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*"The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it." Psalms 68:11.*

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## He Doesn't Know About Miracles!

by Ruth Vaughn

He stood behind the lectern in his custom-made suit and his expensively cut shoes—and I pitied his poverty. He spoke of great men, renown institutions, and high learning—and I pitied his ignorance. He told of things he had begun to see, the new vision that was his—and I pitied his blindness. He was the epitome of wealth, education, and culture. And I pitied him!

"You know of course," he said in refined tones, "that no one today accepts that the Bible was written to be believed. It is only a group of legends with good morals which have been handed down from generation to generation.

"Why, how preposterous to believe that the story of God's leading the children of Israel across the Red Sea on dry land!"

Preposterous? I thought. Why should that be hard to believe? Why, I know that it happened. I know, because I have crossed the "Red Sea" in my own life.

There was a time when there was no way through. Problems and confusions hounded me on chariot wheels. And then—just as they were about to overtake me in defeat, the rivers of my "Red Sea" parted and I walked through on dry land. No, not preposterous! Wonderful!

"And Daniel!" Here he laughed delightedly. "Who could ever be so childish as to believe that a man could actually spend a night in a den of lions in perfect peace and quiet? Why, the idea is simply absurd!"

Absurd? Oh no! I, too, have been in a lions' den. I have stood with my hands tied and ravening beasts about me with no means of escape. But in that moment God was most near, and with a gentle smile He shut the lion's mouths and they could do me no harm. And He gave me rest and deliverance.

No, not absurd! Thrilling!

"Even the stories written about Christ are not to be believed as actual events," the lecturer continued. "Why, whoever could imagine finding money supplied in a fish's mouth?"

Whoever indeed! At this, I chuckled softly inside. Why, I have found money supplied by the hand of God in just as unusual places!



### GREETINGS

General Officers of God's Missionary Churches, together with the staff of the STANDARD, join in wishing each reader a joyous RESURRECTION SEASON. **"HE IS RISEN!"**

When bills clamored for payment and finances were nonexistent, I asked God for help and it was supplied. Once it was a sugar bowl with a note attached from a friend. Once it was in a pile of diapers which were waiting to be folded. Once on a chicken's leg!

Fish's mouth? Oh, yes! God supplies the material need of His children in His own way—and sometimes it is really unique! But He always supplies each need on time!

I sat and listened to the lecture of this man and my heart filled with compassion for the poverty of his life. He did not know about miracles!

I have a little book in which I keep an account of the more startling miracles wrought in my life by the hand of God. The ones I take for granted are left out—such as the love of a closely knit family, fresh air to breathe, the delicacy of a snowflake. But it records the time I crossed the "Red Sea," the time I was delivered from the "lions' den," and many more.

Toward the back, my little book reports the time when, for me, as on the tossing sea, God quieted howling winds and turned storm into peace. At the beginning, in red ink and biggest letters, is the story of the time when God took eternal death from my soul and replaced it with everlasting life, thus making physical death a door to glories and splendor untold.

Mr. Lecturer, there are two realms. One we can see and touch and calculate. The other we see only through the lens of faith, touch only with the fingers of trust, and calculate only through

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"He is not here: for He is risen, as He said. Come see the place where the Lord lay." Matthew 28:6

## The Resurrection— Proof of Christ's Promise

Never had the hopes of a small band of men been raised so high as had the spirits of those faithful disciples of Jesus Christ! By the same token never had the spirits of any band been dashed so low, when He was crucified, and buried. Loving hands had laid Him in the tomb of Joseph, who before had been a "secret disciple," but, who—along with Nicodemus (another "secret disciple")—came forward boldly to claim the body, and then anoint it for burial. The conversation of the risen Lord with the two disciples headed for Emmaus tells us they were "sad," which is a feeble word, doubtless, to portray exactly what they felt in their hearts.

Rev. Charles Spurgeon, on remarking concerning Resurrection truths, said we may learn more from what Christ left behind Him in His triumphant awakening. The grave clothes speak to us of the fact that the graves of the saints are hung with tapestries of the sky. He left an OPEN tomb, thru which saints of this age may pass to the Other Life. He left behind His angels, and they will minister to the saints. He folded his napkin, said Mr. Spurgeon, "Let all the mourners dry their tears on it."

In our text, the angelic announcement to the faithful women "disciples"—they were disciples, indeed—brings inspirational musings to our hearts, especially the phrase, "AS HE SAID," and we find this Promise of Resurrection to be:

### SUCH A COMFORT

"Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but because I live, ye shall live also." John 14:19 The older one becomes, the more targets we see Satan score a hit on dead center, and the more tragic deaths we witness, we increase our dependence upon the Hope of the After Life. A few short years ago the writer had the sad task of going over possessions and papers of a beloved parents. A pocket watch that Dad had often showed me as a lad, when I climbed on his knee, and one he had carried for 44 years, lay in the corner of the suitcase brought from the hospital after he had deceased. That watch now lies in my dresser drawer, and is a mute testimony of the fact that we leave everything of this world behind us when we go to That Land. We see older saints, clinging to life here by just a thread, "ready" to meet the Lord, and yet a bit reluctant to say that last farewell. We needn't be, however, for these words of Jesus are such a COMFORT: "Because I live, ye shall live also." Then, to have the angels tell it joyfully, "He is risen, AS HE SAID," is to bring fresh assurance, and great courage to every Christian's heart. Spurgeon writes that when Christ left the spices given to anoint His body, their sweet perfume would take the repulsive, the deadly, the fear of death from the saints who enter the tomb. The great evangelist Moody said to his family in his last hours: "Earth is receding, Heaven is Opening, Jesus is calling, and I must go." That's the way it is for God's people today. They feel the things of this world slip, Heaven seems close, Christ calls, and away they go to be with Him.

### SUCH A CONFIRMATION

"AS HE SAID". Let us remember that, after all, the Jewish leaders, the multitudes, nor the Roman soldiers actually took from Him His

Divine Life! Christ had said, "No man taketh my life...I lay it down." He submitted Himself to Death on the Cross, for the words of the recent song favorite tells us: "He could have called ten thousand angels, to destroy the world, and to set Him free...but He died alone, for you and me." In other words, He died according to His own plan, which was the will of the Father. The plan of the Father became the Will of the Son, and the Will of the Son consumed the Plan of the Father. John 3:16 tells us this very truth. Now, the Divine Saviour, had risen from the dead, "AS HE SAID." This proves every promise of the Saviour to be iron-clad, immovable, irreversible, and also irrepressible. Flip through the Book, neighbor, and rejoice that the Resurrection furnishes the cement to "make stick" every chapter, every verse, every line of Divine Promise. If Christ could

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## Look for these Qualifications

By Paul S. Rees

A British missionary executive said to me recently, "I can no longer tell our congregations at home that our Number One need is more missionaries. For two reasons: first, because twice or three times as many missionaries as we now have in total would still be an inadequate force; and, second, because the present overseas situation demands that we put the emphasis not upon the **quantity** of our missionaries, but the **quality**."

I believe he is right.

This raises a very obvious question: What qualifications should be rated as "musts?" Let me name four.

### INCORPORATION—

By this word I mean such a personal knowledge of Jesus as carries with the assurance that one is "in Christ," to use a phrase of which St. Paul was fond. A recent version speaks of it—perhaps a bit clumsily—as our being "incorporated into Christ." A vital union has taken place, in which a person's relationship to Christ is properly likened to the relationship between a vine and its branches.

An Ethiopian student-body president said lately, "We don't want a missionaries' thoughts, structures, ideas, nor even their religion. We want Christ! Do they know Him?"

No amount of up-to-date training can ever take the place of an up-to-date testimony: "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him again that day," (Second Timothy 1:12). This is what someone has called "the dogma of personal experience." The missionary must

know that he has been taken up into Christ, now lives in Christ, is devoted to Christ, and would die for Christ.

### INDOCTRINATION—

Though fads and fashions in theology are almost as numerous—and as ephemeral—as they are in women's hats, the heart of the Christian gospel remains ever the same: "I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received... For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day, according to the scriptures," (I Corinthians 15:1, 3, 4).

This is the good news!

All men are sinners and need a Savior; all men are rebels and need a Reconciler. God has come in Christ to bear the pain and shame, yes, even the wrath, which are the price of this reconciliation. This is no religion, which is man's futile doing in self-effort; this is the Gospel which is God's final deed of love in utter self-giving.

Thus the instructed missionary has a story to tell, not a religion to argue. He has a Person to offer, not a program to promote.

### IDENTIFICATION—

"I am a free man," said the Apostle Paul, "and own no master; but I have made myself every man's servant, to win over as many as possible," (I Corinthians 9:19, NEB).

The capacity to identify with others, always valuable in missionary work, is now a necessity. True, there has been confusion as to what this means. Does it mean wearing the same type of clothes worn by the nationals we seek to serve? Eating their food? Living in exactly the same kind of house?

The most informed answer is that, generally speaking, this is not what is required.

The authentic identification is psychological and spiritual—a friendliness that is uncondescending and unselfish, and an appreciation that is not phony.

Here, for example, is a missionary who teaches in a mission school in Congo (Leopoldville). She says: "I work with seven Congolese teachers, and we are all under a Congolese principal. The fact that my skin is white doesn't make my standing in the school any different from the others. The principal gives me a scolding glance for being two minutes late to class, just as he does the other teachers. I have to ask permission to deviate from the regular schedule, just as the others do. As a team of teachers, we share in the responsibility of seeking to honor the Lord Jesus before our students, thus making our school a testimony in this spiritually-needy land. With the Congolese director taking the responsibility of leadership, I can identify with the other teachers."

Ten years ago it would have been hard to find a missionary to Congo accepting such a status, filling such a role.

The same missionary goes on to say that it was a compliment that she took as from Christ when she was chosen as maid-of-honor at a simple, lovely African wedding.

"But my record is by no means shiny. Some nights I go to bed a very discouraged missionary, and I ask the Lord to make me so 'one' with these people that they will feel free to come 'just to chat' without thinking they must pay at the door. We have much to learn. Only with God's help can we become one with these people."

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## FOR THE SECRET CLOSET

"Enter in thy closet . . . pray to thy Father in secret"

### My Sister

My Sister served God and served Him well,  
Her concern for me kept my soul from hell;  
Although she travelled the narrow road,  
She said, Jesus helped her carry the load.  
My Sister got saved the old-fashioned way,  
At a mourners bench, she knelt to pray;  
She repented, confessed, and forsook all her sins,  
Jesus signed her pardon, then adopted her in.  
My Sister was filled with the Holy Ghost,  
Walked the Holiness Way that's despised by most;  
She carried a burden for all of her kin,  
Her intercessory life brought some of us in.  
My Sister's not dead, she is just asleep;  
It's this separation that makes me weep.  
Like Martha and Mary, I weep not in vain,  
For Jesus promised she shall rise again.  
My Sister's with Jesus, Angels, Father and Mother,  
Tommy, Jean, Emily Ann, and Cameron her brother;  
I know she is happy, in the land of the blest,  
Her battles all won, at last she has rest.  
My Sister was a wife, a Mother, and friend,  
Like Abel her influence, will never end;  
At Church or Camp, reunion or home;  
We'll remember her, where ever we roam.  
Friends and Relatives, gathered here;  
Are you sure, your souls are clear?  
Let's settle it now, before its too late,  
And meet our Sister, at the Pearly Gate.  
This Poem was given to Fred Watson by inspiration of God—Tuesday Nov. 17, 1964

### Wonders of Nature

Have you considered the fixed pattern of the snowflake? Thousands of snowflakes have been examined, but not two identical ones have yet been discovered. However, the parts of the flake fall together always at angles of 60 and 120 degrees—never more, never less. This is the way God makes snowflakes. If we want snow, we must take it on this pattern. This is authority in the material order, symbolic of the dependability and reliability we find also in the moral and spiritual realm.

### Before You Passed

Henry Ward Beecher on a very cold day stopped to buy a newspaper from a ragged boy who stood shivering on a street corner.

"Poor little fellow, aren't you cold, standing here?" inquired the clergyman with a smile as he told the lad to keep the change.

The boy's face became aglow with radiance. "I was cold, sir, before you passed. Now you have made me warm."

### No Hands But Ours

Shortly after the culmination of the Second World War, a devastated city in England began its heartbreaking and wearying work of restoration. In the old city square had stood a large statue of Jesus Christ, with His hands outspread in an attitude of invitation. On the pedestal were carved the words, "Come unto me."

In the process of the restoration of the statue, with the aid of master artists and sculptors, the figure eventually was reassembled, except for the hands, of which no fragments could be discovered anywhere in the surrounding rubble. Someone made the suggestion that the artists, since the former hands could not be found, would have to fashion new hands.

Later came a public protest, couched in the words, "No, leave Him without hands!" So, today, in the public square of that English city, the restored statue of Christ stands without hands, and on its base are carved the words, "Christ has no hands but ours."

—Pilgrim Holiness Advocate

### A Sinner Saved

Many years ago there was a mother in Somerville, N. J., whose son, a young man, had begun to lead a desolate life. One evening she begged him not to go out, but he declared, "Mother, I am not going to be tied to your apron string."

The mother replied, "Please try to remember that every moment tonight until you come back I will be on my knees, asking God to save you."

The son, with a rude gesture and unuttered oath, rushed from her presence and spent the night in a shameful carousal. It was four o'clock in the morning when he got home. He had managed to keep his mother out of his mind during his revelry. As he got to the house he saw a light shining through the shutters. Looking in he saw his mother on her knees and heard her praying, "God save my wandering boy." Going to his room he threw himself on his bed, but could not sleep. After a while he arose, then knelt down, and seemed to him that Christ's power proceeded from a room where his wrestling mother was pleading with God, and it led him to cry out, "God, be merciful to me a sinner." That very morning he was saved. The news of his salvation soon spread, and in three weeks from that time more than two hundred young people had been converted. This young man was the father of T. DeWitt Talmage.

—God's Revivalist

## How to Keep A Clean Heart

S. L. Brengle

It is possible to lose the blessing of a clean heart, but it is also gloriously possible to keep it. "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him." Col. 2:6.

That is one of the simplest and most complete statements of how to keep the blessing that can be given. The conditions of getting it are the conditions of keeping it.

To keep a clean heart there must be continual, joyful, and perfect consecration. We have put all on the altar to get it. We must leave all on the altar to keep it. "All the tithes" must be brought into God's house, and we must present our bodies to Him as "a living sacrifice," recognizing ourselves as no longer our own, but His, by the purchase of His blood, and ourselves as stewards only of all that is ours—our health and strength and our time and talent, our money and influence, our body, mind, and spirit, all are His, to be used for His glory.

This consecration must keep pace with increasing light. The journey of life is not always through grassy lawns and flowery gardens, but often over burning, shifting, sandy deserts, rocky steeps, fetid swamps, and dark and tangled jungles, as the Lord leads the soul in ways it has not known; and at such times self-interest may cry out against the sacrifice. But if the consecration be perfect, and grounded in love, there will be no turning back, no plunge into seductive and easy bypaths, but a steady march forward, if needs be to Gethsemane's lonely agony, Pilate's judgment hall of shame, and Golgotha's dark and awful hour. But it will not be alone, for He says, "My presence shall go with thee."

To keep a clean heart there must be steadfast, childlike faith. It took faith unmixed with doubts to grasp the blessing. Unbelief was banished. Doubts were put away. The assurance of God's love in Jesus was heartily believed. His ability and willingness to save now to the uttermost was fully accepted, and His word simply trusted

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## Three-Word Biography of a Christian

E. W. Lawrence

Isaiah's experience, as recorded in Isaiah, chapter six, reminds me of a dread lament and sad confession in Roman's, chapter seven. However you may interpret that latter chapter, you have to admit that it is biographical, and that it describe a man who has not attained to the full ideal of God for his life. His spiritual state is a matter over which theologians have never yet been able to agree. The cry recorded there, "Wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me?" does in any case illustrate the spirit of frustration experienced by the unsanctified believer when he becomes conscious of the presence of depravity within his heart, when he realizes that there is a need which the grace bestowed on him in regeneration has not met. So he longs for something better.

The truth of the matter is that God has much more to give to the regenerated soul, and that is the blood-bought inheritance of entire sanctification. That is why the Apostle Paul told the believers at Thessalonica that sanctification was "the will of God" for them. Then there was his prayer for them: "The very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless."—1 Thess. 5:23, 24.

It is in the blessing of a personal Pentecost that the earnest seeker finds the deliverance he requires from the incubus of indwelling sin; he finds the "something better" for which his soul has craved.

"When the day of Pentecost was fully come...they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." That describes only one side of the Pentecostal anointing. Acts 15:8, 9 supplies the other side. There Peter, referring to the experience recorded in Acts 2:1-4, said, "God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us...purifying their hearts by faith." The experience of the young prophet Isaiah supplies the key to this blessing of a personal Pentecost.

Uzziah, king of Judah, had a reign of fifty-two years. He was

a good king, and ruled well, and became strong. But then sin crept in and marred the whole picture. Success spelled his downfall. He infringed on the rights of the priesthood, and the Lord smote him with leprosy. He remained a leper to his dying day.

In his disobedience Uzziah manifested that rank spirit of self-lordship which is the very essence of sin. "My claim to my right to myself" is the definition that Oswald Chambers gave of sin. God can do but one thing with sin, that is, judge it. All this affected Isaiah's views of sin. He realized that sin, after all, is not necessarily something vicious, such as idolatry, murder, blasphemy, or adultery. It is egoism and conceit.

Isaiah saw the Lord high and lifted up, with His train filling the temple. In the background of this vision glorious he saw also his own inner need, which put things for the young prophet in a new light altogether. He realized that sin is a virus of nature, an inbred malady, a principle of wrong being.

Sin is that abominable thing which God hates. The prophet said to the Lord Jehovah, "Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity."

In obedience to the command of their risen Lord, the disciples gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem. Their Master had instructed them to wait there for the advent of the Holy Spirit. He was to endue them with power, and thus qualify them for service in the Kingdom's far-flung reaches. "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me," was the promise.

As they tarried in that upper room the disciples no doubt realized their own inner depravity, their own sinfulness. They could have confessed with the prophet, "Woe is me! for I am undone," and prayed with David, "Create in me a clean heart. O God; and renew a right spirit within me." Included in the experience of Pentecost was cleansing from sin's inbeing.

A vision of God in His sovereign glory, then of ourselves and our need, comes to us individually today. Only as we walk in the light

can we have fellowship with the Lord, and cleansing from all sin. Sin is not only wrong-doing, it is wrong being. Drastic spiritual cleansing is needed for the sake of our communion with God. "We need God for Himself." It is also needed in order to facilitate the mission of redeeming grace. "Whom shall I send?" That is the call Isaiah heard. We, too, are called to communion and to service.

In Isaiah 6 we are confronted with a three-word biography of a Christian—Woe! Lo! Go! The Woe of conviction the Lo of cleansing, and the Go of commission. There is a threefold look—a look upward to the throne, inward to the heart, and outward to the needy world. "Tarry ye therefore...until ye be endued with power from on high," remembering also this Scripture, "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land," for God gives His Holy Spirit only to those who obey Him.

—God's Revivalist

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# Missionary Message

## Good News!

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Please read the following excerpts from a Missionary Newsletter recently received from Africa, where prayer has been answered in a wonderful way. Pray for the missionaries.

### BONNIE CLEAVER TO RETURN TO AFRICA

Word has been received that Sister Bonnie Cleaver, who has studied at Messiah College at Grantham, Pa., for the past two years, will be returning to Africa in June, 1965, God willing. Pray that God will make it possible for her to fulfill another term on the field, without additional illness.

### BROTHER SEYMORE HOPING TO COME TO AMERICA

The General Board of God's Missionary Church has been advised that preparations are nearing for the Seymore Family to come to the United States from Cuba. Pray that God will make it possible for them to come soon. They are greatly needed in the Mission Work in Florida among their own people.

January 20, 1965

Dear Prayer Warriors,

"Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand." Psalms 95:2, 3, 7a.

Back here in the hinterland of Liberia, we are definitely aware that Jehovah is our God and we are the sheep of His pasture. God has protected us from hurt, harm and dangers; He has given us favor with the people and prospered His work on the mission. There has been great happenings on the

mission these past six months—we have had several distinguished guests visit us, our commencement exercises, our Young people's services, Christmas day happening and Church news. But first of all we have some news for which we have been waiting and praying "ever since."

Yes it is coming! and we could hardly believe it when we first heard—our workmen told us, Teacher Samuel told us, Teacher Pearl told us, then when we went to our friend, Chief Bunya, he confirmed it—We will soon have a long concrete bridge over the Mein River, a small bridge over Meninga Creek and a road from Monrovia to Cleantown, passing parallel to mission property and a "stone's throw" from our front door. I know you are asking how did all this come about? "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!" In the providence of God, the President of Liberia, William V. S. Tubman, will spend his birthday in Ding Gola District this coming November. The mission is located in the heart of Ding Gola, which means that the President will in all probability pass directly in front of the mission house. Of course, all roads and bridges over which President Tubman will travel must be in excellent condition. So you see the Lord has given us a road. This will mean that for the first time in the history of the mission we will be able to drive all the way up to the mission door.

We just ended a 30-day amebic treatment. We try to be extremely careful with our food and drinking water, but somehow we contacted ameba. We were thankful that it was diagnosed in the early stages. Charlene and Danny are fine. Now that the Liberian children are on vacation, Danny finds it difficult to keep his mind on math, history, etc. When his classes are over he and the boys

have gone fishing and brought us back fresh fish for dinner.

Continue to pray for us. We are sure that you feel as we do in the plan of God to establish the mission in Africa. We have "visions" of a suitable mission house, school building, electricity, running water and a church...Is anything too hard for the Lord?

In service for the King,  
Barbara and Frances



## Prayer

PRAYER—secret, fervent, believing prayer lies at the root of all personal godliness. —William Carey.

Prayer takes the very highest energy of which the human is capable. —John Coleridge.

Prayer is the creator as well as the channel of devotion. —E. M. Bounds.

Prayer is the most important thing in my life. If I should neglect prayer for a single day, I should lose a great deal of the fire of faith. —Martin Luther

Prayer which is effective is that prayer which attains the blessing that it seeks. It is that prayer which effectually moves God. —Charles G. Finney.

Prayer must carry all our works as well as our preaching. Paul gives us frequently his example of praying night and day for his hearers. —Richard Baxter



## Inter-Church Holiness Convention

Place— God's Bible School  
Date— April 20, 21, 22.

Opening Service— 3:00 p.m.,  
Tuesday, April 20.

Opening Service Speaker— George I Straub

Other Speakers: Dr. Dale Yocum, H. Robb French, Victor Glen, S. I. Emery, S. D. Herron, D. P. Denton, M. J. McCleery, Leslie Wilcox, Glenn Griffith, J. M. Sullivan, August Luelf, Ray Smith, and others.

Special Rally— Thursday at 2:45 p.m.

Convention Musicians— Edwards Trio

Convention Chairman— H. E. Schmul

NOTE: There is a limited amount of free lodging. For information, write: Miss Alexander, 1810 Young Street, Cincinnati 10, Ohio, after April 12, 1965.

## Milesburg Special Services

April 26—May 2, 1965. Rev. Donald E. Hicks, a son of the congregation, from Indiana.

May 9—Afternoon & Evening. The Central Penna. Gospel Band.

June—Farewell Rally for Sister Bonnie Cleaver, to be announced.

## The Valley of the Shadow

PECKHAM, EUGENE. Prattsville, N. Y. December 28, 1889—March 15, 1965. Brother Peckham was suddenly called by the Lord while on an inspection trip of his farm, and leaves to mourn his passing: His beloved wife, Beulah; one daughter, Marie Truesdale; and one son, Terry Peckham—all of Prattsville, New York; Two brothers and two sisters.

A brief prayer service was held at the late home, followed by further memorial services at the First Methodist Church of Prattsville, where Rev. Harold Galloway, the church pastor, conducted the opening sentences. Rev. Russell Davis, pastor of the Ebenezer New Reformed Church of Bingen, Pa., and a former pastor of Brother Peckham read suitable scriptures and offered prayer. The message was delivered by Rev. Thomas E. Frantz, pastor of the Church In the Valley at Milesburg. Special numbers in song were presented by another former pastor and wife.

Interment was made in Fairlawn Cemetery, Prattsville.

The prayers of God's people are solicited for Sister Beulah and her family.  
—Editor

## EVANGELISTIC SLATE

Rev. James T. Carroll  
c/o Rev. William Tillis  
RD 3  
Williamsport, Pa.

Richfield, Pa. (Evangelical Methodist) March 24-April 4

Senecaville, Ohio (Wesleyan) April 7-18

Middleburg, Pa. (Pilgrim Holiness) April 21-May 2

Worcester, N. Y. (Pilgrim Church of N. Y.) May 12-23

Amsterdam, N. Y. (Pilgrim Church of N. Y.) May 26-June 6

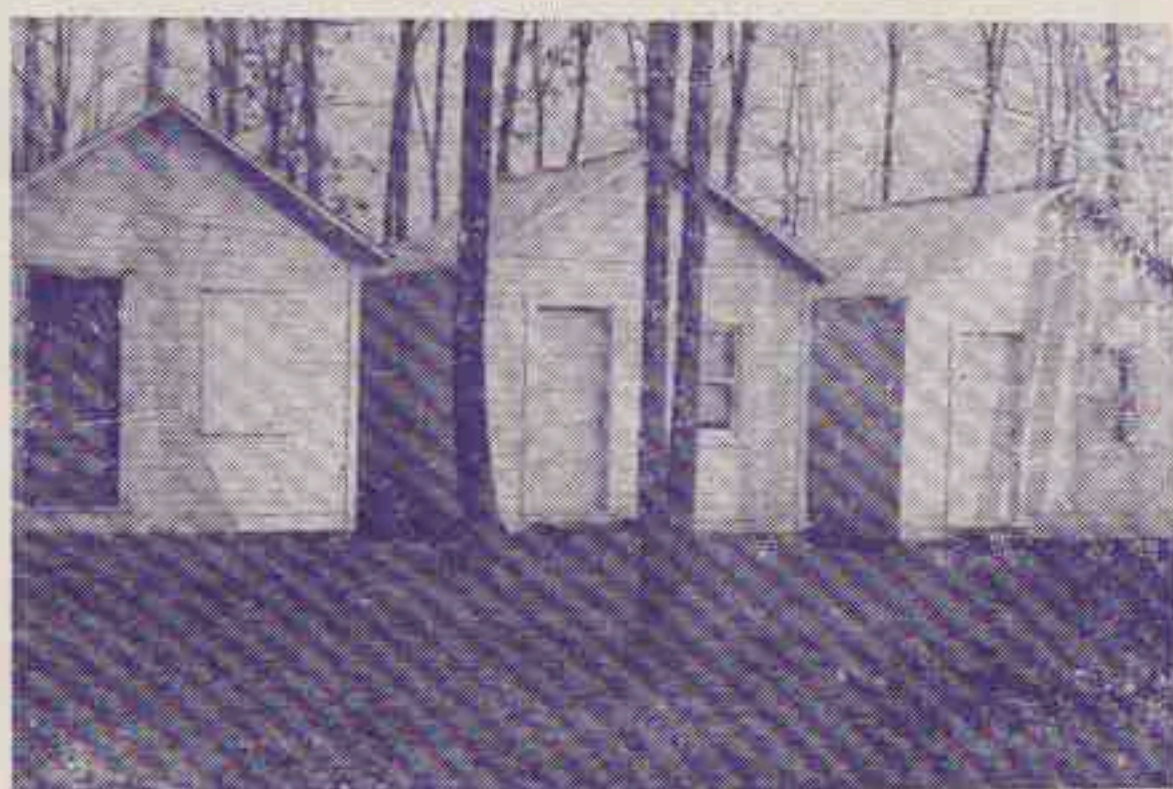
Mt. Pleasant Mills, Pa. (C. Union Church) June 9-13

## Report

It has been several months since we gave our report to the Church Paper. We have just closed a wonderful revival with the Interdenominational Church, near Wind Gap, Pa., and are at the present time in a meeting at Allentown, Pa., in the Good News Tabernacle.

We have been very busy in the Lord's vineyard, and have had some of the very best preachers and people to work with in the world. God has given us hundreds of souls, and we have learned to love and appreciate God's people more than ever. We have some open dates in the Fall of 1965. We will be glad to go and work and to do our best to help some soul. We appreciate working with our Good Superintendent, Rev. George I Straub, and the wonderful fellowship of the churches where we have labored.

Rev. James T. Carroll  
c/o William Tillis  
RD 3  
Williamsport, Pa.



Views of cottages at Penns Creek

## A Special Opportunity!

The Camp Board of Penns Creek Camp has just announced the availability of several cottages on the Camp Grounds. For years we have not had any for sale, but now five or six single and double cottages are available, under prop-

er restrictions. If you are interested in this opportunity, contact:  
Rev. George I. Straub  
P. O. Box 46  
Penns Creek, Pa.

A description of the cottage size, location, and a sample deed will be sent for your inspection, upon receipt of your deposit or down payment.



"Lift up your eyes to the hills"



## Have You A Shepherd Heart?

Wesley Duewel

The great need in the work of God is the shepherd heart. No one can faithfully serve Christ and His church unless he has the heart of a shepherd. No one can be a successful pastor, district superintendent, or seminary teacher unless he has the heart of a shepherd. Of church leaders there are many, of people who aspire to be church leaders there are many more, but how rare is the shepherd heart!

**The shepherd heart is known in all the the shepherd does.** There is something in his touch which is different from the touch of all other hands. A church in the hands of a man with a true shepherd heart is a different church from one in the hands of an ordinary pastor. **The shepherd's hands are steady**—they do not let one sheep go. **They are often torn by thorns**—sheep so often get into trouble, and only the hands of a shepherd can help them. **The shepherd's hands are gentle**—no sheep has yet been hurt in the hands of a shepherd. Many a pastor's hands are rough hands, the sheep are getting hurt, for the pastor lacks the shepherd heart. What the church of Christ needs today in place after place is the gentle hand of a true shepherd. Do you have the shepherd's touch?

**The shepherd's voice is a special voice.** Sheep always recognize the voice of their shepherd. The shepherd's heart is discerned in the shepherd's voice. His voice has a note of sincere interest and love. Sometimes it is a voice of warning, sometimes it is a voice of invitation—always it is a voice of love. Sometimes it is a voice of discipline and rebuke, sometimes it is a voice of comfort and assurance—but always it is a voice of love. Once a sheep has known the voice of a true shepherd, it does not want to follow anyone else. If your church members have ever had a real shepherd, they know if you lack the shepherd heart. They will not respect you; why should they—you are but a hireling. They can tell it in your voice. If people are not eager to hear you, it is evident that you lack the shepherd's voice and

message. They will follow a true shepherd.

**The shepherd leads his sheep.** If sheep are weak and thin, it may be because the shepherd has not led them to green pastures. If the sheep are thirsty, it may be that the shepherd has failed them. God has plenty of refreshing streams. Sheep will drink if you lead them to the truly refreshing streams. If the sheep are spiritually asleep, their shepherd should search his own heart. A true shepherd stays awake—the man who sleeps is a hireling. If the shepherd has not received fresh blessing on his own soul during the week, how can he lead his sheep to refreshment on Sunday? A sleepy church, a lifeless church, may be the result of the lack of a shepherd heart. Are you leading your sheep? They will not go farther in the things of God than you have gone. They will not seek after others unless you lead them. The church of Christ is suffering today because of shepherds who do not lead.

**The shepherd will lay down his life for his sheep.** He loves his sheep so much that he counts it no sacrifice to seek them, to grow weary caring for them, and often he has to carry a sheep for a long distance. It is not too much trouble; he carries it because he loves it. He carries it because it needs to be carried. The church has many people who, at times, need to be carried. The true shepherd comes to love his sheep all the more as he carries it, for he gets closer to it then than at any other time. Sheep know the heart of the shepherd who sympathizes with them.

The church does not prosper if its pastor lacks the shepherd heart. Each sheep in your flock suffers if you lack the shepherd's heart. Do you have such a heart? Do you really have it? You are not worthy to pastor Christ's church unless you have it. Jesus wants you to have a shepherd heart, and He will give it to you today. Your church will know, and your ministry will be different, when you have a true shepherd heart.

—God's Revivalist



## A Good Prescription

King Solomon left among his wise sayings a prescription for the sick and sad hearts, and it is one that we can safely take. "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine." Joy is the great restorer and healer. Gladness of spirit will bring health to the bones and vitality to the nerves when all other tonics fail, and all over sedatives cease to quiet.

Sick one, begin to rejoice in the Lord, and keep on rejoicing in Him, and your bones will flourish like an herb, and your cheeks will glow with the bloom of health and freshness. Worry, fear, distrust, care—all are poison drops. Joy is balm and healing, and if you will but rejoice, God will give power. He has commanded you to be glad and rejoice; and He never fails to sustain His children in keeping His commandments. Rejoice in the Lord always, He says, which means, no matter how sad, how tempted, how sick, how you suffer, rejoice in the Lord just where you are, and begin at once, this moment.

"Consider him...lest ye...faint."  
—Heb. 12:3.

—A. B. Simpson  
—God's Revivalist



## Look for these Qualifications

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### INDUNDATION—

"Be filled with the Spirit," urged Paul in Ephesians 5:18.

If ever missionaries need to know the enduement of the Spirit of God for holy, healthy, adequate living and for faithful, fruitful service, it is now.

Too many missionaries are more familiar with frustration than with fullness. They are riddled with anxieties, when they long to be robust with assurances. A depressed spirit grips them, when the fulness of the Holy Spirit would release them.

—The Herald



## I Am With You

A burdened man stands before God and pleads until he gets the answer: "My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest."

It is not when the sun is shining and the zephyrs are blowing that the soul become intensely earnest. This man Moses was a burdened man; before him lay a task for which he felt great need of help. The trial of Job brought to light the patience the Holy Spirit holds before us for our consideration. Ye have seen "the patience of Job". And we never would have read of the children in the fiery furnace had it not been for the trial that followed the manifestation of their constancy. It is when trials come and temptations lick their hot breath on human life that the omnipotent One says, "I am with you alway".

You and I have heard folk say, "I would like to be free from trials for a while." Is there not something better than immunity from all trial? "What is it?" you inquire. Let me tell you. It is the ability to conquer them, to say with our brother Paul, "I can do all thing through Christ which strengtheneth me". This is your privilege. God offers this to you. When He says, "I am with you", "My presence shall go with thee", it means that Omnipotence shares with you the struggle, that rivers shall be crossed, seas shall divide as you move forward at the Divine command, enemies shall be overcome, and Canaan entered. It means, in this very twentieth century, today, when thou art passing through the waters, I will be at thy side; and swelling Jordans shall not overflow thee. When the flames scorch, and furnaces are heated seven times hotter, I will be closer than the fire. When brethren forsake thee, loving this present world, I will recompense thee, and angels shall minister unto thee. When an avalanche of misfortune sweeps down upon thee, I will stand before thee. When false friends and professed brethren seek to strike thee, I will be thy guard, I will hold thee in the hollow of Mine hand. You doubt it? Oh, ye of little faith.

There was a day when John Wesley was assailed by a mob, and the

ringleader, threatening him great bodily harm, drew back his brawny fist to strike. When the fist reached its intended victim's head, it lost all its force, and rested lightly on his hair. The man said, "how soft his hair is." I verily believe that God was on guard. When Saul of Tarsus was on his way to hail the saints, in the little band at Damascus, to prison, being authorized by letters from the Sanhedrin, He who gave the promise to be present was there, caring little for letters from priests or kings, and stood on guard and delivered. God the God of Calvary and the Upper Room, is the same today, and is on guard, is with us. He puts Himself under our burden, harnesses Himself to our load, and tells us to cast our care on Him for He cares for us.

I like to think of what Jesus did when He was on earth, for I know that is what God is doing today. He is going where He is needed, He is blessing the little children, comforting the poor, opening blind eyes, forgiving sins, bringing joy to the hearts of Marys, bidding the suffering to take up the bed, and walk. He is mingling His tears in human sorrows, and casting blessings around. Do you know it, have you found it out, that no one ever went through a great trial, hand in hand with God, but he didn't come out the better for it: no one ever broke a box of alabaster on His head, but he received in return blessings such as the financiers of this world cannot compute in value?

I met a man who told me he did not need God and did not want Him. Can you imagine anything worse than that? To have no one to stand by you, to feel so self-sufficient that one is ready to plunge into darkness all alone, having no faith, no power, no God! What this old world needs is not a new nor a revised religion; it needs **faith in God**, a faith that puts God right alongside, that claims the promise here and now.

Have you ever noticed when the shouts of praise ring out in the history of God's people? It is when they stand on the deliverance side of the sea. Yonder were the mountains on either side, the enemies in the rear, and a sea in front; they did not fight, they made no

effort to cross the waters, they just stood still and let God work, and saw His salvation. The jail at Philippi rang with praises at the midnight hour, till the prisoners were awakened, when some saints where in the cells. The grandest message that men ever read, one that God promises will bless you if you just read it, was given when a saint was cruelly sent to an island where convicts were banished, but where they could not keep the Christ away; and He came in accordance with His promise, "I am with you".

Beloved ones, have faith in God! He "is our refuge and strength, a very present help in (time of) trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof". Aye, "although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls"; yet we may rejoice in the Lord; we will joy in the God of our salvation.

—P. H. Advocate

## How to Keep A Clean Heart

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when the blessing was received; and, of course, this same faith must be maintained in order to keep it. God cannot require less of the sanctified man to keep the blessing than He did of the unsanctified man to get it. Peter said we are "kept by the power of God through faith." Notice, it is "the power of God" that keeps us, but it is faith that links us to the power, as the coupler links the car to the locomotive. Faith is the coupler. Paul said of himself, "The life I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God."

We may suffer prolonged trials, great perplexities, and fierce temptations—but, "As ye have therefore received Jesus Christ, the Lord, so walk ye in him."

—Heart Talks on Holiness



## The Crucifixion

THE ARTIST HAD FINISHED  
HE THEN SET APART THE  
SADEST PICTURE OF NOBLE  
ART. OUR LORD HAD BEEN  
MAN'S HEAVENLY GUEST.  
THE MULTITUDES WERE FED,  
AND BLESSED. PICTURED  
THERE UPON A WOOD CROSS  
DYING TO SAVE A WORLD  
THAT WAS LOST. HE HAD HEALED THEIR SICK AND  
RAISED THEIR DEAD. OH! THANKLESS MAN WITH HEART  
OF LEAD. A TERRIFYING SIGHT; IRON PIERCING FLESH;  
THE MOB'S CRUEL SOUND. THE MOTHER OF JESUS HAD  
HEARD THEM POUND THE NAILS THRU HIS HANDS AND  
FEET. THEY MADE SICKENING SOUNDS. HER EYES HAD  
SEEN THEM FASTEN HIM DOWN. JESUS HAD NOTICED  
HIS MOTHER SUFFER SUCH  
LOSS, THAT HE SPOKE TO AN-  
OTHER FROM THE CROSS; BE-  
HOLD THY MOHTER, SAID HE,  
A LESSON FOR YOU, AND FOR  
ME. OH MAN'S INHUMANITY  
TO MAN IT IS THE PERFECT  
PART OF SATAN'S PLAN. RE-  
JECT IT NOW AND ACCEPT  
GOD'S PLAN AND BE EACH  
DAY A BETTER MAN. A NO-  
TICE READ. WHAT THEY DID  
NOT CHOOSE "JESUS OF NAZ-  
ARETH KING OF THE JEWS".  
A CHANGE TOOK PLACE  
WHEN HE AROSE. ALL THE  
POWERS OF DEATH; HE HAD  
DEPOSED. OH! BLESSED  
DAWN OF LIFE AND LIGHT,  
NO DEATH NO PAIN OR PART-  
ING, AND NO MORE NIGHT  
INFINITE RESOURCES SO  
GREAT SO GRAND, THAT  
HAVE NEVER ENTERED THE  
HEART OF MAN.

Robert James Leeser  
Author of Nato Poems



## Perhaps Today

*Perhaps today the trumpet sound  
May fall upon my ear,  
And I shall look into the sky  
Beholding Christ so dear.*

*The signs of time are pointing to,  
The coming of our King,  
Perhaps today He'll split the sky  
And I shall shout and sing.*

*And be among the number  
To meet Christ in the air,  
Caught up to live forever  
In Heaven bright and fair.*

*It can't be very many days  
Before He comes again,  
To take away His very own  
From this old world of sin.*

*How awful if I failed to watch  
And keep my garments white,  
And be among that many here  
Who'll miss that blessed flight.*

*Oh blessed Jesus, keep me pure,  
So with my very eyes,  
I'll see Thee on a cloud so fair  
Descending from the skies.*

By Mary Owen

## The Resurrection – Proof of Christ's Promise

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perform the Miracle of Resurrec-  
tion, He could do ANYTHING  
mentioned, or not mentioned, in the  
BOOK!

### SUCH A CHALLENGE

The gauntlet is flung down at the  
feet of the Devil! He had hissed,  
through lips of humans, at the  
Cross: "IF Thou be the Son of  
God... come down from the cross...  
save thyself and us..." The dis-  
crepant mobs said He was calling  
Elijah, while others murmured:  
"He saved others. Himself He can-  
not save." How true! He "COULD  
NOT" spare Himself and still be a  
ransom for the souls of men,  
though His ability was plain so to  
do. Satan thought it was all over,  
when the body of Christ was taken  
to the tomb, but the Resurrection  
makes him eat every word of der-  
ision, ridicule, and rebuke at Cal-  
vary.

The chief priests and elders, who  
persuaded the people to ask Bar-  
abbas and ask for Christ to be  
crucified, could tear their beards  
in agony when the news of Christ's  
Resurrection was noised aboard.  
They had failed to destroy their  
enemy, their rival, the one who  
condemned and censured their god-  
less acts.

The Roman soldiers who per-  
formed the execution would never  
again crucify a victim without  
thinking that one day their cap-  
tive had RESURRECTED and thus  
condemned their souls to the Judg-  
ment.

Faltering disciples would now be  
challenged, awakened, and forced  
to a new courage, when the joyful  
news reached them that the Sav-  
iour had marched forth from the  
gates of death, bearing them on  
Divine shoulders, as did Samson  
the gates of Gaza.

In this day of skeptics and  
doubters, may the News of the  
Resurrection bring brightness to  
a cloudy sky, water to a thirsty  
land, blessing to the discouraged,  
and hope for the hopeless. Indeed,  
"HE IS RISEN, AS HE SAID."

—Thomas E. Frantz



## The Power of His Resurrection

By W. T. Purkiser

It is a gripping phrase Paul uses, "the power of his resurrection" (Philippians 3:10).

He is speaking of the excellency he had found in Christ. What his heart could not find in striving for self-righteousness, he had discovered in the grace of God. All that had seemed gain to him before, he now counts but loss. The goal and center of his whole life was changed. He who had trusted in the external righteousness of the law now rejoiced in the righteousness of God which comes by faith.

There is something very challenging in this way of presenting the meaning of Easter. We are all interested, by necessity if in no other way, in power and the sources of power. Within the last two decades, man has tapped resources of almost unbelievable power, and the end is not yet. It takes tremendous power to hurl a man-made vehicle into space and send it around and around the earth. Yet no earthly power can get beyond the limits of infinite and pass the borders of time and space. For that, we must look to the power of His resurrection.

The resurrection of Christ was the manifestation of God's power. Man can kill, but only God can make alive. Jesus was "declared to be the Son of God with power... by the resurrection from the dead" (Roman 1:4). It was God's mighty power which broke the bands of death, and gave the Saviour His glorified body.

But even more, the resurrection of Christ is the channel of God's power. There is no saving virtue in a dead Messiah. All power in heaven and earth is given to the living Lord. Not Christ on a cross; but the risen Redeemer breaks the shackles of sin and brings the dead to life. Everything related to man's moral life and eternal destiny changed during the events of that week so long ago when Christ was crucified and raised again by the power of God.

The power of His resurrection is the power of a new life. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation because in it is the power of an endless life. It is important

that we give our lives to Him, but what is more important is that He gives His life to us. "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (1 John 5:11-12).

Here is life with the tang of eternity about it. Here is life with the promise of unending peace and victory in it. Here is life which dispels the darkness of sin and lights the path to God.

The power of His resurrection is power for a full salvation. "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Hebrews 7:25). It is Christ, risen, exalted at the right hand of God, who sends the Holy Spirit in sanctifying lordship to the consecrated believer's heart.

One of Christendom's major tragedies is that it has broken the normal sequence between Passover and Pentecost. It has lost its way between the garden of the empty tomb and the Upper Room. For the last recorded words of the Saviour were the familiar phrases of Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

The power of His resurrection is power for a new assurance in the face of death. Joyfully the New Testament proclaims the fact that the Lord Jesus Christ has defeated the devil, who had the power of death, and delivered those who through its fear were all their lives subject to bondage (Hebrews 2:14-15).

Job, groping toward the light that had not yet been fully revealed, asked the human question, "If a man die, shall he live again?" Not until Jesus Christ brought life and immortality to light through the gospel could there be a perfectly satisfactory answer to that question. We find it on Easter morning in the emptiness of a new tomb in a private garden. We find it in the Presence that transformed defeated and baffled disciples into joyous witnesses. We hear it in His treasured words, "Because I

live, ye shall live also."

The power of His resurrection sets aside forever for Christians the sentiment in the sad and skeptical lines of the Persian poet:

Strange, is it not? that of the..  
myriads who  
Before us pass'd the door of  
Darkness through,  
Not one returns to tell us of the  
Road,  
Which to discover we must  
travel too.

For Christ has traveled that road, and has returned to lighten the darkness with His promise and presence.

—Herald of Holiness



## He Doesn't Know About Miracles!

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belief in the unfathomable mercies of a loving God.

Mr. Lecturer, you are poor indeed! You do not know about miracles!

If storm were storm and death were death, then life would be empty and dark and cold.

Our souls would gorge for a time upon greed and lust and then sicken with the sham of it all and slip away into the nothingness of dependency and despair.

But a Heavenly Father has wrought the super-natural in the yesteryears as recorded in His Word, and He continues in the present, and He will do so as long as the world shall stand.

What greater proof could be given than storm made peace—and death a door?

Church and Home



## Easter Morning

By Samuel Young

Someone has declared that God is best seen in the dark. An overstatement perhaps. Yet we know the darkness cannot hide Him. The Psalmist cried out, "The darkness and the light are both alike to thee." Even dark Calvary could not blot Him out. But we must wait for the light of Easter morning to discover God's overruling purpose and direction. Only the revelation of Christ's resurrection could inspire Paul to declare with such depth "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself."

How full of compassion and grace was our Lord in His post-Resurrection appearances! He singled out men and women and ministered to their needs wherever He found them. Mary Magdalene stands pre-eminent in the list and first in order. Her devotion brought her to the tomb at an early hour, in company with two other women She had tarried at the Cross, too, when others fled; and had stayed to watch them lay her Lord away in Joseph's tomb. Why was Mary the first in point of revelation? One writer insists, "Her only claim was love." But Jesus always answers devotion and love with revelation.

Again, He singled out Peter for inquiry and special care. "Go... tell his disciples and Peter," was the message. No longer would He leave him in torment and despair. With his Lord's "Feed my sheep" Peter's restoration was assured and complete.

He overtook Cleopas and another as they trudged along in deepest gloom. All their former lights had gone out when Jesus died. "But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel," they mourned. Jesus probed and prodded them with the Scriptures. The light broke through on them when He ate with them. Soon He left them again, but their hearts glowed with the divine burning.

To Thomas' agonizing doubt He offered supreme proof: "Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing." As the light broke, Thomas cried out,

"My Lord and my God." Then followed a rebuke and a challenge for our day. "Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."

Today the Resurrection lights up our whole way. It speaks of the victory of God, far-reaching and eternal. Our gospel itself is the gospel of the Resurrection. This is the message for our generation: "The Lord is risen indeed and hath appeared unto me!"

—Herald of Holiness



## The Resurrection Morn

The patient Savior to the cross was nailed,

Where He suffered bled and died,  
While darkness brooded o'er the earth

When He was crucified.  
They laid Him in a grave and rolled  
A stone before the tomb,  
And the shattered hopes of a faithful few

Lay in the depths of gloom.  
But, lo! An earthquake, an empty tomb,

And to the women filled with dread

The angel spake: "He is not here,  
He is risen from the dead."

O happy morn, the Lord is risen!  
And in the bright blue skies  
A rainbow from the open tomb  
Is arched to Paradise!

Shout loud, ye faithful of the Lord!

Let joyful lips the story tell  
Of the resurrection victory  
Over sin and death and hell!  
Ring out, wild bells! On every breeze

Let thy glad chimes be borne,  
For all the world must hear about  
The Resurrection Morn!

## Six Years Work for a Bible

Born in 1784 was a Welsh girl by the name of Mary Jones. At the age of eight, taught by parents who had themselves to depend on memory, she knew many Bible verses by heart. At ten she knew whole chapters. Yet neither she nor her parents possessed a copy of the Bible. One night, excited by the sight of an actual Bible, she said to herself, "If only I had a Bible of my own! I must have one even if I have to work for ten years."

Work she did. For pay that was never given to her in anything bigger than a penny! She cut the time by four years! At the end of six years she had accumulated twenty-five dollars. This was the price of the most inexpensive Bible that she could obtain. Even then, she had to walk for many miles to the city to get her copy. The man who sold it to her, once he learned the story behind it all, became so agitated that he shared his concern with other men. The result? The formation of The British and Foreign Bible Society, which together with The American Bible Society and more than twenty other societies of national status, accounts for an annual Scripture distribution of more than 50 million copies! Actually, the Bible societies supply about 95 percent of the Scriptures in the vernacular languages of Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Pacific Islands.

## A Test For Preaching

An enthusiastic admirer of Charles H. Spurgeon, who was continually extolling him as a preacher, was conversing one day with a friend who said, "I have never heard this man, but I will go to his church next Sunday and find out whether he deserves such extreme praise." Upon his return from the service, his friend said, "What did you think of him?" "Nothing," was the reply. "All I can think of is the great Saviour whom the preacher proclaimed." People nowadays have their own ideas of pulpit effectiveness, but great preaching is that which causes the hearers to see "Jesus only." —Selected.