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## Talking Things Over

G. R. L.



In the last few months various periodicals have given considerable space to the discussion of "the gift of tongues" and the many recent manifestations of this "gift" reported outside of Pentecostal circles. The subject is certainly of interest to us, since Paul says, "Desire earnestly spiritual gifts," and "Forbid not to speak with tongues." However, the gift of tongues *at its best* is far from being the answer to the ills of the Church today. The same might be said of all the spiritual gifts. There is something far more basic. It is love.

### "ABOVE ALL THINGS . . . LOVE"

To illustrate the relationship of love to spiritual gifts, we might think of an automobile. The headlights, windshield wipers, seats, and many other parts are necessary for a car to be most useful; however the junk yards are full of cars that have all these parts! Why? Because the car is useless without a motor. It is the motor (with its associated parts) that gives usefulness to the rest of the car. Without a motor the best of automobiles fulfils no useful purpose.

Paul makes it clear that such a relationship exists between love and the spiritual gifts. Love does not annul the gifts or supplant them, as some hold, but empowers and directs them. Only love can make the gifts of tongues, prophecy, and faith to bear fruit for God (1 Cor. 13:1, 2). Even the gift of giving (Rom. 12:6-8) needs the enabling of love, else it is nothing (1 Cor. 13:3). Let this word *nothing* sink into your soul for a moment. Works which come to nothing are works that *do not exist* as far as God is concerned. They are the chaff which will not stand the fires of judgment. Even though these be miraculous works performed in the mighty power of

the Holy Spirit, if they meet not with love in our hearts, they come to *nothing!* The work of God—brought to *nothing* by lack of love!

Could this be why so much of preaching and praying and teaching bears no fruit? Is this why so many churches are dead and cold? The community around is hardly aware we exist, for we have no burning passion for the souls rushing headlong into torment. The efficiency of our organization, the proficiency of our teachers, the inclusiveness of our program cannot transform lives. Only "the love of Christ which passeth knowledge" can take hold of a soul on the brink of hell and draw him to safety. Are we really lacking in love? Since love is measured in deeds, let's take a common circumstance of life and see how we measure up.

### CHRISTMAS GIVING

Last year, the average American family spent about \$250 for Christmas (or so it was predicted). We're well acquainted with the pattern; most of our Christmas spending is on the immediate family, with close friends and relatives coming in for a small share. Is this the love of God? Where did this pattern of giving originate?

It would appear that people were giving gifts to their near friends (exclusively) 2,000 years ago, for the Lord Jesus said, "For if ye love them that love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?" And on the occasion of a dinner to which He was invited, He said, "When thou makest a dinner or a supper, *call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, nor thy kinsmen, nor rich neighbors; lest haply they also bid thee again, and a recompense be made thee. But when thou makest a feast, bid the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: and thou shalt be blessed; because they have not wherewith to recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed in the resurrection of the just*" (Lk. 14:12-14).

Brethren, if we live as the heathen and spend our money on ourselves alone, how can we say that the love of God dwells in us? How can we even hold up our heads before God and our fellow man and call ourselves "Christian"? Tonight, two billion of the earth's people will lie down to sleep without either the comfort of salvation or the comfort of a full stomach—while some of us wrestle with the problem of how to spend our Christmas money on ourselves.

May God be merciful to His people in this generation and grant us a rekindling of that first love (Rev. 2:4, 5)!

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"When do you find time to read and study the Word of God?" someone asked a Christian businessman. He answered, "I never find time to read. I am at work from early till late, and my business needs much attention. How do you think I could find time?" But he continued, "I will tell you. I *take* time. If I did not take the time, I would never find time."

—From *It's Harvest Time*

# The Secret Things

J. R. Clark



"The secret things belong unto Jehovah our God; but the things that are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law" (Deut. 29:29). While these words were spoken unto Israel in the law days, yet in principle they apply unto us today. A question that confronts us is "What are the secret things and the revealed things?" We think this is a significant question.

I remember that back in my younger days in my home church the brethren warned against delving into any "untaught question," as they called it. These warnings were based on certain verses of the New Testament. They applied these "untaught questions" to the more difficult teachings of the Bible, especially to such as the Book of Revelation. As they thought, such teaching stirs up trouble. Therefore for the sake of peace we should delete such from our public teaching.

Let us quote some of these passages and see if they rule out teaching of these deeper things of God's Word. "Charge certain men not to teach a different doctrine, neither to give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questionings, rather than a dispensation of God which is in faith" (1 Tim. 1:4). Again, "he is puffed up, knowing nothing, but doting about questionings, and dispute, whereof cometh envy, strife . . . (1 Tim. 6:4). "But foolish and ignorant questions refuse, knowing that they gender strifes" (2 Tim. 2:23). "But shun foolish questionings, and genealogies, and strifes, and fightings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain" (Tit. 3:9).

These passages do not set aside the study and teaching of any of God's revelation, but they apply to the imaginations and traditions of the philosophers and Judaizers of New Testament times. The Colossian church was plagued with a combination of the teachings of these philosophers and Judaizers. Alexander Maclaren makes the following remarks in his commentary on Colossians: "The tidings were that a strange disease, hatched in the hotbed of religious fancies, the dreamy East, was threatening the faith of the Colossian Christians. A peculiar form of heresy, singularly compounded of Jewish ritualism and Oriental mysticism—two elements as hard to blend in the foundation of a system as the heterogeneous iron and clay on which the image in Nebuchadnezzar's dream stood unstably—had appeared among them, and though at present confined to a few,

was being vigorously preached. The characteristic Eastern dogma, that matter is evil and the source of evil, which underlies so much Oriental religion, and crept in so early to corrupt Christianity, and crops up today in so many strange places and unexpected ways, had begun to infect them. The conclusion was quickly drawn: 'Well, then, if matter be the source of all evil, then, of course, God and matter must be antagonistic . . .'

"The endeavor to keep the pure Divinity and the gross world as far apart as possible . . . led to the busy working of their imagination, which spanned the void gulf between God, who is good, and matter, which is evil, with a bridge of cobwebs—a chain of intermediate beings, emanations, abstractions, . . . till at last the intangible and infinite was confined and curdled into actual earthly matter . . ." But according to the true teaching God does make direct connection with the earth through Jesus Christ, and not through a chain of angels. Maclaren speaks of these mystical Orientals as having their heads in the clouds and their feet in the mud. Allied with this pagan philosophy were some of the narrowest doctrines of Jewish ritualism. These were the errors that were lifting their heads in the days of the primitive church. Over against this background, the Apostolic writers gave us the New Testament. These pagan philosophers had blended with Judaism and had made inroads into the New Testament church. In the warning passages listed above, Paul was opposing the foreign elements that were creeping into the church, and not the study and teaching of any portion of God's Word.

With this background study before us we are ready to say a few things about the secret things that belong to God and the revealed things that belong to us.

First, if the deeper things of God's word are not the secret things, what are? In Ephesians 3, Paul speaks of the mystery "which for ages have been hid in God," and in verses 1 to 6 explains this mystery as being a fusing of Gentiles and Jews into one body—the church. However, this mystery has been revealed, and is no longer a secret.

The time of the second coming of Christ is known only by God. For "of that day or that hour knoweth no one, not even the angels in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father" (Mark 13). That is one of God's secrets. "Dost thou at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" asked the disciples. Jesus answered: "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath set within His own authority" (Acts 1:6, 7). That too is one of God's secrets. In Revelation 10 it is said that the seven thunders uttered their voices. John was about to write, when a voice from heaven said: "Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not." What they uttered is God's secret—perhaps John shared it with Him. Then, who can approach God in wisdom? "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past tracing out!" God's secrets are many!

As to the things that are revealed, the whole Bible from Genesis to Revelation is God's inspired message to men. In a little book

"The Bible, the Word of God" I show that in one way or another the Bible claims to be the Word of God as a whole and in all of its parts. It is urged upon us with many infallible proofs. Paul shrank not from declaring the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:27). The Lord Jesus upbraided the two men on the way to Emmaus, saying: "O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe in *all* that the prophets have spoken!" (Luke 24)

The Book of Revelation is especially commended to us as a book to read. In Revelation 1:3 the writer says: "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of the prophecy, and keep the things that are written therein, for the time is at hand." And in closing the Book, John points out that those adding to the words of this book will suffer plagues at the hand of God. And if any shall take away from the words of this book, God shall take away his part from the tree of life, and from the holy city. This is indeed a solemn warning, and applies directly to this Book.

God has fitted Christians to be free to study and teach all of His word and yet to enjoy unity. He has written His law on the hearts of Christians—the Royal Law—love. "For the love of God has been shed abroad in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, which was given unto us" (Rom. 5:5). Through the indwelling Holy Spirit we can conquer the quarrelsome flesh. We have been looking to the wrong end for unity—to adjusting the Word rather than change in us. True unity does not come by curtailing study and teaching of any part of the Word. True unity comes from a proper relationship of men to the Lord Jesus Christ, through His cross, through which we are reconciled unto God, and through the Spirit, who gives us the unity of the Spirit, enabling us to bear fruit that binds us together in Christian love.

"The things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children." Brethren, let us accept that which is ours.

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## HANNAH -- II

Mrs. Paul J. Knecht

It was God who brought Hannah to the attention of Eli, the priest in the temple. Eli jumped to a wrong conclusion in supposing that she was drunken. He noticed her lips moving in prayer and rebuked her for drunkenness. Through Eli's misjudgement of her God was testing her humility. "A meek and quiet spirit is in the sight of God of great price." If she had flared back at Eli for his false accusation she might not have gotten her request. God is like that. He cannot work with pride. Hannah passed the test for she explained humbly that she had drunk neither wine nor strong drink but had poured out her soul before Jehovah. She even called attention to the abundance of her complaint and her provocation as having forced upward her petition. She was not offended at Eli's rebuke.

Eli, quickly sympathetic, added his blessing and plea to hers (without knowing what it was) and she took courage. Relieved

at his acceptance of her and endorsement of her prayer (v. 18) she went away, "and did eat; and her countenance was no more sad."

In due time her prayer was answered. God gave her a son. How her heart must have yearned over that child — her first after years of waiting! Many another woman would not have remembered a vow such as hers when once the child was in her arms. I wonder if I would have. But Hannah never wavered. She had opened her mouth to Jehovah and there was no going back. No doubt He strengthened her and upheld her. Neither did her husband object or try to turn her from her purpose. He could have overruled her vow when he first heard of it. His objection would have freed her from all obligation to keep it (Num. 30:6-8). But he let her have her dealings with the Lord, adding his vow to hers to make it stand (v. 21). It is significant also that neither of them considered how Samuel would like it.

When she decided to remain at home until the child was weaned and then take him to the temple to abide for ever before Jehovah, her husband said, "Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou have weaned him; only Jehovah establish his word." He concurred whole-heartedly in her plans. He trusted and loved her and understood the desires of her heart toward the Lord.

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## Thoughts About The Kingdom

J. Edward Boyd

Some sixty years ago a well-known Bible teacher thus defined the phrase "The kingdom of God": "The realm subject to the rule, or reign, of God." That this is often its meaning we would not deny; but there are instances where it does not apply. In His "Sermon on the Mount" Jesus said: "Seek ye first His kingdom and His righteousness . . ." He could scarcely have meant, "Seek the realm over which He rules." In Psalm 103:19 appears this statement: "The Lord has established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules over all." (Berkeley translation.) Here it is the *kingdom* that is said to *rule* over all! Joseph of Arimathea was "looking for the kingdom of God" (Mk. 15:43). Was he looking for the realm over which God rules? "The kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Rom. 14:16).

When we turn to the Greek and Hebrew lexicons, we are first of all confronted with a fact that seems to have been quite generally overlooked. The Greek word for "kingdom" is *basileia*; and the first definition (whether in Thayer or in the more recent lexicon by Arndt and Gingrich) is "Kingship, royal power, royal rule . . ." and the second is "the territory ruled over by a king." And I have it on good authority that this is true of the Hebrew word also. Moreover, the unabridged English dictionaries (both Webster and Oxford) give for our word "kingdom" the same definitions and in the same order, noting that the first is now archaic. (At what time it ceased to be used in this sense we do not know.) Of course, the context must determine what is the meaning of the word in any given passage.

Certainly we cannot expect that a knowledge of these facts will enable us to solve every problem that may arise in regard to the kingdom question; but in a number of instances it should prove helpful. Whenever and wherever there is a manifestation of the kingship, the royal power and authority of God, then and there is the kingdom of God. On one occasion a group of Pharisees asked Jesus, "When will the kingdom of God come?" (Lk. 17:20.) Most probably they were thinking of the much hoped-for manifestation of God's royal power and the re-establishment of Israel's dominance under her Messiah. In His answer Jesus said: "The kingdom of God is in (or within) you" — a declaration that has been used by many to foster an erroneous idea concerning the Kingdom of God (as in a widely-read magazine some months ago).

In considering this statement certain facts should be kept in mind. Jesus used the plural pronoun "humin" (you) not the singular "soi"; there is no record of His having said this to one person. And those addressed were not His disciples — He was answering a question of the Pharisees — speaking directly to them; and as a class they are not famous for true piety! (See His scathing denunciations of them and the scribes in Matthew 23.) It is scarcely conceivable that the kingdom of God was then in the hearts of those men! What then did He mean? The American Standard version has in a footnote this rendering: "in the midst of you." The Revised Standard puts this in the text. Others use "among you." The Berkeley translates it, "in your midst," and in a footnote gives this comment: "The translation 'within you' is equally possible but could hardly be our Lord's meaning regarding the Pharisees." In the new Commentary (published by Eerdmans), "He went on to say, 'the kingdom of God is in the midst of you,' referring to Himself and the life He was living among them." Well indeed could He say, as He went about with a small but loyal band of followers to whom His every word was law, and as He continued to manifest His royal power over the elements of nature, over disease, and in the spirit realm, "the kingdom of God is in your midst."

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# *Truth Advance* *Section*

Stanford Chambers

## **QUESTIONS ASKED OF US**

(Querists and others please note that our address is now 1129 Seventh St., New Orleans 15, La., where I am with the Seventh and Camp Streets Church as interim preacher while a suitable young man is being sought for the work here.—S. C.)

**How long are you to stay in New Orleans?**

Our stay here is indefinite. The need here is a young man qualified to teach the Word, having some executive ability, possessing leadership. I am standing by the congregation, Lord willing and so directing, until we can find such a young man who is willing to enter into this work of vast proportions with a view (other things equal) to permanency here. Will be glad to give information to him who is interested.

**What is this doctrine "Transmigration of the Soul" that is being propagated?**

The doctrine that the soul at death passes into some other body, even into the body of an animal or insect, in the case of one who has lived an unvirtuous or wicked life in this body. If worthy, the soul transmigrates to a nobler higher form. It is the chief tenet of the Theosophy Cult. It emanates from Oriental occultism and the devil's lie.

**Write something concerning the Missionary Society.**

I presume the Missionary Society that has served as a wedge dividing the people related to the "Restoration Movement." This society in its first stages was simply an agent of the congregation for cooperative effort to get gospel messengers to fields where Christ was not known. There was then little objection or protest. Divisions over it came later because the society was found taking on prerogatives belonging to the churches and usurping authority over them, especially in the way of selecting the missionary, selecting the field, deciding as to support, coercing congregations that failed to respond to appeals. Then came an infiltration by modernism (earlier designated "Higher Criticism") which, when the same grew strong so as to control the conventions and other activities, a number of churches (after much protesting) withdrew their support and severed their connection with the organization. Thousands of existing congregations have never had any connection with the Society but emphasize the autonomy of New Testament congregations and their potential

efficiency in the divine order for the furtherance of the gospel. These all protest supplanting the divine institution by any human institution. This does not deny the scriptural right and duty of congregations of Christ to co-operate in the execution of the Great Commission. Churches thus active in their support and furtherance of the gospel feel no need of a separate organization.

**My neighbor keeps referring to the divisions and religious controversies in the world and insists that he must have time to investigate the conflicting doctrines and contending bodies in order to determine which is right in order to properly identify himself with one . . .**

Yes, we have heard that before, and seldom is it more than a mere excuse for failure to meet individual, personal responsibility. No denomination is an embodiment of all truth; each one supports some truth and opposes unrighteousness with the right. No one is equal to an investigation of all the conflicting doctrines thoroughly enough to reach a safe conclusion. There is an easier way, and a safe one: "Search the Scriptures" and begin step by step to "walk in the light" discovered. "If any man willeth to do his will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it be of God" (Jn. 7:17). A man can be a Christian, simply a Christian, without ever knowing about the sects and denominations of Christendom. "And the Lord added those that were saved (being saved)" (Acts 2:47). Every denomination says who shall be its members, and that is different from Acts 2:47.

In 2 Tim. 1:10 we read that Christ "abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel"; how can it be true that He abolished death, for millions have died since Paul wrote that?

Death has not been abolished in fact, as yet, and will not be until the event of Rev. 20:14. Nevertheless death is a conquered enemy, since the Christ of the gospel triumphed as He did on that memorable first day of the week, and His victory spells the certain and sure abolishment of death. The gospel makes us know that.

**Wonder as to what response has resulted from your urging our young people to take Education in their college training and become teacher missionaries. Is there any realization of the importance, even urgency, of so choosing such a life work?**

Some words of approval have come, and S.C.C. seems to be emphasizing the importance of teachers for Christian schools, but I do not see enough signs to feel that the thing has caught fire as yet. It will take a long time to reach such a goal in low gear. Fathers and mothers too generally are set upon the dollar mark for their sons and daughters. They do not underscore the Lord's admonition, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." Unless the interpretation be placed upon it, "Seek the kingdom first and enter; then with heaven secure for them (somewhatly so), go to it now for the best of life here and now." To interpret the Savior's admonition as meaning "Put the kingdom first and last and always" would take away the joy of many ambitious parents on behalf of

their sons and daughters who must be supported and pushed to "keep up with the Joneses" educationally and then professionally. As for the Savior's prayer request (Matt. 9:38), yes, pray thus, but have Him send forth someone else, somebody else's son or daughter! Constitutional treatment is required here, and much of it. "Zeal for thy house hath eaten me up" does not apply in the cases of many professing to be members of the "one body"! With many zeal has a very low exponent.

The denomination calling itself "Regular Baptists" claims 1100 congregations, averaging 144 members each. The denomination reports their total contributions for their past fiscal year \$19,226,972. They applied to missions \$4,536,732. I suggest that we talk to our "one Lord and Master" concentrating on these lines.

Time was when we heard much preaching and teaching against "the pastor system," foisted upon the churches; not so today. Does this mean that there has been compromise concerning the same? Isn't just about every congregation having its "hired pastor"?

"And he gave some to be apostles; nad some prophets; and some evangelists; and some pastors and teachers" (Eph. 4:11). Pastors are shepherds. Elders whom "the Holy Spirit made to be overseers" (Acts 20:28), were instructed to take heed to themselves, and "to all the flock." That is, they were to exercise themselves as shepherds. They are the pastors over the church, God's flock. Note also 1 Pet. 5:2. "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and in teaching. For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the corn. And the laborer is worthy of his hire" (1 Tim. 5:17, 18). Here we have a hired pastor. But that does not make him a hireling. But the laborer in word and teaching is worthy of his hire, that is, of his support and thus enabled to give his time to his pastoral duties. A plurality of pastors shepherding the flock, but not likely every one laboring in the word and in teaching, necessitating his being supported that the necessary amount of teaching may be continually carried on. That is God's order. Fall in with it. But there are teachers besides the pastors (shepherds). Because they minister in spiritual matters, the principle of Acts 15:27 applies, as do other passages to the same effect. So a paid teacher is not necessarily a hireling, though it has to be admitted, (with regret) that herein has come abuse, and some have become professionals, who are indeed hirelings, so bringing our Lord's cause into bad repute. Let our young men in training be given a loftier ideal than that of "so much preach for so much pay." As for this writer, he has never set a price on any service to be rendered, never even hinted such a thing, and the Lord has never allowed him ground for regret.

Our own question this month: "How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?"

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## *A Christian Views The News*

Ernest E. Lyon

**TEST BAN TREATY.** I believe that I have failed to mention before in this column that the "limited nuclear test ban treaty" is the logical first step toward the plan that our government has proposed leading to the final breaking up of all national armies and the substituting of a United Nations "peace force," thus forcing the giving up of independence of all countries and the turning over of the governing of the world to an international organization whose "peace force" is directed by a Communist. This program was printed by our Department of State as its publication 7277. It was released in September, 1961, and was soon declared to be "out of print." I have one of the original government prints and two reprints by private organizations. It is frightening to those who do not know the over-ruling of God in the world and who know nothing of God's stated plans for the future. It is dangerous to the independence of our country right now, of course. May I mention again that there is no direct reference to this country in the last days. Will our country be in any position of importance then? This is a good subject for earnest prayer.

**THE SUPREME COURT AND THE BIBLE DECISIONS.** There are many questions unanswered by the Supreme Court's decision to ban Bible reading and prayer from the public schools, especially questions of the intent of the writers of the constitution and of the lack of banning of demoralizing literature of all kinds while banning the reading of the Bible. Forgetting these problems for a moment, let us not forget that Dr. Cornelius Van Til reportedly summed up much of the matter when he said that modern American public education "is anxious to keep the Christian story from being presented as truth to the pupil." It is no wonder that many educational organizations have enthusiastically supported these decisions, for they are busy pushing the philosophy that "Man shall live by bread alone," or at least by earthly things alone with religion being a pastime not worth bothering with and faith in Christ as the Son of the Living God a rather foolish thing. Since modernism and the social gospel in many churches are working toward this same end, millions of young people have no opportunity to learn the importance of "preparing to meet God," not to mention serving Him while waiting for His Son from Heaven.

**PRIVATE SCHOOLS NOT TO BE LEFT ALONE.** The Christian schools in this country are growing very fast, many times faster than public schools and parochial schools of the Roman church. That is an encouraging sign, so encouraging that many educators are beginning to take notice of this and planning to combat it. As a sample, Dr. Geore W. Angell, president of State University of New York College (Plattsburgh) recently wrote in an educational journal on the subject, "Do We Need a National Board of Education?" His answer is in the affirmative and says: "The confused pattern of educational control throughout the U. S. suggests the need for a strong non-partisan national agency designed to clarify continuously local, state and private responsibilities through the development of national policy." Please note that he is not only recommending the taking away of the direction of your public schools from your locality, he is also recommending that private schools, which would include such schools as Portland Christian and all similar schools, be under the direction of that national "non-partisan" board. It must be non-partisan, of course, so it can continue to work without hindrance to its evil designs by a change of mind by voters!

**USING THE RACE PROBLEM FOR SUBVERSION.** In 1912, Israel Cohen, in *A Radical Program for the 20th Century*, wrote: "In America we will aim for subtle victory. While inflaming the Negro minority against the whites, we will endeavor to instill in the white a guilt complex." Mr. Cohen's suggestions are being followed rather closely to demoralize our country in preparation for a giving up of our form of government.

**THE COMING GREAT CHURCH.** I hope you saw this article by James DeForest Murch in the October, 1963, issue of the *GOOD NEWS BROADCASTER\**. In it, Mr. Murch, one of the best informed men in the world on religious developments tells, among many other things, of the Northern California Council of Churches, which has a Comity Commission which "has assigned certain territories to certain denominations to the exclusion of all others. Before any new churches can be established, permits must be secured from the Council. City planning commissions and national housing administrators are advised that 'maverick' churches that do not bear the stamp of Council approval should not be allowed to construct buildings in areas under their control." Many of us were thinking this would come in the future, but it has already started in this country. Incidentally, the policy-making General Board of the National Council of Churches has urged greater federal control over radio and television networks with the view to controlling "religious organizations and individual broadcasters (who) have been guilty of not using television and radio solely for the public good." Since the

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# Precious Reprints

## CHRISTMAS

R. H. Boll, 1939

It is surely not wrong for the children of men to have a season of gladness and joy, of merry making and gift-giving. Neither is it wrong at any time to remember the birth of Jesus—that God in the fullness of time sent forth His Son, born of a woman, that He might come as Man into the world of mankind to redeem us. We would not say a word to dampen the happiness and rejoicing of humanity over such an event as that. Nor is it wrong for us to join in such general happiness. The only thing *Christians* must guard is that they make it not “a feast unto the Lord,” an official holiday, to be kept and observed as an act of worship and service to God. For He appointed no such feast, nor any holy times or seasons for His worship service; nor any day, save that on the first day of the week (any and every week) the people of the Lord meet to break bread in remembrance of Him. Feasts and religious festivals belong to the religion of men in the flesh, the Old Covenant. But to those who are “in Christ” the apostle says, “Let no man therefore judge you in meat or in drink, or in respect of a feast-day or a new moon or a sabbath day; which are a “shadow of things to come; but the body is Christ’s” (Col. 2:16, 17). To the Galatians who were becoming affected with Judaism, he writes, “Ye observe days, and months, and seasons, and years. I am afraid of you, lest by any means I have bestowed labor upon you in vain” (Gal. 4:10, 11).

### ABOUT THINGS AND PLACES AND TIMES

Along with idolatry, and the tendency to ritualism and ceremonialism, fleshly man has a great weakness for relics, and localities, and for anniversaries. The corrupt “historic churches” make much not only of statues and icons, and images, but of fabled “wood of the true cross,” and the “true nails,” and “drops of the real Blood,” and a huge multitude of similar childish superstitions and fancies—but also of places and dates. How carefully has God concealed the localities! Very few, hardly any of them, have been certified. To be sure those ecclesiastical parties claim to have found the very spot in each case, and have built elaborate chapels and sanctuaries over them, and carry on pompous ritualistic performances, especially on “Good Friday,” and “Easter”—but it is all the vainest of vain guesswork; and if it were not, there would be no value in it. Nobody knows where the stable was in Bethlehem, or the carpenter-shop in Nazareth, or Calvary, or the Tomb. God has hidden them. And so likewise as to dates. The very year of Christ’s birth is uncertain; and necessarily, therefore, the day of His death (for the Passover was a “movable” feast) and of His resurrection; likewise of His ascension or of the day of Pentecost. All these are providentially concealed, for the very purpose, surely, of keeping men from worshipping times and

places. Nevertheless they went right ahead and *invented* dates and days. The first rift between the "Eastern" and the "Western" Church (the Greek Catholic and the Roman) was over the question when Easter should be celebrated, whether on the third day following the Paschal full moon, or on the Sunday following! And who had told them that God wanted them to celebrate Easter at all? As to "Christmas"—December 25 has no certain chronological basis. Indeed for more than 300 years there was no such feast. And for quite a space of time the Eastern church observed January 6th as the date of Christ's birth. Reckoning from more or less doubtful data they found that the temple ministry of the course of Abia, to which Zacharias belonged, fell in April and in October; and the birth of Jesus is known to have occurred *about* fifteen months later; therefore *either* in June or in December, but even so (quoting from Andrews, *Life of our Lord*)—"It is now generally granted that the day of the nativity was not observed as a feast, in any part of the Church, east or west, till some time in the fourth century."

A spiritual faith is independent of dates and places and *things*. It looks up and envisions the gift of God's love, and the atoning Sacrifice of Christ; it sees Him risen and ascended, at God's right hand, "Able to save to the uttermost all them that draw near unto God through Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them"; and sets its hope on His coming again. So may we enjoy the season of rejoicing, and send and receive loving gifts, and forbid no one to speak of or rejoice in the birth of Christ, while yet not making "Christmas" a "holy day" and religious feast.

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FCC has already begun to make it difficult for "conservative" political news commentators to stay on the air, it would be logical that those religious broadcasts that do not preach "the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man" will be forced off as "controversial" also if this trend is not stopped.

ARE YOU PRAYING for all in high places? If not, you are neglecting your duty to God, not just to your country.

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Sometimes, too, we sing the words of a hymn or chorus just in the same way that a man of the world sings his jazz, and evidently with much the same end in view — being happy and cheerful with others of the same spirit. This sometimes verges on blasphemy. We would do far better with some decent secular songs. —Howard W. Guinness

It seems possible to have a strong mental belief in the facts of the gospel, without any conception of the fundamental moral demands of it, and so for church members to be still in sin . . . without sense of sin. —Louis Gaussen

# Short Notes On Certain Psalms



E. L. J.

We continue our brief Commentary on some of the more outstanding passages in the Davidic Psalms, beginning with the beloved hymn of praise and thanksgiving, the 103rd, verses 1 and 2:

"Bless Jehovah, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless Jehovah, O my soul, And forget not all his benefits."

Comment: The prophet is calling, not only on his soul, but on all that is within him—body, soul and spirit—to rise up and bless the Lord. He felt that he must bless God for all His benefits. We may not remember them all, but we must not forget them all. "Count your many blessings."

First and foremost is the blessing of pardon: "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities." We note that it is a full and complete pardon—"all thine iniquities." We note that it is a continuous cleansing—"who *forgiveth*." God's pardon is a continuous, daily, hourly cleansing, as when we read in 1 John 1:7: "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus his son cleanseth us (keeps on cleansing) from all sin."

But from this fundamental and basic blessing of pardon, David goes on to enumerate three or four others:

The blessing of healing. How good it is to know that God answers prayer for ourselves and our loved ones, to restore health, or else to give something better, something more needed for our eternal good and for His glory. "Pray one for another, that ye may be healed."

The blessing of redemption of the life—from destruction and from vain, empty and useless living. It is of God that we have been turned into meaningful, useful channels of life and service that will have impact on eternity. Think of the thousands who spend their lives in pleasure or useless labor.

The crowning blessing of God's lovingkindness and tender mercy. For it is by His lovingkindness (grace) that we were saved and set upon the rock; and it is by His tender mercies that we find cleansing and strength to help us in every time of need.

The great blessing of satisfied desire, and that with "good things." Oh, the gnawing pain of unsatisfied desire! How often have our poor hungry hearts gone out after this thing or that—things or desires that

may satiate but never satisfy. But our Father not only satisfies, in *Christ Jesus, but He satisfies with "good things," things that are truly good*—as measured from eternity, and by the all-wise God.

133:1, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

Comment: Here is a word that never grows old, never out of date. For just as the anointing oil ran down upon the high priest's head and beard, and even down upon the skirt of his priestly robe, so the great gift of the Holy Spirit that came upon the first church at Pentecost has been diffused and has covered the whole Church of Christ down through the ages even until now. He fell upon the church (Jewish) on the first Pentecost, and He fell upon the church (Gentile) at the house of Cornelius (Acts 10:44). But it is evident that the Spirit was not poured out upon *each and every* convert, or even upon groups of believers *in that original sense* between Acts 2 and Acts 10 (though there was a "filling" with the Spirit in Acts 4:31); for how could Peter say, years later, that "the Holy Spirit fell on them" (i. e., on the Gentiles in Acts 10) "even as on us at the beginning"? Such an outpouring is manifestly for the entire age, first on Jewish converts "at the beginning," and then on Gentiles, much later. We need not pray, therefore, that the Spirit may "fall" upon us, as at Pentecost; He has already fallen on the church for this age. But we do need to pray that men may be constrained to come in under the great umbrella of that out-pouring, and that we may have fresh "filling" of His indwelling presence. And without this Presence, and His blessed fruit (Gal. 5:22, 23), there will be no real unity among professed believers. For He is the Spirit of all true, inward unity, and of all grace-filled effective Christian living.

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## *"Go Quickly and Tell . . ."*

### **MILLIONS ARE READING**

For the first time in 6,000 years people in large numbers are learning to read. No less than a million people every seven days learn to read for the first time. Now what are they going to read? Of course they will read anything they can get their hands on.

Do you know what you would see if you were to visit the Asiatic world and look at the bookstands? You would see beautifully colored magazines. They are the magazines of the Communists. The Communist presses are going day and night, and they are turning out tons upon tons of literature. Very little of it is being sent to the Western world. Most of it goes to Africa and the different Asiatic countries.

Why, they even claim that they won China by the printed page. Now they want to win the whole world. The Communists printed, within just one year, two pieces of literature for every man, woman, every boy and every girl on the face of the earth. The Communists are on the job.

What else will you see on the bookstands? Another series of beautifully printed magazines are put out by a false cult. They have one press which is the largest religious press in the world and it turns day and night. It prints no less than 500 magazines a minute. That means over 600,000 magazines a day. They are sent to Asia, Africa, and many other countries. They are going to win them to their cult if at all possible.

To a large extent they are succeeding. They are baptizing hundreds while we are baptizing two and threes. And every convert has been won by the printed page. They do not build expensive churches. They put their money where it will count most. They put it into the printed page, into the message. They send their message out to reach those who do not have it.

Another group puts aside \$14,450,000 one year for the printed page. They know something of the power of the printed page and are determined to get their message out.

I know of no other way by which we can carry out our Lord's command to reach every creature apart from the printed page. It is needed on every field. The Bible says, "The Gospel must first be published among all nations." Then, let us publish it. Let us put out simple salvation messages filled with Scripture, and let us circulate them far and wide. Let us put out books. Why waste God's money? Why not invest it in the Printed Page?

Oswald J. Smith in *the Evangelist*

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## BE STILL

J. H. McCaleb

David, the man after God's own heart, the great King of Israel, was a man of many successes, and also one who had many trials. Some difficulties were of his own making and some were without personal blame. Through all of this turmoil, however, David continued to seek after God.

David was an active man, and that is commendable. On the other hand, there were times when he did not know which way to turn. Every move seemed to be wrong and ended only in frustration. As a result David became aware of some essential attitudes toward God that hitherto had been overlooked. He learned to be patient and to wait.

"Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth."

"Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: Wait, I say, on the Lord."

David wrote many other beautiful passages covering the same sentiments. He learned these lessons through much tribulation and anguish of heart. He found out the hard way, even as you and I. Too often we become agitated and proceed to fret and to rush around excitedly when it would be much better to wait and to pray. We may be sure that God will not chide the honest heart, but will lead the way surely and with gentleness.

# Seed Thoughts

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## News Items

Of Interest To Christians

J. L. Addams, Sr.



### Soul-Winning

On one occasion a preacher approached a society woman in a large hotel, dressed for the ballroom, with the question, "Do you love the Lord Jesus?" The woman went to her husband in deep emotion. "Why didn't you tell him it was none of his business?" asked the man. "But, husband," said the woman, "if you had seen the expression of his face, and heard the earnestness with which he spoke, you would have thought it was his business." Soul winning in "earnestness" is the Christian's business. Are you attending to your business?

Miss America of 1955 Says:

"I really can't see what good drinking does for anyone. I find I can have as good a time without it, and not have to suffer the after-effects. This conviction hasn't brought me any embarrassment in my career. In fact, the television people with whom I am associated seem to like the idea that I don't drink . . . I see people getting intoxicated and making fools of themselves, and I say, 'None of that for me.' "

—Lee Meriwether.

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**THE REALLY HAPPY MAN IS HE WHO CAN ENJOY THE SCENERY EVEN WHEN HE HAS TO TAKE A DETOUR.**

### Steadfastness

An athletic coach, making a report to a faculty committee, was comparing the boys. When the name of a certain boy, supposed to be a "star," was mentioned, the coach looked up with a shrug of his shoulders and said simply, "He's nothing but a front runner." He meant that the lad ran his fastest only when he was out in front, sure of victory, and possibly being seen by all around him; but when he faced strong opposition, when the struggle was difficult, he lost heart. How few Christians have learned that the best work is done, often under pressure and opposition, and more often out of the sight of the crowd. Are you steadfast, or are you a "front runner"?

### A NUGGET

Feel glum — keep mum. Don't grumble — be humble.

Trials cling? — just sing. Can't sing? — just cling.

Don't fear — God's near. Money goes — He knows.

Honor left? — Not bereft. Don't rust — work! Trust!

Look at Galatians 6:3

**The Man of Pride:** What he thinks of himself — to be something. What he really is in God's sight — nothing. What he is actually doing — deceiving himself.

### Look at Satan

Few people ever would be tempted by Satan if he made his appearance as shown by the artists. Their idea of him is as one with a brilliant red body; horns protruding from his head; a very sharp nose and chin; vicious appearing eyes; with cloven hoofs and a murderous fork in his hands. Satan is too good a strategist to appear that way when he wishes to tempt people. He always comes as an "angel of light," of beauty and attraction. He comes in the foam of the wine cup, in the sweet music of the dance hall, or even (sad but true) in the influence of a weak, worldly carnal Christian.

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SOME PEOPLE DON'T HAVE MUCH TO SAY, BUT YOU HAVE TO LISTEN A LONG TIME TO FIND IT OUT.

### Ill Will

A woman who had been bitten by a dog was told by her doctor to write her last wishes, as she might succumb to hydrophobia. She spent so long a time with the pencil and paper the doctor finally remarked something about how long the will would be. "Will?" she snorted, "I'm making a list of the people I'm going to bite."

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IT TAKES A BABY TWO YEARS TO LEARN TO TALK, AND FROM FIFTY TO SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS TO LEARN TO KEEP HIS MOUTH SHUT.

### Obstructed View

Someone tells of going to the top of one of the mountains in Switzerland. There was an awe-inspiring view, looking off at snowcapped peaks in the distance and down into the deep blue of Alpine lakes. The traveler told

of standing in awed silence while the wonder of God's handiwork unrolled itself before him. At length, he turned, and beside him was a woman busy gazing into a mirror and powdering her nose. All she could see from that mountain peak was her nose as reflected in the mirror. Someone has said: "Reverence is the utter forgetfulness of self in the presence of God." If we see only self we cannot see God.

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"I HAVE NEVER KNOWN A MAN AND HIS WIFE TO BACKSLIDE WITHOUT IT PROVING UTTER RUIN TO THEIR CHILDREN."—Moody.

### "Skim" for the Lord:

A preacher once told of his pleasant boyhood days, when his mother would be making "preserves" from the summer fruits. The children would gather around with watering mouths as they watched the proceedings. As the fruit boiled up well in the kettle, the mother would take a saucer, and from the top of the simmering sweetness would lift with a spoon the "skim." This became the portion of the children, who would eat it with relish and rapidity. As the mouths of the audience also watered at the pleasant memory of similar experiences, the preacher pressed home a lesson needed by so many. Said he, "How many Christians adopt the same method of giving to the work of the Lord! Too often only the 'skim' is allotted to Him!"

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WHILE WE OFTEN GRUMBLE BECAUSE WE CAN'T HAVE WHAT WE WANT, WE SHOULD BE THANKFUL THAT WE DON'T GET WHAT WE DESERVE.

# GOD'S CALL TO REVIVAL -- VII

G. R. L.

## INNER HOLINESS

The faithful little remnant had answered God's call. They were back at work rebuilding the temple—the task for which they had returned from Babylon. For three months they worked without interruption. No doubt they were beginning to be pleased with their progress when another message came from God through Haggai (2:10-19):

"Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Ask now the priests concerning the law, saying, If one bear holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and with his skirt do touch bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any food, shall it become holy? And the priests answered and said, No. Then said Haggai, If one that is unclean by reason of a dead body touch any of these, shall it be unclean? And the priests answered and said, It shall be unclean. Then answered Haggai and said, So is this people, and so is this nation before me, saith Jehovah; and so is every work of their hands; and that which they offer there is unclean . . . from this day will I bless you" (vs. 11-14, 19).

The remnant of Israel was the people of God; they were doing His work; the very temple itself holy unto the Lord—yet that did not make the individual workmen holy in their personal life: Holiness is not "*caught*" by *association with holy things*. On the other hand, uncleanness is communicated by mere contact. What a shock this must have been to them! Their work—the building of God's House—which they were doing for Him was *unclean* and *unacceptable* to Him! It was the right work, in the right place, but unholy.

Concerned with *doing*, the remnant had failed to consider their own personal inner life. They had taken it for granted that they were all right as long as they were doing the right thing. Not so. God says, "Become what I want you to be, and then your work will be clean." When this happened—not before—the curse was lifted from their fields.

### "WHAT YOU ARE" VS. "WHAT YOU DO"

The message to us is obvious: Scriptural projects and conscientious labors can be *unclean* before God if the workers have not holiness "in the inward parts." Is it possible for me to become so engrossed in the work of the Lord that my own spiritual life suffers? Yes, indeed. Preachers of my acquaintance tell me that they have had this experience, as have I myself. Of course, this cannot go on for long without the work suffering too.

In the final analysis, the work cannot be any better than the worker. To have a more effective congregation, we must first have spiritual growth of the individual members. Make the tree good, and the fruit will be good. It is right to inspect the fruit to see if the work is being developed according to the Scriptures, but let's not be deceived by fruit that appears to be perfect. What we do cannot be pleasing to God unless we give first consideration to what we are.

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Have you put the name of the Lord Jesus on your Christmas list? Give the Word to a hungry soul, or a meal to an empty stomach.

# NEWS AND NOTES

**Lexington, Ky.:** We had one restored by confession of sins and backslidings. We began a "once-a-month" preachers' get-together of central Kentucky preachers yesterday. Ten present: Charlie Baber, J. E. Boyd, Wilson Burks, Coy Campbell, Cecil Garrett, LaVerne Houtz, Bob Ross H. N. Rutherford, Howard Sawyer, Jesse Z. Wood. We are planning a Thanksgiving service at Belmont and S.C.C. in Winchester Thanksgiving Day, D.V.—H.N. Rutherford

## The Church in China

"God knows what He is doing" was the comment of a recent visitor to the China mainland. He found the church has been purified by the ordeals through which it has been passing, and many Christians are standing true to Christ. Let us continue in earnest intercession for these, and for others who are suffering persecution for His name's sake. —Christian Platform

**Louisville, Ky.:** Enclosed is my subscription, plus some others on the 7 months for \$1 offer. We appreciate the good things in the Word and Work. Keep up the good work. —Ronald Bartanen

**Sullivan, Ind.:** Billy Ray Lewter, of Louisville, was guest speaker at the East Jackson St. church in Sullivan on Nov. 10. —Frank S. Graham

**Searcy, Ark.:** We do appreciate the fine tone and quality of Word & Work. It contains so many excellent articles. It was interesting to me to read Bro. J. C. Bunn's advice to young preachers, since he baptized me many years ago. That was at Davenport, Nebraska. —Addie Brown

## Report from Houston

Last Sunday morning's attendance was in the twenties, with a nice increase in the evening service. We were able to see growth on the part of the men leading the services and were very encouraged with the effort generally. An eleven year old boy, son of one of the member families, was baptized at the evening service. It was learned at the evening service that there is a likelihood the present meeting place may be lost due to foreclosure on the present owners. This may or may not be of the Lord—we simply do not know. We should earnestly pray for His will to be

worked out in the matter, however. Your own minister feels strongly that some sort of public meeting place is needed as an inducement to growth and attendance by outsiders.

We were asked to express their appreciation to the church here for the financial help that has been given.

We also express our thanks to Bros. Choate and Miller for what was described to us as "two real good messages." —Carl Kitzmiller

**Orlando, Fla.:** We walk each day by faith, knowing that if God should take His enabling power and sufficiency away, there would be no church here. Satan is busy, but God is still on the throne. Pray with us. May the Lord bless you there. —Bill Spears.

**New Albany, Ind.:** All of our services have been very well attended for the last month or two. In addition to this, we see other signs of deeper spiritual depth among many of our people here. We have been averaging between 70 and 75 in our Wednesday night Bible classes. We are having four different classes and this has added to the interest in our midweek service. Four have been baptized the last two Sundays — three young men and one father of a family of five whom we have been praying for. We want the prayers of all our friends. Bruce D. Chowning.

**Winchester, Ky.:** Our meeting here at Belmont closed on Oct. 27 with good attendance and good interest. We had three to place membership and two for rededication. We had one to rededicate her life today. We also had a record for Sunday School with 133 present. —Howard Sawyer.

**Mackville, Ky.:** It is now planned to have a monthly "get-together" of the preachers in the Bluegrass part of Kentucky. We hope to get some of the mountain preachers, east of Winchester, to attend these meetings. We'd like for you to pray for us, that our proposed meetings each month at Cramer and Hanover might be both enjoyable and profitable. —Jesse Z. Wood.

**Louisville, Ky.:** There were 14 ladies here last Thursday. Sister Doty is continuing her studies in the kings of Israel and Judah for the Bible lesson.

Our consolations this week go out to the families of three of our best known

"senior citizens" who fell asleep in Jesus this past week. Bro. Cauble, Sister Merle Martin's father, went to be with his Lord on Monday night; "Miss Tillie" Frazee, aunt of Lewis Frazee, on Tuesday morning; and Sister Gottschalk on Tuesday afternoon. They will be greatly missed. —Ernest E. Lyon.

**Louisville, Ky.:** Estel Hobbs and some others are planning to start a work at Henryville, Indiana. Estel and Lillian have been very faithful at Ormsby through the years. They both have done much teaching in Sunday school. We will miss them and the boys; we surely hate to see them go. —J. R. C.

#### MISSIONARY BRIEFS

**Manila, P. I.:** Only a few weeks after we arrived, a man was stabbed just across the street from the dorm where we live. Also, in the six months we have been here, three of the brethren in the Chinese congregation have been robbed while walking home or to work.

We mention this matter so that you will pray for God to protect His people here. As dorm parents, with nine young ladies living here, we are deeply thankful that our Keeper "neither slumbers nor sleeps." When you pray about this need, remember especially the Chinese Christians. There is quite a bit of prejudice against Chinese in this land, and they do not receive very good police protection. —Alex and Ruth Wilson.

**Shizuoka City, Japan:** We as a church are doing as much as we can, and do not depend wholly upon the support coming in. We already have purchased pews, pulpit-stand and a table. The church supplied the paint and the lumber with which I made benches for Sunday school children. Teruko and I furnished the labor to paint the walls and floors of the building. Thus, we are trying to help sustain the work for ourselves. Since the group is yet small, it needs some outside help, but we hope to grow out of it. —Shichiro Nakabara.

**Mindoro, P. I.:** Someone asked us when we returned to this country, "What will happen to the work you left behind? Do you think it will suffer while you are away?" My reply was, "No, I actually believe it will grow and

prosper while we are away, because the Lord has some fine dedicated men and women in that area who will continue to carry on."

And so it is. The work there has continued to show progress as the Gospel is being preached in areas heretofore unreached. Several souls have been led to the Lord, and the school work continues. This has also been somewhat of a time of seasoning for those workers as they have had to assume the responsibilities and make the decisions. —Harold Preston.

**Tokyo, Japan:** At times we almost despair under responsibility and problems, sensing our own inadequacy and imperfections. By the grace of the Lord, however, we feel that this has been one of the most fruitful years, but we are seeing several problems develop as Japan becomes more prosperous. Nevertheless, God's special providence and undying love from you exceptionally faithful brothers and sisters beckon us on "toward the goal unto the prize of the high-calling of God in Christ Jesus." —O. D. Bixler.

**Kalomo, N. Rhodesia:** October 29th marked the beginning of my 26th year in Africa. As I look back on these years I thank God for the many opportunities I've had for trying to help spread His kingdom in this vast and needy field. We are thankful for the many Bible classes we've been able to teach, the messages we've been able to give them from God's Word—those sitting in the regions of darkness and shadow of death—many of whom had never heard before. We are thankful for the sick we've been able to minister to, for the little orphans and motherless ones that we have been able to feed and care for, for the hundreds who have been baptized into Christ, for the unfortunate ones in prison who we have been able to point back to their Savior. We are thankful for the many we have been able to reach with Bibles and tracts. God's promise is that His word will not return unto Him void.

With prayers that 1964 will see still greater things for God in self-supporting, self-propagating, self-edifying churches. O. D. Brittell.

#### S.C.C. PRESIDENT MAKES PROGRESS REPORT

On Tuesday night, November 12, N. Wilson Burks and Cecil Garrett made a "Progress Report" at a special meeting at South Louisville church of Christ. Even though attendance was small, yet several churches of the area were represented. Brother Burks handed out "Progress Report" sheets and elaborated on them. Then Brother Garrett showed colored slides of S.C.C., its buildings and

student body, including day by day activities. All in all it was a fine meeting.

Some highlights of the report follow. We were informed that about 500 have attended S.C.C. through the years, 149 have graduated, S.C.C. students have been received by thirty-six colleges, of which 103 have graduated. Forty-five former students are ministers or missionaries. Twenty-five are ministers' wives. Sixty-nine churches are blessed and helped by products of S.C.C. Ten of the present student body have expressed the desire to be full-time ministers.

From 1954 to July, 1963, the sum of \$1,129,191.31 has been received by the College. More than half of this amount has gone to capital improvement, including approximately \$40,000 for library, \$35,000 for science labs and equipment, and over \$100,000 to improvement of the campus.

Teachers of SCC all have masters degrees. Recently the school has been examined for accreditation. A report is forthcoming. One of her weak points is her small student body. From 150 to 200 enrollment would greatly help in her standing and in operation costs. Yet students have attended SCC from fifteen states and five foreign countries.

### THE SOLUTION

The solution to the Southeastern Christian College support problem is simple. Let as many more as are giving a dollar or more per week join in the program of underwriting the operating and debt-retiring costs and our troubles are over. This would mean around one thousand new helpers. Why should those of us who have been giving regularly for years need to feel the brunt of more and more emergency appeals while those who could make it easy for all of us to sit idly by?

We now have a faculty with master's degrees. Can we blame them for wanting a standard accredited college? Denominations provide and require several years of accredited work for their ministers. Is it too much for us to provide two years of recognized work so that the students can be properly prepared to enter other institutions of learning? Southeastern has an integrated Bible Department. Ten young men have expressed a desire to be full time preachers. It seems that accreditation is near.

We need this school! Will you be one of a thousand new givers to join with us in giving regularly to SCC? — J. R. C.

### REPORT ON ELDERS' — DEACONS' WORKSHOP

The final test of the success of the Elders'-Deacons' Workshop conducted at the Kentucky Ave. church November 9th is, of course, in the future. However, from all present indications it appears that the all-day series of messages delivered by a number of Gospel preachers from the Louisville area was well received and conducive to much self-examination. Following the welcome delivered by John Murphy, an Elder at Kentucky Ave., Robert Boyd, H. E. Schreiner, J. L. Addams, Hall C. Crowder, Earl Mullins, Thomas Y. Clark, and Ronald Bartanen spoke on the responsibility of leadership, the work of church officers, their qualifications, and the need for planning ahead to have adequate church leadership in the years ahead. About 110 attended from 26 congregations, most of whom were present for all the messages. An open forum closed the day, officially, although it was hard to get many into their cars and on their way home afterwards.

We wish to take this means of publicly expressing our appreciation to the above-mentioned brethren for their sacrifice of time and effort to make this workshop a success, as well as to others from our own and from other congregations. Certainly we would include in this number those from Kentucky Avenue who made possible the excellent noon meal, for which donations were taken to cover costs.

Will there be renewed interest in having a qualified leadership that is awake to the tremendous responsibilities challenging the church of our Lord today? The answer to this question will determine the successfulness of the workshop. An indirect result that may be realized was indicated by some comments heard in conversations: "We need to have more meetings like this!" "Why not one for teachers?" ". . . personal work?" "benevolent work?" etc. We thank the Lord for this spirit! May He direct. —Ronald Bartanen

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