

Another Year

*Another year is dawning!
Dear Master, let it be
In working or in waiting
Another year with Thee.*

*Another year of leaning
Upon Thy loving breast,
Of ever-deepening trustfulness,
Of quiet, happy rest.*

*Another year of mercies,
Of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness
In the shining of Thy face.*

*Another year of progress,
Another year of praise;
Another year of proving
Thy presence "all the days."*

*Another year of service,
Of witness for Thy love;
Another year of training
For holier work above.*

*Another year is dawning!
Dear Master, let it be,
On earth, or else in heaven,
Another year for Thee!*

—F. R. HAVERGAL.

Text for 1952

And now, little children

Abide in Him

that

when He shall appear

we may have confidence

and not be ashamed before Him

at His coming.

1 John 2:28

This Month . . .

By THE EDITOR

For several years the Lord has been pleased to give the Ridgewood Pentecostal Fellowship a Bible text for the new year. To those who have prayed over these texts they have proved a great inspiration and have served as a beacon light for the entire year. The text for 1952 is 1 John 2:28.

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Someone has said that one of the greatest evidences that a person has been filled with the Spirit is that he has a spirit of prayer. Certainly this was one of the hallmarks of the New Testament disciples and occupies a prominent place in the teaching of our Lord and the Apostles. We have felt led to emphasize this subject in this issue, by the first article, "Prevailing Prayer," by G. A.

Waldvogel, associate pastor of the Ridgewood Pentecostal Church.

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But we need to watch as well as pray. Alexander Whyte once said, "There are men among us who do not neglect prayer, who yet sadly neglect to watch and wait for God's promised answer to their prayers." We must be ever ready to obey His commands and the light He gives in response to our prayer. To this end the reading of "Finest of the Wheat" will be found very profitable.

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January 12 marks the anniversary of the birth of one of the founding fathers of America, John Winthrop. That he was governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony for many years is well known. Little

known is the fact that he "walked with God." In his quaint testimony, "Christian Experience," he relates that when he was about thirty years of age the Lord revealed "Christ unto me whom I had long desired." Then he continues the results of this experience, "I was now grown familiar with the Lord Jesus Christ. He would oft tell me He loved me. I did not doubt to believe Him. If I went abroad, He went with me; when I returned He came home with me. I talked with Him upon the way. He lay down with me, and usually I did awake with Him. Now I could go into any company and not lose Him. And so sweet was His love to me as I desired nothing but Him in heaven or earth."

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We regret that the name of Mr. Leonard Johnson, pastor of the Full Gospel Tabernacle, Waukegan, Illinois, was omitted from the list of Supporting Ministers in the last issue.

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Prevailing Prayer

In the eighteenth chapter of Luke we have the parable of the importunate widow. The Lord Jesus spake this parable, we are told, "that men ought always to pray, and not to faint." He tells us in the seventh and eighth verses, "Shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him; shall he bear long concerning them? I tell you he will avenge them speedily."

How thankful we ought to be for the privilege of prayer, a privilege that is open to everyone. In this parable the Lord Jesus encourages us to continue praying if our petition is not answered immediately.

Sometimes indeed we look up to God in prayer, and the help comes quickly; we need His help immediately. I remember the story of Nehemiah, how he stood before the king, and he did not know how to speak to the king. We are told he looked up to God and silently prayed; and the answer came to him immediately. So God frequently meets us at the moment, as we call upon Him. We need His help often right away, and He is there to help us. But sometimes we have to pray, and we have to keep on praying.

That is what the Lord Jesus is talking about in this parable. He tells us that He is pleased with our insistent praying, that we ought to come and repeat our petition, and come again, and again, with the same prayer until we receive the answer. In fact, that is the very secret of prevailing prayer, that we

come with the determination to receive what God has promised and what we are seeking from Him.

Why should it be necessary for us to continue in prayer? Why does not God answer always immediately? I am praying for something, probably something which I need very much in my life or I think I need very much, something which He has promised in His Word, something which is provided for me in the salvation of the Lord Jesus Christ. I ought not to pray for anything else. I ought to know when I come to God in prayer that I am asking for a blessing that is mine through the redemption of the Lord Jesus Christ. Oh, what a wealth of blessing is mine in Him! What a wealth of blessing is contained in the many promises of God! But suppose I pray for such a blessing that is truly promised to me and provided for me in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, why should I have to wait for it? Why should I have to continue in prayer? Why does not God answer immediately?

This parable in Luke 18 tells us why. It tells us that there is one who tries to keep us out of our inheritance, who tries to keep away from us the blessings that are justly ours because of the blood of Christ and His redemptive work. There is an adversary who is opposing our entering upon our inheritance in Christ. That's the reason why we have to prevail, why prayer is a conflict, a fight of faith,

and why we have to continue and keep on, to be determined to get what God has promised us.

Satan tries to hinder us by hindering our faith. Very frequently that is the reason why we have to continue praying. We know that prayer cannot be successful unless it is united with faith. God can only answer prayer that is believing prayer. That is the law of the Kingdom.

Sometimes our faith is not perfect; our faith does not reach, as it were, but thank God, we need not be discouraged. The Lord Jesus tells us to keep on praying, to keep on seeking His face for the blessing we desire of Him. As we keep on seeking Him, He will strengthen our faith. What a gracious provision this is!

The Lord has said, "Draw nigh unto God, and He will draw nigh to us." He will strengthen us, help us, quicken our faith, and make real to us His promises.

There is a wonderful word spoken in II Thessalonians 3: "The Lord is faithful, He will establish you, and He will keep you from evil." As we seek His face, as we pray, the Lord in His faithfulness, will establish us in our faith, and He will deliver us from the evil of doubt and from the evil of unbelief. That is the ministry of Christ, and we need not be discouraged if we feel that we are not strong enough faith. Let us continue praying; let us contin-

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From Darkness to Light

by Wally Roth

In the last issue of the Bread of Life Pastor Hans Waldvogel gave a resumé of his ministry in Europe for the last four years. In the summer of 1951 he was assisted by his nephew, Mr. Edwin Waldvogel, and his niece, Miss Wally Roth, who gives here a more detailed account of their evangelistic mission.

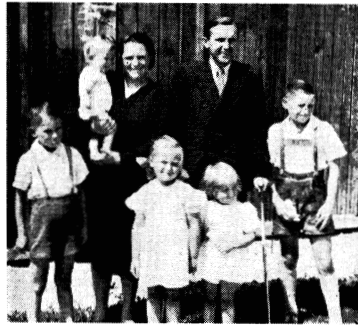
*A noble army, men and boys,
The matron and the maid,
Around the Savior's throne re-
joice*

*In robes of light arrayed:
They climbed the steep ascent
of heaven*

*Through peril, toil, and pain:
O God! to us may grace be given
To follow in their train!*

The triumphant Chapter of Faith, the eleventh of Hebrews, often came to my mind during our time in Europe. The forty verses recorded there have been duplicated countless times in recent years by men and women, young people, boys and girls, who have gone through tribulation and anguish, through the valley of death and into death itself rather than to betray the Lord Jesus Christ.

Having spent a few days in indescribably beautiful Switzerland, we arrived in Linz, Austria, for ten days of meetings. The ravages of war were very evident in the town. The place where we stayed was still under repair and many other buildings likewise. Just outside the town was a large camp of barracks filled with refugees who had fled from various countries and had found a temporary haven there! For one coming fresh from the comforts of American life, it was a heart-moving experience to see fami-



Pastor Karl Griesfelder and family, Linz, Austria.

lies that also had once known comforts, even prosperity, huddled together into dark little barrack-like rooms with very little privacy and certainly little comfort. After one meeting with them, however, all sympathy vanished, for one couldn't but see how rich many of them were in heavenly things. Their great joy is to gather to sing gospel songs accompanied by

their stringed instruments. Their singing "No, Never Alone" is the most soul-stirring music ever heard. It is a testimony born out of real experience. One of the brethren there often got up and expressed the testimony of many of them when he said that he had once been a wealthy man but had lost everything — houses, land, wealth, loved ones—but now he had found Jesus and felt richer than a millionaire.

The minister of the assembly, Mr. Griesfelder from Yugoslavia, is a real man of God filled with love for the Lord Jesus Christ and souls. A large hall had been rented for the meetings and was filled every evening. Because of the great number, it was impossible to deal with them and their needs personally; but as the Word of God went forth in the power of the Holy Spirit, many were saved and filled with the Spirit. The first afternoon a message was given regarding the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and in the evening service a number testified that they had been filled during the brief recess between the afternoon and evening meetings. So it continued day after day! Not a meeting passed without testimonies from those who had received the wonderful baptism of the Holy Ghost.

A Group of Children at Linz

Miss Roth is at the extreme left on the last row.



Many of these were Austrians. Four years ago, when Pastor Hans Waldvogel first visited this land, the natives who are strongly Catholic despised this religion of the refugees. Thank God, today the Gospel has made progress among the Austrian nationals, and a good portion of the church in Linz is now Austrian! The children were very happy to see their friend "Uncle Edwin" again, and they were still able to repeat perfectly many verses of Scripture which he had taught them three years before.

From Linz we were called to Berlin to help in tent meetings being conducted by a German minister, Pastor Fix. That poor city, filled with darkness, sorrow, sin, ruin! Here we saw people who literally dwell in the shadow of death! In the afternoons and night after night they streamed into the tent looking and longing for something. Many of them had walked miles to attend the meetings—a blind man with his wife and child, all indescribably filthy and hopeless-looking; young people poorly clad, their faces pinched with hunger and signs of sin and defilement; boys and girls, many of them homeless and wild as little animals; older people, stooped and sad. At the close of each service they pressed their way into the tarrying rooms and unburdened their hearts of unbelievable stories of horror and sin, and cried to God for mercy. But where sin abounded, the grace and love of Jesus Christ did much more abound, and many were brought into light and victory.

These merit the prayers of God's people, for not a few had to return to homes where they

The Tent at Berlin.



not only suffer untold miseries physically, but have no opportunity of receiving spiritual help. They stand alone! In many places the churches have been closed by the authorities, and ministers have been forced to flee for their lives leaving their congregations scattered and alone. Many do not have even a portion of God's Word in their possession.

Kirchheim-Teck, the pearl of Schwabenland, is a peaceful town located at the foot of a mountain from whose summit the famous Teck, a medieval castle, overlooks the countryside. Though near to the city of Stuttgart which was badly damaged by the war, the town of Kirchheim was untouched.

The brethren had rented a large hall for the five weeks of meetings which we were to have there. It was a fascinating

sight to see the congregation arriving; the roads were filled with them coming from the little towns which lay around about Kirchheim. A few came by car, a few by train, but the most came on their bicycles and motorcycles, old and young, men and women, boys and girls. Some of them rode for several hours one way, and though the way home lay along dark country roads, their hunger for God was so great that they would never leave when first dismissed. They had to be dismissed two and often three times before they would reluctantly rise and go. It was an impressive sight to see so many young people in the Kirchheim meetings, a large number of them young men. Not only did they attend the meetings, sing in the choir, and testify in their unique "Schwaebisch," but they sought the Lord with an earnestness and zeal that was unusual. And God met them in a wonderful way!

(To be continued.)



AT KIRCHHEIM

"It was a fascinating sight to see the congregation arriving."

How much time do you spend just loving Jesus?

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You can't have a Holy Ghost meeting unless you live a Holy Ghost life outside of meeting.

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A Holy Ghost minister will be afraid of no one so much as himself.

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Unless you want Jesus Christ more than your own life also, you won't have Him.

Gerhard Tersteegen

By W. ELWIN OLIPHANT

*"Though reason raves, and unbelief flows on a mighty flood,
There are, and shall be, till the end, the hidden Priests of God."*

Gerhard Tersteegen was born at a little town not far from the majestic Rhine, called Meurs, on the 25th of November, 1697. His father was a highly respectable tradesman, and both he and his good *Frau* were pious and God-fearing people. Indeed, Gerhard's father seems to have been a deeply spiritual man, who took an interest in the religious awakenings of the times, for he has left behind him some letters which show what sort of a home it was in which the timid and pensive son grew up. But, alas! the boy, who seems from his early years to have been strangely sensitive, and who especially needed a father's guiding hand and brain, lost his father early in life, and his mother was left to struggle, in ever narrowing circumstances, with several sons and daughters.

Two of these sons became ministers of the Gospel, and one of the daughters married a tradesman in Mulheim, a growing, important, manufacturing town on the opposite side of the Rhine. At a later date, Gerhard was apprenticed to his brother-in-law, and was associated with the town till his death, in 1769.

In the meantime, Gerhard was sent early to the grammar school. He made himself proficient in the dead languages as well as the living, and at the age of fifteen, his friends were

astonished to hear the boy on a public occasion deliver a Latin oration in verse, amid universal applause, and to the pride of his mother.

"Such a son should devote his life to study," said the chief magistrate of the little country borough, who, in his pigtail, cocked hat, and official coat and stick, had paid Tersteegen's mother an official visit; but the mother, though cherishing the longing in her heart, had to put the temptation resolutely from her, for her means would not allow it. And so it came to pass, that at the age of fifteen, Gerhard, fresh from the applause of his townspeople, and from his loved books and the affection of his mother, was apprenticed for four years to a trade to which he never felt himself attached, to a man with whom he had no sympathy, and whose rather narrow nature was certainly not capable of understanding the lad's ambitions.

His employment in his brother-in-law's shop, adding up columns of figures, delivering goods, and selling behind the counter, was most uncongenial to a nature that had ambitions and the qualifications of a student. The lad was disappointed; this much is plain. With these inward sorrows gnawing at his heart, the brave lad applied himself twice as hard to the trivial round and the common task.

Whenever was a man who has been called and trained by God to do some great life's work the better for getting his own way?

The best of God's servants have either been thwarted, or had to tread the path of seeming loss to find the road of eternal gain for themselves and others.

There is as much wisdom in the words of the Master, "He that loseth his life shall find it," as there is religion in the other equally solemn counsel and command: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all other things shall be added unto you." Tersteegen was wise and spiritual enough to see that if he tried to make the best of both worlds, Satan might get him to think that this present one was the best of all possible worlds, and that he might end by losing his way to the real kingdom; while if he could only wait, by the blessing of God, he would gain all the "other things," which God had promised to those who put Him first. And put Him first Tersteegen did!

God knows how to wean our souls from the world, and by the chastening influence of trials draw our minds to Heaven. The means are different, but the effect is the same; it was not otherwise with Tersteegen.

He had occasion to visit the town of Duisberg; his way lay through a thick forest. Overcome by fatigue of the long walk, after the confinement in his shop, he was seized with a fever and most violent pains. At this time he was little more than sixteen years of age, and had come under a deep conviction of sin, and in seeking a change of heart had spent whole nights in prayer, reading his Bible and other good books, but finding no peace.

Here in this big, lonely forest God met him. Gerhard thought himself dying, and knew that

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he was not ready to meet his Maker. Falling on the ground in an agony of both body and soul, he cried to God to deliver him from death, that he might prepare himself for the eternal world. Suddenly the pain left him; his prayer was answered, and "he felt himself powerfully excited to devote himself unreservedly to God, who had been so kind and gracious to him." From this decision he never swerved, though his determination, through sickness, darkness of soul, and mysterious temptations was put to a severe test.

At the time of Tersteegen's conversion, Labadie's influence was paramount in Mulheim. Labadie, who left the Jesuits to preach the Gospel—driven from his own land, France—did his work in Germany and Holland so well that even his enemies had to admit that the Labadists had won over the best Christians and the most godly souls. On Labadie's departure from Mulheim he left Backhaus, formerly a tailor, now a schoolmate, to conduct the weekly meetings for the converts. Under his leadership many hundreds found the saving knowledge of God's grace.

Gerhard Tersteegen's slim figure and pale face were constantly seen at these meetings, and when—under the energetic leading of a young student, named Hoffman—the work received a new impetus, Tersteegen determined to devote his whole life to God's service. His apprenticeship coming to an end, he decided to abandon all idea of a mercantile life, and give himself up to an employment in which he could have more leisure for contemplation. He moved out of Mulheim, and took a suitable lodging in a

neighboring village. Here he attempted to earn his own living by weaving, and to spend every available moment in prayer and meditation.

It was the old story. He was seeking to escape from the world, and he was to find that he had brought the world with him in his solitude and in his own heart. At first, however,

The Habitation of God

PS. 27:4

*Here on earth a temple stands,
Temple never built with hands;
There the Lord doth fill the place
With the glory of His grace.
Cleansed by Christ's atoning*

*Blood,
Thou art this fair House of God.
Thoughts, desires, that enter
there,
Should they not be pure and fair?
Meet for holy courts and blest,
Courts of stillness and of rest,
Where the soul, a priest in white,
Singeth praises day and night;
Glory of the love divine
Filling all this heart of Thine.*

—Tersteegen.

all went well, and he enjoyed the retirement. Here he sat at his weaver's stool, with his Bible or book on the machine; and here he prayed and sang, puzzling out many a tough question.

His relations were furious that one of their family should thus voluntarily come down in the world and despise the wealth, which it was their one ambition to acquire. Cut off from his angered relations and doomed to a life of loneliness by his own choice and trade, his condition temporally was not enviable.

These were years of taking in and those days spent in study and contemplation brought their

reward later in readiness of speech, in depth of spirituality, and in a marvelous ability for dealing with souls in trouble. But he had, humanly speaking, to pay the penalty for his solitude.

For five long years God seemed to withdraw all evidence of His presence and favour and all evidence of spiritual emotion. He walked under a cloud. He studied and searched; and the more he did so, the deeper he went into the Slough of Despond, until at last he was ready to question the very existence of God. It was a dreadful tunnel through which he thus passed.

But the time was now drawing near when the cloud was to roll away and the darkness of his soul was to be replaced by a light which was to glow stronger with the years. It was on an occasion, he was journeying through the delightful Rhine province that the dreadful nightmare of doubt departed forever, and he saw God with the eyes of a pure heart. God's presence now stilled every doubt. He sang, he praised on that road, and then followed a deep peace which remained undisturbed till his death.

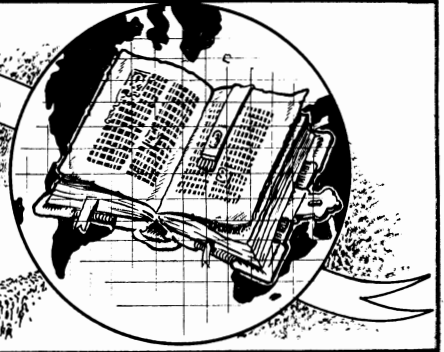
Solemnized by the next day being Good Friday and that then the joyous season of Easter would follow, he seemed to see in nature the outer Temple of his God, and in the change then taking place from winter to spring, the work of His fingers. In the many voices of spring, in the sound of humming bees, the awakening insect life, and the singing of birds, he seemed to hear the Master calling him—as He called Mary long ago—by name.

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GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD...

Seed-Time and Harvest

on the Mission Fields



IN THE CONGO

Mr. James Salter, who has just completed a six-months' tour of the work in the Belgian Congo, sends this inspiring report:

"Although it was the hardest tour I ever made yet I never felt so much of the presence of God all the time. I had the opportunity not only of visiting the people and stations of the Congo Evangelistic Mission but also those of the British Assemblies of God, the Swedish, Norwegian, and American Assemblies of God. My tour took me right through the Congo and completed the journey from Capetown to Cairo, Greece, France, and Belgium.

"It was a wonderful sight to see the forests of hands go up in some of the meetings in response to the Gospel appeal. I shall never forget one of these where God was saving souls and filling people with the Holy Spirit while the meeting went on.

"It is most encouraging to see the natives coming forward as never before to shoulder their responsibilities, both governmental and financial. They are putting up fine permanent buildings and accepting the oversight of the work in a most blessed way. Our Mission has felt led of the Lord to set a definite time limit for the goal of complete self-support for all the native side of the work. The people are rising to it and we feel sure the Lord will help them and us in this matter.

"Never were the obstacles greater, and never were the opportunities bigger. Despite numerous and apparently insurmountable difficulties the Gospel is making tremendous triumphs. Our folds are greatly encouraged to see the souls coming for-

FIVE YEARS IN AFRICA

This month marks the completion of five years of service in Africa for Miss Helen Hoss. Three of these years were spent in the North Transvaal. Since then Miss Hoss has been working among the colored people in Cape Province with headquarters at Port Elizabeth. The work there has grown so that the assembly must find larger quarters. Recently some of the services have had to be held outside in order to accommodate the crowds. One of the converts, a business man in the city, recently requested, "Please continue to teach us to praise the Lord and to sit at Jesus' feet." Miss Hoss adds, "It was worth it all to come to the colored people to hear something like that!"



Miss Helen Hoss

ward for salvation, bodies healed, and lives laid on the altar for Him. Despite shortage of finance we feel that we must accept the challenges and go forward to open up new territory and accept new workers. They are needs and God has said He will supply all our needs. On every hand one got the impression that we must act now; tomorrow will be too late. The King's business requireth haste."

IN INDIA

Miss Florence Dreyfuss has been conducting a school for native boys and girls in Mahoba. The Lord has answered prayer in sending good, trained teachers to assist here. "However," Miss Dreyfuss writes, "we have been having some opposition, as a number of parents have taken their children out of school, saying they are being taught too much about 'Yisu Masih,' (Jesus Christ). Well, that's what we're here for, and the Lord can overrule all opposition. Those of the children who have stuck are really learning to know the Lord.

"After years of toiling in India, seemingly in vain, at last a little light is beginning to dawn. The time of reaping is here. More and more souls are becoming interested in the Gospel and are asking for Testaments, or whole Bibles." Pray for a young couple who have put away all their idols and heathen customs and given their testimony throughout the town but have not had the courage to be baptized.

IN KENYA

Miss Marie Dilger reports spiritual blessing, conviction for sin, and repentance among the girls of the school there. "Materially, too, the school has been blessed, in that we now have beds for the girls." Soon the Nyang'ori tribe's people will have their first church building. Miss Dilger comes from the Full Gospel Tabernacle in Waukegan, Illinois. She will be joined soon, God willing, by

Miss Eleanor Malhus of Brooklyn, who is now waiting for her visa.

FROM SOUTH AFRICA

Mr. and Mrs. C. Mason send word from Northern Transvaal that God is definitely working among the people—especially at Potgietersrust where new missionaries, the Lautons, are laboring. "At every meeting the place is full. Sometimes a meeting will start in the afternoon and continue until two o'clock the next morning. Many are being saved and baptized in the Spirit."

IN TORONTO, CANADA

Immediately following Pastor Hans Waldvogel's brief visit to Toronto in November, Pastor Hugh J. McAlister of the Stone Church wrote in his weekly publication, the "Bulletin of the Stone Church Radio Pulpit," as follows:

"There was a man sent from God,"—this statement, made originally with regard to John the Baptist, is surely true also in connection with the recent visit of Pastor Hans Waldvogel of Brooklyn, N. Y., to the Stone Church. He came to us in the will of God and his ministry was made a blessing to many. But it was the ministry to the Ger-

man-speaking New Canadians which so greatly rejoiced our hearts. From the very first service with the German-speaking class in the Sunday School, the moving of God was evident, when several indicated their desire to be saved. In the six days from Sunday to Friday, it is estimated that somewhere around sixty came forward to take Christ as Saviour."

A more recent report from Mr. McAlister states: "We are thanking God for a continuation of the work of grace being wrought in the lives of many German-speaking new Canadians in our midst. Last Sunday night, we had our first water baptismal service for these German people, during which ten young men were immersed. We are expecting to have another immersion service next Sunday.

"A Christmas dinner was served by the people of Stone Church to a company of perhaps 140 German-speaking people on Dec. 26th. It was a happy gathering. Many people in that company indicated by up-raised hands that they had come into a definite Christian experience during recent weeks in Stone Church.

"Credit for the commencement of this great work must be given to Brother Paul Kroh-

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nert, a local business man whose vision for gospel work among these new Canadians inspired him to purchase a bus to transport them from the immigration camp to the church. The church board recently authorized Brother Krohnert to purchase a second bus, and we are trusting that the gracious work of God may continue among these people.

"Pray with us for a mighty downpour of the Holy Spirit upon them. We trust Pastor Waldvogel may be able to return for a continuation of his blessed ministry in our midst."

If I am ever tempted to doubt concerning the forgiveness of my sin, I resolve to take my New Testament with me to the judgment-seat of Christ, and putting my finger on the place where it is written, "He that believeth on Me is not condemned," to hold it up before Him and say, "Now, Lord, remember Thy word, in which Thou hast caused Thy servant to hope."

—George Herbert.

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The Lord also pressed my spirit to please Him in everything—not in some things only, to be ever pleasing Him.

—Thos. Shepard.

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Abandonment is the ability to respond quickly to the Holy Ghost.

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If my ministry doesn't flow from heaven, it will destroy souls.



A GROUP OF GERMAN-SPEAKING NEW CANADIANS

recently converted at Stone Church, Toronto. Pastor Hans Waldvogel is in the center. Pastor Hugh McAlister is the second man to the right from Mr. Waldvogel.

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 GERMANY:

Sal Gaglio sends this encouraging report:

"A note of rejoicing at this time! Friday night a boy came into the dispensary while I was in charge of quarters for the night call. I went to the treatment room and then felt strongly led to deal with him. The Lord just spoke over my lips and soon tears began streaming down his cheeks. He confessed with such child-like sincerity that he was once on fire for God as a young people's leader and worked ardently for Him. He went to many Pentecostal meetings seeking his baptism, but never received the fulness. His parents are godly people. He said that he was very lonely and that the meetings were very dry, and soon he began to backslide.

"I asked him if he would pray with me right then and there if I locked the door. He consented, and as soon as we kneeled, he began weeping bitterly in repentance. He prayed for some time and during that time I experienced a wonderful sense of God's

Presence in that treatment room. Jesus drew so near to us. When we arose his face was beaming with victory. What wonderful love which He loves us with! He was so happy and left the dispensary rejoicing. I received as much blessing as he as I was needing a new infilling. Hallelujah! Today, Sunday, I picked him up and brought him to this office and we prayed together and not without experiencing new filling. He said he felt like a new man inside. Glory to God!

"I have been having fellowship with a Lutheran boy whose home is in Kenosha, Wisconsin. He is a clean-cut boy with wonderful light and is so hungry for reality. He loves to pray with me and it is equal joy when I hear him praying and praising the Lord aloud. I spoke to him about his parents going to Peniel Tabernacle, and he said he would write them and tell them to call the Mitchells to send them my greetings."

Joseph Schilly, Joseph De Lucia, Warren Mayer, Charles Pra, and Sal Somma are also in Germany.

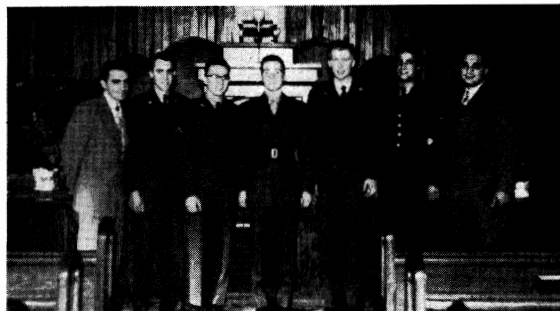
FROM HERE AND THERE

Gaspere Rimpici is at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Ronald Onkes is with the Merchant Marines. Carl Sommer is with the Marines. Daniel Immordino is at Camp Gordon, Georgia. Also at Camp Gordon is Heinz Fees as an instructor. His wife works in Augusta. Rolf Bocker is engaged in photography for the hospital at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. William Burger is at March Field, California. Henry Maasbach is with the medics at Fort Meade, Maryland. His wife is working in nearby Baltimore. Fred Manske is in the air corps stationed at Mitchell Field, New York. Jack Humphreys is at Ft. Bevens, Massachusetts.

Jack Brauchler, Jr., expects to be stationed in Boston until his discharge in April. James Kelly, a sailor, enjoyed the services at the Williamsburg Pentecostal Church while in port and is now stationed in Naples. Rudolph Josenhans is now at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, studying communications.

Raymond Tuminaro is with the Marines in Korea, and by this time Paul Fulweiler is probably there also. Donald Wagner is in Japan. Robert Ahrens and Daniel Pellegrino are in boot camp at Parris Isle, South Carolina. Arthur Modder, nephew of Mrs. Paul Mitchell, is stationed at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

Am I doing all I know and am I bending every effort of mine to know my Jesus better?



HOME ON FURLOUGH

Left to right: D. Immordino, H. Maasbach, R. Josenhans, C. Sommer, E. Kerut, H. Depold and H. Fees.



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Every time you say, "No," to the devil, and deny your flesh, and say always, "Yes," to Jesus, you are overcoming flesh, and, of course, overcoming Satan. To live a steadfastly obedient, careful life, with Jesus, and do these things that please Him wins the life of Christ and crucifies flesh. Reverse the order, keep indulging the flesh; keep doing these things that don't please Jesus; keep exercising your own will, etc., and, if you know the mind of the Lord, just fail to do it, why, of course, you miss your life in Christ; you get more in the flesh.

In the spiritual life you have to stand steadfast and be patient, and show the devil that as you fooled and yielded, so now you don't fool, and don't yield, and are in earnest. And, if you do slip somewhere, you are not going to let him run you, but will get right back again, sweetly and fearlessly, into God's will. Just turn around and retrace your spiritual steps, and for every step of disobedience take a step of faith or a step of obedience.

Satan can always overcome the man that is afraid he will be beaten and sits down in the flesh of fear. If you keep on in faith, keep on hoping, and praising, and doing as best you

know, not the things that please you, but the things that please God, what will happen?—Why, Satan will be as badly overcome as you have been. Satan will be conquered. Satan will be the one to get fearful and useless and sit down and guess it's a bad job.

The heart's purpose counts for so much with Him, and even on the devil it counts much too, for he looks at the wavering makeup, and he knows when a man puts down his foot of faith and settles the question that he will not go that way, etc., and Satan gives in when the man won't.

PREVAILING PRAYER

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ue seeking the Lord; and our faith will be strengthened until it lays hold of the promise of God and the blessing offered unto us.

But there may be other reasons why the blessing is kept back. Sometimes there is a spiritual conflict which we do not understand. We read in the prophecy of Daniel how he had to pray for over three weeks for a certain blessing. When finally the messenger of God came to him and brought the answer to his prayer, he said, "Daniel, you were heard the first day you prayed, but," the angel explained, "there was a conflict in the heavens, in the

spiritual realm, and the answer could not come through."

Beloved, that is a very important revelation. It tells us that in our praying we need not think that we have to wrest some blessing from God, which He is reluctant to give up to us; but rather, we take our stand with the Lord Jesus Christ for the blessing purchased and promised, and as we stand in faith He is able to give us the victory. We may not understand perfectly why the answer is delayed, but as we keep on seeking and trusting, God can and will work for us.

The seventh verse of Luke 18 is rather difficult to understand: "Shall not God avenge His own elect, which cry day and night unto Him, though He bear long with them?" The literal translation of the last phrase makes the thought plainer. It reads, "and is He longsuffering with regard to them?" That means, does God suffer long with the oppressors of His elect? The answer is given in verse eight: "I tell you that He will avenge them speedily."

As I said awhile ago, we may not understand fully the battles that are involved in real prayer. We do understand, however, if we know anything about prayer, that it means a conflict with the powers of darkness. But as we take our stand persistently upon the promises of God, He will fight for us, and He will manifest the victory.

May we learn to pray prevailingly. Let us obey the injunction of the Lord Jesus Christ "always to pray and not to faint." Though the answer be delayed, let us take courage and be assured that God will certainly answer, for "He abideth faithful."

GERHARD TERSTEEGEN

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His soul recognized Him, bowed in worship, and praised Him. It all happened so suddenly. Yes, his Good Friday was really over, his agony was past, and Easter had come. In earth, air, and sky, he saw the face of Him whom his soul loved and had been seeking. What he could not find in deep books, in strong tears, and in constant fastings, he found in the inner temple of his own longing heart by faith—simple, naked, clinging, and believing trust.

His dedication of his life to God was none the less full of decision, praise, and devotion. He wrote the words, he tells us, with his own blood. What is more to the point, he kept true to their spirit to the end of his life.

We will follow Tersteegen's simple and beautiful German as nearly as possible:

"My Jesus I own myself to be Thine. My only Saviour and Bridegroom, Christ Jesus, I am Thine wholly and eternally.

"I renounce from my heart all right and authority that Satan unrighteously gave me over myself.

"From this evening, the evening on which Thou, my Bridegroom and Husband, through Thy precious blood, didst purchase me for Thyself agonizing even unto death, praying till Thy sweat was as it were blood falling to the ground that I might be Thy treasure and Thy Bride by which Thou didst burst the gates of Hell asunder and open to me the loving heart of the Father! Yes! From this evening onward, my heart and all my love are offered up to Thee in eternal thankfulness. From this moment to all eternity, Thy will, not mine, be done. Command, rule, and reign in me!

"I yield myself without reserve, and I promise with Thy help and power rather to give up the last drop of this my blood than know-

ingly or willingly in my heart or in my life be untrue or disobedient to Thee. Thou hast me wholly and completely, precious Friend of my soul. Thou hast the love of my heart for Thyself and for none other. Take not Thy Spirit from me! Yea! Even so, Amen! May Thy Spirit seal that which is written in the sincerity of my heart!

"Thine unworthy possession,
"Gerhard Tersteegen
"On Green Thursday Evening,
"Anno Domini, 1724."

*The race of God's anointed
priests
Shall never pass away;
Before His glorious face they
stand
And serve Him night and day.*

*Though reason raves, and
unbelief
Flows on, a mighty flood,
There are and shall be, till the
end,
The hidden priests of God.*

*His chosen souls!—their earthly
dross
Consumed in sacred fire;
To God's own heart their hearts
ascend
In flames of deep desire.*

*The incense of their worship
fills
His Temple's holiest place;
Their song with wonder fills
the heavens—
The glad new song of grace!*

Cleansed, chastened, and consecrated, Tersteegen in that outward court of God's Temple on the Mulheim Road, like Isaiah in the Inner Court at Palestine, heard the voice of God crying: Whom shall we send, and who will go for us?" and was able to respond with word and action: "Here am I, send me!"

A period of unceasing effort for the salvation of souls and of "journeying oft" now fol-

lowed which made his life of a truly strenuous order. Tersteegen began his work of soul-winning in all sorts of queer places: in kitchens, barns, and sometimes in the open-air and on the canal-boats on the waterways of Rhineland. In these days of great outward activity, it is interesting to see how Tersteegen insisted that spiritual life was the root of all successful work for God. He placed the state of his soul higher even than the service which he wished to render his Master. He combined the spirit of the active Martha with the spirit of Mary who sat at Jesus' feet; and when he went to his work, he was fresh in utterance and persuasive in winning souls, showing, as one of his biographers says, "a most extraordinary insight into the needs of the souls he had to deal with."

As a preacher, teacher, and writer, Tersteegen has carved his name deep and permanently on the annals of his times; but I doubt whether his sermons will live as long as his songs. They are all perfect gems of beauty. Wesley may be said to have discovered Tersteegen for England and translated several of his hymns, for example the song beginning:

*Thou hidden love of God, whose
height,*

*Whose depths unfathomed, no
man knows!*

Beautiful in translation they are still finer in the old German in which they are written:

Tersteegen was certainly one of the "hidden priests of God" who kept the flame of truth alive on the altar of God at a time when it had almost gone out in the churches.