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Dale Hanson at Salem, Oregon, in Fourth Week

BY REV. WALTER S. FREDERICK

We do praise the Lord for sending to us the Dale Hanson evangelistic party. It is now the fourth week of the meetings and they are going stronger than ever. The people are taking hold of the message of fasting and prayer which is bringing a spirit of faith into the congregation. People have been saved and filled with the Holy Spirit and quickened to believe God for greater things in their lives. Quite a number are praising God for deliverance in their bodies as the healing power of the Lord came forth. These meetings will go down in the history of Evangelistic Temple as creating great faith and spirituality. May God bless Brother Hanson in his stirring messages so fitting and necessary in these days of doubt and falling away.

Thelma Nickel in Stamford, Texas

We have been in an Assembly of God church here in Stamford the last ten days. God has mightily blessed. A lady was taken from the hospital, having been operated on for gall stones as large as a quarter. She came to us here. The power of God fell and she was delivered. The night before she had convulsions all night. She went home after being prayed for, ate a steak dinner, and preached in the church that night in Rotan. Praise the Lord for such a miracle.

Erickson Party at Tulsa

BY ORRIN KINGSRITER

The Lord has been giving us a good meeting here with souls seeking the Lord for salvation, and believers filled with the Holy Ghost. Also many sick have been healed. One of the outstanding healings was that of a girl with an incurable disease. She has been hospitalized for some time and doctors stated that the girl would never



The Erickson Party, Rev. and Mrs. Orrin Kingsriter (left), and the Clifton Ericksons.

recover. Her heart was three times normal size and was so weak that the least exertion would cause her much pain and her heart would palpitate severely, and the doctors also stated that if the girl would run or walk upstairs it would mean certain death. Brother Erickson prayed for her and she was completely and instantly healed. This healing occurred 16 days ago and since then she has not needed to refrain from any strenuous activity. She had been faithful to testify many times in the services as to her healing.

O. L. Jagers

Brother O. L. Jagers has not been in protracted campaigns since he was in Dallas, Texas. Our latest word from him was that he was preparing to go on a nation-wide radio hookup.

We list in this directory the names of those whom we believe have a proven Divine healing ministry, and who are laboring in harmony with the policy of THE VOICE OF HEALING to unite in spirit the members of the body of Christ, and whose lives are above reproach.

Permanent Addresses of Evangelists Whose Schedules Have Been Listed in The Voice of Healing. All Correspondence To Them Should Be Sent to These Addresses.

William Branham, Box 325, Jeffersonville, Indiana.
F. F. Bosworth, Box 678, Miami Beach 39, Florida.
Frank Cottingham, 519 Church St., Cheraw, S. C.
Charles Dobbins, 6623 Gifford Ave., Bell, Calif.
Clifton Erickson, 538½ So. Chelan, Wenatchee, Wash.
William Freeman, Branson, Mo.
Velmer Gardner, 538½ So. Chelan Ave., Wenatchee, Wash.
W. V. Grant, 711 N. Main, Malvern, Ark.
Franklin Hall, 3236 Orange Ave., San Diego, Calif.
Dale Hanson, Box 795, Tacoma, Wash.
L. D. Hall, Box 697, Grants Pass, Oregon.
John Hauck, Creswell, Oregon.
H. E. Hardt, 467 Penn. Ave., York, Pa.
W. A. Henry, 6900 Orchard Ave., Bell, Calif.
Harold Horton, 18910 Wormer, Detroit, Mich.
Gayle Jackson, 802 S. Kings Highway, Sikeston, Mo.
U. S. Jaeger, 7402 44th Pl., N. E., Seattle, Wash.
O. L. Jagers, Pawnee, Ill.
Louis Kaplan, 22-50 49th St., Astoria, N. Y.
Gordon Lindsay, Box 4097, Shreveport, La.
Harvey McAlister, 380 Riverside Dr., 4-Dy, New York City 25.
E. H. Miles, Box 142, Sta. 1, Atlanta, Ga.
Louise Nankivell, 900 N. Karlov Ave., Chicago, 51, Ill.
Thelma Nickel, 405 So. Wheeling, Tulsa, Okla.
Wilbur Ogilvie, Chowchilla, Calif.
T. L. Osborn, Box 4231, Tulsa, Okla.
Oral Roberts, Box 2187, Tulsa, Okla.
Abraham Tannenbaum, Shenandoah, Va.
Richard R. Vinyard, 8043 Lowell, Overland Park, Kans.

HEALING CAMPAIGN SCHEDULES

Schedules of campaigns should be addressed to Miss Anna Jeanne Moore, and should reach her by the 20th of the month preceding publication.

WILLIAM BRANHAM

Camden, Ark. Mar. 4-5
Carlsbad, N. M. Mar. 13-18
Old Airbase Auditorium
El Paso, Texas. March 19-21
Liberty Hall
Harlingen, Texas. March 23-26
City Auditorium
New York City. April 3-5
Glad Tidings Temple
See front page for overseas schedule

VELMER GARDNER

New York City. Mar. 4
Chateau Gardens, 105 E. Houston

W. V. GRANT

Blytheville, Ark. Feb. 26
Assembly of God

H. E. HARDT

Bend, Oreg. Latter March
Paterson, N. J. April
Bethany Church, Main St.
Jamaica, L. I., N. Y. May
Sutphin Blvd. and 120 Ave.

DALE HANSON

Colorado Springs, Colo. Mar. 5
City Auditorium
Oklahoma City, Okla. May 14
Southside Faith Tabernacle
Joliet, Ill. April 9
114 5th Ave.

HAROLD HORTON

Little Rock, Ark. Feb. 28-Mar. 5
Monroe, La. Mar. 7-12

GAYLE JACKSON

Westwego, La. Mar. 16
Assembly of God

LOUIS KAPLAN

Buffalo, N. Y. Mar. 20
Eagle Auditorium
Portland, Maine April 1
Frye Hall, Spring St.

FRANKLIN HALL

Chicago, Ill. Beg. Mar. 12
Beulah Temple, 240 E. 77th St.

HARVEY McALISTER

Augusta, Ga. Until Mar. 12
1615 Fenwick St.
Philipsburg, Pa. Mar. 6-Apr. 2
409 E. Presqueisle St.
Wausau, Wis. April 3-15
525 Steuben St.
Benton Harbor, Mich. April 16-May 7

LOUISE NANKIVELL

Albany, N. Y. Mar. 12-26
Washington Ave., opposite Teachers College
Carmichael Auditorium
Allentown, Pa. May 7-28
Nabkon's Auditorium

THELMA NICKEL

Clarksburg, W. Va. Mar. 9-Apr. 2

T. L. OSBORN

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ORAL ROBERTS

Jacksonville, Fla. Mar. 10-26

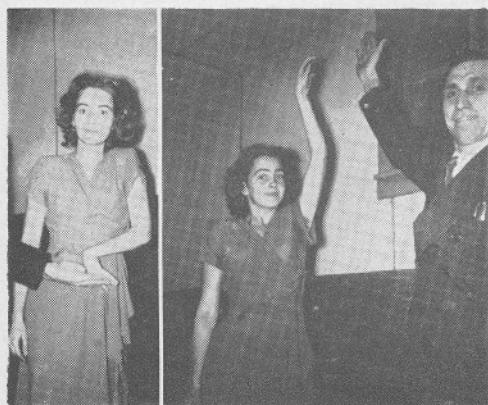
U. S. Jaeger Having Fine Campaigns

Rev. J. M. Strand, of Minneapolis, writes: "We recently closed a three-weeks healing campaign with the U. S. Jaeger Evangelistic Party; God blessed in the very first service by healing five from our own congregation. We continued to see our Lord healing sick bodies in every service, including deafness, double rupture, tumors and other diseases. Reports are still coming in of the healing touch.

"The afternoon meetings were greatly blessed under Brother Shaw's able ministry in strengthening the faith of believers in Divine healing. We feel that brother Jaeger and Brother Shaw are humble servants of the Lord, and they were a great blessing to the Full Gospel people here in Minneapolis."

Evangelist B. P. Schuald writes of the Jaeger meeting in Bellingham. "There were many wonderful healings, some of which were outstanding. One woman, dying of heart trouble, was healed. A woman who had a blind eye for twenty years was healed. Many deaf ears were opened. Best of all, souls were saved in nearly every meeting. I want to add that I also was healed in a Jaeger meeting in Tacoma."

MIRACLES IN JOHN HAUCK MEETINGS CONTINUE



Mrs. Dawson of Winston, Ore., who was healed of a withered and paralyzed arm in Brother Hauck's meetings in Roseburg, Oregon. Picture at right: As she is now. Left: Condition of withered arm before prayer.

Abraham Tannenbaum

Many outstanding testimonies have reached our office as a result of the healing ministry of Abraham Tannenbaum, Jewish evangelist, from cities in Pennsylvania and Maryland, where he has been laboring of late. May God bless our brother.

"We, the People" to Publish Branham Testimony

(From *Pentecostal Evangel*)

The testimony of a 10-year-old Fort Wayne, Indiana, girl whose eyes were healed last April will be printed in "We, the People," a year book published annually by Paeber Co., of New York City.

Designed to give permanent form to intelligent opinions, "We, the People" contains letters from people all over the country who write to the editors of newspapers and magazines on such subjects as art, business, crime, education, labor, music, science, religion, etc.

This little girl's letter was written to the *News-Sentinel* in protest of a news reporter's cynical write-up of healing meetings conducted by William Branham at the Fort Wayne Gospel Temple. As it will appear in "We, the People," here is the letter:

"My name is Bethel. This is a Biblical name which means 'House of God' or 'Altar of Prayer.' I am 10 years of age. My parents gave me to the Lord to be used in His service before I was born. From birth I had a far-sighted eye and a near-sighted eye. When I was three years of age I fell on a pop bottle and injured a nerve and this caused an eye defect. For five years I have worn glasses, the first thing I would put on in the morning and the last thing I took off at night.

"At the meetings I saw some children healed of cross-eyes and naturally I had a great desire to have my eyes healed. I could not secure a card. The last night, as I saw a crowd passing through the line, I thought of Zacchaeus, the short man, who climbed up in the sycamore tree to see Jesus. So I just jumped in the line without a card.

"The Rev. Branham took me out of the line and hugged me to his bosom. He prayed for me and took off my glasses and handed them to me. That was nine days ago. My eyes are healed and they are straight. The scoffers and unbelievers can check with the Gettle Optical Company, and come out and see my eyes. Remember the 10 lepers? Only one came back to give thanks. I want to be a witness to the cleansing and healing power of the blood of Jesus.—Bethel Smiley, 2709 E. Pontiac St., Fort Wayne, Indiana."

Stewart Billings, pastor of the Gospel Temple, who reported the incident related above, tells that he went to Bethel's home and found that not only are her eyes perfect but that they realize now that the little girl also was healed at the same time of a serious ailment which prevented her from eating properly.

It is of interest to Christians that a widely-read book such as "We, the People" should publish a letter which glorifies the miracle-working power of the Son of God.

Typical Testimony From Gayle Jackson Healing Campaigns



Mrs. Swetman

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I am thanking God for healing me of cancer of the nose, and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost under your ministry. The cancer was caused by an infected mole on the right side of my nose. I have had two operations, one on each side. Very shortly the cancer was back on my left side. This time the operation took the lower half of my nose off. In a few months after that operation, the cancer was back again. We had heard of your great healing ministry, and I knew you would soon be in our city. I decided to put myself in the hands of God and trust him to save my life. You prayed for me and I was healed, and am thankful that I can be a living testimony to Him today.

Mrs. E. Mae Swetman
450 Division St.
Biloxi, Miss.

(Note by Gayle Jackson: I know this woman and have seen her since she was healed; her healing is true and she will be happy to testify to it to anyone. This healing is now about six months old, and she is still healed. You would have to see the cancer before I prayed for her to realize what a miracle it really is.)

Due to unforeseen circumstances the life story of Rev. Gayle Jackson will begin in the April issue instead of March, as previously announced.

Kaplan-Hall Campaign In Camden, N. J.

By ANTHONY A. CAPRINO

We have just closed two weeks of special services with Evangelists Louis Kaplan of New York and Franklin Hall of California, as our guest speakers.

The attendance was excellent, and the results marvelous. Brother Hall's preaching and teaching, both in the afternoons and evenings, were stirring to say the least.

Brother Kaplan's praying for the sick has encouraged many to trust and obey God more. He labored conscientiously among us, and we are indeed grateful to the Lord for his ministry. Many have testified to the healing power in their lives. For all this, we do lift our hearts to God in unceasing praise and adoration.

Fasting-Prayer Chain

There are a number promising to band together and have a "Fasting-Prayer" chain for an indefinite period of time. It is the desire of these to pray for a World-Wide revival. Also, to see the "bound" and "diseased" loosed and set free for Christ's sake. Moreover, that "Gifts" be restored to the Church and a greater anointing on the ministers and Christian workers.



Large crowds attend The Branham Meetings in Sam Houston Coliseum in Houston, Texas. UPPER INSERT: Audience which filled the Houston Auditorium before the Coliseum could be obtained. LOWER INSERT: Houston's Music Hall overflowed with throngs who witnessed the unique Branham Ministry.

God Vindicates His Servant, William Branham, By Most Amazing Photograph

The Houston Newspaper Accounts of The Service That Produced the Remarkable Photograph

(From the Houston Chronicle, Jan. 25)
(Condensed)

They lay on cots under the glare of the great lights of Sam Houston Coliseum Tuesday night—the lame, the sick, the infirm, the ones whose hopes for physical health had almost gone. They lay there quietly, some of them uncomprehendingly, as the theological argument swirled about and above them.

For it was they who—Rev. F. F. Bosworth, an out-of-town evangelist, said—could be cured of their infirmities by the divine healing power passed on through Rev. William Branham, Rev. Mr. Bosworth's partner.

But Rev. W. E. Best, pastor of the Houston Tabernacle Baptist Church, contended that any such "miraculous healing" had ceased with the apostles. And he challenged Rev. Mr. Bosworth to prove otherwise.

Rev. Mr. Bosworth, amid cheers and shouts of "amen" from the audience of 8,000, quoted numerous passages from various sources, which, he said, proved that Christ died not only for the sins of man, but for physical sickness also. Over and over again he quoted a Bible passage: "Christ took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses." Each time he repeated it the crowds sent up a great shout, and faint smiles broke out on the faces of some of those lying on the cots.

The audience could hear Rev. Mr. Best's rapid-fire sermon, and they didn't like everything they heard. They didn't like it when he said "I deny that any man living today has the power and the gift to heal as the apostles did."

(From the Houston Press, Jan. 25, 1950)

Polite Hearing

The Rev. William T. Richey appealed to the audience to give each speaker a polite hearing. "When you agree with the speaker, say 'amen' and when you disagree, say 'no'," he asked.

For nearly four hours, the Coliseum rocked with "amens" and "nos."

When the Rev. Best made a point, the Rev. Bosworth would rush to the microphone on the stage from which the speakers held forth and dramatically ask those in the audience who had been cured through faith to stand.

Hundreds Rise

Each time hundreds would rise.

"How many of you are Baptists?" the Rev. Bosworth shouted.

At least 100 stood up.

"No man has the power to heal!" declared the Rev. Best.

To Mrs. W. E. Wilbanks of 712 Teetshorn, the Rev. Best misrepresented the slight, black-

haired evangelist who has been preaching to crowds of 5,000 nightly.

She's a Baptist

"I'm a Baptist myself," said Mrs. Wilbanks. "Brother Branham does not claim the power of divine healing. It is simply that faith and the spirit of God working through him heal people. Rev. Best is misrepresenting Baptist sentiment in attacking Rev. Branham."

Ordinarily, the way the miracle cures are developed, persons in the audience fill out cards which bear a number and their name. The Rev. Branham picks a number and prays for the cure of that person. Occasionally, he selects a person at random.

Woman Reborn

Mrs. Mary Georgia Hardy, 708 Columbia, said she was "reborn three years ago," but that she first experienced the wonders of faith healing 18 years ago.

"After the birth of my second child, I was a nervous wreck, but faith healing made me well and I've had two children since," said Mrs. Hardy, who attends the Assembly of God Church at 18th and Ashland in the Heights.

Sitting next to her, Mrs. Gray Walker of 2501 Blodgett, pointed to her four-year-old grandchild, Diane Cox.

She's Well Now

"Diane was born with a clubfoot. A doctor wanted to put the foot in a cast but our Assembly of God pastor, the Rev. J. C. Miner, suggested we try prayer. We did. Gradually—over a period of weeks—the foot straightened out. Diane is well now."

One week ago, during a general prayer by Rev. Branham, Mrs. W. E. Miller, who lives on the Genoa-Alameda road, was suddenly cured of chronic sinus trouble, she said. "I was simply praying for others when it happened," she said.

When the Rev. Best shouted there were those "who used sorcery to bewitch people, so that people are sincerely misled and say it's the power of God," James Ayres, a commercial photographer of 1610 Rusk, agreed.

"Branham puts on a show," said Mr. Ayres. "Somehow he never gets around to the cripples and the persons who have arthritis. He simply hypnotizes his audience."

(Editor's note: Note that the last two paragraphs mention Mr. Ayres, who, a little later was to go to his studio to develop the negatives that he had taken for Rev. Best, who had engaged him for this purpose. He was to discover that all of Mr. Best's negatives had turned out completely blank, but the photograph that had incidentally been taken of Rev. Branham, showed the remarkable halo above his head! This amazing picture is one of the sternest rebukes an opposer of the truth of Divine healing has ever received.)

The photograph of the supernatural light has not been published because of copyright restrictions. It can be obtained at the Branham healing campaigns from Ted Klippman, photographer.

Profound Confirmation By Catholic Convert of Supernatural Light

(Not all the audience, but many individuals reported that they saw the supernatural light over Rev. Branham's head. Here is an instance of an independent testimony of the conversion of a Catholic who witnessed it, which is related by Mrs. Grace Coursey, Rt. 1, Box 108, Cleveland, Texas.)

"I was sweeping the floor the other morning when a car came into the driveway at our home on a farm 56 miles north of Houston. Being somewhat embarrassed at the strewn state of my house, I said, by way of explaining to the strangers, that I worked in Cleveland as a saleslady six days of the week, and had been attending the Branham revival many nights, so had not time to straighten my house. The man, a stranger to me, had come in answer to an advertisement of our farm for sale. When I mentioned the Branham revival, his countenance lighted up and he said, 'We have been there, too.' This is what his wife told us:

Mr. Becker (the stranger) had been suffering with a terrible stomach condition, violent cramping, etc. He took medicine every night. His wife's mother read in the Houston paper about Branham and his God-given gifts of healing, and she asked Mrs. Becker to ask her husband to go and be prayed for. Mrs. Becker doubted that he would go since he was a Catholic. She told him about it and he said he would go.

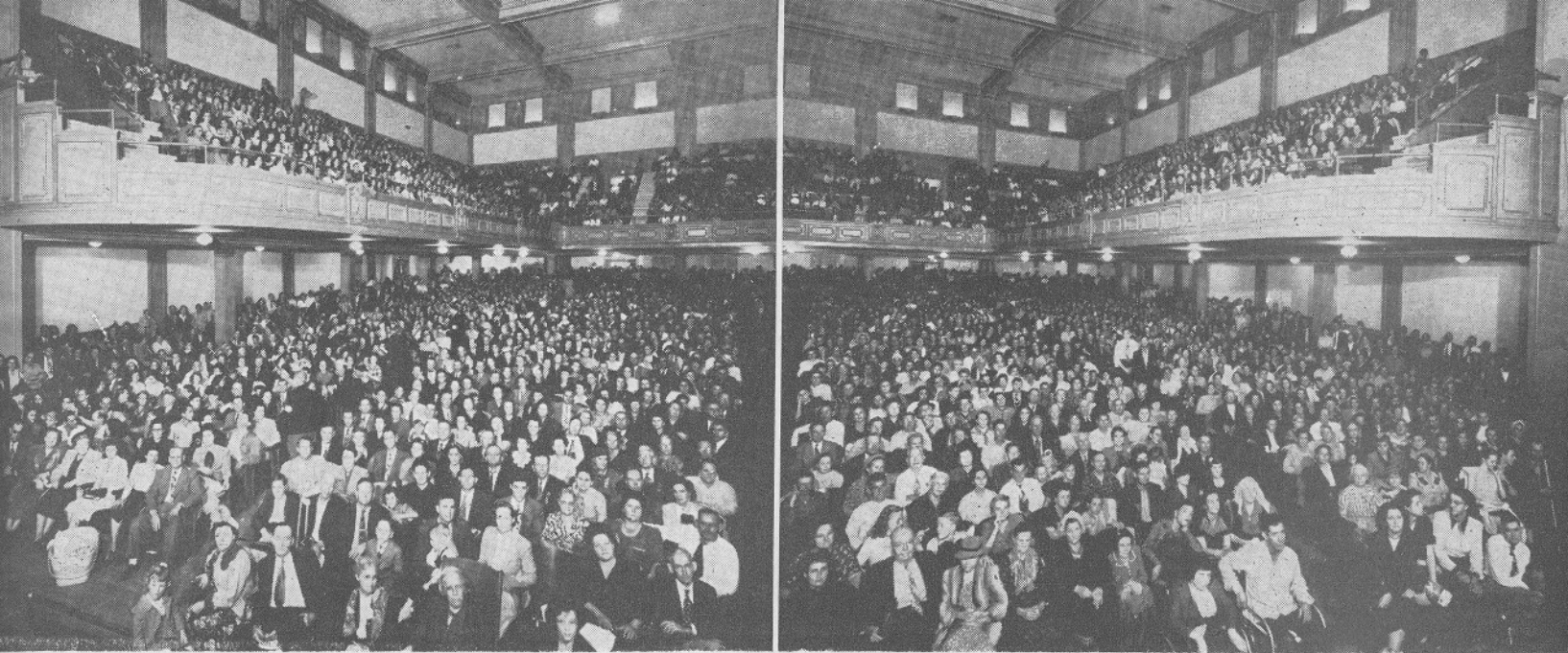
Mrs. Becker was greatly disappointed when they arrived at the Houston Coliseum and found the Baptist preacher (she is a member of the Baptist church) debating with Brother Bosworth. She feared that her husband would not believe after seeing this. Instead of being driven away from belief, Mr. Becker stated to us, "I saw a light around Rev. Branham's head when he was standing there on the stage after the debate; it was not a flash bulb, it was a halo about his head." When Brother Branham gave the altar call, Mr. Becker, who had always professed very stanchly that he was saved, went up to accept Christ. His wife, thinking he had misunderstood, asked him if he understood the proposition that had been made. He replied, "Certainly I do."

He automatically quit the habit of using God's Name in vain. Mr. Becker went to the two o'clock service next day and received a prayer card. His number was not called that night but he was instantly healed in the mass prayer call.

I did not know when I came here tonight to be in the service and tell this, that a photographer had taken a picture of Brother Branham that same night that Mr. Becker, the Catholic man, had seen the light around his head and believed he was sent of God with a gift of healing."

Jan. 30, 1950

Mrs. Grace Coursey.



City Auditorium in Beaumont, Texas, is filled to capacity before 7 P. M. during Branham Healing Campaign February 5-10.

The Branham Beaumont Meeting... "From Where I Sat"

By Tracy D. Boutlier
Pastor, Glory Tabernacle

Thirty-six hours have passed. I am still somewhat awe-stricken. Perhaps I can gather myself together sufficiently to give some sort of report of the marvelous things my eyes have seen and my soul has experienced.

This is my town. I've lived here. I have gone to school, worked, preached and prayed for this city. This past week something happened to me and my town. I am compelled to confess... I didn't think it could happen here. I said it was the graveyard for preachers. I said the City Auditorium was sufficiently large to hold the people—perhaps too large. How wrong I was! How gloriously wrong!

Perhaps elsewhere in this issue you will see pictures and testimonies of the wonders of God. To me they were astounding. The presence of the living God hung over the audience like a dripping cloud. Cripples leaped from wheel chairs; poor, helpless, bedridden victims arose from cots, and one pair of feet swollen and bursting with sugar diabetes and gangrene, unable before to bear the weary body, received healing and strength and paraded up and down the aisles, as the sister was praising and glorifying God.

A man from our city TB sanatorium was healed. Before returning to the hospital he went to get X-rays from an outside doctor. These he carried back with him. Amazing—he was well!

A minister whom Brother Branham did not know was lying there on a cot. He was covered from chest to toes with a cast. From the platform Brother Branham pointed him out. He told him a part of his past life's history. It was true! I know—I know the brother. He is a member of our church. This Wednesday he is going to Galveston, Texas, to have the cast removed. He was sentenced to stay in the cast six months.

As marvelous as were the wonders, and as indisputable as was the gift of discernment, yet to me they were relegated to a secondary place by something else I saw.

I was a little skeptical that first Sunday evening. My good friend, Brother Jack Moore, had told me about it—but I didn't

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George J. Lacy
Examiner of Questioned Documents
Shell Building
Houston, Texas

January 29, 1950

REPORT AND OPINION

Re: Questioned Negative

On January 28, 1950 at the request of Reverend Gordon Lindsay, who was representing Reverend William Branham of Jeffersonville, Indiana, I received from the Douglas Studios of 1610 Rusk Avenue in this city, a 4x5 inch exposed and developed photographic film. This film was purported to have been made by the Douglas Studios of Reverend William Branham at the Sam Houston Coliseum in this city, during his visit here the latter part of January, 1950.

REQUEST

Reverend Lindsay requested that I make a scientific examination of the aforesaid negative. He requested that I determine, if possible, whether or not in my opinion the negative had been re-touched or "doctored" in any way, subsequent to the developing of the film, that would cause a streak of light to appear in the position of a halo above the head of Reverend Branham.

EXAMINATION

A macroscopic and microscopic examination and study was made of the entire surface of both sides of the film, which was Eastman Kodak Safety Film. Both sides of the film were examined under filtered ultra-violet light and infra-red photographs were made of the film.

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The microscopic examination failed to reveal retouching of the film at any place whatsoever by any of the processes used in commercial retouching. Also, the microscopic examination failed to reveal any disturbance of the emulsion in or around the light streak in question.

The ultra-violet light examination failed to reveal any foreign matter, or the result of any chemical reaction on either side of the negative, which might have caused the light streak, subsequent to the processing of the negative.

The infra-red photograph also failed to disclose anything that would indicate that any retouching had been done to the film.

The examination also failed to reveal anything that would indicate that the negative in question was a composite negative or a double exposed negative.

There was nothing found which would indicate that the light streak in question had been made during the process of development. Neither was there anything found which would indicate that it was not developed in a regular and recognized procedure. There was nothing found in the comparative densities of the highlights that was not in harmony.

OPINION

Based upon the above described examination and study I am of the definite opinion that the negative submitted for examination, was not retouched nor was it a composite or double exposed negative.

Further, I am of the definite opinion that the light streak appearing above the head in a halo position was caused by light striking the negative.

Respectfully submitted,
[Signature]

GJL/II

Exact reproduction of letter from Mr. Lacy, authenticating phenomenon of photograph.

The Amazing Story of The Most Remarkable Photograph Ever Taken

This photograph, taken by Ted Kipperman of the Douglas Studios, 1610 Rusk St., Houston, Texas, is perhaps one of the most remarkable, if not the most remarkable, of camera shots of all time. Rev. William Branham was conducting a healing campaign in the latter part of January, 1950, in the Sam Houston Coliseum, when he was challenged by a local clergyman as to the Scripturalness of his ministry of Divine healing. The clergyman was given permission on January 24, to state his views before the assembled crowd of 8,000 in the Coliseum; Rev. F. F. Bosworth, an associate, spoke for Rev. Branham. The city newspapers carried the story in front-page headlines.

The challenging clergyman arranged with two local professional photographers, James Ayres and Ted Kipperman, to take a series of photographs of himself during the service. One of these photographers was at that time

skeptical of Rev. Branham, and his statements to that effect were reported in the local newspapers. After taking several shots of the challenging clergyman, the photographer also incidentally took one of Rev. Branham.

That night after the service, Mr. Ayres and a Mr. Roscha undertook development of the negatives; but to their surprise, all the negatives were absolutely blank except one—the one taken of Rev. Branham. On this negative, there appeared over the head of the evangelist, what was evidently a supernatural light in the form of a halo. The news of this, the following morning, was conveyed to Rev. Branham, who explained that the appearance of the supernatural light was caused by the presence of an angel of God. Other similar phenomena had appeared in his ministry before, as readers of The Voice of Healing know.

The negative was placed for examination in the hands of George J. Lacy, Examiner of Questioned Documents, Shell Building, Houston, Texas, the greatest authority in this field of research in this area. He returned the following report, photostatic copies of which appear above.

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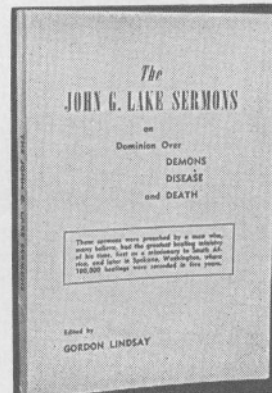
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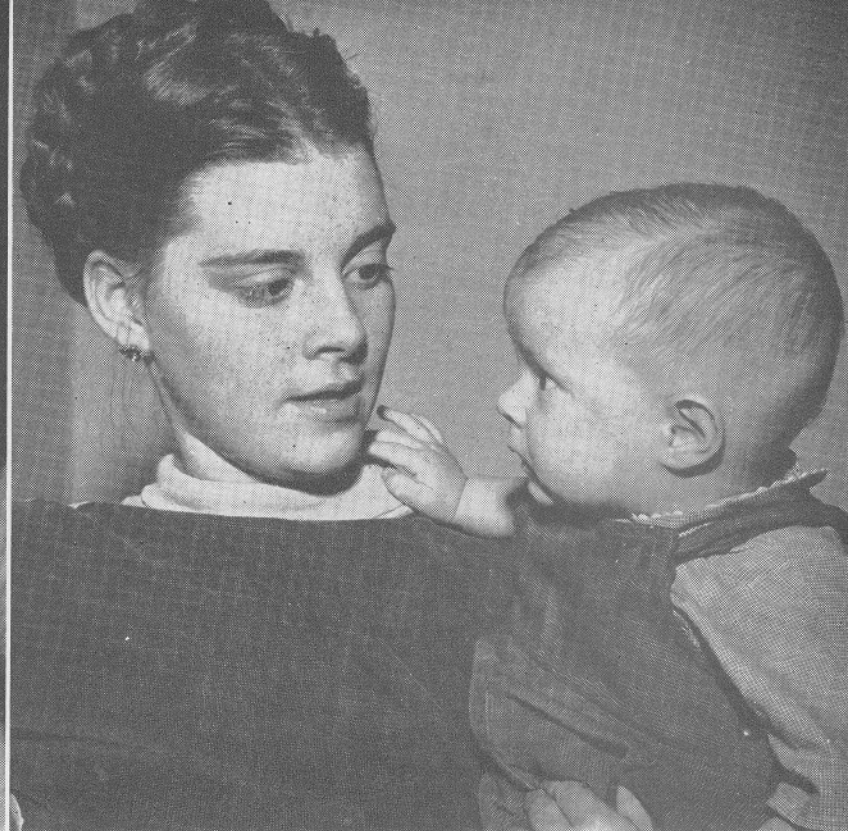
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AFTER

No verbal explanation is necessary to emphasize the significance of this miracle which took place in the Dale Hanson Healing Campaign in Tulsa. Members of the office staff at TVH were horrified upon examining the picture at left, and so thrilled with the gratifying photo at right. This baby was afflicted with a rare skin disease, one which baffled the doctors who had been consulted. The happy mother holds the baby in the picture at right a few days after he had been prayed for. Only minor discolorations are left as a proof that this is the same baby. The Hanson Party will be in Denver, Colorado, during this month.

How The Voice of Healing Received Its Name

I have been requested to tell how I happened to choose the name THE VOICE OF HEALING, by which our magazine is called. I remember when Brother Lindsay asked me to see if I could think of a suitable name. Then I began to think of the prophet Samuel when he was a little boy. He heard a voice—a voice coming to him in the night. I thought then of John the Baptist. John was a voice crying in the wilderness, and it was after his ministry that Christ came. Then as I was thinking it seemed to me that after the present moving of God's gifts, to get the church ready for the Coming of the Lord, Christ will come again.

Then I thought of the time when God spoke to me by a voice, saying "Take a gift of healing to the people of the world." I thought that if my voice was used of God to carry this gift, then the magazine carrying my voice must be called THE VOICE OF HEALING.

William Branham

NOTICE TO THOSE WHO HAVE ORDERED OSBORN BOOK

In a previous issue we advertised that Rev. T. L. Osborn's new book, "Healing The Sick and Casting Out Devils," would soon be off the press for distribution. However, unforeseen difficulties encountered in printing have delayed its delivery. Many have ordered the book from us and are perhaps anxious to receive it. We are holding these orders until shipment can be made, which should be within the next three weeks.

"I HAVE BEHELD A MIRACLE" ...

Writes Father of Hopeless Cripple Healed in Dale Hanson Revival in Canada

"My son, Evan Lewis, was born a helpless cripple. When my wife left the hospital with him she knew she had a cross to bear. A month later we took him to two of the best doctors on the American continent, namely, Dr. Penfield and Dr. Cone. They both agreed that his case was hopeless, that no matter what they attempted to do for him he would die, and that no child in his condition in all medical history had lived past six months. It was inevitable, they said, that if he should happen to live that long he would be an idiot and paralyzed from the waist down, but we insisted that they do what they could, so they agreed to allow us to leave him there. We knew there was no man on earth who could help now, so in desperation we turned to God.

We asked a few of God's children to pray for him, which they faithfully did. Thank God for a Christian that can pray and find favor with God. In a few weeks the doctors called me and told me that three or four times they had wheeled him into the operating room and had everything ready to operate, but knew it was futile and cancelled it. They said there was nothing else to do, and I should take him home to die. Oh! . . . How blind I was. I cried that God had forsaken me, I lamented to Christian friends that my faith was gone, that when I had asked my Father for bread, He had given me a stone. We were too blind to see that God

was working all the time, little by little, teaching us lessons that we needed to learn. Thanks be to God, my son, who was supposed to be dead and buried two and a half years ago, is very much alive, and now the Lord is again healing him, completing His work.

God willed that my boy should live, but he could not walk or talk yet, and God sent our way Brother and Sister Hanson, who are used of God in praying for the sick. They laid hands on my boy, and the power of the Lord came down in healing through their consecrated hands, and again Jesus healed him. NOW, INSTEAD OF SITTING CONSTANTLY IN A HIGH CHAIR, HE IS WALKING. WE CAN HARDLY GET HIM STOPPED. HE TALKS ALL THE TIME, AND THERE IS NOTHING HE CAN'T SAY. He's always singing the last three lines of the chorus Sister Hanson uses in the meetings, "Pray, pray till Jesus comes," and he's only three years old. Three years in a life Jesus gave him, three years a witness to the healing power of Jesus. We know now he was spared for a purpose, for already he has caused his parents to find a new place in Jesus, strangers to turn their eyes to the Lord and admit that Jesus heals, Christians to be blessed and find new life in the Lord.

I thank God with all my heart and shall never cease to glorify Him. I HAVE BEHELD A MIRACLE!

ALBERT LEWIS,
540A St. Martin St.,
Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Island of Puerto Rico Shaken

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of facts. In the past five nights over 10,000 have accepted Christ. The crowds have numbered eight to ten thousand at night and from two to five thousand in the afternoon. Last night nearly 3000 accepted Christ and promised to be baptized in water.

We were granted the largest auditorium here in Ponce. The first night six deaf people were healed, one after another; the next night the building was full. A daughter of a detective was healed of T.B. of the hips and left her crutches and ran. The next night the auditorium was packed and the police estimated 3000 on the outside. The Mayor arrived and the Chief of Police to disperse the crowd, but were unable to do so. Next night we were granted the softball court, on which we built a platform and were crowded by about 7000 people. We were mobbed when we gave out prayer cards in spite of 15 police. The next afternoon we gave out 2300 prayer cards.

These are not heathen people, but cultured, educated and conservative. The cities are very nice. Nevertheless, with 15 or 20 police we have been unable to form a prayer line. We have had to turn to mass instruction and mass prayer almost altogether. We have a pile of crutches that have been discarded. It is tremendous to



The portion of the audience which had to remain outside the Kingston Progressive Hall inside (right). A temporary platform was built in the doorway so that both sections of the

Roman Catholic Is Healed of Blindness; Accepts Christ; Now Reads



R. N. Ferguson

I am so grateful to witness to the healing and saving power of God through Jesus. I was a Roman Catholic and was almost completely blind. Since 1947 I have been totally blind in my right eye, and the left eye was operated on 5 or 6 times for detached retina and complications. I was led to the Osborn Healing Campaign by a friend, where, after hearing Bro. Osborn preach, I accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour. Afterward, I entered the prayer line and when Bro. Osborn laid his hand on my eyes I was wonderfully healed. He didn't even pray for me but only said, "I command you to receive sight and be whole in Jesus Christ's name." It was so wonderful. I was healed instantly. I could see everything clearly. I walked home unaided, and the very next morning I read the news-

One-Year Test Cases of Outstanding Wife of Kingston City Official Healed of Severe Epilepsy Last Year



Mrs. Brown

For many years I suffered terribly from epileptic fits. I had never been able to carry my own baby in my arms for fear of being thrown to the floor by a convulsion. No one knows the horror of such a thing. I thank God that in December of 1948 I heard of your healing campaign and I went, expecting to be healed. You laid your hands on my head and commanded the foul convulsing demon to leave by body in Jesus' name. I was instantly delivered and have never had a single effect, even in a slight way since. Now, this year, I carry my baby and have attended nearly all of your services. Thank God for this great miracle.

Mrs. Boyd Brown

OSBORN'S WITNESS OVERWHELMING

10,000 Accept Christ In Five Nights . . . Police and Firemen

see some paralytic shout across some 10,000 faces and see him lift his crutches and start for the front. More than half a dozen totally blind have been healed right in the audience. The crowds are electrified.

After the third day the headlines of the paper took the meeting and the entire front page is given over to the meeting except four columns. The radio network of Puerto Rico expects to broadcast for two hours from the platform tonight. There is some opposition from the hierarchy, but it is not necessary to fight, the reporters said they would fight for me. The reporters have been on the platform taking the crutches from those that were healed. The chief of police and the mayor were weeping for joy, as 3,000 accepted Christ. Both spoke reverently in approval of it all. Tonight we go to the great new baseball stadium. I haven't told one-tenth of what has happened in this campaign.

El Dia, Ponce Newspaper, Describes Mighty Campaign

(The whole front page of the newspaper from day to day is given over to the Osborn campaign. We give only a small excerpt from Feb. 10.)

"A multitude estimated to be about 10,000 assembled once more last night at Morei Campos Park in order to witness

paper for the first time since going blind. Oh, it is wonderful to be able to read again.

R. N. Ferguson
No. 1 Norman Road
Kingston, Jamaica

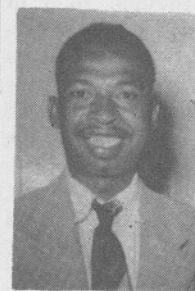
Confirmation By Friend

R. N. Ferguson has been a friend of mine for years. Quite some time had elapsed since I saw him about four months ago, and to my surprise and sadness, I found him almost blind. When Bro. Osborn came to our city, I attended and saw many miracles. I immediately went for Mr. Ferguson, and told him about the meetings. He allowed me to bring him to the healing service and I am an eye witness to the fact that God instantly healed him of blindness; that he walked home unaided; that he read the newspaper print the next day, and that he is now seeing well!

W. J. Scott
No. 7 Dunoon Road
Kingston, Jamaica

the Divine healing service by T. L. Osborn. As in previous nights all manner of sick persons were present, mostly blind and paralytics. In spite of the crowd, the evangelist was able to maintain the people in silence and order most of the time. He expressed that this campaign in Ponce was greatest he had ever seen."

24-Year-Old Man Born Deaf Converses, Sings, Testifies After One Year



Mr. McIntosh

Dear Bro. Osborn: I was born with an abscess in my throat. In order to save my life, the doctor lanced it. This left me deaf and dumb. Early in 1949, news came to me of your healing campaign, I attended, believing that if I could only get to that man, I would be healed. I did so, and was instantly made to hear and talk. One year has passed now, and again I heard that Bro. Osborn was on the Island. This time I pressed through the crowd again, BUT IT WAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SHOWING BRO. OSBORN AND THE AUDIENCE HOW WELL I COULD TALK! I was allowed to give my testimony over the loud-speaker. I am so thankful to God for this miracle. I accepted Jesus as my Saviour and for one year now I have been enjoying God's blessing in my soul, besides being able to hear everything and talk.

Gladstone McIntosh
No. 24 Crescent Road
Jamaica, B. W. I.



Healing Campaign (left) almost equaled that could see and hear Rev. Osborn.

Healings Refute Any Questions

Confirmation By Husband

My dear wife has suffered for several years from epileptic fits. Since sometime in December, 1948, when she was healed in Bro. Osborn's first campaign in Jamaica, she has never suffered from this complaint again. I surely take pleasure in being a witness to this recovery, being her husband. I wish all to know she is now sound and well.

Wm. R. Boyd
Certifying Officer
Examination Dept. 1
Kingston, Jamaica

Goitre Disappeared in 1948 Osborn Meeting

I had a bad goitre for several years. I had it operated on, but it soon grew back. This time, I heard of your healing campaign and attended. Thank God! After you prayed for me the goitre disappeared and it has never returned. It has been a year now since I was healed. I am so thankful to God for this miracle.

Rose Webb
No. 9 McWhinney
Rae Town, Jamaica



Group of cooperating pastors in Kingston Campaign, with Rev and Mrs. Osborn, front row center; Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Stoppe stand to Rev. Osborn's left, and Brother and Sister Iverson, co-workers with the Osborns, are seated on the right.

Osborn Missionary Tour Shakes Jamaica

Kingston, the capital city of one of the world's most beautiful islands has again been shaken by the mighty impact of the power of God in answer to the "prayer of faith."

Thousands of sick, lame crippled, blind, deaf-mute, and incurably diseased have attended the 15-day healing campaign, where 2000 penitent sinners have confessed Christ as their personal Saviour in response to

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Municipal Auditorium	
Havana, Cuba	Mar. 21-26
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All campaigns two services daily except	
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ING REVIVAL IN WEST INDIES

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Confirmation

I, the undersigned, knew Gladstone McIntosh to be deaf and dumb from birth. I was a witness to the wonderful miracle of deliverance God wrought when Bro. Osborn prayed for him. It was about a year ago when he was healed. Now, I have watched him for almost a year, and have been amazed at his remarkable recovery to normal life. He is a true Christian and worships regularly at the same church I attend. He sings, testifies, prays and talks normally now, and is a very happy and thankful young man of 24. All who know him marvel at his healing, and there could be obtained a host of witnesses if necessary.

Miss A. Nembhard
No. 19-B 6th St.
Jonestown, Jamaica

Note from Bro. Osborn:

Although I do remember the case of Mr. McIntosh's deliverance, I wanted double assurance that I was right. He talked so fluently, it amazed me to think of only one year in which he had to recover. I asked the audience for all who knew him to have been deaf and dumb, and I was assured of the trueness of his testimony when at least twenty people stood as witnesses to the fact that he was born deaf and dumb, and that he was delivered last year in our campaign. This case is only one of several here in Jamaica that absolutely challenge investigation by any and all who doubt God's power to heal deaf mutes today.

the great altar calls given by Evangelist Osborn.

Preliminaries to the campaign services are largely excluded, and all time possible given to the dynamic faith-building ministry of the noted (so-called by the natives) "white healer from abroad." Brother Osborn, in dealing with many converts, gives them detailed instruction, and after leading them in a Scriptural prayer, sends them into a large prayer room where the personal workers from many cooperating Kingston churches deal with them and lead them into a genuine experience with God.

The demonstration of God's power to heal and deliver was marvelous beyond words. The command was given to foul, deaf and dumb spirits, and in almost every case prayed for, the deliverance was manifest to all. On many occasions, when tumors, goiters and ruptures were rebuked, the sufferer was asked to examine himself, and the response was a glad shout as no trace of the affliction could be found.

On the evening of January 20, the number requesting prayer was so large, Brother Osborn felt he could never get to them all. He therefore announced a double altar call. One for salvation of the soul and one for salvation of the body. The re-

sult was that not only were a large number of sinners converted, but in the mass prayer for the sick many outstanding afflictions were instantly healed. As an example, a totally blind woman with cataracts, gleamed with joy and praise as she received her sight and could count the evangelist's hands at a distance.

Rev. G. Samuel Cohen
55 A Highholborn St.

Kingston, Jamaica, B. W. I., Writes:

"The healing campaign of Brother T. L. Osborn commenced here in Kingston, Jamaica, B. W. I., on Sunday night, January 8, 1950, has been a grand and glorious success—the greatest campaign of its kind I ever saw in my life.

The attendance was large—with the exception of two nights the large auditorium seating 1500 was crammed to its utmost capacity and there were nearly that many persons on the outside who were listening eagerly and reverently to the gracious words that fell from the lips of God's servant.

Salvation from sin and sickness by Jesus Christ as portrayed in His Atonement was clearly, forcefully and effectively preached each night by Brother Osborn, and "the power of the Lord was present" to save

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*Famous Evangelist, F. F. Bosworth, Tells Story of
The Amazing Ministry of William Branham*

GIFTS OF HEALING PLUS

FOR more than thirty years during great evangelistic campaigns, I have over-worked, praying for the sick and afflicted. During fourteen years of this time, we conducted the National Radio Revival during which time we received about a quarter of a million letters, most of them containing prayer requests from sick and suffering people who could not have recovered without the direct action of the Holy Spirit in response to the "prayer of faith." We have received multiplied thousands of unsolicited testimonies from those who have been miraculously healed of every bodily affliction I know anything about, including leprosy. To God be all the glory because these results are impossible to anyone but Him. As a result of these miracles, many thousands have been joyfully converted, whom we would have missed had we not preached the healing part of the Gospel once a week in all our evangelistic campaigns.

Because this healing ministry has required labor beyond human strength, we have prayed, oh so earnestly for God to raise up more laborers to help in this so greatly neglected phase of ministry. And during the past two years I have often wept for joy over God's recent gift to the Church of our beloved brother Wm. Branham with his marvelous "Gifts of Healing." This is a case of God doing "exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Eph. 3:20), for I have never seen or read of anything to equal the healing ministry of William Branham.

An Angel Appears

On May 7, 1946, an angel who had spoken to Bro. Branham in audible voice at intervals from his childhood down to the present time, finally appeared to him and, among other things, told him that Christ's Coming was near at hand, and the Heavenly Messenger said: "I AM SENT FROM THE PRESENCE OF ALMIGHTY GOD TO TELL YOU . . . THAT GOD HAS SENT YOU TO TAKE A GIFT OF HEALING TO THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD."

On Page 1291 of the Scofield Bible, Dr. C. I. Scofield, D.D., in his footnote on Angels says: "Though angels are spirits (Psa. 104:4; Heb. 1:14), power is given them to become visible in the semblance of human form (Gen. 19:1 and many other Scriptures in both the Old and New Testaments). In Exod. 23:20, God said to Moses: 'Behold I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way and to bring thee into the place I have prepared.' And in Gen. 24:40 we read, 'The Lord . . . will send His Angel with thee, and prosper thy way'."

This is exactly what God has done for



Camden, Ark., Meeting. Photographer called attention to halo of light about Brother Branham's head. Many people in the congregation saw the light before the picture was taken, as he stood in prayer at the pulpit. To get the significance of this, reader must notice spacing of lights. Brother Branham is NOT standing between photographer and a light. Remarkable as this photograph is, the one taken in Houston is much more spectacular, and was taken by a skeptical photographer. Because it is not our photograph and has been copyrighted by the studio, we can not yet reproduce it in *The Voice of Healing*.

Brother Branham. He does not begin to pray for the healing of the afflicted in body in the healing line each night, until God anoints him for the operation of the gift, and until he is conscious of the presence of the Angel with him on the platform. Without this consciousness, he seems to be perfectly helpless.

Two Signs Given

Now notice, that God not only sent an Angel to be with Moses, He also gave him two perfect miracles as signs and proofs to the people that God had appeared to him and commissioned him, under divine guidance, to be their deliverer (Exod. 4:1-31). The first sign was that of Moses' rod becoming a serpent, and the second sign was that of putting his hand in his bosom and having it become "as leprous as snow," etc. God said to Moses, "It shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, they will believe the voice of the latter sign" (Exod. 4:8). In the last three verses of this chapter we read that when these two signs were repeated "in the sight of the people, the people believed . . . and they bowed their heads and worshipped."

Just so, in addition to sending an Angel to be with and to prosper Brother Branham, He has also given him two perfectly miraculous signs which have served to raise the faith of thousands of the humanly incurable to the level where the "Gift of Healing" operates.

Supernatural Diagnosis

The first sign: When the Angel appeared to Brother Branham, he told him how he would be able to detect and diagnose all diseases and afflictions; that when the gift was operating, by taking the right

hand of the patient he would feel various physical vibrations or pulsations which would indicate to him the various diseases from which each patient was suffering. Germ diseases, which indicate the presence and working of an "oppressing" (Acts 10:38) spirit of affliction can be distinctly felt.

When the afflicting spirit comes into contact with the gift it sets up such a physical commotion that it becomes visible on Brother Branham's hand, and so real that it will stop his wristwatch instantly. This feels to Brother Branham like taking hold of a live wire with too much electric current in it. When the oppressing spirit is cast out in Jesus' Name, you can see Brother Branham's red and swollen hand return to its normal condition. If the affliction is not a germ disease, then God always reveals the affliction to Brother Branham by the Spirit. This first sign usually raises the faith of the individual to the healing level; but if not, the second sign does.

A Seer

The second sign: The Angel told him that the anointing would cause him to see and enable him to tell the suffering many of the events of their lives from their childhood down to the present time. He even tells some their thoughts while they are coming to the platform or before they came to the meeting. I heard him say recently to a mother bringing her little girl, "Lady, your child was born deaf and dumb; and as soon as you discovered she could not hear, you took her to the doctor," and then he told the mother exactly what the doctor said. The mother said, "that is exactly right." The great audience

hears all this over the public address system. Brother Branham actually sees it enacted and pushing the microphone away so the audience won't hear it, he tells the patient any unconfessed and unforsaken sins in their lives which must be given up before the gift will operate for their deliverance. As soon as such persons acknowledge and promise to forsake the sin or sins thus revealed, their healing often comes in a moment before Brother Branham has time to pray. These statements by the Angel are verified in the Branham meetings nightly before the eyes of thousands.

Thus the great audiences witness nightly over and over again three distinct types of miracles. The first two do not heal the sufferers, but only serve as signs to raise the faith of the afflicted to the level where the "gift of healing operates for their deliverance." Of course, these two miraculous signs are possible only while the anointing of the Holy Spirit is upon Brother Branham for this purpose.

More Than "Gifts of Healing"

No doubt, a few Christians here and there, during the Church Age, and some at the present time have been endowed with the "Gift of Healing" which is listed among the nine spiritual gifts in the 12th Chapter of I Corinthians, each of which is defined as "The manifestation of the Spirit" (I Cor. 12:7-11). There should be laymen in every church thus endowed.

But Brother Branham is a channel for more than the mere gift of healing; he is also a Seer as were the Old Testament Prophets. He sees events before they take place. I asked him, "what do you mean? How do you see them?" He replied, "just as I see you: only that I know it is a vision." Just as clearly as one sees material things around them, Brother Branham, while in prayer during the day, sees in vision some of the principal miracles before they take place that night. He sees some carried in on ambulance cots, or sitting in wheel chairs, and can describe how they look and how they are dressed, etc. While being shown these miracles in advance, he usually becomes, for the time, unconscious of things going on around him. Not once during the more than three years since receiving the gift have these revelations failed to produce perfect miracles exactly as he had already seen them in visions. At these times he can say with absolute certainty, "thus saith the Lord," and he is never wrong. He told me last week that he simply acts out what he has already seen himself doing in the vision. The success of this phase of his ministry is exactly 100 per cent.

Mass Healing

Just as an altar-call or invitation to sinners follows an evangelistic sermon, so after the supernatural diagnosing and healing of those in the healing line, the invitation is now being given to those in the audience who are prepared to receive healing to come or be carried forward to be healed or saved physically.

The healing of one at a time on the platform is only preliminary to the main healing service. It is only an object lesson sermon, so to speak, to all in the audience who need the benefits of the healing part of the gospel.

Just as a hundred sinners may respond to the invitation of an evangelist and experience the still greater miracle of the new birth in mass, so it was amazingly demonstrated a few days ago in the Louisville meeting that the sick can be healed in mass by the gift of healing. Brother Branham ventured on this procedure there, inviting those on cots, those in wheel chairs, and the crippled to be brought forward first, and then those who could walk on their crutches and those suffering with cancer and other diseases to come toward the front and stand behind the stretchers and wheel chairs. As they began to surge forward, their faith began to pull on the healing virtue in the gift, and the healing demonstration was beyond anything yet witnessed in a Branham meeting. While on their way forward, Brother Branham pointed rapidly to one after another saying, "Christ has healed you." The people threw their prayer cards into the air, threw down their crutches and those who could not stand or walk sprang to their feet, some of them jumping and praising God for joy.

Pastor's Report of Branham Meeting

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fully understand. Then the little frail servant of God came out on the platform. In less than five minutes all my doubts faded away as mist before the rising sun. I was a convert. I knew here was a man of God. As yet I had seen no miracles, nor had I seen the gift of discernment in action. But before me, in flesh and blood, was an epistle of the excellent way.

To me, the living demonstration of the way of charity and what it did to my heart was the greatest.

There is a great surge in the hearts of our ministers and the laity too. You hear these remarks—"Did you ever see the like? The most marvelous thing I ever saw or heard of! Did you ever see such real humility? Did you ever feel such a nearness to God and such a desire to be a real spiritual Christian?"

Were they sincere? Did my brother ministers mean it? This old city in time past has been torn with cruel sectarian strife. The awful, heartless scourge of religious prejudice has left it bleeding many times.

Not so last week. The auditorium was filled, almost to bursting. The entire place was an altar. The stage was thronged with sick, helpless people. The dear little servant of the Lord, exhausted, had gone to his room. The call went out. "All you preachers come to the platform, mix with the crowd. Pray for the sick. Each of you start a prayer line."

All this in my town! This poor sick city. I saw what I thought I would never see. All of God's ministers as one heart and one soul—shoulder to shoulder—praying and shouting and loving one another and worshipping God together. Should it not be that way?

The next day we all sat down together

Nurse With Paralysis of Spine Rises From Cot Healed



Mrs. Stadler

Dear Bro. Branham:
I was bed-ridden last July and August, 1949, and my doctor told me that I would be in bed at least two more months with paralysis of the spine. I suffered untold pain all over my body. I had been wearing braces for my back and limbs, for 10 years. The doctor had little hope for me and I was getting worse.

I was getting THE VOICE OF HEALING and I knew Brother Branham was to be in Windsor, Canada at the Arena. Some dear friends prayed for me that I would get strength to be taken to the meetings. I was taken to the Arena on a stretcher.

The second night, Brother Branham felt the pull of my faith and his eyes met mine, and as he came to me, he said, "In Jesus' Name arise, you are made whole." At that moment every pain left me and I was healed. Praise Jesus, even a corn I had for twelve years vanished.

I have been working since, and have nursed on some very serious cases, and I tell each one all about my healing. Praise Jesus!

Mrs. Elenora L. Stadler
Rt. 1, Fairgrove, Mich.
c/o Mrs. Westly Fox

Tumor, Cancer, Diabetes Healed

Dear Brother Branham:

I had an operation for a malignant tumor in April, 1944, by Dr. Hargis of Birmingham, Alabama. Then I returned for treatments for three years in Indianapolis. I took diabetes about the same time I was operated on, and my nerves were in a terrible condition from taking shots of insulin.

I attended Brother Branham's services and wasn't called up, but God heard my prayer. Brother Branham pointed down to me and told me my faith had brought my deliverance. I haven't taken another shot of insulin since the night I was healed. That would be a dangerous thing to do if I were not healed, but thank God He has delivered me.

Mrs. Kate Wiseheart
2424 W. St. Clair St.
Indianapolis 22, Ind.

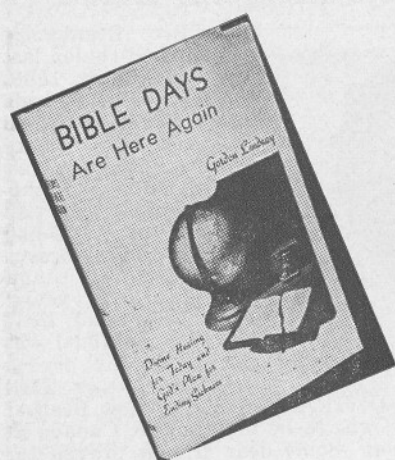
to a fine luncheon. Such harmony and sweetness one seldom sees. I understand the attendance was one of the best of any city thus far.

From where I sat the one superlative hour was the hour when the man of God "who claims to be no preacher," preached. Never have I heard anything like it. Never have I seen greater anointing. Never have I heard a greater message or Christ so greatly exalted.

In this humble report do not misunderstand me. I am not praising or exalting the man. But we must honor the God who does such marvelous work thru his servants.

A minute analysis—To me, a greater vision, Hope, Faith, and Consecration.

To my town, a great revival, sinners saved, sick healed—fellowship and greater understanding.

Our Book-of-the-Month

So great has been the demand for the editor's book on Divine Healing, **BIBLE DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN**, that the first edition was exhausted three months after publication, and a new edition of 10,000 more has been printed. Since it came off the press last May, we have not yet taken opportunity to feature it in **THE VOICE OF HEALING**. However, this issue we are making it our book-of-the-month. Many questions have been asked concerning the relation of demon oppression and sickness, or how can a demon afflict the body of a Christian? Sometimes there has been a misunderstanding in people's minds concerning this. The fact is that there is a difference between **DEMON OPPRESSION** and **DEMON POSSESSION**. This is fully explained in Chapter X of **BIBLE DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN**, which follows below. This is our book-of-the-month for this issue, and may be obtained in the paper bound edition, (192 pages) for \$1, from **THE VOICE OF HEALING**, Box 4097, Shreveport, La. (A number of evangelists are using this book in their campaigns. Write for liberal discounts on quantities.)

We now come to a most important subject, the study of the agencies which cause sickness, as revealed by the Scripture. It is hard for some to believe that a demon can afflict the body of a Christian. A. B. Simpson, the noted minister of a generation ago, rightfully said, "It may well make one shudder when he realizes he has been nursing and petting some foul demon as if it were an angel of light." Yet the Bible plainly teaches that sickness springs from Satan, and in all cases is caused directly, or at least indirectly by his agencies.

In the previous chapter, we learned that God permitted the boils to come upon Job. For indeed nothing can occur except God permits it. However, the Bible takes the reader behind the scenes, and shows him that it was Satan who actually put the boils on Job. (Job 2:7) The statement is so plain, there is no room for controversy. "So went Satan forth from the presence of the Lord, and smote Job

Demon Oppression And Sickness

From Chapter X of "Bible Days Are Here Again"

By GORDON LINDSAY

with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown." Since a boil is caused by a germ (we are informed by medical authorities), we see that Satan is the agent by which germ diseases are made to afflict humanity.

The Woman Bound by Satan

Elsewhere, we discuss the healing of a woman bound by a spirit of infirmity, as related in Luke 13:10-17. An important thing that we would point out here is that Jesus spoke of this woman as being a daughter of Abraham, an Israelite indeed. (Vs. 16) Jesus never spoke of the Jews as being of the seed of Abraham, unless they were spiritual children of faith. (John 8:39) This woman was called a daughter of Abraham because she was a true believer. Yet she was bound by Satan—by a spirit of infirmity—in other words, a demon. Thus we are informed that believers may be bound by evil spirits. Satan may not be able to touch the soul, but here is clear evidence that he is able, through evil spirits at his command, to afflict and even physically bind the body of a believer as in this case. Not that Satan has a right to do this; and that is the purpose of this instruction, that the followers of Christ may recognize that Satan is to them a defeated foe. In the case in question, despite the caviling of the ruler of the synagogue, Jesus went ahead, loosed the woman from her infirmity, and healed her. And the people that were present in the service glorified God, while the ecclesiastics who opposed, stood by ashamed. (Luke 13:16-17).

Jesus Healed Those Oppressed of the Devil

When Peter was Divinely commissioned to preach the Gospel to the Gentiles at the house of Cornelius, he at once began to teach them concerning Jesus, describing first to them His mighty ministry of deliverance—the "healing of all that were oppressed of the devil."

"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power; who went about doing good, AND HEALING ALL THAT WERE OPPRESSED of the devil; for God was with him." Acts 10:38.

Peter's understanding was that sickness and disease was an oppression by the enemy. One of the first healings that he had witnessed under the ministry of Christ was the healing of his wife's mother. He noticed (and we too may observe, significantly), that when the Lord prayed for this woman He **REBUKED THE FEVER**. (Luke 4:38-39) Back of the fever was the power of the enemy, and Jesus was not slow to recognize it and command it to leave. Perhaps the reason that some are not more successful in their ministry against sickness is because they fail to recognize the sinister power behind it. Jesus didn't go about healing all those that were oppressed of God, but He did heal those that were oppressed by the devil.

Many Kinds of Afflicting Spirits

The Scripture seems to teach that there are various kinds of evil spirits, each able to afflict the body in some particular way. There are the deaf and dumb spirits. (Mark 9:25) Since there are good Christians who have been seriously afflicted with deafness, it shows again that the devil may afflict the body of a Christian. Again we notice that there are spirits of blindness. (Matt. 12:22) We have mentioned the "spirit of infirmity" that afflicted the woman whom Christ healed in the synagogue. The Scripture further speaks of foul spirits, unclean spirits, lying spirits, evil spirits, seducing spirits, familiar spirits and others. No doubt some of these names are interchangeable, although each spirit probably has some particular method of afflicting the human body.

Degrees of Demon Affliction

It is evident that the degree of oppression by the enemy varies in different cases. Sometimes even in the same case. One man who was set free from the power of Satan, and who failed to fill his life with spiritual things, subsequently became possessed of seven other spirits, more wicked than the first. Jesus observed that this man's last state was worse than the first. Sometimes many devils possess the individual. (Mark 5:9) It is undoubtedly

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Letters To The Editors

Letter of Appreciation

Dear Brother Lindsay:

I am in possession of your book, "BIBLE DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN," and also the booklet, "HOW TO RECEIVE YOUR HEALING," and would like for you to furnish me wholesale prices. I met and talked with Brother Gayle Jackson in Atlanta, and I noticed he used your magazine. I may say that no paper meets the workmanship, quality and clarity of presentation of the doctrines of deliverance as does this great magazine. It is with great interest that I read your book, and am of the profound opinion that yours is the best book on deliverance that I have found, hence the desire to place them in the hands of our congregations.

The Lord has been most gracious to us, for which we are humbly grateful. He has gloriously blessed our efforts for deliverance of body, soul, and spirit, and has provided us tent and equipment for a larger scale work this spring and summer. At present we are working in churches in South Carolina, having just completed a schedule in Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and Maryland.

Yours for Deliverance,
E. H. Miles
P.O. Box 142-Station D.
Atlanta, Georgia

Thank you, Brother Miles!—Ed.

E. W. Willoughby

Dear Editor:

Evangelist E. W. Willoughby held a successful meeting for our church here in San Francisco. There were many definite healings. One young girl had a badly maimed ankle. She could not walk on it, and had to be carried into service. She was instantly healed. There were many other definite healings, including cancer. We feel that Brother Willoughby has a definite anointing for the healing ministry.

Rev. W. E. Keller
825 Newhall St.
San Francisco, Calif.

W. V. Grant in Successful Campaigns

Dear Brother Lindsay:

We are in revival at the Camden Assembly of God. There have been over 300 filled with the Holy Ghost. About the same number have been healed and saved. The end is not yet. In spite of rain and high water the church has had its largest crowds in history.

There have been many incurables healed. Others have been healed of blindness and all manner of diseases.

Yours for Souls
W. V. Grant
711 N. Main St.
Malvern, Ark.

Reuben Jones

Dear Brother Lindsay:

Rev. Reuben Jones is still going strong and packing into his services people by the thousands. He is expecting to go under a tent that will seat 4,000 or more this spring. During the winter he has been preaching in churches and in tobacco ware-

houses. He has also been conducting daring healing campaigns over the radio. This evangelist has skyrocketed up before the public eye, since the Lord added unto his ministry the gift of healing.

Joseph S. Huffman
Delco, North Carolina.

Assembly Pastor Tells of Great Revival

Dear Editors:

We have just closed a mighty healing campaign with Evangelist Mal Kerr at the Assembly of God Church, Kitsmiller, Md., in which the truths of Divine healing were vindicated and demonstrated. Night after night people massed together to sit reverently and hungrily as our Brother poured out the message of God's deliverance from all that is vile and evil and destructive. People thronged from all over this area to hear God's word, behold mighty miracles of deliverance, and to receive healing for themselves.

Approximately 90 in all stepped forward for salvation. The closing services were held in the Elk Garden (W. Va.) High School auditorium. At least a thousand people were present to witness God's healing power. A number of surrounding pastors closed their churches Sunday night, to attend, and we appreciate their whole hearted cooperation.

Pastor Harold Kohl
Litzmiller Assembly of God



SCENE FROM THE W. A. HENRY REVIVAL IN LONG BEACH, CALIF. Behind the microphone is Brother Johnson, who was completely blind in one eye and who is now healed. To his right is Evangelist W. A. Henry and Rev. O. C. Harms. Other remarkable testimonies have come to us from Brother Henry's meetings.

Ministry of Frank Mack Reported

Dear Brother Lindsay:

The Lord has confirmed the ministry of deliverance to Brother Frank J. Mack, an Assembly of God evangelist, of Brownfield, Texas. We have pastored here 11 years and this is the best revival we ever had. Souls were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost, and many healed. The Lord is marvelously using this young brother along this line. His wife, who is a consecrated, Godly woman takes the afternoon meetings. The young couple stayed in our home—and continually gave themselves to prayer and fasting. Our church was packed and we would have gotten a larger auditorium but there was none available.

Ted Kroll
P. O. Box 3348
Odessa, Texas

Ed. Note: The pastor sends us a long list of testimonies of outstanding healings that occurred under this young evangelist's ministry.



Evangelist Evangeline Davis

Former Stage Dancer Preaches The Gospel; Reports Husband's Healing of Cancer in Branham Campaign

Dear Editor:

I was a dancer on the stage, when just a child. God called me into the ministry. I left my career, the world of sin and consecrated my life to Him; but all I knew was the doctrines of men.

I preached for 17 years for certain organizations, and attended two of their colleges for five years.

On June 25, 1947, I attended the services at Vandalia, Ill., conducted by William Branham. I went to see if Brother Branham really had the Gift of healing. My husband had two cancers of the stomach and was given six months to live. He had terrible vomiting and cramping spells. But as we sat there watching blind eyes being opened and crippled legs straightened, and devils cast out, we began to believe with all our heart.

The scales of spiritual blindness began to fall from my eyes, and I decided that the Full Gospel way must be the right way. Brother Branham said that he had received the Holy Ghost, and a great longing possessed my soul for a knowledge of the truth.

Later at a healing service in St. Louis, Missouri, where 14,000 people were estimated to have attended, my husband stood before Brother Branham, and he was healed of two cancers of the stomach. I received the wonderful Baptism of the Holy Ghost a few days later. I have been preaching this wonderful Baptism of the Holy Ghost, and have seen many receive during the past two years. I anxiously look forward to receiving THE VOICE OF HEALING each month.

Evangelist Evangeline Davis
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Pana, Illinois

This Month's Prophetic Article:

THE NEW HORROR...

The Hydrogen Bomb

How much more devastating would a hydrogen bomb be than the present uranium-splitting atomic bomb? Its power is 1,000 times as great as that of the A-Bomb. Is our nation jeopardized by its existence?

BY GORDON LINDSAY

During the past year we have had a strong conviction that as the year 1949 would draw to a close ominous developments in the world situation would take place. We believe events which have transpired have fully justified our feelings in this matter and that Matt. 24:21-2 is about to be fulfilled.

"For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no nor ever shall be. And except those days be shortened, there should no flesh be saved; but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."

The Deceptive Quiet

Earlier in the year there was a deceptive quiet over the earth, and a feeling in many quarters that all would work out somehow, and the world would return to "normalcy." But underneath the surface there was and is a veritable tempest of fierce forces ready to explode and turn the world into an inferno of horror. The apparent quiet, as it were, was but the calm before the storm, or the awful hush before the battle. Even now, Christians are confused, and many spiritual leaders who have long-range plans for various enterprises, do not realize that the darkness settling over the earth is none other than the darkness of the great tribulation. And as for the unconverted masses rioting in pleasure, we could compare them to that of a household making merry, while unknown or unheeded, a bomb was quietly ticking off the seconds before the infernal explosion came and oblivion...

Last September, America learned that the scientists had guessed wrong by three years, and Russia already had the A-bomb. Now again the scientists guess that Russia has too few such bombs to seriously menace us, and that she will not strike, at least for several years. America will find that the scientists are wrong again.

Crisis Must Come Soon

The crisis must come soon; one reason alone is that Tito is rallying opposition in the satellite Communist-dominated states. All Europe in the west is arming against Russia. Will she wait until America pours a flood of armament to these nations to make her task more difficult, when now she can, or believes she can, sweep through Europe with comparative ease?



Some scientists believe the H-bomb could wreck an area 20 miles in diameter, compared with the area two miles in diameter devastated by the bomb which hit Hiroshima. Here is an artist's conception of the areas the two bombs might smash if dropped on the Grand Central district of New York. Note the A-bomb could make a sizeable explosion on Manhattan Island. But the Hydrogen-Bomb could not only take in Manhattan, but Brooklyn, the Bronx and part of New Jersey! (Wide World Photo).

The Horror of the Hydrogen Bomb

In the Garden of Eden, man turned from the Tree of Life to the Tree of Knowledge, and brought death upon himself. So today man has spurned the Tree of Life and has taken liberally from the Tree of Knowledge, until the knowledge he possesses is about to destroy him.

As if the atomic bomb that can wipe out a city of 100,000 at a single blow was not enough, America prepares (and Russia surely is doing the same thing) to produce the Hydrogen Bomb, which is estimated to be up to a thousand times as destructive as the original A-bomb. Such a bomb would be in the neighborhood of 10,000,000 times as destructive as T.N.T. This incalculable power would completely destroy a city as large as New York or Chicago. Practically all measures developed to protect against the A-bomb would be useless against such a frightful frankenstein.

The theory of the Hydrogen bomb is simple. Hydrogen sets up a chain reaction at a temperature of 20,000,000 degrees, and this is the secret by which the sun draws its energy. The Hydrogen-bomb, to explode, must have an ordinary A-bomb

within it. When the A-bomb is detonated, an intense temperature is created for a brief instant and the chain reaction is set up in the hydrogen. All this is not speculation, but the sober facts which have been fully reported in our newspapers. It appears that only the Coming of Christ can prevent extermination of the human race within the next few years.

America Betrayed

As we write this article, a new alarm has spread over the land. No sooner had the news of the hydrogen bomb reached the ears of our people, than information is given out by the FBI (America may thank God that the head of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover, is a staunch believer in the Bible) that Klaus Fuchs, a leading British atomic scientist, has betrayed secrets of both the atomic and the hydrogen-bomb to Russia. The announcement has brought consternation, anger, and dismay to congressional leaders. Fuchs, in acknowledged possession of top secrets has confessed to passing along this information to Russia. Hoover made it plain that Fuchs got extremely vital information—enough to advance the Russian time table by at least one year. It is also believed that Russia's atomic

explosion was hastened many months by this information.

American Cities Are Vulnerable

Radford Mobley, Washington reporter, speaks of the vulnerability of American cities. He writes, "Air force officials have convinced themselves that an enemy could hit almost any city in the United States with a sizeable number of planes and do terrific damage. War games have shown that planes can get through in quantity," and he says further, "in one such operation, Dallas and Houston, Texas, were technically destroyed, with Little Rock, Arkansas, added as a side junket."

But along the seaboard is the greatest vulnerability. Enemy submarines 50 miles off shore can launch rockets with atomic warheads and destroy cities within 150 miles of the shoreline.

When War Comes

How will the next war affect us? There will be airtight controls of everything we eat, wear, or use, so says the Scripps-Howard staff. All civilian production will stop for the moment, and after that a very minimum will be resumed. Food rationing will continue for the "duration." All construction except military will stop. There will be one pair of shoes per person every eighteen months.

But such things are incidental to the horror of atomic warfare that will destroy the lives of civilians by the hundred thousand at a clip. The angel of death, as in the days of Pharaoh, is preparing to pass over the land.

It is said that Nero fiddled while Rome burned. We remember the Bible narrative of how Belshazzar and his lords and ladies dined and wined in sacrilegious revelry, even as the Hand of God prepared to write the message of doom upon the wall. Surely this is the hour of revival—a time when all Christians should put forth every effort to cooperate in the great move of the Spirit, in this visitation over the land. For we are sure that it is the last.

Sinner friend, prepare to meet thy God for can you not see that the Handwriting is again on the wall? Unless you choose for Christ, you are destined to spend eternity without Him, in eternal despair. May God help you to decide for Him now.

What Then?

After the joys of earth
After its song of mirth
After its hours of light
After its dreams so bright—
What then?
Only an empty name
Only a weary frame,
Only an aching heart,
Only a conscience smart.

After that empty name,
After that weary frame
After that aching heart,
After that conscience smart—
What then?
Only that sad farewell
To a world loved too well;
After that silent bed,
With the forgotten dead—
What then?



Mrs. S. T. Burgess of McCook, Nebraska, finds her sense of smell restored after 26 years, also healed of stomach trouble. Seated is Brother Ogilvie.

MRS. S. T. BURGESS, 204 South St., McCook, Nebraska, says . . .

"I had a growth in my stomach for two years, causing me terrible misery. It burned like lye and kept me in pain. Sunday, the 15th, I was prayed for and before I left the platform, the burning was gone. Also, I have not had my sense of smell for over 26 years. Last night I was prayed for and today I was cooking and could smell the food even into the front room. It is wonderful just to be able to smell again."

MINISTER REJOICES IN PERFECT HEALING OF VARICOSE ULCER AFTER ONE YEAR

Dear Bro. Lindsay:

We are enjoying a blessed time in the Lord here in Bro. Ogilvie's meeting. He has asked me to submit my testimony to your paper. Praise the Lord, I was healed of a varicose vein ulcer last February, in his healing meeting in Los Angeles. For five years I had to keep it bandaged or it would open. The least bit of friction on it caused it to open. Four days after I was prayed for the scab had fallen off and a thin skin was forming over it. Before the month was up, it was completely well, with a thin skin covering and all tenderness gone. Only a scar is left today, almost a year since I was prayed for.

Rev. Mrs. R. Schultz
Box 241
Spearfish, S. D.

Typical Report From Ogilvie Campaigns

Northwestern States

Visited By Evangelist



Rev. Ogilvie stands by Mr. Mockrey, whose testimony appears below.

ORVILLE MOCKREY, 1401 West 3rd, McCook, Nebraska, says . . .

"I was sitting in the audience one night when Brother Ogilvie said, 'Is there anyone here in pain, if so hold up your hand.' I raised my hand and he asked me if I thought the Lord could heal me and I said yes. He asked me to come to the platform. A horse had kicked me on the right shoulder about three years ago and every time I would work my arm it would pain and hurt me. Also, a horse had stepped on my foot five years ago and I could not move my toes on that foot. The Lord healed me when Bro. Ogilvie prayed for me. I am perfectly free of pain and can do hard manual labor."

Questions and Answers

"I have one complaint. I am very deaf, and read in your magazine that you speak of speechless people as 'dumb.' We who are not able to hear resent the use of this word. Just because we can't hear is no reason why we should be considered stupid or lacking in sense. Most of us could talk if we knew what words sound like . . ."
H. H. W., Tacoma, Wash.

We have great sympathy with our brother, and insist with him that deaf people, as a group, are just as intelligent as anyone. The brother also stated the case exactly right, that if these people could hear they could learn to talk. Thoughtless people continually misuse the word "dumb" as if it meant that a person so afflicted, didn't have good sense. In our August issue of TVH we pointed out that deaf people are usually normal people except that they cannot hear.

Actually the dictionary defines "dumb" to mean "lacking power of speech; silent." When the father of John the Baptist doubted concerning the promise of a son, the

angel said, "And behold thou shalt be dumb and not able to speak . . ." (Luke 1:20). Christ also spoke of a speechless man as being "dumb." (Matt. 12:22). It is evident that the word does not imply stupidity in any sense, but rather it signifies the lack of the power of speech. People should never use the word "dumb" so that it suggests stupidity or lack of intelligence.

OSBORN'S TOUR

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and to heal in every service. Not fewer than 2000 persons took their stand publicly for Jesus during the campaign.

Miracle after miracle was wrought each night of the campaign as Brother Osborn prayed for the sick. Many cases of tumor, rupture, total blindness, deafness, goiter, paralysis, crippled limbs were instantly healed among the hundreds of cases of healing.

Demon Oppression and Sickness

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true that, in a few cases, deliverance is not complete because not all the demons are detected and cast out.

The incident in Mark 5, of the demoniac is an example of the worst kind of demon affliction. A legion of demons had taken control of the man. He no longer had power of reason, though the devils that inhabited his body gave him super-human power, and he could break even the fetters and chains that bound him. (Mark 5:4) Satan cannot afflict a Christian in this way unless he opens himself to the enemy by sin or disobedience. Backsliders have no assurance of Divine protection from Satanic malevolence!

Satanic Worship

There are those who enter into a covenant relation with demons, such as spiritualistic mediums, palm writers and leaders of false cults, as well as witch-doctors of heathen lands. Mediums for example, willingly yield themselves unto Satan under the delusion that they are communicating with the dead. Such spirits control the individual to a great extent, although their pawns do not immediately become insane. Some however, and we meet these kind of people continually in the healing meetings, have permitted spirits to control them in the use of ouija boards, palm writing and spirit intercourse. At length, they sometimes become aware of the sinister character of the inhabitant they have permitted entrance into their life. Alas, they find they have no power to eject the demon, and resulting fear and despair has in many cases caused them to almost or even actually lose their minds. Communication with the dead by means of familiar spirits is strictly forbidden in the Bible, and the person who ignores or disregards that command and tampers with or attempts to communicate with the spirit-world, will reap misery later on.

Epilepsy

Demons sometimes get control of the body of an individual, through hereditary weakness, accident, severe sickness or evil habits. Such attacks are commonly called epilepsy, fits, or convulsions. The person may or may not be a Christian, but in all such cases the individual does desire deliverance. Here is a case of possession of the body, but not the soul. There are a number of such cases, where the person so afflicted was a sincere Christian. The devil could not get possession of the soul, though he was able to afflict the body.

Spirits Which Inhabit Part of the Body

Again, as we have before noted, some demons get control of a certain organ of the body and dwell there, but they do not have dominion over the whole body. In many cases their presence is not recognized. Deafness is usually caused by deaf spirits. Healing in this case comes only when the deaf spirits are cast out.

Surely such evil diseases as cancer and tumor bear the marks of Satan. Of that there is no doubt. The question has been asked: "Is cancer caused by an inhabiting demon?" Of this we would say that certainly the life inside of that cancer is

of diabolical origin. When it is cast out, the cancer dies. Some have thought that a demon spirit could not inhabit a small cell such as that from which cancer begins. We must remember that the laws of space are different in the spiritual than the material world. Only one human being can inhabit the same space in the natural world; but eight demons can inhabit the space where one was before (Luke 11:24), and indeed a legion can dwell within one man as we note in Mark 5. The spirit of every human being, when life began, once dwelt in a very small cell. Some diabolical life of hell takes control of one cell in the human body, usually a bruised one, and a cancer begins. Whether this life is an intelligent demon or a sub-order of demon-life, is unimportant.

Sickness by Disease Germs

Finally, Satan puts sickness upon the body through disease germs. These malignant microscopic creatures show the handiwork of Satan behind them. Boils, as is the case in many other diseases, are caused by germs. Satan was the author of the boils that came upon Job.

We may well conclude therefore that sickness of all kinds has originated with Satan and therefore resistance against it, to be effective, must be of a spiritual nature.

How Demons Are Able to Enter the Body

Demons are not able to take possession of the human body at will. Normally the gateways to the body are closed against them. Evil spirits cannot enter swine, let alone humans, unless Divine permission is granted (Mark 5:12-13). However, when barriers erected against Satan are broken down either by sin or failure to accept God-given protection, demon possession is a serious possibility. Neither devil oppression nor sickness can come upon the Christian unless the defense is broken down. It is apparent that God builds a hedge about the believer as He did about Job. Without Divine permission, Satan may not cross that hedge (Job 1:10).

Epilepsy, deafness, and other afflictions which indicate demon oppression of the body, are sometimes caused by accidents. Often such accidents are caused by carelessness and sometimes in disregard of the law. God never puts a premium upon carelessness. As an example, the Mosaic Law ordered battlements put upon the roof of the house, lest one fall and have an injury. Disregard for that law made the owner of the house liable for an accident if such happened (Deut. 22:8). We may assume, therefore, that Divine protection is only for those who cooperate by using caution in the pursuits of either business or recreation. There are, of course, accidents which are not the immediate fault of the person who suffers from them. The 91st Psalm, however, seems to offer protection even from these, but only to those who dwell "in the secret place of the most High."

Demons may enter the body through the weakness caused by a sickness. Deafness has resulted as an aftermath of even so common a disease as measles. No sickness should be taken lightly, but rather it should be considered as an enemy, and immediate resistance and dominion should be exercised over it. The sickness suffered by Peter's mother-in-law, apparently opened the way for an oppressing spirit. At least Jesus found it necessary to rebuke the fever.

Sin Is the Door by Which Satan Usually Enters

Having mentioned other causes above,

we may note that both the Scriptures and common experience indicate that sin, either of omission or commission, is a common means by which Satan assumes control of the body. Saul is an example of the manner in which the Spirit of the Lord may leave an individual and an evil spirit take the place. Saul had been chosen of God, and had received a new heart. Samuel had said: "The Spirit of the Lord will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man" (I Sam. 10:6-9). He was humble and was so reserved at the first that when it came time to crown him king, it required a prophet to locate where he had hidden himself (I Sam. 10:22). But later, disobedience and jealousy entered into the heart of Saul. The sad story of this king has been repeated millions of times in the lives of those who have lived since his day. Eternal vigilance is necessary, else self may become enthroned, and all manner of evil follow. Ultimately the Spirit of God left Saul and an evil spirit took his place. "But the spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord troubled him" (I Sam. 16:14). Saul did not seem to recognize the fact that the devil had taken control of him, although his servants did (Vs. 15). One is reminded of Samson, a prophet, yet because of his yielding to temptation and carnal desires, the Spirit of the Lord left him. But "he wist not that the Lord had departed from him" (Judges 16:2, 20). Many people because of careless living, have lost the presence of the Lord, and cannot understand why the enemy has control over them. If they did, they would perhaps repent and get right with God. But the Scripture declares "a backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways" (Prov. 14:14). Not till just before his death did Saul admit that God had departed from him (I Sam. 28:15). Then he had fallen so low, and had come so under the sway of the evil spirit that he consulted with a witch, a woman possessed of a familiar spirit (Vs. 7).

Nor is Saul the only example. Abimelech, son of Gideon, so completely forgot the example of his father that he conspired to murder 70 of his brethren, so that he could reign over Israel. Eventually God sent an evil spirit to him (Judges 9:23). The next verse specifically states that this was permitted because of Abimelech's treachery.

All this is clearly taught in the words of Jesus, when He spoke in Luke 11:24-26:

"When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house, whence I came out. And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself: and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first."

It is evident, and we shall speak on this more fully later, that when the devil is cast from a man's life, whether it is possession or oppression, that it behooves that man, by all means, to walk in the light of the gospel and not go back to his old ways. There is no mention of the demons being cast out again. Indeed, Jesus speaks of it as being the man's "last state." Once deliverance has come to our lives, let us renounce sin and all uncleanness, anger, bitterness, jealousy and the manifold works of the flesh. Nor tolerate further, evil habits and sin that open the way for Satan to return and resume dominion.