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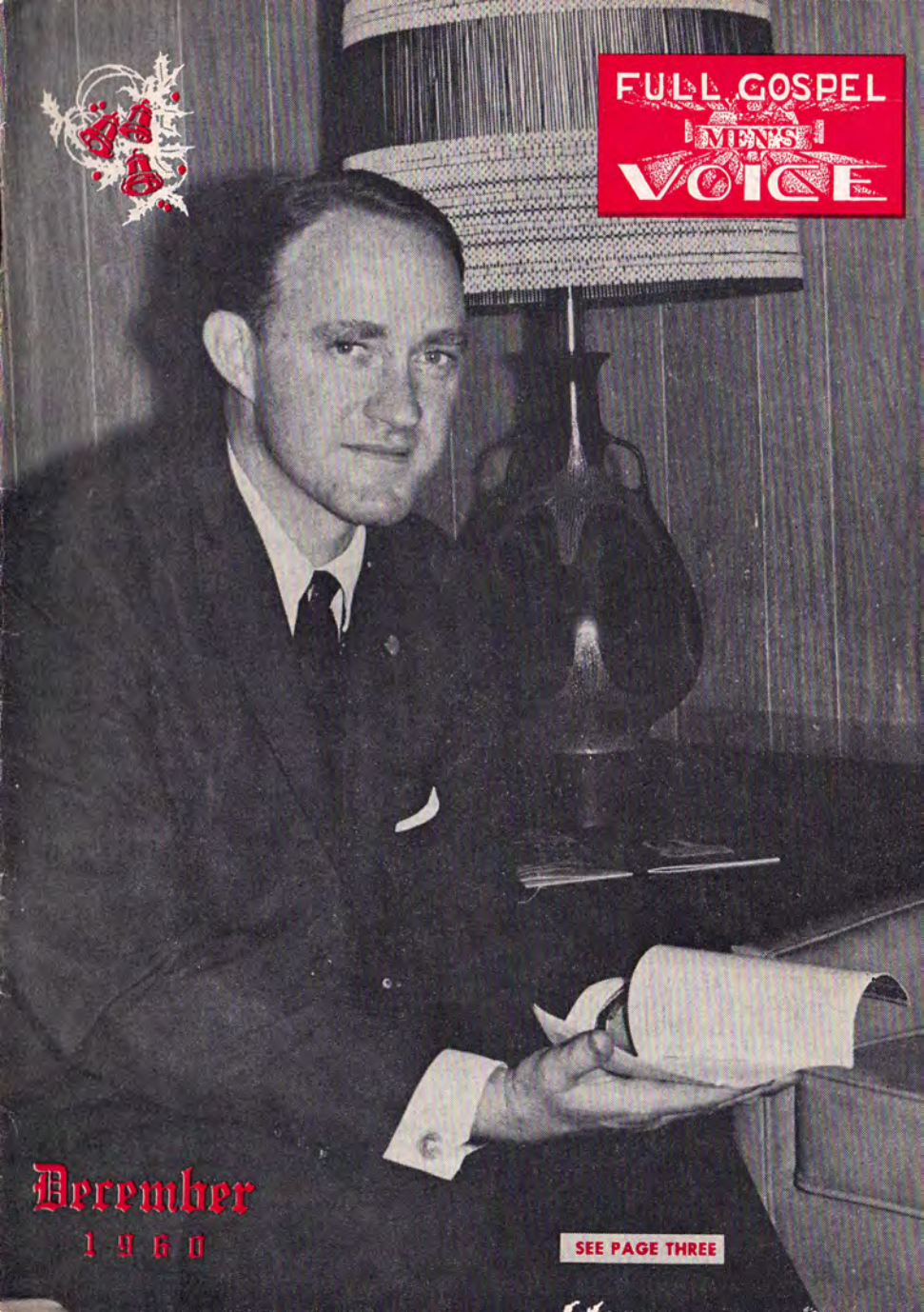

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Jesus Christ Not Only Set The Example Through His Acts But By Commandment Placed His Everlasting Approval Upon

God's Holy Calling: A Minister Of Healing

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EVER SINCE CHRIST walked the Earth and healed the sick, there has been a definite relationship between the teachings of Christ and medicine. This association has not always been a close one, and many times there has been much unhappy misunderstanding between the church on one side and physicians on the other. Today, however, there is a new awareness that in the close cooperation between the church and medicine lies a new, great kind of care of illness which brings Christ into His proper place in the thinking and the activities of both groups.

If we accept the creeds to be our definition of Faith, the inquirer can discover what a Christian is by referring to the statements contained in the creeds. It is not so easy, however, to define what the principles of Medicine are. The Hippocratic Oath, which was written approximately five hundred years before Christ, contains many of the precepts to which some physicians adhere. This oath has survived through the centuries and remains a great force in the proper thinking of physicians toward their work. It instructs the physician to practice holiness, humility and purity. It calls upon the physician to perpetuate his art through education. It stresses the value of the patient. This oath was written, however, before the light of Christ came upon the world, and, therefore, has a very important deficiency so far as the Christian physician is concerned.

In the Apocrypha, in the 38th chapter of Ecclesiasticus, are instructions concerning what man should do when illness strikes him and in what light he should consider his physician. The person who is ill is instructed to pray

CONCERNING PHOTOGRAPH ON FRONT COVER

The testimony of William Standish Reed, Physician and Surgeon, is one of the greatest miracles of this age of miracles. With all the miracle drugs and miracle techniques at his command, he is reverting back to the methods employed thousands of years ago in Bible Days, the healing power of The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit. Along with the drugs and techniques, he employes faith and prayer. The latter have wrought miracles of healing when the former failed. They make a wonderful combination when used together, with faith and prayer employed as the chief implements of the physician and surgeon and with drugs and techniques as assistants. The photo on the front cover was taken as Doctor Reed looked up from a copy of Full Gospel Men's Voice he was observing in the reception room of Demos Shakarian, President of FGBMFI.

to the Lord, to stop sinning, and to cleanse his heart from all wickedness, to give an offering, and then, after making this spiritual preparation, to call on a physician, "whom God hath given, that He might be honored in His marvelous works!" Man is instructed to honor the physician, "for the Lord hath created him."

After these initial instructions are given to the patient and after he is told to seek the physician, it is interesting to note that then the physician is instructed to pray, "for they shall also pray unto the Lord, that He would prosper that which they give for ease and remedy to prolong life."

To the Christian physician, the most important way of discovering what he himself is comes from a thorough study of Christ, in reading and meditating upon the Gospel.

The modern physician must place emphasis upon that part of the Hippocratic Oath which declares: "With purity and holiness, I will pass my life and practice my art." Jesus Christ told his disciples, that it would be said of Him, "Physician, heal thyself." The truth involved in these statements is that in order for a patient to be made whole, the physician must first be whole himself.

Doctor Luke recorded this saying of Jesus: "They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick."

The fact that Christ healed all men, including many different diseases, cannot be ignored. As we believe in Christ, we must believe Him in entirety. Therefore we cannot neglect the great lessons which are to be learned regarding what can be called Christian healing. We also must recall the commission Christ gave to His disciples, "to preach, to teach, and to heal." Christ stressed repeatedly, as various healings are recorded in the Gospel, that faith is the prime requisite of healing.

It is interesting to consider that the patient in each instance of healing recorded in the Gospel sought after Christ, or some intercessor sought Him for the patient. Christ responded to the requests of those who cried out to Him, and He healed them according to their faith. In the light of what Christ did, all physicians who call themselves Christians should consider that their commission as physicians was ordained by Christ as a holy ministry. This is also true of members of the teaching profession as well as ministers of the church.

After Christ ascended into Heaven and the Holy Spirit came to remain with man, the disciples and the apostles cured men of their diseases as they had been instructed by the Lord. These healings are recorded in many places in the New Testament, and the Epistle of James gives specific instructions concerning healing the sick. He calls for the elders of the church to be summoned, to pray over the sick man, to anoint him with oil, declaring that the prayer of faith will save the sick man. The laying-on of hands, the anointing with oil, and prayer for the sick has been bringing miraculous healing from the time of Christ to the present hour.

Sickness of all types has its spiritual aspects as to causation and as to its effect upon the severity and course of the disease. It also has its spiritual therapy. In recent years there has been an increasing interest in diseases which are called "Psychosomatic." Perhaps a new term should be devised such as "Thymopsychosomatic" to cover the whole picture of sickness of spirit,

mind and body. If as much effort can be brought to bear toward the understanding of the *whole* disease and the *entire* progress as has been put into psychosomatic ailments, a healthier, happier, more peaceful and more tranquil society would develop along the lines God would have it develop.

Recently I had the privilege of hearing a very interesting address on tranquilizers. The address disclosed the fact that as far back as 1839, a man by the name of Sheldon wrote a book in which the following facts were brought out:

Jacob blessed Judah, promising that "the scepter shall not depart from Judah nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come." This Shiloh was to be the Messiah, Jesus Christ, and the word could properly be interpreted as "Peacemaker" or "Tranquilizer."

It would seem that as the world seeks so avidly for a new tranquilizer or a new sedative, a new potion or a new pill, the need is not to be found in the myriad of new drugs which pass over the physician's desk or have landed in the ever-increasing discard pile of things tried and forgotten, but in the remedy tried and proved to be the only true solution, which is Shiloh, the Tranquilizer of the World, the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ!

During a recent visit to one of our hospital wards, I met a friend who is a minister of a local Baptist Church. He manifested so great a concern that I asked him what the trouble was. He said his thirteen-year-old son was in a coma, suffering severe hepatitis, and he feared his son would die. I examined the boy and found him in a very critical condition, but since every medical aid had been given him, I could add nothing to the medication. As I started to leave, I asked the father if he would like to have me, as a Christian physician, pray for the Lord to heal his son. The offer was immediately accepted and consecrated prayer for the boy's healing was asked in the name of Jesus.

The next day, the boy emerged from his coma and told his father and mother how much he appreciated the prayer of the physician. This emphasizes a fact that even though a patient is in a coma or is anesthetized, as long as life is present in the body, it should never be considered that the inner person does not know what is going on about him. Prayer can greatly effect seriously ill and so-called unconscious patients. I do not believe it is possible for the Spirit or Soul of an individual ever to become unconscious or anesthetized!

No doctor ever delivered a newborn infant and watched the breath of life come into it and no doctor has ever watched a patient enter death as the breath of life departed without considering the true meaning of life. If he will but open his eyes and allow his soul to encompass the great reality, he will see Christ on every hand, even as Dr. Paul Tournier records in his "Doctor's Case Book":

"We physicians are collaborators with God. He uses us to postpone death, prolonging life in order to produce that merciful respite. The sole purpose of our labor is to give our patients the supreme opportunity of encountering Jesus Christ and of binding themselves ever more closely to Him through faith. For, in the last analysis, all of our activity is but a temporary expedient. We are but repairing breaches which are continually made again. Our cures and our victories are, as Paul

There Is A Growing Conviction Among Physicians And Nurses That Theirs Is A Ministry Of Healing And That, Assuredly,

The Father, The Son, And Holy Spirit Are Healers

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ENTERING IMMEDIATELY and wholeheartedly into a busy surgical practice after leaving Ann Arbor and the University of Michigan Hospital in 1955, I found myself over-worked and hardly anxious to do anything other than my surgery and my duties at home and church. As a result, I almost refused an invitation to talk to the Episcopal Students' Canterbury Club on "Christianity in the Practice of Medicine."

As I weighed the decision, I thought back on many discussions in Ann Arbor — in our Episcopal Men's Group and in our Healing Prayer Group—concerning the power of Jesus Christ to heal the sick. I had thoroughly come to believe that New Testament teachings concerning Christ's healing power were true and should be part of the belief of Christians, including Christian doctors. Since I believed this, and since my witness seemed to be important to the students, the invitation was accepted.

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says in his second epistle to the Corinthians, 'an earnest of grace and of Heaven,' Only in Heaven shall we know the fullness of physical, psychological and spiritual health. Jesus Christ said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. He that believeth on Me, though he die, yet shall he live.' "

Since the healing profession was ordained by Christ, physicians should use their profession and the healing brought about through that profession to the glory of Christ and for the propagation of the Christian faith. As men sought Christ to be healed, the Christian physician should now heal man to help him find Christ! Medical science is a ministry of healing, in its highest sense, because it helps preserve man's body so that the mind within may accept Christ, thus giving the spirit eternal life!

The Ann Arbor meeting was successful and created much interest. The notes for the lecture were then assembled, condensed and published in "Sharing" Magazine. As a result of this article, and through correspondence with Ethel Tulloch Banks, Editor of "Sharing," I became a member of the Administrative Commission of The International Order of St. Luke, an interdenominational healing order.

In 1958 I attended my first Healing Conference at St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Philadelphia. This was the most inspiring conference I had ever attended and it reinforced my already strong belief in Christian healing. Shortly after this meeting, I was asked to speak in Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Cleveland. Since that time, witnessing for Christ has become a major part of my life. In 1959 and 1960, I again attended the Healing

Conferences in Philadelphia as a speaker both years.

In the 1959 meeting, I was introduced into the fuller meaning of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Prayer groups were meeting after the evening services to pray for the conference and for those who came for healing. Surprising to me at first was the knowledge that deep intercessory prayer and glorifying Christ in prayer leads to bringing into man and groups gathered together in His Name the power of the Holy Spirit. There were tongues and the interpretation of tongues — in beauty and in holiness and in glory! There was the laying on of hands and the receiving of the Holy Spirit. In this atmosphere of divine love, the gift of tongues was not denied because God's power was there in abundance. To a medical doctor, this might have seemed strange or unnecessary or perhaps a manifestation of hysteria — except that *it was beautiful* and the *sense of the presence* of Christ was there. It was also of great personal help to know that this was among Episcopalians primarily. There were Episcopal priests and their wives, also physicians and even a psychiatrist!

"So Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday, today and forever! Not just in the gift of Healing — but in *all* ways! So the New Testament is a true and right document! We can be fundamental on the entire New Testament and not just those parts we desire to be fundamental about!" These were thoughts that I had during my second and third St. Luke's Conferences. Also it became apparent that the Holy Spirit is being "poured out upon all flesh" in this our day. Therefore, we Christians *must* unite under the banner of Christ, whether Episcopalian, Pentecostal, Baptist, Roman Catholic or Jew, and prepare the Bride of Christ. We must start doing what the apostles did, winning the pagan world to Jesus — even pagan America! We must heal the sick and *even raise the dead!*

In Cleveland, the rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church asked me to lay hands upon the sick who came to the altar for healing. Feeling that I was no healer, I did not do so. Later, I was again asked to do laying-on of hands, in a small Episcopal Church in Lexington, Michigan. This time I was led to do laying-on of hands, with prayer for the sick. I have continued to do so — in the church — always with the minister; or in my office, in the home or hospital room, when led to do so or requested.

Miraculous things have happened! Many lives have been won for Christ. My surgical practice is thriving. God continues to bless my life in every way. Living for Jesus — all the way —is the only way of life.

Doctor Luke, who wrote the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, made no mention of his school of therapy nor of any achievements of the therapeutics of his day, so the spiritual method of therapy must have proved sufficient enough to make a mention of other therapy unnecessary.

A painting familiar to millions is "The Family Doctor," with the doctor sitting by the sick child, exhausted but praying. This painting hangs in the office of Mayo Brothers at their famous Mayo Clinic and it was reproduced as a postage stamp by the United States Government. The Christian physician should be able to state that his aim in practicing medicine is not merely that the patient should be restored from a certain affliction but that the patient

should achieve wholeness through Jesus Christ, Our Lord!

Ephriam McDowell, in 1809, when performing a first laparotomy in the United States for the removal of an ovarian tumor, had in his pocket a poem he had written that morning prior to going to surgery. In this poem, he entreated God to guide and direct him. Many revere McDowell as the father of American Surgery and as the father of American Operative Gynecology, so it is interesting to note that he performed this surgery with a prayer that God would direct him. It also is recorded that the operation was performed in a home, and since anesthetics had not come into use, the patient sang hymns throughout the operation in order that she not feel the pain.

The concept of God working with the surgeon and in the spiritually-prepared patient is being given serious consideration, and even being practiced, by Christian physicians and nurses. When the surgeon prays aloud with the patient and nurses before surgery in the operating room, truly amazing things happen! Prayer is a powerful influence upon all concerned. It brings calmness and faith and sets the scene for the entry of Christ into the surgical and healing team. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are healers, and They are able to perform miracles that are otherwise impossible!

There are signs of a great movement in the direction of the Holy Spirit ministry of healing among physicians and nurses! This thrilling movement of the Holy Spirit will continue to grow in many directions. There is hope that there can, in a very short time, be a Healing Hospital — built to the glory of the Healing Christ — somewhere in America! Many doctors and nurses are vitally concerned and interested!

God is moving powerfully today in America and throughout the world in the Episcopal Church and in many other denominations. New developments in the realm of the Holy Spirit in lives and churches are happening daily, indicating the approach of a great Christian era.

Along with this will come increasing persecution and increasing attack from the powers of darkness.

Through the Holy Spirit, let us unite in His Love to heal the sick and lead God's people *now* into the Life Abundant and into The Kingdom of Heaven!

Let us follow the commandments of Jesus Christ. Let us preach that the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand; and let us, in His name, heal the sick!

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World Pentecostal And Ecumenical Movements

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I BECAME PENTECOSTAL in 1918, while in my native South Africa. I became interested in the Ecumenical movement in 1951, when I met with Dr. John Mackay in Princeton, New Jersey. The following year, I attended an International Missionary Council at Willingen, where I met Dr. Visser 'tHooft and became acquainted with many leaders in the World Council and International Missionary Council. Since that time, I have kept in close contact with all Ecumenical movements and have witnessed and experienced the most astonishing developments!

My Pentecostal brethren and I were somewhat surprised in 1954, when we learned, through Bishop Leslie Newbigin's book, "The Household of God," that at last we were recognized in what we have always considered our true perspective, that is NOT a schismatic Protestant group, but rather a fresh revival of New Testament Apostolic Witness and Pentecostal Power. We were not quite so pleased when Dr. Henry van Dusen described us as a New Reformation, in 1955. Pentecostalists are staunch believers in Regeneration and view a mere Reformation with deep suspicion. Dr. van Husen was forgiven, in 1958, when in "Life Magazine," he wrote, "Many features of this 'New Christianity' bear striking resemblance to the life of the earliest Christian churches as revealed in the New Testament. Peter and Barnabas and Paul might find themselves more at home in a Holiness service or at a Pentecostal Revival than in the formalized and sophisticated worship of other churches, Catholic or Protestant." In fact he was quoted by most American speakers at the Fifth Pentecostal World Conference in Toronto, August, 1958. "Life Magazine" described it as the "fastest - growing Christian movement in the world today, one so dynamic that is stands with Catholicism and historic Protestantism as a third force in Christendom."

At the turn of this century there was

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no Pentecostal movement. Today, it consists of more than ten million souls that can be found in almost every country under the sun. About ten per cent of non-Catholic missionaries on the field are Pentecostal. That is about 3,500. In Italy and some other countries, the Pentecostal membership exceeds that of all non-Catholic churches. This was not brought about by a planned strategy from some central point. In fact, up to 1947, there were large movements in many corners of the earth that knew nothing of one another. In sitting by the sick child, exhausted but tian movement of this age.

In the beginning of the century, the news of what was happening in one place would set aflame the hearts in another place and a new revival would result from simple cottage prayer meetings.

The firmness with which the historic churches rejected this Pentecostal Experience caused their members who came to enjoy this blessing to leave the church and begin new assemblies. After ten years, so many new and independent local assemblies had been established that it was felt there should be some kind of fellowship to safeguard sound doctrine and to correct the many forms of fanaticism that was threatening to wreck the whole revival. Thus from 1910 onwards, there developed a number of fellowships in many areas and countries of the world. The nature and form of organization that was adopted by them varied according to the influence of the historic churches upon the new Pentecostal leaders. Most followed the system of autonomous local churches linked by regional and national fellowship conventions. All kinds of names were adopted.

Since the first World Conference of 1947, the Pentecostal Ecumenical Movement has developed to where about 90% of the entire revival around the world is now represented at the Triennial World Conference.

At the World level, there is a unity of spirit, but at the local level cooperation and even recognition of one another is still sadly lacking. "But why worry," said a friend of mine, "we are all growing in membership and the revival is still on." Pentecostalists are more concerned about maintaining spiritual life and missionary zeal than in developing unity. If Paul and Barnabas cannot agree, then let us have two revival teams instead of one. Their implicit faith in the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of men and in the Spirit-filled community causes Pentecostalists to leave many of their problems to be solved by the Spirit in His own time. There is a strong desire always to be able to say: "It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us." It is generally accepted that only by the Holy Spirit are we baptized into one body and only He knows who truly belongs to the body, the Church Universal, and whatever man may do, He will ultimately bring about the unity and its manifestation. All we should do is to keep filled with the Spirit and humbly follow His guidance.

During the last ten years, the historic churches, with regard to the Pentecostal movements have changed considerably. There has developed within the Ecumenical scene a very keen and sincere interest in the phenomena of the Holy Spirit. Contrary to the expectation and perhaps wishful thinking of church leaders and theologians of fifty years ago, the Pentecostal revival did not blow over to be forgotten, but rather it is blowing all

over the world and continues to challenge the churches. Often the question is asked: "What is at the root of the success of the Pentecostal revival? What is it that made them flourish when the entire ecclesiastical world was against them?"

There is only one answer. Christ said: "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me." Acts 1:8. The greatest phenomena has never been the "speaking in other tongues" but rather the power of the Spirit and the resultant effective witnessing. We are great believers in "the priesthood of all believers," and we have been far more interested in Apostolic Power than in Apostolic Succession. Since the Apostles enjoyed a Pentecostal Experience before there ever developed a Pentecostal doctrine or theology, we believe that no one can ever grasp the full meaning of the Charismata until there is an experience similar to that on the "Day of Pentecost." If in Samaria they could receive the Holy Spirit after Pentecost, and if ten years after Pentecost the first Gentiles in the house of Cornelius could enjoy this blessing, if twenty years after Pentecost, Paul could ask the Ephesian believers, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" then surely there was no thought that this experience should fade out of the church. We dare to believe that the blessing is as valid 2000 years after Pentecost as it was twenty years after the first outpouring of the Spirit. We not only dare to believe, but we dare to receive. That makes all the difference!

H. M. M. Fortman, in the Roman Catholic magazine, "Dux," of December, 1958, wrote: "The argument that Charismata were only for the founding age of the church and not for this time, *I have never grasped!* One would think they are needed *now more than ever!*"

For so long did the churches ignore the Pentecostal blessing as an existential reality that the Pentecostal movements began to feel it was their exclusive inheritance and that the rest of the Christian world would never come back to it. Many of them began to visualize the possibility of the movement becoming the Church of Christ in the closing days of time. However, this situation has completely changed during the last ten years. Many of my brethren are now convinced that the Lord Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, will pour out His Spirit upon all flesh and that the historic churches will be renewed and then in this renewal be united by the Holy Spirit Himself.

Not only have the many Pentecostal societies become united in national and international fellowships in the last decade, but they have also accepted the hand of fellowship from the so-called Evangelical defections from the mainstreams of Protestantism. This association with Evangelicals has, however, caused them to be violently opposed to the World Council of Churches. But at this very point there is now a new development on the Ecumenical scene.

At the recent week's conference of the Commission On Faith And Order of the World Council of Churches held at St. Andrews, Scotland, three days were devoted to "Miracle Workers," "Healers," and Speakers in Tongues and Interpreters." Typical of the trend of the World Council of Churches, as represented by the Conference, was this prayer: "O God of unchangeable power and eternal light,

look favourably on Thy whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; and by the operation of Thy providence, carry out the work of man's salvation; and let the whole world feel and see that things which were cast down are being raised up, that those things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are returning to perfection through Him from whom they took their origin, even through our Lord Jesus Christ." Indeed, the Church of Jesus Christ is returning to the original pattern He and His disciples established!

The World Evangelical Fellowship can claim to have large Pentecostal societies in their ranks and the World Council has none. On the other hand, there are now large numbers of ministers within the National Council and the World Council that are enjoying the same glorious Pentecostal experience that the Pentecostals have, and yet they are still loyal to their own confessions and have not been disfellowshipped by their brethren. I personally know many Lutheran, Reformed, Episcopalian, Methodist and Baptist ministers that are "filled with the Holy Spirit, speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives them utterance." Actually, I am privileged to share in two Pentecostal revivals: one still outside the World Council of Churches, and the other, more recent one, inside the historic churches within the Ecumenical movement. I can see that the renewal within the churches may yet become the greater and more powerful of the two!

I agree with Dr. Ernest Wright of Harvard when he writes in his recent book, "The Rule of God" — "God through the work of the Spirit has always been at war with human institutionalism, because the institution becomes idolatrous, self-perpetuating, and self-worshipping, because church membership becomes synonymous with the new birth, because man tries to make the Spirit follow law. Christian history has shown that the Charisma has a way of breaking out of all bounds, of achieving the unexpected, and of violating institutional proprieties." I particularly endorse his statement that: "It is important to observe that in prophetic eschatology the consummation of the Kingdom of God is to be marked by a great revival of Charismatic happenings. Both leaders and people will then be Spirit-filled and Spirit-empowered on a scale hitherto unknown." My prayer and hope is that this will soon be seen everywhere in the world, so that the Church can once again "turn the world upside down." I say with Dr. Henry van Dusen: "The call to the ministry is to be alert to discern every movement of the living, confounding, uncontrollable Spirit of God in what someone has called *"HIS SOVEREIGN UNPREDICTABILITY!"*

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An Episcopalian Who Has Been Endued With Power From On High Asks All Christians This Important And Scriptural Question:

"Received Ye The Holy Ghost Since Ye Believed?"

BY JEAN STONE

Do you as a practicing, believing Christian have the mind of Christ in you? Do you share the emotions of our blessed Lord for a lost and dying World? Do you have the power dwelling within you to sanctify your life? Are you an active, vital Christian witness in the world?

If you cannot answer affirmatively to all of these questions, you need to receive the Holy Spirit into your life in a newer and fuller way. For St. Paul said, "We have the mind of Christ." And surely we need to also share the emotions of God to exercise compassion for fallen humanity, to love our brother as we should — even to love Christ, for it is only by the power of the Holy Spirit that we are capable of such an extension of Divine Love.

Are our lives sanctified and are we manifesting the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance, in our daily lives? Jesus said, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me." Are we effective witnesses in the world? Are we re-vitalized, re-born Christians bursting with joy and peace and power? Jesus Himself promised that it would be thus. Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?

In his book, *The Church Under the Cross,* J. B. Phillips writes, "With divine appropriateness that Spirit comes upon the scene with the sound of a boisterous gale and the sign of blazing fire. That celestial wind never drops and that holy fire never dies down as we see the Young Church going forward, invulnerable, fearless, flexible and splendid, to carry love and light into a world darkened by hate and fear." Is this the picture of the Church in the world today, or have we become cold, formal and complacent? Have we, like the Church at Ephesus, lost our first love? Do the signs follow us who believe? Do we speak with new tongues? Do we cast out demons in His name? When we lay hands upon the sick are they healed, or is it just another healing service? God hasn't changed, but have we?

The Holy Spirit was sent to give power to the Church. The Apostles were permitted to do nothing at all until they had become endued with power from on high. Where is the power of New Testament times? Where are the miracles promised by Jesus? And yet Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever, and miracles should be just as much a reality for Twentieth Century Christians as for believers in Apostolic days.

Turn ye then, Christians, and give your heart to the Lord of Hosts, for "Not every one that saith unto me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Believe on Him in His omnipotent entirety, and receive ye the Holy Ghost, "for the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar

off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

How can we today receive the fullness of His Blessed Holy Spirit? Even as they did in Apostolic times: "Then laid they their hands upon them, and they received the Holy Ghost." What is the sign of this infilling of the Holy Spirit which endues us with such joy and peace and power? Again, it is just as it was in New Testament times: "The Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues and prophesied." The Holy Bible records, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Precisely, the Holy Bible reads, "For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God."

Throughout the history of the Church, the Holy Spirit has been received with the accompanying sign of the unknown tongue. In some cases the Spirit has fallen spontaneously upon the believer; in others He has been transmitted by the laying on of hands. In the Second Century, Tertullian spoke with other tongues. St. Irenaeus, a Second Century scholar of St. Polycarp and a disciple of the Apostle John, wrote, "We have many brethren in churches having prophetical gifts and, by the Spirit, speaking in all kinds of languages." In the Fourth Century, St. Augustine wrote, "It is expected that converts should speak with new tongues." In the Fifth Century St. Chrysostom stated, "Whoever was baptized in Apostolic days, he straightway spake in tongues."

In *History of the Christian Church,* Spondamus and many others are referred to as having stated that St. Vincent Ferrer, who died in 1419, had the gift of tongues. On March 8, 1750, Thomas Walsh, a renowned Wesleyan preacher, wrote, "This A.M. the Lord gave me a language that I knew not of, raising my soul to Him in a wonderful manner." *The Catholic Encyclopedia* speaks of St. Francis Xavier's preaching in tongues unknown to him. A contemporary Episcopal Bishop states that he knows of literally hundreds of Episcopalians who are filled with the Holy Spirit and speak with unknown tongues. He also recounts an incident concerning one of his friends who was ordained to the priesthood in England some years ago. When the Bishop laid hands upon him, the Bishop spoke with tongues and said, "You may not understand this now, but you will later on."

Although we may have forgotten Gods' promises to us, He has not forgotten, and if we turn our eyes upon the Saviour and ask, we shall receive. If we seek, we shall find. If we, being evil, know how to give good gifts to our children, how much more ready is the Father to give the Holy Spirit to those who ask. The key is *praise*! Praise and magnify His wonderful name and He will *fill* us as he did the disciples of old!

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Darkness Covered The Earth And Gross Darkness The People; The Children Of God Were In Bondage And Needed A Deliverer; And Because Jesus Christ Came Bringing Light And Deliverance,

We Cherish The Birth Of Our Redeemer!

BY THOMAS R. NICKEL

THE BIRTHDAY OF CHRIST has become the greatest festive occasion in all the Earth. The Commercial World begins observing the event as early as September. Even tobacco and liquor firms prepare elaborate gift packages of their destructive products and then spend enormous sums to advertise them in magazines, over radio and television and on billboards. Once again, the people are in darkness and in bondage!

Looking back almost two thousand years, we find the true reason why Christmas should be a festive occasion and why it should be a time of rejoicing

For more than seven centuries, Believers had been awaiting the coming of the Messiah, as foretold by the prophet, Isaiah: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel." "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great Light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath that Light shined." "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon His kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this."

But the night our Saviour was born, only the Shepherds in the field near Bethlehem and the Wise Men far to the East were watching. These sought and found the Redeemer and rejoiced and worshipped Him.

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Concerning this greatest event in all history, the First Christmas, the beloved physician, Luke, preserved these facts for us:

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their ffock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and

This photo was taken from the Shepherd's Field, with the Fields of Boaz in the valley below. Just to the right is the little town of Bethlehem. Here in the Shepherd's field, in one of the most unlikely spots on Earth, the Angelic Host brought the Good Tidings that Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of the World, had been born in nearby Bethlehem. Thirteen centuries before, Boaz, a descendent of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, had redeemed his young kinswoman, Ruth, after she had come to glean in his fields shown here. From this marriage the lineage of Jesus Christ, the Great Redeemer, descended on through Obed, Jesse and David.

found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

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The coming of the Wise Men from the East was recorded by Matthew, the tax-collector who forsook all to follow Jesus, as follows:

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

When Herod the king heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold and frankincense, and myrrh.

And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

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For almost twenty centuries, millions throughout the Earth have worshipped this same Jesus, as did the Shepherds and the Wise Men, and have cherished the true meaning of that First Christmas. The true meaning was given by Jesus Himself: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved." In the words of the One whose birthday we observe, Christmas is a time to seek, to find and to worship the Saviour and to accept the Gift of God, even Everlasting Life!

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our Spirit, that we are the children of God. Romans 8:16.

Beginning Among The Young People In A Mennonite School, Moving Into A Mennonite Church Two Hundred Miles Away, Then In A Mennonite Home With Supernatural Manifestations,

We Saw The Visitation Of God To The Mennonites

The same God who manifested Himself supernaturally to Moses and the Children of Israel in the Old Testament and through Jesus Christ to those of His day in the New Testament, moved through the Holy Spirit among the Mennonites in these times. The Book of the Acts of the Apostles records no greater supernatural manifestation of God than this record of His visitation to the Mennonites, first in the School, next in the Church, and then in the Home.

BY GERALD DERSTINE

SINCE GOD WAS MOVING so greatly among the young people, it was impossible to have classes, so some of the teachers took the young people home. There were students from several different Mennonite churches in Northern Minnesota, Wisconsin, and North Dakota. I gathered my students together and started home with them in my car.

On the way home, two of the students at different occasions went into spiritual trances and began to prophesy and speak about things that were to happen in our community where my church was at Strawberry Lake, Minnesota. This was very strange and unusual the way these things took place even in our automobile. However, we took them to their respective homes.

The following evening, we had a meeting in my church and were going to have a prayer meeting in which I was going to allow our young people to tell the people of my community what took place in the Bible school that week. My church was located 200 miles South of the place where the Bible school is located. Therefore none of the people of our community and of my congregation would know what took place in the Bible school and we were going to allow testimony that night for those young people to tell our people at the church about the Bible school revival.

To my amazement, when we were about to begin the service in my own congregation on this prayer meeting night, I heard a peculiar thud and bump onto the floor and there was one of the young people again on the floor as it took place during the week at the Bible school. I did not expect this to happen in our church since the young people had been to bed and with their own families and out of the atmosphere of the Bible school. I thought we would have a meeting as usual, but instead there came a revival spirit in my own congregation.

I could not continue the service, since we had to take care of this one individual that fell onto the floor. Just then a second individual fell down and began to shake and act strange and then began to speak and prophesy things which were to take place in the community as well as in world affairs.

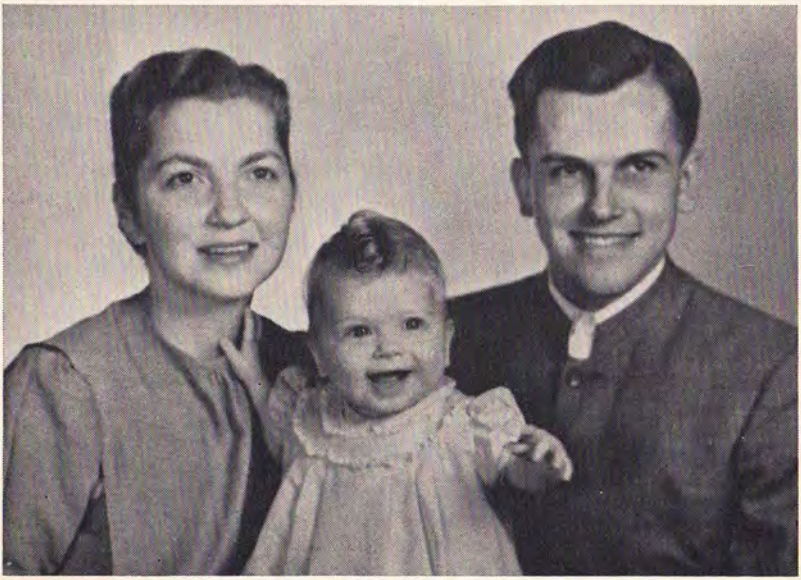
As the people began to see what was taking place, great conviction fell upon my congregation. Individuals' names would be called out and they would be told things about their life and also

sins which they harbored of which they were admonished to ask God to forgive them and confess their sins. Great fear fell upon our congregation at this time, and almost a complete duplication took place in my congregation as what had taken place at the Bible school.

Many of the people fell under conviction, weeping and confessing took place, individuals had visions and unusual dreams, and a spiritual revival and shaking was taking place in the community. As far as I was concerned, it was a definite answer to our previous prayers.

I didn't understand why it should continue in this manner, but the following Sunday morning, our Sunday morning service went through as ordinary until after the morning service, when young people desired to pray instead of going home. In the process of their praying, they also went into visions and unusual experiences, with prophecies and the gifts of the Spirit. We did not know how to stop it without offending and causing the young people to lose the experience which they had received and their devotion and love to God. So we allowed them to pray. It was on Sunday evening, which was the beginning of the most unusual things which took place out of all these things which had transpired thus far.

Sunday night I was told by one of



This photo of Beulah and Gerald Derstine and baby daughter was taken when Gerald was Pastor of the Mennonite Church at Strawberry Lake, Minnesota, during which time the amazing events recorded in his testimony took place. He is wearing the prescribed attire for a Mennonite Minister.

the young people as he was in the Spirit that when I would go home, *there would be three people in my house, and the lights of my house would be lit.* He said, *"I must not go home but must come to your house and pray, and pray all night."* I thought this was quite strange and I pleaded with him to take him home. He said, *"No, I am to come to your home and pray. There are three people there. Your lights are lit in your house."* I didn't know why my lights should be lit as I was not expecting anybody to be there, but I obeyed what he said as he said it in a strange, spiritual manner.

We drove home, approximately four miles, arriving about 2:30 in the morning.

As we came near my house, I saw the lights were lit, and when we entered, there were three young men, exactly as the Spirit spoke through the lips of this boy.

No sooner did we enter the house until the boy fell to the kitchen floor, where he began to speak and describe the trip that these three young men had had on their way to my house. This was very amazing to the three young men as well as to myself. These three young men were from another state and I had met them before but had not been expecting them.

This was the beginning of some of the most unusual and strange manifestations, which lasted for seven days and nights, in our home. There were approximately ten to fifteen people led into our home from various parts of the community as well as other parts of the country which were of the Mennonite faith. They were led to come and have fellowship with us at this time. I did not make any special invitation for these people to come to my house, but when they came they would stay until the Spirit of the Lord told them to leave. Many of them came not expecting to stay longer than just a short period. But when they came into the house and discovered the strange things that were taking place by means of supernatural effect, they would become a part of what was taking place.

Had it not been for the fact that everything that was being said was coming to pass, fearfully true, I would have questioned all these things. During these seven days and nights in our home, many unusual prophecies and demonstrations took place. Two brethren were given an unusual spiritual gift from God which caused them to be able to see the spiritual world. They would see Satan and the demonic forces and also see Jesus and the angelic forces. Constantly, during this period of seven days and seven nights in our house, Satan was seen as the archenemy and the cause of everything which caused confusion, but the Lord was also seen telling us exactly what to do and how to do it!

These two brethren were able to see things in the spiritual which were happening in the natural, miles away. There were times when there were people on their way to our house and these brethren were able to see them coming as though it were television. They saw them when they were yet miles away and informed us that these individuals were coming and that we should be prepared. Then the Spirit of God would tell us how to be prepared. This was stranger than anything I had ever experienced or even read of except for similar instances in the Book of Acts in Bible days.

When I went to another mission church, 65 miles away from my home, all the time I was there someone in the living room of my house was seeing all my actions and informing those in my house where I was and what I was doing. The stops I made and the individuals I spoke to were recorded. I didn't know this was taking place until I came home and began to tell them about my experiences on this trip, and to my amazement they already knew all about it. It was too perfect to question!

There were periods of time when individuals came with a wrong attitude and an unbelieving spirit and there were strange manifestations and warfares, between the Satanical forces and the Spirit of God. At these times, it was very fearful until a definite victory was experienced and then peace and calm prevailed.

Things in the home during these seven days and nights had to be absolutely perfect. There was not allowed to be any idle talk. We were admonished to speak only things which we were absolutely sure were going to be perfectly quoted and recalled without any doubts in our minds. If we were to relate any previous experience, we were admonished to only say it if we were sure we could say it exactly as it took place.

There were many strange experiences which we had, and at times Satan made personal appearances into the house, one of the brethren would have a conversation with Satan, and things would happen exactly as said.

If somebody were to tell me about it, it would be hard for me to believe, but since it took place in my own home, and since I saw every move as it took place from the beginning all the way through, I know that it occurred. Had I not judged these things very seriously and sincerely by the scriptures and by previous knowledge, I would never have been willing for these things to continue.

God allowed us to go through strange experiences which caused us to have a different opinion concerning some dogmatic and traditional ideas that we had upheld through past training and teaching. God caused us to realize that what we know is only in part, that we have many more things yet to learn and that we need to learn to love all people and all brethren regardless of affiliation or appearance. The Spirit admonished us to keep our mind and heart centered on the Word of God!

There were times, after a strange experience, that the Lord would allow us to rejoice and He would put a spirit of rejoicing upon us which caused a lightness to come upon our hearts which would bring great joy and we would praise the Lord in a manner we had never experienced before. There were times when the Spirit of the Lord came in such a spirit of rejoicing that the Holy Spirit allowed us to literally dance, a strange experience which we had never believed before, this being far from our thinking! Many men and women from very conservative backgrounds, during this time in our home, experienced this glorious rejoicing spirit as the Spirit of God fell upon us and caused us to dance in the Spirit, as others sang gospel songs of victory.

There were tremendous times of rejoicing which caused me to tell individuals that if Heaven is going to be anything like this, it is certainly worth all the trials and sufferings that

any man would ever have to encounter. There were other times, however, when we would experience battles with Satan and with demonic forces that caused fear to come upon us which forced me to make the statement that if I would have known this was going to take place, I would have driven 5,000 miles away from this house, because of such fearful effect!

The reason the enemy received a foothold on this revival and caused confusion was because there were individuals that did not obey the instructions of the Holy Spirit. When they left the house, they began to tell others, and these people caused them to question the events, and to turn their back on the things of the Lord. This happened in the very beginning of the unusual seven days and nights during the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

One of the brethren, while in my kitchen, went into a peculiar supernatural condition. His body became very rigid, and very erect, standing as a marble statue, with his right hand straight up toward Heaven and his left hand pointing straight out. As he was in this condition, his voice was used to thunder out, in a tremendous manner, these words: *"The sword of the Spirit is the Word of the Lord! There shall be revival taking place like man never witnessed in the history of the world, even greater than what took place on the Day of Pentecost! There shall be no man receiving any glory in this revival, neither any organization, but the Lord Thy God!"* When these words were spoken, they were spoken with terrific accent and forceful manner. The words further went on saying: *"If it were the Lord's will, He could have used a mule or an animal to bring this revival, but since He made man in His own image, He shall use man to bring this revival upon the earth!"* He spoke further saying: *"This revival has thus far gone only as far as one and one-half drops in a ten quart pail in comparison as to what shall take place!"* As he was speaking these words, his body trembled and vibrated up and down off the floor, approximately six inches or more, which caused our whole house to shake and tremble, causing all of us to be very frightened as we looked on in awe, wondering what this all meant. We beheld and listened, knowing that this brother did not do this in his own strength or in his own might.

It was supernatural and very fearful. It caused our hearts to look up to God with great reverence, and during this week the Bible was open continually, with all the individuals that were in our home. We would constantly look up scriptures to confirm anything that was of unusual effect. Many times the Holy Spirit would tell us exactly what scripture to look up, if we would have any question.

We were certain that God was with us, and there were times when we knew that something unusual was going to happen, as the Lord, by His Spirit, would get us prepared for something. The Lord would tell us beforehand that there would be victory as long as we would be faithful and would not fear but trust and have confidence with great courage unto the Lord!

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The concluding article concerning the visitation of God to the Mennonites will appear in the next issue of Full Gospel Men's Voice.

As The New Birth Breaks Down Racial Barriers Among Believers, So The Holy Spirit Baptism Breaks Down Denominational Barriers. As It Has Been Proven That God Is No Respecter Of Persons, So Is It True That The Holy Spirit Is No Respecter Of Denominations.

"MARVELOUS IS THE WORK OF OUR GOD"

BY C. C. FORD

TRULY, AS IT IS WRITTEN, God is pouring out His Spirit upon all flesh! To the utter amazement of many Pentecostals, this promise is not only to all flesh but also to individuals of all denominations that are Christ-centered.

As the Lord uses the new birth to remove the race barrier, He is now using the baptism of the Holy Spirit to remove denominational barriers! The Lord Jesus would have the true members of His body to cease recognizing the divisions of men and begin enjoying the unity of the Spirit of God. As God is no respecter of persons, so also is His Holy Spirit no respecter of denominations!

The Holy Spirit does not recognize denominational barriers, customs or creeds. To the shocking amazement of some, the Holy Spirit apparently does not even consider outward appearance as a determining factor concerning those whom He will baptize. Peter was obliged to accept the Gentiles on the basis that God had accepted them because they also were baptized with the Holy Spirit. Now, also, the denominational Pentecostals have been obliged to accept women of other denominations, whose outward appearance differs somewhat from their own, because upon them also has the gift of the Holy Spirit fallen with power, signs and wonders.

Truly it is written that man looks on the outward appearance, but God looks on the heart. The outward man is clothed in conformity to man's religion, codes and customs, but the heart is adorned with the beauty of Holiness.

We are exceedingly happy to observe that the Lord is using Full Gospel Men's Voice and FGBMFI to bring the Pentecostal message to ministers and men and women of all denominations.

We are indeed grateful to our Lord Jesus that we now have in our files documented testimonies of many ministers and men and women of other than Full Gospel denominations that have received the blessed experience of the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

The Voice and our Fellowship provide a position of neutrality concerning church denominations as Geneva, Switzerland, maintains its neutrality among the nations. In the Voice and at FGBFI breakfasts, banquets, and public meetings, the truths concerning the baptism of the Holy Spirit are brought forth without denominational restrictions or barriers.

It appears that God is using Full Gospel Men's Voice and FGBMFI as the stage upon which the last great act of the Holy Spirit is being manifested in bringing into fellowship all the members of the Body of Christ. As

A neighbor gave my wife copies of the September and October issues of Full Gospel Men's Voice. I am very much interested. We were brought up in the Catholic Apostolic Church and believe in healing by faith and the "laying on of hands." This is part of the Catholic Apostolic Church teaching. We now belong to the Episcopal Church, having been members the past 18 years. I was interested in Rev. Dennis Bennett's talk. We were responsible in getting a mid-week service started especially for the sick. This makes three Episcopalian Churches here holding such services. I am sending in two subscriptions for myself. I will pass one on where I hope it will do some good. Keep up the good work! —Dr. O. H. Bersch, Spokane, Washington.

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Last month, when I opened the cover of Full Gospel Men's Voice, I felt the glory of God's Spirit go through me, and when I gave it to an Episcopal lady, it happened again! When the cover of this month's magazine was opened, the Holy Spirit started again. We are a fortunate people. Praise God and His Son Jesus Christ. Enclosed please find remittance to send copies to the Veterans' Hospital Psychiatric Ward, where I was until Jesus Christ made me whole again.—Jim Langan, Pasadena, California.

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My copy of Full Gospel Men's Voice gets much passed around here, so I am sending ten gift subscriptions so that my copies will go around the world, to Denmark, Germany, Austria, French Cameroun, Brazil, Guatemala, Philippine Islands, and Japan.—Mary Doerflein, Seattle, Washington.

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Enclosed is check for one hundred copies of the October issue of Full Gospel Men's Voice. It is a delight to hear of the Pentecostal outpouring among our liturgical as well as our non-liturgical brethren of other denominations. While in the Military, I have met many Sipirt-filled believers of various denominations. May the Lord bless you in your great work!—John A. Lindvall, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) USA, Office of the Chaplain, Headquarters 85th EVAC Hospital, Fort Hood, Texas.

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Received the November issue of Full Gospel Men's Voice containing the report of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit among the Mennonites. This issue already is in circulation among a group of interested Mennonites, and

We have room for only a fraction of the multitude of fine letters we receive but we appreciate every one!

they are planning on subscribing to the Voice. Please rush me twenty more copies of this issue. I am sending a number of subscriptions in another letter. God bless you, and may you keep up the good work.—Pastor G. Greatorex, Pentecostal Tabernacle, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada.

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I want to let you know that I enjoy reading Full Gospel Men's Voice very much. The testimonies just thrill my heart as I read how God is working in the lives of others. May God continue to bless your work in a great way. I am sending my own and a gift subscription.—Rocco Agrusti, President The Railroad Evangelistic Association, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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Enclosed please find ninety-six subscriptions to Full Gospel Men's Voice which have been handed to me through our Chapter.—Leslie Matula, Secretary FGBMFI Twin Cities Chapter, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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Thanks for copies of Full Gospel Men's Voice containing the testimony of Dr. John H. Osteen, Baptist Pastor. Enclosed is $1 for copies of the October issue, containing the testimony of Rev. Dennis Bennet, Episcopalian Pastor. If you would put out a book containing the many wonderful testimonies from Full Gospel Men's Voice you would sell edition after edition. I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul propereth.—Rev. G. J. Strong, Chico, California.

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Your issues of Full Gospel Men's Voice are such wonderful tracts containing the testimonies of God's signs following that we seldom get to keep them because of the urgency to witness to others through the Voice. Enclosed please find remittance for two copies each month.—Fred and Virginia Campbell, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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My father sent me a copy of Full Gospel Men's Voice containing the testimony of the Jewish Rabbi. I received such a blessing from this issue that I am sending my subscription. Could you send me a copy of the June issue containing the testimony of Dr. John H. Osteen, Baptist Pastor, "Pentecost Is Not A Denomination: It Is An Experience".—Earling Forshberg, Powell River, British Columbia, Canada.

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I am so glad that some one sent you my subscription to Full Gospel Men's Voice. I want to pass the blessing on to others, as the Lord directs, so I am sending you four subscriptions. May the Lord bless you abundantly and supply your every need for this publication.—Mrs. George Wood, Salt Lake City, Utah.

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Your Christmas Giving

By Walter E. Isenhour

As you think of giving presents to your friends on Christmas Day,
Don't forget the poor and needy that you meet along life's way.
Give them something that is helpful, that will tell them of your love,
For such giving pleases Jesus as He watches from above.
If you cannot give abundance, give a little in His name;
For a little given rightly, with His blessing on the same,
May be bread upon the waters you will find again sometime,
Multiplied to loaves of blessing that are wondrous and sublime.
Give to little orphan children, give to widows in their need,
Give the old and give the helpless—hear their cry for help, and heed.
Give the prisoner in his prison, give to shut-ins fast in bed,
Give the crippled, blind, and sickly—give, and know that you'll be fed.
Let the Christmas thought of giving go with you throughout the year;
Then your life will be a blessing and you'll have a thrill of cheer;
For in making others happy you will get a great supply,
As our Lord who went to Heaven will then bless you from the sky.