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How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings...that publisheth salvation." Isaiah 52:7.

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The Secret of Success

Rev. George I. Straub, Supt.

GOD'S MISSIONARY CHURCHES

"THE PEOPLE HAD A MIND TO WORK"
Nehemiah 4:6.

The opening chapters of the Book of Nehemiah stand out as a scene that deserves our prayful and exceful consideration. The scene before us is one of defeat, of sorrow, of bondage, and of grief. Israel, the Old Testament Church, was taken into Babylonian captivity by Nebuchadnezzar. The walls of Zion were broken down, the gates burned, and the altars destroyed. The great camp meetings and other Jewish festivals ceased, and saddest of all, God's people were made a gazing stock. A more perfect picture of Israel's distress is given in Psalms 137:1-4, "By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion. We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof. For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zen. How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?" The fourth verse reveals bonesty, which is the first step necessary to Seccess. Too many times folk want to enjoy the Elessings of God, without taking the way of confession and repentance. This verse also paved the way for future blessings, as Israel acknowledged that their sorrow and trouble was a result of their own sins. They refused to play the part of the hypocrite, but clearly stated that the Lord's song had left their hearts. They caught a revelation of their true condition, organized prayer bands, and went to seeking God. One may confess he is not where he ought to be in the grace of God, but this alone will not save us. "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." Isaiah 55:7. Pardon is granted when the penitent soul becomes willing enough

to forsake and turn from his wicked ways.

In the fourth chapter of Nehemiah's book we have the Prophet and a group of determined Jews preparing the way for a much desired revival. They attempted and undertook to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem in the face of great opposition. Sanballat and his followers mocked and scoffed, and did all in their power to defeat this great undertaking. They questioned whether such could be accomplished by asking: "What do these feeble Jews? will they fortify themselves? will they sacrifice? will they make an end in a day? will they revive the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish?" The first thing that made this task look questionable to Sanballat and his gang of cutthroats was the small group that undertook to rebuild the walls; he questioned whether these Jews loved their God enough to make such a great sac-

The secret of their success is mentioned in the opening word of our message... "The people had a mind (heart) to work." The question never was asked: "How much is in the job?"; they all put their shoulders to the wheel, and stood at their posts of duty. Pastor and laymen together were anxious to see another camp meeting, such as they had heard was witnessed in the days of their grandparents. They were determined to erase those painful memories, which caused them to weep and mourn along the rivers of Babylon. They learned by experience that the "pleasures of sin" are but for a "season," and put forth special effort to revive the old waste places, and rebuild the altars.

President Truman, while addressing Congress shortly after assuming the duties of the office, stated that the only way to overcome the perplexing problems confronting a nation and be success-

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EDITORIALS Thomas E. Frantz

"Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?" 1 Chronicles 29:5.

TODAY'S GREAT NEED

How numerous the needs of the Church of Jesus Christ seem to be today The home missionary worker tells of the need in his field; the foreign missionary worker of his field's need; the pastor of his church's need for revival and blessings, and so on into an endless list. But, after all, just what is one of the greatest needs? Dearly beloved, is it not for both young and old alike to CONSECRATE themselves to God and His cause?

Paul exhorted the brethren at Rome...."I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Romans 12:1. Paul saw

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that this was the need of the primitive church, and that only thru this act on the part of their will, which he termed a "reasonable" service, could they hope to succeed with the great commission of Christ. It might be well for us to follow the example herein shown.

Perhaps the greatest barrier in the way of an entire consecration is the selfish desire of an unsanctified heart. It is for this reason that the "dying-out" process attends the entire consecration. It is impossible for one to completely yield his life to Christ, without dying-out to his own personal ambitions. The writer remembers his boyhood ambitions to enter various professions, among them being the ministry, although in the compromising, selfish, self-reserving manner so prevalent then. Few youth there be that would even think twice of leaving a good-paying job to do service "For Jesus their Lord." May the Lord help us to see that it is in this matter that we are failing God today, Many missionary workers lament the fact that few young men will go out as heralds of the truth to sin-infested heathen fields. Why are so few willing to go as missionaries, or into the ministry? They have failed to consecrate their lives to God.

D. W. Whittle, in writing of P. P. Bliss' consecration to God, tells us in his "Memoir of P. P. Bliss": "Bliss-made a formal surrender of evervthing to the Lord; gave up his musical conventions; gave up his writing of secular music; gave up everything, and in a simple childlike, trusting prayer, placed himself, with any telent, any power God had given him, at the disposal of the Lord, for any use He could make of him in the spreading of His Gospel." The nowvielded song writer went forth to write such beautiful hymns as: "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning," "Pull for the Shore," "I Am So Glad That Jesus Loves Me," and many others. Up to the time of his untimely death in a train wreck, when he and his wife were seen uniting in prayer while they were dying in a flaming railroad car, he held fast his consecration to God. Oh, for many thousands of Christians all over our great nation to willingly give their lives to Christ to help bless a lost and dving

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THE STANDARD PULPIT

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Timothy 2:15.

"Behold, He Cometh"

Rev. John Noll, Pastor, God's Missionary Church, Beavertown, Pennsylvania

Text—Rev. 1:7 "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him."

The beloved disciple, John, writes from the Isle of Patmos, giving us this beautiful, inspiring text. He had outlived two and entered the third of the imperial martyrdoms, where many had sealed their testimony with their blood, including the sainted Peter and Paul. It might be expected, since he possibly was the last of the disciples, and since tradition has it that the others died a tragic death, that dear brother John should be discouraged; but, inspired by the Spirit, he pens these lines of hope and encouragement to all with like testimony.

It is mankind's greatest privilege, not only to be born of the Spirit and be filled with the Spirit, but to walk in the Spirit, having our eyes anointed with the heavenly "eyesalve" of which the Word speaks so as to behold the temporal and spiritual things. Praise God! While all may not be prophets or sons of prophets, yet it is our glorious privilege to be a "Friend of God." God speaks of one of His friends thus: "Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do?" Gen. 18:17. Abraham was the "friend of God" and walked with a heart perfect before God. It is our stand that it is still possible to be a "friend of God" and walk with Him, having the Spirit reveal to us the signs of the time and prepare us for the crowning event of all ages, the coming of Jesus. Many are the scoffers who say, "As it is written, Where is the promise of His coming, for all things remain as they were." But, to the friends of God, who have had their spiritual eyes opened, all things are far from what they were. On every side we see: desecration of all things holy unto the Lord; Sunday turned into "Fun-Day," the removal of the old landmarks; the turning away from the old paths, the "budding of the fig tree," the overthrow and changing of the boundaries of nations, the uniting of all evil cliques against true religion. These events can only be preparing the world for the coming of the anti-christ, and also for the coming of "this same Jesus." Praise His Holy Name!

The devil has striven to defeat every plan of the Godhead ever made for the salvation of mankind, and has apparently succeeded from a worldly point of view, but this is one plan he'll never de.eat: "Behold, he cometh with clouds." Those who have rejected Him will wail, and those who pierced Him will see Him; while those who have loved Him shall shout louder than before. The day of their expectations and dreams has come, for Christ is come. The devil could not bind Him, death and the grave could not hold Him, as He ascended to the Father, in plain view of his awestricken eleven, that we might have redemption completed in us. Yes, not only is He coming, but at His coming all those who sleep in the dust, having "died in the Lord" shall come forth, and we shall be all caught up together to meet Him in the air. Well might the song writer sing of "The Meeting in the Air."

Dear reader, as you read these lines, are you ready for His coming? If not, will you not kneel before Him and let Him come into your heart, so as to be ready when you hear the announcement: "Behold, he cometh with clouds." "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." Amen.

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world! Then, TODAY'S GREATEST NEED CONSECRATION TO THE SAVIOUR.... will result in a joyous harvest of precious souls.

The Secret of Success

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ful was to have the following in all departments

of the government and nation: (1) Unity of Mind or Purpose, (2) Unity of Spirit, and (3) Unity of Effort. This was the secret of success during the days of the early church; for they worked together with but one goal in mind, and that the salvation of the lost. God grant that the holiness movements of this day may learn, and learn well, the true SECRET OF SUCCESS.

THE MISSIONARY MESSAGE

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospe! to every creature." Mark 16:15.

A FIELD REPORT FROM CUBA

Rev. Paul H. Eversole

Central Santa Lucia, Oriente Cuba

April 30, 1949

Dear Editor and Standard Readers:

Grace, merey, and peace from the Lord Jesus Christ be yours. For some time I have been wanting to write to you and tell you something of the work here in Cuba. Before coming to Cuba this past winter (Reverend Eversole had been in the States for a few months in deputational work-Ed.), I felt led of the Lord to unite with God's Missionary Church, and subsequently, united with the Beavertown, Pa., congregation. our return to the Island, we immediately set about to have the work recognized with the Cuban government, and with the help of a native convert (my first convert in Cuba), Manolo Soriano, we were recognized in all the six provinces of Cuba.

Soon after my arrival back in Cuba, I went to Santa Lucia, Oriente, in Eastern Cuba, and within about two weeks Rev. George Straub (Supt. of God's Missionary Churches), Rev. Joseph Hoffman (Foreign Missionary Treasurer), and Rev. Clair Bailey (Singer & Musician) joined me. We had services on this part of the Island in the home of

a man that had been a Communist. The people began to pray, and the Spirit of God began to work in our midst. At times it sounded like a small camp meeting with the people weeping and praying to God. We also had some good day prayer meetings. I am sending some testimonies to be published. One girl told her mother that if the Lord wanted her to preach she would do it. Her name is Marta Carrillo (Carrye), and she is getting along fine.

After about two weeks Brother George Straub and Brother Joe Hoftman left for the U.S.A. and Brother Clair Balley stayed with me for a little over a month. We started having services in a nearby town named Potrerillo. We had pretty good crowds at first, and then some lost interest, but a fine group of young people have continued to attend the services. Later we started having services at Lindero, about one and one-half miles from Potrerillo, The group of young people walk with me to Lindoro, where a fine spirit is prevailing.

Recen'ty, Marta Carrillo went to visit in the country, and the way opened for me to go there to hold services. I am on the way, at this writ-

ing, to make the second visit. The people there have no services and know so very little about God. One man said he had attended never a Protestant service, Before long I want to visit a place called La Ceiba, where there is a closed church. They sent word that I could take over whenever I wanted to do so. We plan to go in a truck, and perhaps some of the people from both Potrerilio and Santa Lucia will go with me, The Lord willing, we plan to have a Chevrolet carryall truck to reach these out-of-the-way places. It has been ordered and shall arrive soon in Pa. and I expect to go into the U.S.A., and bring it back with me. (This is the truck that the Foreign Missionary Treasurer, Rev. Hoffman, spoke about last month, Will you not pray that this need may be met?-Ed.) Pray for us. We are in need of workers, and all of these places nced revivals. I believe God is wanting to supply all our needs, give us a great work, and save and sanctify many souls for His glory, here in Cuba.

> Your missionary in Cuba, Paul H. Everso'e

TESTIMONIES OF SOME NATIVE CHRISTIANS

I give my testimony with great joy in my heart, for before I was converted, I lived in darkness. Now I feel that I am beginning to live anew. How happy we live when we know Christ, and when He saves us from our sins and cleanses us with His precious blood. The Lord willing I would like for this testimony to be an example for all who have not known Christ, and when they hear my testimony that they may surrender to Him in order that their souls may be saved. May God bless you abundantly, and may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Marta Carrillo.

Dear Brethren:

I can only say that Christ Jesus touched my heart and when I felt that touch in Him, I understood that He wanted to tell me something. I was driven by the love I have for Him to the idea that I had to do something in order to understand

what He wanted to tell me, I prayed and asked Him to forgive me of all my sins, and I have been greatly relieved in my soul to see that He has blotted out forever all of my bad thoughts that I had and all the sadness of my heart. I feel a great happiness in my heart, and feel sure of

has pardoned all of my sins, and has given my heart all the good Christian ideas. May Christ permit that His blessings be poured out on all of us. Amen Jesus.

Antonio Carrillo Gonzalez.

this great joy, for I know that Christ

I feel inspired to tell of my faith in Christ, and how happy I am since I have known our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. He has done much for me and my family. I was sick and needed a dangerous operation soon, but one night in a meeting, I prayed to the Lord and He answered my pray-

er and filled my heart with His love. I then promised Him that I would serve Him all of my life if He would save me from all danger, and thanks to Him, I feel very happy and welt. I am keeping my promise to the Lord and surrendering to His service. A hope that all who do not know Him

Amemo Carrino Gonzalez.

will do likewise. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Acts 16:31.

Anna Gonzalez de Carrillo.

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EVANGELISTIC PULPIT

"Do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry." 2 Timothy 4:5.

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THE WORLD'S GREATEST TRAGEDY

Rev. D. E. Wilson, General Evangelist

In the account of Eve's fall as given in Genesis, chapter three and the first several verses heading up with the words of the serpent to her: "Ye shall not surely die," we have given to us the sad and dark background, suggesting the above-mentioned caption. While making no effort to explain who this seducer was-if we could-suffice it to say that in her having been so greatly taken in by the specious arguments of the seducer, despite what God her Creator had stated would happen to her if she disobeyed, the lie, she would not die, was believed. Her reaction to this falsehood while altogether satisfactory to the serpent proved disasterous to the whole human race. By resorting to a bit of alliteration, let us note the steps taken in leading to this, "THE WORLD'S GREATEST TRAGEDY."

First, and what a surprise, to find her at the very beginning listening, yes, she listened, and to a total stranger at that. If her Creator had been speaking, we could fully appreciate her listening to Him, but here was an intruder, one whom she had never before seen or heard, nevertheless and sad to say, "she listened." How like so many humans, especially in affairs pertaining to their soul's best interests, as they listen to the subtle wooings of a

strange voice thus being led away from their own best interests.

Having listened to this strange voice, the natural reaction would be to look. This act of looking was undoubtedly one of a mental as well as a physical nature. She saw the fruit and that it was good for food, pleasant to the eye and to be desired, all of which pointedly shows the power this interloper had over Eve. In this connection we could well ask, how about the millions today who are so deceived by the seeming pleasant and beautiful things about them that, being led by the naturally deceitful heart, are convinced that harmful practices do not harm.

Underneath this looking was an obvious longing. Yes, a longing to be like the wonderful Creator who had made her and who had so often visited with her in the garden He had given her as a home. This desire founded on a lie caused her to aspire to the unlawful as well as the unobtainable. What a picture of man today as he strives in an unnatural and unscriptural manner to attain to heights forbidden to him apart from his right'y relating himself to God's plan.

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EVIDENCES OF HOLINESS

John Wesley

By what fruit of the Spirit may we know that we are of God, even in the highest sense? By love, by joy, and peace abiding; by longsuffering, patience, resignation; by gentleness triumphing over all provocation; by goodness, mildness, sweetness, tenderness of spirit, by fidelity, simplicity, godly sincerity, meekness, calmness, evenness of spirit; by temperance, not only in food and sleep but in all things natural and spiritual. This involves further total resignation to the will of God without any mixture of self-will, gentleness without any touch of anger, even the moment we are provoked; love to God without the less love to the creature, but in and for God excluding all pride and envy, all jealousy and rash judging; meekness, keeping the whole inviolable, calm, and temperate in all things.

MONDAY MORNING EXPERIENCE & EVANGELISTIC REPORT

Matthew 25:40 "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Please read Matthew 25:31-46.

A MONDAY MORNING EXPERIENCE

Rev. Ella J. Nace

One Monday morning some time ago, we had eaten just about everything we had, and in those days we didn't have more than we needed. A sister came to help me with the week's washing. The fire was out, and there was no wash water on the stove. This surely looked like a blue Monday.

A knock on the door was heard, and when I opened it there stood a tramp, and he asked me for something to eat. I opened my mouth to say that I didn't have anything to give him, but the dear Lord said to me, "Give him what you have." I said to the tramp, "Come in." I quickly made the fire, cooked some eggs, made a fresh cup of coffee, and gave him some bread, butter, and preserves. While the old man was eating, my little girl talked to him about Jesus; she was a better preacher than she is now. He said: "Dunk (Thank) the Lord for this good breakfast. My dear Jesus didn't have any pleasures," and he repeated, "Dunk the Lord." I thought I would try him out, and I asked him to stay for fam-

ily worship. I read a Psalm, and we knelt in prayer; the children prayed and also the sister and I, and when I said "Amen," he raised his hands toward heaven. He surely did pray and we all got blessed. He said, "Good lady, I'm not a tramp, but my wife died a year ago, and my home is broken up, so I got along the best I could. I took sick and just came out of the hospital a few days ago. I expect to go to work as soon as I get stronger." When he said good-bye, I felt that inasmuch as I had done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, I had done it unto Him. I hope that all who read these lines, every member of the Standard family, will remember these words of Jesus; if we do, we will help this poor sinful world to be a better place for people to live in. God help us! I could write a book along this line, and maybe some day I will tell you more. I am eighty years of age, and have been doing this kind of work about fifty years.

Yours and His, all for Jesus and lost souls, Sister Nace

AN EVANGELISTIC REPORT

Rev. Marlin E. Moore

After filling the pulpit at the Pine Glen Church for some time, we were planning to move in the Lewistown vicinity, but apparently the Lord over-ruled this move, and in the meantime we were called for a revival to the Hannah, Pa., Methodist congregation. We began services there January 30, and found a very good group of people, who with their pastor, Rev. Frank H. Weller, stood by us wonderfully. The Lord helped us to preach as we never had before, and God came upon the services in mighty power. The attendance increased until the church was filled night after night and with some standing on some nights.

At the end of two weeks, when the date set for closing had arrived, the pastor and the church brethren said that it would be wrong

to close the services, so the meetings continued for two more weeks, with the altar lined every night with weeping praying souls. In the four weeks meeting there, fifty-six seekers (many of them found victory) had bowed at the penitent form in seeking God. God surely put His seal on this meeting, and many came from miles around to witness the power of God on the services.

After we closed this meeting, the pastor stated that he desired me to give him a meeting in another of his churches, so after a period of ten days we began at the Martha, Pa., Methodist Church, where they had had no seckers at the altar for fifteen years. After a meeting of twelve nights, we can report eleven

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AMONG OUR CHURCHES - ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS

REPORTS :-

Beavertown, Pa.—Great times at Beavertown Church where the Lord is blessing and souls are being saved and sanctified, and we can report victory in the latest meetings. We request the prayers of God's people and the Standard family everywhere that we may hold up the standard of a holy life. "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad."

Rev. J. Noll, Pastor.

Milesburg, Pa.—God's Missionary Church at Milesburg, recently organized as such, has enjoyed good victory recently in a revival meeting with the Rev. Russell T. Herr as evangelist. Thirteen souls sought the Lord for regeneration or for sanctification. One man was saved, for whom we had prayed for years, The church was greatly helped by Bro. Herr's ministry. We had sixty-five out to prayer meeting on Wednesday night and two people seeking the Lord; also had between seventy and eighty out Sunday night and four seekers. Surely the days of revivals are not past. We request the prayers of God's people for the work here at Milesburg, and His blessing here at the dedication services.

-Rev. Wm. Rachau, Pastor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-

Beavertown, P a .—O I d-fashioned tent meeting to be held on the farm of Mr. Clarence Gearhart, about five miles west of the church on the Macadam road, The meetings start June 19-July 2, and a baptismal service will be held in the stream one-fourth mile south of the church at the cov-

ered bridge on the afternoon of July 2, with the Rev. Dean Confer, as evangelist. —Rev. J. Noll, Pastor.

CAMP MEETING NOTES Penns Creek, Pa. July 21-31, 1949

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Central Penna, Gospel Band Appearing July 31.

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nights with seekers at the altar, and some glorious victories. Never have we seen such liberality, kindness, and love, as shown by this group of believers and their fine pastor.

We began a meeting at the Highland, Pa., Pilgrim, Holiness Church, with the Rev. Ellis F. Phillips of Howard, Pa., but had to return home for an operation and treatment at a

local hospital before the meeting was over. We are praising God for His wonderful love to us, and request the prayers of God's people. Since January 30, we have witnessed some one-handred souls at an aftar. To God be the glory.

Editor's Note:- Rev. and Mrs. Marlin Moore are open for revivals and camps, and would be a blessing to any of our churches. You may contact them: Rev. Marlin E. Moore, Rural Route 1, Millmont, Pa.

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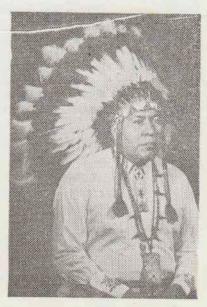
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Campers of previous years told of the manifest presence of God on these grounds. We do trust that the standard of spirituality may be kept high. Pray that God may visit us in a heavenly way.

This camp meeting is under the personal direction of the officers of GOD'S MISSIONARY CHURCHES. For further information and other particulars as to rates, etc., address: Rev. John Noll, Beavertown, Pa.