hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches! How little we know Jesus and the power of His resurrection! Therein lies the secret of a victorious life—to let Jesus Christ live in us.

Jesus Christ is the man God had in mind when He said, "Let us make man in our image." God's plan was to have a humanity, sons who should have dominion over His whole creation. God wanted a man to sit beside Him upon His throne and to reign with Him. That is a great mystery, and the gospel of

Jesus Christ today goes forth into all the world to make disciples of this one Man, to create sons and daughters of the living God. The job that the Lord Jesus had was not to form an earthly kingdom, to fill churches with hypocrites, to create a religion upon this earth, but to lead many sons unto glory. And this job He has done gloriously.

His first great work, as we read here, is to purge our sin. You are not going to see the kingdom of God until you honestly come to Jesus Christ for thorough cleansing. Oh, how wonderfully He cleanses! He says, "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you."

God hath spoken unto us by His Son. Therefore, let us give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard lest at anytime we should let them slip. The Church has let these things slip until today the truth of God is not popular anymore. If you talk about an overcoming life you are considered narrow-minded.

We need Hebrews. Like a great symphony of Beethoven or Schubert, Hebrews has repeated crashing chords. It contains mighty warnings which have been brushed aside by the superficial as not applicable to us Christians. But, beloved, we need them, I need them, these warnings. We need to get to this Savior. We need to say, "I know that I shall be like Him. I know between myself and God that I am working out my salvation with fear and trembling, because God worketh in me to will and to do of His good pleasure."

You will find out as you study Hebrews that the instrument God uses to perform His

great work is this great word of the Lord Jesus Christ which is to dwell richly among us, and which is going to judge us in that day. It isn't hearing the word of God but doing it.

The whole world, John says, lieth in the wicked one. The things you see today in the world and in the worldly church should not surprise you. The spirit that now hath his work in the children of disobedience has triumphed over them. Their hearts and their minds are defiled, their eyes are blinded; they cannot see the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

What we need, what the church needs today, is a vision of Jesus like Isaiah had when he said, "Mine eyes have seen the King." Beloved, we need to see the King. He is my King. He reigns. If I do not let Him reign, the flesh and world and the devil will reign. Our King reigns by His law, the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus which has made me free from the law of sin and death.

In the first chapter of Hebrews Jesus our Lord is presented high and lifted up and His train filling the temple. Where the first Adam, my father, gave me an inheritance of sin, of bondage to the flesh, and of death, God raised Jesus to be the last Adam and by His word of the Gospel caused me to be begotten again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. There is no other salvation. What the law could not do, Jesus Christ did by rising from the dead. And God who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He has loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us to—

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From Darkness to Light

The Story of the 1951 European Evangelistic Mission

(Continued from last issue.)

by Wally Roth

The meetings in Kirchheim were conducted in the height of the harvest season. When people in Europe harvest, everyone helps, even women and children. We wondered how many would come to the daily morning worship periods. The attendance increased from day to day until well over a hundred attended every day. With such a hunger manifest, it is no wonder that lives were wonderfully transformed and bodies healed while they waited upon the Lord. Many of the folks attending had been saved in the tent meetings in Stuttgart in 1948 and 1949. Some had also attended the conference in Kirchheim in 1950. Here they had learned in a measure to acknowledge the presence of Jesus and to worship Him. The way God manifested Himself and the way these people responded was wonderful. The cloud of God's presence filled the hall at all

times. Often the large meeting sat in silent worship, and then again the praises would rise in holy harmony. Many testified of the deliverance that had come to them through praise—fettters were broken, bodies healed, hungry souls filled. Repeatedly people told how the Word preached had answered some question or given some needed light. A local pastor often exclaimed after a meeting, "It's God, it's God! I know your uncle does not know the conditions and needs of these people, but today he gave just the needed word!" Another brother said, "We have been misled often and heard so many confusing things that we have become distrustful, but in these meetings *God* has come to us and answered all our questions."

God has graciously raised up workers who minister at Kirchheim. Among them are Broth-



AN INSPIRING BAPTISMAL

Ninety-five were baptized on this occasion at the conclusion of the meetings at Kirchheim.

ers Hellwig, Redlin, and Zizelman, who work by day and at night minister to the spiritual needs of the people. Another good soldier of the Lord Jesus Christ is Brother Gottlob Meile, who has congregations in different towns under his charge and travels from one to the other on his motorcycle. These brethren and their wives, as well as others, were a great help in the work during the summer campaign. The leading harpist of Switzerland, Miss Hermina Bucherer, a consecrated young Christian, sacrificed her vacation to minister to us with her wonderful music.

The five weeks of meetings culminated in an inspiring baptismal service. An outdoor pool lying in a lovely valley surrounded by mountains was the scene of baptism for ninety-five candidates, mostly young men and women. Their testimonies of salvation and allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ were very real and inspiring.

It was hard to say good-bye to Kirchheim. However, we had friends in Hamburg who wanted a time of fellowship, and so we turned our faces northward. Here again we found a city, once the pride and joy of its people, now filled with ruin on every hand and mourning 180,-



YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP Kirchheim

Mr. E. Hellwig, their leader, is at extreme right, second row.

000 of its citizens who had lost their lives in the last war.

There is a fine church and congregation in Hamburg under the leadership of Pastor Oskar Lardon. Four weeks of meetings were climaxed by a three-day conference. The afternoon before it was to begin people began to arrive from various parts of Germany, Austria, and even Switzerland. Here again, as in Berlin, our hearts were moved with compassion when we saw many who had come from behind the Iron Curtain. Some had walked for many miles with their few belongings under their arms. They sat through the first meetings with despair and dejection written upon their faces. Some wept almost continually. Slowly but surely as they began to praise the Lord, their faces took on new expressions. Before the campaign closed, there were times of praising and singing in the Holy Ghost until everyone, almost without exception, was bathed in the glory and love of the Lord Jesus Christ. With the entrance of His Word and His life, darkness and sorrow fled and a new song of victory and deliverance was put into hundreds of hearts.

In the last meeting when an opportunity was given to testify, the people jumped to their feet and began to speak, two and three at a time. At the close of the service we all rose to our feet. It was a touching sight to see such a large host of people, perhaps a thousand or more, wave their hands or their handkerchiefs and sing "*Lebt Wohl Bis Wir Uns Wiedersehen.*" And as they returned to their lives of hardship and privation, we committed them to



Pastor Oskar Lardon and family.

our faithful Shepherd; and we believe that there will be a glad reunion, if not here, then in that wonderful place where "there shall be no more curse . . . and they shall see his face."

Our last days in Germany were spent in Rendsburg, a quaint town lying near the border of Denmark. Their minister, Pastor Wagner, a sincere servant of God, wondered how his people would receive the Pentecostal ministry. It was a joy to see the open-hearted response of the people to praise and worship. God gave to us a wonderful time of feasting and blessing, raising a people who had been "broken and beaten to the earth" into that new life which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A gentleman from the Hamburg assembly, who had been a wealthy man before the war had destroyed his factory, drove us to the airport where we were to board our plane for America. His parting words were: "Please come back soon. We need the light that you have brought us. I have found out that you can lose overnight all you acquire in this world of wealth, friends or any earthly possessions. But that which you acquire within your soul of the Lord Jesus Christ, no one can ever take from you."

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gether with Christ. Beloved, that is the great work God did—to create for you and for me an Adam, an everlasting Father, in whom we have an inheritance that is undefiled, eternal, that fadeth not away.

Our conversation is in heaven. That is where we ought to live. If the King of heaven lives in me, I will walk upon this earth, but every step I take will be for Him, and in Him, and by Him. That is the salvation He is talking about.

It is to us that God has a message, and that message is His Son. What a message! . . . "Take, eat, this is My body broken for you, every one of you." What does that mean but that we have the very life of God?

Our minds are too finite to grasp it, but little by little the light is dawning. Do you know that this light is going to light up the whole world—the light of Jesus Christ? This light is going to overcome darkness and put the devil where he belongs.

How do you give heed to the things which you have heard? They are so simple that we are tempted not to pay attention to them. Take the Sermon on the Mount. That sermon is going to judge us in that day, Jesus says. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God. Oh, that is it! It flows from the King. It is *His* law. It is the law of the kingdom of heaven. It brings with it a living reward.

Therefore, we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard lest at any time we should let them slip. That is what many have done—let them slip. It doesn't

mean that we don't preach intellectually and eloquently from the Bible, but when you have received the truth in your life, when you live it, when it becomes part of you, the love of God becomes your portion, Jesus Christ takes His great power, and where formerly sin reigned, God's grace reigns.

When you let that "thing" slip you may still retain the knowledge of it. That's what creates dead preaching and dead churches. The word is preached but nobody lives it. People don't think it possible to live a life of love that "suffereth long and is kind, that envieth not, that vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, that seeketh not her own, is not provoked, thinketh no evil, rejoiceth not in iniquity but rejoiceth in the truth," that "never faileth."

Beloved, this is a great salvation. It saves. It is Christ possessing His vessel, coming to live in His temple, coming to be glorified within me. He took not on Him the nature of angels but He took on Him the seed of Abraham that in all things He might be made like unto His brethren. He was made sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him, that He might lead many sons to glory. How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?

Now we can search our own hearts. How far does Jesus reign within you? It is shocking to hear God's people speak sometimes of their own carelessness. They joke about it—people that know God's will! What will God do with us if we don't hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches, if we don't tremble at His word? All our religion becomes a mockery.

Oh, if God could make me tremble at His word! It means that the King is leading my life. He comes to dwell in me.

Take one item, my tongue, for instance. How many times we have been convicted! "If any man offend not in word that man is a perfect man." He says, "The tongue is an unruly evil full of deadly poison and it defileth the whole man." When Jesus said, "I have not found your works perfect before God," He is talking, among other things, about this tongue that ought to be perfect. But how will it ever become that way unless I take heed to the things which we have heard, the Word God hath spoken by His Son? Real conviction will make you to rise up in the name of the Lord and say, "Never again," to forsake your sin, and to trust God for so great salvation.

"So great salvation" ought to be an effective salvation, shouldn't it? I tell you, it is. Nothing else could save me but God Almighty taking on Him my nature, taking upon Him my sin, being made a curse for me, and then becoming my life, my salvation, my song, and the strength of my life. You don't know what God would do with you if you would seek this salvation and not rest until it was yours, if you would seek to know Jesus and the power of His resurrection. That ought not to take a long time. The reason it does is that we let these things slip. This Bible, this New Testament, is this great salvation. This Word is spirit, is life. It is made alive through Jesus' resurrection. This is my salvation, *Jesus, my Jesus!*

Is sin powerful? Is flesh powerful? Yes, if I let it reign. If

I am careless about it, it will choke me. "If ye live in the flesh, ye shall die, but ye are not in the flesh but in the Spirit if so be the Spirit of God dwell in you." Jesus is powerful! "Walk in the spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lusts of the flesh." You may be tempted, but God will with the temptation make a way to escape so that ye shall be able to bear it. He always causeth us to triumph.

Oh, beloved, we need Jesus, the Jesus of the New Testament. And we need to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard. Don't you love Jesus today, Who is made higher than the heavens? Is He able to help you? He says that in all things He was made like unto His brethren, that He might be able to succor them that are tempted, that He might abolish death, that He might destroy Him who hath the power of death, that is the devil. He did it. You did not help Him. I did not help Him. But I do have the power of choice. When I choose my flesh, I choose the work of the devil. But I can choose *Jesus* and He will reign!

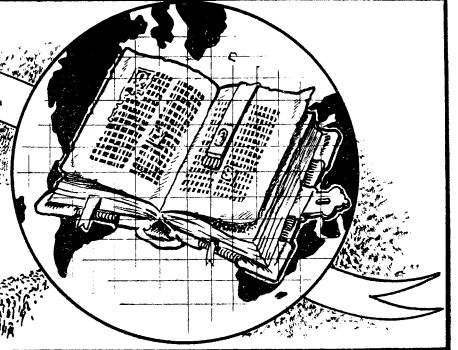
When I came to God and was baptized in the Holy Spirit, I was a dumper. I am ashamed to say it, but it is the truth. I found out I was serving the devil when I was discouraged, and disgusted, and angry. I found out that the devil had put into me some bondage that held me, that made it impossible for me to rejoice in the Lord always, to be always happy. When I discovered that that was the devil, I said, "Get out! I will serve thee no longer." I said it

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GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD...

Seed-Time and Harvest

on the Mission Fields



One Missionary's Parish

FOR more than twenty years *Miss Adeline Grieger* has been laboring in the city of Orai, U.P., India. Located in North India, a hundred and twenty miles from Lucknow, Orai is a city of some 18,000 inhabitants. Here the climate is semi-desert. Politically it is a part of the area known as the Bundle Khand, famous for its nationalistic spirit and its participation in the famous mutiny of 1857. For all of its being so populous and the head city of the Jalaun District which contains over four hundred villages, the city is isolated, and even yet without any modern conveniences whatsoever.

This then is Miss Grieger's parish. Her nearest white neighbor is seventy miles distant. In the past she has been assisted by various missionaries, among them *Miss Margaret Michelsen* who is now preparing to return to work with her. *Rangji Punjoji* is the head native preacher, a faithful laborer in the Lord. Punjoji was an orphan whom Pandita Ramabai raised. One of Miss Grieger's Bible women was also with Ramabai and witnessed the famous outpour-

ing of the Spirit when the girls saw literal fire as was seen on the Day of Pentecost.

Recently a convention was held at Orai and Miss Grieger sends this encouraging word: "We have had a wonderful convention week, and God has saved souls. Praise His name! Seven people were baptized. One of these men was a young Mohammedan man. This young man does not live in Orai, but came here to be baptized as he had been brought to the Lord in a place some distance from here. Do please pray for him, as he must take persecution from his family. Pray that the others will also stand true and be living witnesses of what the Lord has done for them.

"We had over three hundred women and children at our school Christmas program, including our own children of 130. We trust the word given forth will not return void. We know that as we pray, souls will find the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour. We reach women we never reach at any other time.

"Each official in Orai who can read English receives a Scripture verse calendar each year.

We feel we want to get the word to them somehow. I have been very happy to know that many of these men look forward to this calendar and hang it up in their drawing rooms and their offices. May this word bring light to the people who are wanting His peace in their hearts.

"Our school opened with a number of new children, and so we have the privilege of giving them the gospel message also. Our camp work begins tomorrow. We hope the rain is not too hard on our tents which are very old. We often have hail at this time of the year, for a day or two, and we must trust our tents will stand the strain. May God help us to get the word out to the people of this vast district. Daily we seek Him and ask Him to help us to preach the gospel to every creature."

Pastor Punjoji writes this interesting testimony to the power of the Word of God as received during some of his village visitation work! "One young man said, 'The Bible is a very strange book, and it has a power which I do not understand. People who read it are so drawn to it as iron is drawn



Miss Margaret
Michelsen

to a magnet. I have seen a number of men who read the Bible. After awhile they gave up the worship of idols and became Christians.' Another man said, 'Such wonderful words which you have given to us we have never heard before. No one ever teaches us such things.' A third man said, 'I too can testify to the fact that the Bible is true. I learned to read the Bible when I was in high school, and I know Jesus is the one and only Saviour. I have given up my idols and now worship Jesus Christ.' This young man said all this before a high caste man and was not afraid of him. They usually are afraid of these high caste people as they persecute them and make life very unhappy for them."

God willing, Miss Michelsen will sail for India in the early fall of this year. Miss Michelsen was converted in the Full Gospel Tabernacle, Waukegan, Illinois, during the ministry of Pastor Gottfried Waldvogel. As a school girl, she had been drawn to Christ by the life and testimony of one of her classmates. Later, she was led to surrender her life for Christian service, and, after a period of training, spent several months in the Kentucky Mountains. Later she returned to her home assembly and assisted Pastor and Mrs. Leonard Johnson for some time. From there, Miss Michelsen left for India in 1941

where the Lord led her to Orai. During her furlough, in addition to itinerating, Miss Michelsen has ministered in various places. As head girls' counselor for three seasons at Pilgrim Camp, Brant Lake, New York, she has been a great blessing. In recent months she has been laboring with Pastor and Mrs. Robert Lyon in the work of the Pelham Pentecostal Church,

Bronx, New York. We rejoice with Miss Michelsen that the Lord has opened the door for her return to India, and we are happy to commend this servant of God to the interest of our readers. Let us remember her in prayer. Anyone desiring to communicate with Miss Michelsen may do so by writing her at 8420 85th Drive, Woodhaven 21, New York.

The Changing Face of Africa

By VIRGINIA YOUNG ROSS

WE are living at the present time on the banks of the Lupula River, separating Northern Rhodesia from the Belgian Congo. This is one of the most beautiful parts of Northern Rhodesia; and the Mission Station is situated in full view of a most picturesque series of rapids. This is a very densely populated part of the country, due to the River, which affords much fishing, the main occupation of the Bemba people, the Bantu people, the Bantu tribe among whom we work.

The Bemba have few appealing traits of character. Our disillusionment is slow but sure, and we must acknowledge that we have been called to an ignorant materialistic people, whose one thought is gain without labour. The sight of a winsome native child may stir the heart, but the same traits lie underneath the skin that motivate the parents in all forms of deceit. But it is for such that Christ died! We find also that His Love is "shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit," a love that is not based on personal appeal, but on the sacri-

fice of Him who died for us, "while we were yet sinners."

I would like to give you a picture of the "changing face of Africa." A person who has lived among the Bantu all of her life recently wrote me from South Africa, "The native has apparently absorbed all that is bad in the white man's civilization, and now he feels resentful at the presence of the white man." This has long been true in South Africa, but it is a shock to find out that within the last few years, comparatively, this same spirit has filled the hearts of the people in Central Africa. This is due to better transport facilities, which brings not only our mail and our groceries, but also evil worldly influences. In this way, the native in the bush is receiving in a few years' time all that America and Britain received over a period of centuries. The natives are not beginning with the horse and buggy stage, and slowly advancing to the horseless carriage, and then gradually over a period of years to the streamlined automobile we know today. Their first sight of an automo-

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SERVICE ECHOES

This department is conducted in the interests of servicemen and will carry brief reports from them from time to time. If our readers would like to have BREAD OF LIFE sent to interested servicemen we will be glad to do so and to include their names among those who are regularly remembered in prayer. Reports from these for the paper will be welcomed.—Editor.

FROM NEARBY JERSEY AND CANARSIE

From Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, *Daniel Immordino* writes: "Upon returning to Georgia after Christmas furlough I found that God had made it possible for me to be close to home. I felt certain I was scheduled to remain at Camp Gordon for twenty-six weeks of radio school, but I was picked as one of the fortunate few selected to train at Fort Monmouth. I now am in the second week of a twenty-week course in telephone installation and repair. It certainly is nice to be home week-ends and especially fine to be in Canarsie services once more. I appreciate all the help I can obtain. My, oh my, it's really wonderful to enjoy the 'Presence of God in the services with your friends once again.

"I do thank God for all he has done for me and establishing me sufficiently enough to enable me to stand true to Him. It's tragic to see how many lads hit the skids as soon as they don a uniform. Boys who were once saved often just fall apart with such rapidity it's a pity.

"Even though we have completed 'Basic' we are still working fairly hard. We go to school nine hours a day and twice a week two hours at night. They really cram the knowledge down your throat, but in all fairness I believe the Army instruction in electrical theses has been the best I've ever received. Thus far I've been able to fare pretty well in my grades. There's a great incentive to make a fellow study hard. If

we flunk out we are transferred to the infantry. I've gained a good deal of weight since Uncle Sam beckoned, fifteen pounds, to be exact, so I'm feeling in pretty fair fettle.

"Thank you for your prayer in my behalf. I can use all I can get and so I'll gladly accept all anyone will give me.

* * *

Carl Sommer has been transferred to Camp LeJeune, North Carolina, where he is going to school: "The course I am taking is how to maintain and operate a ditcher, concrete mixer, earth auger, air compressor and accessories, lubricator, steam jenny, well rig, and rock crusher. This should be interesting."

Bread of Life Bible Correspondence Course

Bread of Life offers this splendid New Testament survey course free to any serviceman desiring it.

Walter Fette, a former serviceman who recently completed the course, says, "*The Correspondence Bible Course proved to be a great blessing and help. More fully than ever before I was impressed by the interest which Jesus has in our diligent study of the Word and prayer. Invariably the same theme that we were studying for the week would be introduced in a meeting and enlarged upon. It was a new experience for me and made Jesus more real and wonderful to my heart.*"

"Taste and See" for Yourself!

IN THE ARMY— A Primary Sunday School Class



Sal Gaglio

"Just returned from a little meeting a group of us G.I.'s have. Jesus drew very near again tonight in prayer. It reminded me of a Pilgrims' meeting the way the boys were praising. There is a Lutheran and a Methodist boy that are coming on so nicely. Keep praying as I know you are all so faithfully doing and God will continue to work.

"Last Sunday I had my first Sunday School class of real young tots, children of officers and sergeants, primaries. I just love tots and I hope they will get used to me in these coming weeks. It was a pleasure to be with them to tell them stories of Jesus. Please remember me in this need of mine to fulfill for Jesus."

Fred Schad is now in Trieste.

Henry Osterman is in the army now.

"ANCHORS AWEIGH"

Samuel Meier, aboard the U.S.S. *Wisconsin*, has been seeing action off the coast of Korea: "The other day we fired twelve steady hours, constant firing of big guns. I don't know how they can take it all . . . All we do is just watch the land of Korea burn and burn. Senator Ferguson of Michigan was aboard today . . . Tonight we leave Too-sing and Jo-Jo, moving to Wanson. We will be alerted and on our post we expect return fire. . . . Pray for me."

Tommy Thompson, stationed at Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, Illinois, regularly attends the Full Gospel Tabernacle in nearby Waukegan. He writes: "Have received a couple of the *Bread of Life* magazines and am enjoying the reading. Please place me on your prayer list."

Edwin Fette, *Fred Ziegler* and *Daniel Somma* are in the Navy now!

THE CHANGING FACE OF AFRICA

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bile is the latest model, and the only intermittent step between that and going on foot is the bicycle. It is strange to see an occasional native girl with red nail polish and lipstick, wearing the latest in dress styles and high heel sandals. Many of the clothes come directly from America, to be sold very cheaply second-hand to the natives. The strongest influence, however, is in the third-rate movies which the Government has circulated freely among the people and the cheap music heard over Government-sponsored programs, which have left indelible impressions as well as having set false standards of living. With the influx of material goods have come false doctrines, such as Jehovah's Witness and Seventh Day Adventism—Roman Catholicism has long held forth here, but these new doctrines are sweeping the country. And their teachings are fostering a strong nationalistic spirit in the people, as well as hatred of the European. Within the last few months, gatherings of these groups are springing up on every hand, and the influence has come among the Christians as well. Thus we have a strange combination of primitive heathen life, with all the superficial adornments of civilization. Even the educated native so-called, will turn in time of death and disease to the witch doctor for his diagnosis. And yet, paradoxically, he will pride himself on his education, and boast that in a few years there will be self-rule in this country, and all the Europeans will be sent away. To many of

us this seems ludicrous, for the people have not yet learned to govern themselves as individuals, nor are they willing to take responsibility in even the smallest matters. The Government has become alarmed at the situation, after having supplied the people with all the things that have brought about this condition. They fear the mushroom progress which has unbalanced the primitive mind of the African, and they now hope to retard the speed of development. We have not heard how they plan to do this, but we do know that the only hope of Africa is CHRIST, and His power to govern the human heart.

The "changing face of Africa" is a tragedy indeed, and we need the prayers of God's people everywhere, that we may do our part to stem the tide of hitherto unknown types of evil and wickedness. Satan has, in all his subtlety, corrupted this simple-minded people with the evils of civilization devoid of the one true Faith, which is the Salvation of mankind. It is not the choicest time to come to Africa, and yet how much more glory to god we will witness, when souls are turned to Him in the midst of such worldliness. "For where sin doth abound, grace does much more abound." The intensity of darkness will only reveal the intensity of His Light, Who is the Light of the World."

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with a vengeance. I remember coming to a meeting where everyone was having a wonderful time, and I could not rejoice with them.—Did you ever feel like that? That is the devil.—

I said, "Here goes." I put up my hands and began to praise the Lord. In one second that thing was gone, and it has never returned. The glory of God filled my soul. God put a song in my heart that rings all the time.

How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation? O Jesus, I don't dare to neglect You. It must be You every moment of my life!

Listen to what it says, "For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward, how shall we escape?" You can take or leave the words of men, but God says that whosoever will not hear the words of this Prophet shall be destroyed. The serpent comes and says, "Aw, hath God said?" Yes, God hath said. God has spoken to my heart by His Son, and He will reproduce in me the image of His Son if I receive His words.

When John G. Paton went to one of the New Hebrides islands, there was an old cannibal chief there. He had been a wicked fellow; but when he heard the gospel, his heart melted. He saw Paton reading the New Testament and asked, "What is that?" "This is God's Book," was the answer. "God's Book? What does it do?" the puzzled chief asked. "It speaks to me." "What does it say?" "It speaks to me the words of God." The old man began to cry and said, "Please, make Him speak to me too." Then, although he was about seventy years old, he learned to read because he wanted so much for God to speak to him.

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Gathered Fragments



by the Editor

FEBRUARY 7 marked the anniversary of the birth of one of the most famous and influential of spiritual authors—Hannah Whitehall Smith, best known for her classic, *The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life*, which has already sold over a million copies and thousands are still being printed yearly. After Mrs. Martha Robinson, author of the material appearing under the column head, "Finest of the Wheat," read this book as a young Christian, she commented in her journal that it was one of the two books which "greatly influenced me and led me in the right way" and that it was "a book every Christian should own." When she commended it to the editor to read, she wisely counselled: Never read more than one chapter at a time. Then pray over that chapter until you "have" it before going on to the next chapter.

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Speaking of books. It was a real pleasure to learn that

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How do you read your Bible? Do you read it superficially? You are handling the Bread that comes down from heaven. This Word is tainted with blood—the blood of the Son of God. This is the New Testament. You cannot separate this New Testament from Christ. You cannot know Christ except by the New Testament. This is the way God hath spoken unto us—by His Son.

Morning Bells and *Evening Pillows* by Frances Ridley Havergal have been reprinted. These are blessed devotional books written expressly for young children. Years ago a doctor who was visiting in our home was so impressed with the value of these meditations that she borrowed the book to copy it in its entirety by typewriter so that her nephews and nieces might also profit from the truths contained therein! Now they are once again obtainable and may be secured through The Christian Bookshop, 1810 Cornelia Street, Brooklyn 27, New York.

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February 12 ought to be known among Christians for another anniversary as well as that of Lincoln's birthday—the death of Brother Lawrence (1611-1691), author of *The Practice of the Presence of God*, *The Best Rule for a Holy Life*. His example has inspired many to do as he and to say, "My only business is to remain in the holy presence of God."

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A great help in securing material for the paper is the sound mirror. For several years numerous meetings and services have been recorded. Many of these are available to those interested and have proved a great blessing to shut-ins or those otherwise deprived of spiritual food and fellowship. Anyone desiring to secure some of these tapes may do so by writing Mr. Edwin Waldvogel, 8420 85th Drive, Woodhaven 21, New York.

The Lord has raised up valuable assistants in the preparation of the paper each month: Mrs. Gordon Waldvogel makes the transcripts of the sermons from the sound mirror; the Misses Eleanor Perz and Leone Wilson prepare the typewritten copy for publication.

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No thought of February is complete to the American mind without reference to George Washington. As a young man in his twenties, Washington prepared a little book for use in his private, daily devotion which he called *The Daily Sacrifice*. In it is this definite testimony in his own hand:

"Thou gavest Thy Son to die for me and hast given me assurance of salvation upon my repentance and sincerely endeavoring to conform my life to His holy precepts and example."

Every earnest Christian can pray with him,

"Suffer me not to be drawn from Thee by the blandishments of the world, carnal desires, the cunning of the devil, or deceitfulness of sin. Work in me Thy good will and pleasure and discharge my mind from all things that are displeasing to Thee, of all ill will and discontent, wrath and bitterness, pride and vain conceit of myself, and render me charitable, pure, holy, patient, and heavenly minded."

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And with the Spirit and the Bride he says, "Let my soul watch for the coming of the Lord Jesus."*

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For the Master's Use

IGNORANCE, even dense ignorance, need not stand in the way of service for the Lord. He has made no instrument He cannot use. The spade that digs the foundation for the beautiful temple is as useful in its place as the sculptor's chisel that carves the stone. But it would be useful only as a spade; the builder would not attempt to do with it the work of the chisel.

Absolute consecration means wholly used for the Lord. Not until one can say, "Use me, Lord, as Thou wilt, where Thou wilt, when Thou wilt," does he become an instrument of use in the Lord's hands. "O, to be nothing"—"a broken and emptied vessel for *the Master's use made meet*."

Here lies a difficulty. How few are willing to be nothing. How many say rather, "Lord, take me. Do with me some great work," and add, it is to be feared, perhaps unconsciously, "and let all men see *my* greatness by *my* work."

Not until we are willing to do what He tells us, to stay where He puts us, can we be of use. Not until we are glad to be little in His service, can we be much. Not that we should be satisfied to give little when we have much. Not that we should be "nothing" in His service and much to the world. We should give *all* to His service, place ourselves in His hand. He alone can decide whether He needs us most in a small field or a large one. There are so few large fields; there are so many small ones.

I was reading the other day that in this Spanish War* there were hundreds of applications for official position to every one position. So it is in God's works: He needs privates in His army who are to do inglorious work. It is a reflection upon His goodness and His wisdom to say, "There is nothing I can do. I am ignorant. I have no talent. There is no use of my trying to be of service."

God did not put you into the world to be a

stumbling-block. He made nothing He could not use. Christ's own disciples were ignorant fishermen. God has made more common people than uncommon ones, more average intellects than brilliant ones, more dull people than geniuses. There is but one conclusion to draw, therefore, and that is, He has more use for the common-place person.

One thing is absolutely without question. There is work for each one to do, a place for each one to fill. No one but God knows how wide the place may become before the work is finished, but this is certain, the field will not widen until the waste places already given are utilized. If you cannot care for a few square feet you cannot get an acre; if you cannot cultivate a small field, God will not give you a large one.

But says one, "I am not wishing to cultivate a large field. I am perfectly willing to cultivate a few square feet all my life but I am not sure I am capable to do even that." Yet what right have you to doubt? Be assured you are *capable* of cultivating exactly what the Lord has given you. You *are* capable, and if you do not do it, it is because you *will* not.

But in reference to a previous remark, why are you willing to cultivate "a few feet"? Is it because you are humble, or because you are lazy—too lazy to take a large field? Are you satisfied to do less than the Lord needs of you? Are you satisfied to cultivate a small field, when God has planned to give you a large one?

One's duty is to do well the little. Cultivate and recultivate, dig and sow, plan and pray. Use every opportunity, every moment, every bit of strength, and then if God wills, the larger field will open. If He does not will, then at least what you have all along desired is yours, a well-cultivated bit of ground. You have sown and the harvest is ready for the Master. You have done with your might what your hand found to do. If He wills to give a larger field (which He will not until you are ready), then all your experience goes to help you in your broader work.

No matter how small, how plain, how insignificant one's task is, God knows all about it. And He knows as well when the task is neglected. The little thing undone shows as clearly as if it were a great thing. The little life ill-spent is as sad a sight to God as the great life ill-spent.

And there is another thought—No life, no matter how insignificant, can be without influence.

*This meditation was written during the Spanish-American War, 1898-99.—Editor.

DO YOU KNOW GOD'S WAY OF HEALING

By JOHN ALEXANDER DOWIE

LET it be supposed that the following words are a conversation between the reader (A) and the writer (B).

A. What does this question mean? Do you really suppose that God has some one especial way of healing in these days of which men may know and avail themselves?

B. That is exactly my meaning, and I wish very much that you should know God's Way of Healing, as I have done for many years.

A. What is the way, in your opinion?

B. You should rather ask, WHO is God's Way? for the Way is a Person, not a thing. I will answer your question in His own words, "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life; no one cometh unto the Father, but by Me." These words were spoken by our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God, who is both our Savior and our Healer. (John 14:6.)

A. But I always thought that these words only referred to Him as the Way of Salvation. How can you be sure that they refer to Him as the Way of Healing also?

B. Because He cannot change. He is "the same yesterday and today, yea, and forever." (Hebrews 13:8.) He said that He came to this earth not only to save us but to heal us (Luke 4:18), and He did this when in the flesh on earth. Being unchanged, He must be able and willing and desirous to heal now.

A. But is there not this difference, namely, that He is not with us now?

B. No; for He said, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world"; and so He is with us now, in Spirit, just as much as when He was here in the flesh.

A. But did He not work these miracles of healing when on earth merely to prove that He was the Son of God?

B. No; there was still a greater purpose than that. He healed the sick who trusted in Him in order to show us that He came to die not only for our sins, but for our sicknesses, and to deliver us from both.

A. Then, if that is so, the atonement which He made on the Cross must have been for our sicknesses as well as our sins. Can you prove that is the fact from the Scriptures?

B. Yes, I can, and the passages are very numerous. I need quote two only. In Isaiah 53:4, 5, it is written of Him, "Surely He hath borne our griefs (Hebrew, *sicknesses*), and carried our sorrows: . . . and with His stripes we are healed." Then in the Gospel according to Matthew, this passage is quoted and directly applied to the work of bodily healing, in chapter 8, 17th verse, "That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet,

saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our diseases."

A. But do you not think that sickness is often God's will, and sent for our good and therefore God may not wish us to be healed?

B. No, that cannot possibly be; for diseases of every kind are the Devil's work, and his work can never be God's will, since Christ came for the very purpose of destroying "the works of the Devil." (1 John 3:8.)

A. Do you mean to say that all disease is the work of Satan?

B. Yes, for if there had been no sin (which came through Satan) there never would have been any disease, and Jesus never in one single instance told any person that sickness was God's work or will, but the very contrary.

A. Can you prove from Scripture that all forms of sickness and infirmity are the Devil's work?

B. Yes, that can be done very easily. You will see in Matthew 4:23 and 9:35 that when Jesus was here in the flesh, He healed "all manner of disease and all manner of sickness among the people." Then if you will refer to Acts 10:38 you will see that the Apostle Peter declares that He (Jesus) "went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the Devil." Notice that all whom He healed, not some, were suffering from Satan's evil power.

A. What should a Christian then do when overtaken with sickness?

B. A Christian should obey God's command, and at once turn to Him for forgiveness of the sin which may have caused the sickness, and for immediate healing. Healing is obtained from God in one of four ways, namely: First, by the direct prayer of faith, praying as the Centurion did in Matthew 8:5 to 12; second, by two faithful disciples praying in perfect agreement, in accordance with the Lord's promise in Matthew 18:19; third, by the anointing of the elders and the prayer of faith, according to the instructions in James 5:14 and 15; and fourth, by the laying on of the hands of them who believe, and whom God calls to that ministry, as the Lord commands in Mark 16:18 and in other places.

A. But how shall I obtain the necessary faith to receive healing, which faith I am at present conscious I do not possess?

B. It is written, "Belief cometh of hearing, and hearing by the Word of Christ." (Romans 10:17.) The best book on Divine Healing is the Bible itself, studied prayerfully and earnestly.