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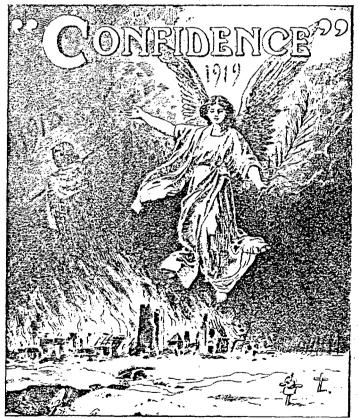
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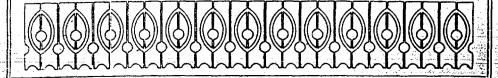
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Conventions in Ireland.

A Report by Miss Florence Vipan.

Baliymena is not far from the ancient home of St. Patrick, the Evangelist of Ireiand. In this neighbourhood, in 1859, the great Revival commenced, with strange spiritual manifestations. Speaking in tongues was not unknown in those days.

From South Wales Pastor George Jeffreys came to Belfast, and has been preaching a full salvation. He and his workers also have been greatly used at Ballymena.

At Christmas time they held two Conventions. The subjects as announced were:—

"The Infallibility of the Holy Scriptures."

"Holiness; Deliverance from the penalty and the power of sin, through the Atonement"

"The Baptism with the Holy Ghost."

"Restoration of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit." (1 Cor. xii.)

"The Second Advent of Christ; the Signs of His Return."

The Christmas Convention in Belfast arranged by Pastor Jeffreys in connection with the Elim Pentecostal Alliance began on Sunday morning, December 22nd, in the Elim Hall, Hunter Street (off the Donegal Road). Three speakers from England had come to take part—Pastors Tetchner, Jeays and Saxby.

The presence of the Lord was manifestly felt from the first "gathering together

unto Him." He made Himself known to us on the Sunday morning in the "breaking of bread," and His real presence was felt at every meeting following, these meetings being held in the Clarence Place Hall. May Street (near the City Hall). It was crowded again and again.

The keynote of the whole Convention was "Jesus." He was set before us as the Crucified, Risen, Ascended, Glorified and Coming One, and the Holy Spirit of God mightily worked in our midst day after day. Souls were saved and sanctified, bodies were healed, and many were baptised with the Holy Ghost and with Fire. The Word was with power and the heart-stirring messages will surely long be remembered.

Forty-one passed through the waters of baptism, each receiving a promise, while the congregation sang repeatedly "Where He leads me I will follow." Some of those who had been baptised shouted praises to their Lord with faces lighted up with His glory, and later, out of full hearts, they told what great things the Lord had done for them. It was a wonderful time, old and young being united in one desire to exalt their great Redeemer. The Missionary evening was a time of blessing, when the fields white unto harvest and the need of reapers were brought before us. We were reminded of the love of Christ, which is sufficient to overcome every difficulty, every hardship, every trial.

It was mentioned that the money put in the boxes at the doors for freewill offerings would that evening be given to missionary work, and the result was gifts amounting to £21. It would be im.

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possible to describe the triumph, the joy, the ecstasy with which at the close of one of the evening meetings was sung over and over again—

"BY-AND-BYE THIS WHISPER OF JESUS."

By-and-bye this whisper of Jesus

Will be changed to shouts that rend the sky, As a King He's coming to own us,

As a King He's coming to own us,
Where He came once to suffer and to die.

All these wand rers will be with Him, And will make His triumph hour complete.

And will swell the loud hallelujah,

We shall sing when our glorious Lord we

meet.

BALLYMENA CONVENTION.

On Sunday, December 29th, the Convention opened in Ballymena, a town thirty miles distant, where God has been pouring out His Spirit for nearly three years, and the results are truly wonderful. Hearts have been changed, lives transformed, men and women filled with the love and power of God and with a passion for souls, and they are still "pressing on." The Convention meetings were held in the Town Hall from December 29th till January 5th inclusive.

Over thirty were converted during the Convention, and forty were baptised in the Holy Ghost. At the testimony meeting on Saturday night numbers rose to testify to what God had done for them. Two at one time spoke together, each quite unconscious of the other. At another time four rose together to testify.

As we met in the morning of the last day for the "breaking of bread" the Spirit of the Lord came down and glory shone around.

A MISSIONARY VISION.

One told of a vision he had had the day before, and over which he had wept with his Lord. He had seen a devoted missionary lonely in a far-off land, with his coat threadbare, his cupboard empty, and the native people stretching out their hands to him, saying, "Does not your God supply all your need?" He told them his God did supply all his need and that he was waiting for the mail to come in. Later when the mail arrived there was no letter for him. In vision the missionary had thought it was a Sunday morning, and he cried to God that the people at home might remember him in their gatherings. Then the one who spoke to us told how in vision he had seen our blessed

Lord with the tears running down His sacred Face. Who will PRAY? Who will GO?

One at least that morning heard the call, "Who will go for us?" and cried out in the Spirit, "Lord Jesus, I will, I will, I will go." In the afternoon we were taken to Calvary, and those wonderful, glorious words, "It is finished," rang out again and again with such a note of victory and triumph that will never be forgotten. In the evening we were reminded that "God hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, therefore . . . " Also Rev. v., 9, the New Song, full of music, full of glory; absolute certainty of the fruits of Calvary. "He shall see of the travail of His soul and shall be satisfied." The third message was, "Called, chosen and faithful."

All expenses were met, praise Godtravelling, hire of halls, printing, etc. without any reference being made to the expenses until the last evening, when it was just mentioned that boxes were at the door for freewill offerings. Refreshments were provided between the meetings for those coming from a distance.

The Holy Spirit many times during the Conventions gave us messages in other tongues, the interpretations of which filled us with praise. In the last message given we were exhorted to search the Word to see if "this" is truth.

The promise given at the commencement, "Thine expectation shall not be cut off," which was often pleaded before the throne, was certainly richly fulfilled. The Convention closed with the singing of "Crown Him Lord of all," sung over and over again, at least the chorus. There was just one great volume of praise that burst forth from hearts overflowing with love and adoration to Him who sitteth upon the throne and to the Lamb. Surely the echo reached the courts above. words from John xvii. (Weymouth) came to our mind: "I am crowned with glory in them." We give just a few jottings from different meetings.

SOME CRUMBS UNDER THE TABLE.

"If you are only faithful to God you can press through all the barriers and go through all before you."

"When the devil has put poison in with a spoon the Lord will put glory in with a ladle." "The coming of the Holy Ghost takes the grumble out of you. When the Holy Ghost comes in and reveals Jesus it cures all else."

One said: "Since the Comforter came Another lives my life for me."

"God can take up the biggest failure and make something out of it."

Jer. xxxi., 40: "Ashes, holy unto the Lord." "Ashes—finished, burnt out. He gives beauty for ashes. When we are burnt clean up the glory of the Lord appears. If you feel like ashes there is something coming along."

"If He calls us to anything He will bring us there."

"It is the will, purpose and provision of God that you should see Jesus. There is an ever brighter vision to see of Jesus till we get to the perfect day."

"An apple looked at the sun and the sun at the apple—remained where it was. The glories of the sun were painted on the apple, and it was changed outside and inside."

Matt. xv., 37: "Things are always full where Jesus is."

"Jesus is always in the midst where there is need."

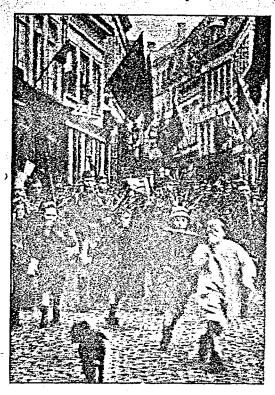
"Jesus always prepares things wonderfully."

"All were filled and satisfied, all kinds of people and temperaments. In the Baptism of the Holy Ghost there is something over for someone else, for all get a new vision of Jesus and His mighty power."

"He brought me." He in it and I in it! If you want to express Salvation, Sanctification, Healing and Baptism in the Holy Ghost, they are all in "He brought me." Ps. xl., 2, 3: "He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord."

If we could focus all our Christian forces upon getting a saint in every factory, and then a saint in every shop and room of every factory, we should see a great turning to God before three years were out.

A STREET IN MONS ON ARMISTICE DAY, NOVEMBER 11TH, 1918.



The British Troops taking possession. Led by bag-pipers, the Canadian Black Watch are seen marching through the beflagged streets. It was in such a street as this that our men tought a rearguard action in August, 1914, when the angels appeared and protected them. The Great War (as far as the British were affected) began at Mons. Here, in the same place, we see a triumphant scene at its close. (With acknowledgments to the "Canadian Official Photographic Authorities.")

ITALY.

Letter from a Captain in the Italian Army.

DEAR BROTHER MR. BODDY,

I wrote you once or twice, and I have received the "Confidence." I don't know English perfectly, but I want to write to you in order to say that Italy has great need of the Baptism of the Hoir Ghost. Evangelical churches are quite dead. The cause of it is lack of the Holy Ghost. Jesus is not a living Person for the majority of them. Their eyes are not open to see great Revival-movements of the Holy Spirit or the Pentecostal Movement of these last days. The Soon Coming of the Lord is not a reality to many of them. Dead churches, with pastors and members sleeping.

Signor Coffivi and I, with a Baptist minister and another Captain, are a little band in this country believing in the Latter Rain Outpouring of the Holy Ghost. Now, after three years and a half at the front I am getting home, and I want to serve God with my forces and will. I want

(Italy-continued.)

you to pray for our work here, where it is very hard ground on account of Catholics and evangelical dry-bones.

I received the other day the book, "Signs and Wonders," by the evangelist, Mrs. M. B. W. Etter. Wonderful book! God is working. Many are saved, healed and baptised with the Holy Chost. Italy has need of it. Our church, pastor, evangelist, colporteur have need of Him. Jesus is coming soon, and we have great service to work in order to save souls, and we know that the Latter Rain Outpouring of the Holy Ghost is most necessary to aid so great a work.

Please pray for us; for gifts we want; for our church, that it may not fight against the Movement; for counterfeiters who came in Italy and did many evil things and set bad examples; for aid for an independent work if church and committees be against us. Piease pray for me, that I shall receive Divine Healing, gifts and power for evangelisation.

Jesus is glorified in this Movement. It teaches our Lord's Death and Resurrection and Ascension and Pentecost and His Second Coming. Jesus, Jesus! only Him who is glory! Brethren, pray for us in Italy.

Please write me a few words. My address is-

Capitano Del Rosso Alfredo, 218° Regimento Fauteria, 33 Borgoguirfauti, Fireuze (Florence).

Siracusa. 23rd December, 1918.

A Building for God.

Some Account of Meetings in South Wales.

The Pentecostal friends in Gorseinon, South Wales, had a week of feasts at the opening of their Hall in Mason's Road—October 5th to 11th. Until then Mr. Vale, their leader, had been holding meetings in his own house, which for some time past had proved too small for the crowds who had gathered. So this new Hall, capable of seating two hundred, with its two end rooms for those seeking Salvation, Healing, or the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, was looked upon with affectionate admiration by the members, who had done their part by prayer and sacrifice to obtain the building. The fact that it has been raised, furnished and opened in war time free of debt, is in itself a witness to the faithfulness of God and the effort of His people there.

It was interesting to hear Mr. Vale tell how all the money was received little by little in answer to prayer, how they were guided in the buying of the building material, how, as in Nehemiah's days, the enemies tried to hinder, and how God frustrated their plans, raising up friends even among the unconverted, how they found where to purchase 100 chairs (no easy matter in war time), and how the members, all working people in a colliery district, gladly-devoted their spare time to painting, decorating,

installing electric light and scrubbing, so that on the Saturday before the opening service the finishing touches were completed and all was ready. Mrs. Crisp, Messrs. Tetchner and Boulton were the chief speakers.

Man builds, but God hallows, and one realised throughout the whole week's services that the Lord was there, and believed that the prayer prayed at the Dedicatory service, that "God's eyes and His heart should be there perpetually," would be abundantly answered.

Two meetings, and sometimes three, were held each day. In the evening there were often as many as three or four congregations, for the Hall was packed (Welsh packing too) at an early hour, and crowds were content to remain outside until some of the fortunate ones within were obliged to leave to prepare for the night shift in the mines, or to take the restless baby home, and then those nearest the door would slip in. As each service lasted three or four hours, and three or four addresses were given, all in turn had a chance to hear and a chance to be blessed.

Several were born to God, many came forward for healing, many for the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, and some who came forward for one blessing went home rejoicing both healed and baptised. Scores of others coming out of curiosity to see what was meant by a Pentecostal meeting went away convinced that "This was of God," and doubtless a large number of these will come as "seekers" in the meetings that will follow week by week.

The zenith of the week's enthusiasm was reached on the Thursday evening at the Missionary meeting, which lasted four hours, though it only seemed like one. The Assembly from its inception has had the true Missionary spirit, for whilst collecting funds towards the building of the Hall, over £10 each quarter was raised for Foreign Mission work, and from its comparatively small number of young people two already have been accepted for training as missionaries, and are now in the Women's P.M.U. Training Home in London. Five others believe they have received the call for the foreign field, and are desirous of volunteering, two amongst them being young men, who, owing to the war, had been unable to offer before.

May God continue to richly bless and increase this faithful, zealous flock, and fill their Hall to overflowing, is the prayer of those who were present at those inspiring inaugural services.

PENTECOSTAL ITEMS.

In answer to many enquiries as to our son, Lieut. J. A. V. Boddy, R.A.F., we can say that he is, at the time of writing, still at The Anglo-Chilian Hospital, Grosvenor Square, London, W. We are thankful to say that he is slowly progressing, and the doctors trust that eventually he will have a good limb. A year and two months have elapsed since he was shot down when scouting over the Bourlon Wood, in France. He has recently been out for his first ride in a taxi-through the parks. His own sister, a nurse at St. Thomas'

Hospital, looked after him on the drive. We are so thankful for answered prayer. God has been gracious indeed. There is still some septic trouble to be cleared out of his system.

The Chaplain at Brussels and his brave wife (Rev. H. S. and Mrs. Gahan) are rejoicing in their deliverance. They write: "The Pentecostal faith has been our great stay, through God's grace, throughout this time of trial, in life and work." (It will be remembered that our dear brother ministered to Nurse Cavell up to the last hour before she was shot.) In writing for copies of "Confidence" he says: "I and my wife have read and re-read a few old numbers which were in hand. Now we look expectantly for fresh news and further blessing." (8, Rue Defacqz.)

The "Mystery Fever," as the Influenza scourge has been called in the East, was very severe in Sunderland. A dear young chorister, James H. Birney, son of our well-known beloved Pentecostal

brother, Mr. George Birney, was swiftly carried away. He was an unusually bright Christian boy, with a good knowledge of his Bible. Then in a similar way our brother, Mr. George A. Hugall, a muchvalued superintendent in our Sunday School, and a good worker in many causes, passed swiftly into unconsciousness and did not recover. The Editor of "Confidence" was also laid up for some weeks, but he can and does thank God for continued recovery and for increasing strength.

"SIGNS AND WONDERS," by Mrs. Woodworth Eiter, has been re-produced for English readers at 2/6 (postage 4d.) and can be obtained from Mr. P. St.

G. Kirke, M.A., Parliament Mansions, Victoria Street, London, S.W. 1. This is an abridged edition of 160 pages, but it is quite enough for most people to read. Mr. Percy Kirke has some 4,000 copies to dispose of. They will be a blessing to many. The Editor of "Confidence" quite hopes some day to attend one of Sister Etter's Conventions. His engagements so far when in U.S.A. have prevented this, but he constantly heard from those who had been present that the healings of the sick were nothing short of miracles.

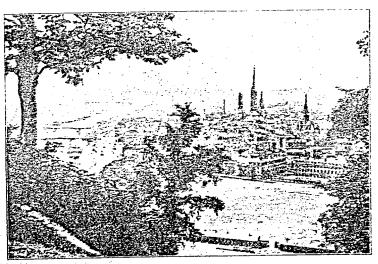
The illustration on the front cover of this issue entitled, "Hope for the New Year," is an adaptation of a picture in the Dutch paper brought out by our dear brother, Pastor G. R. Polman, of Kerkstraat, 342, Amsterdam, to whom we make our grateful acknowledgments.

Our brother, Robert Kerr, of the "Full Gospel Assembly," Hopeton Street, Shankill Road, Belfast, tells us of their "Christmas Convention." The special speakers were Mr. and Mrs. C. J.

Hollis (Missionaries, South America), Mr. Alex. Ferguson (Bangor), and Mrs. Martin Cleaver (Belfast). "There was much blessing, in fact it was the best we have yet held."

Bro. R. Kerr adds: "This was one of a series of Conventions which have been held during the last eleven years. They have been the outcome of a visit to Sunderland in 1907 at Christmas-time, when I was privileged to cross over from Belfast, and to see that remarkable outpouring of the Holy Spirit which was taking place at All Saints. On returning to Belfast the Baptism in the Holy Ghost was granted also to others. Great numbers were saved, and others healed, and the blessed work continues to grow in depth and power."

NURSE DOWELL. On January 10th, at Surbiton, after a short illness, Nurse Dowell passed peacefully away. She caught a chill whilst out nursing. When informed that there was no hope she said, "I am quite ready. At first I was not



ROUEN.

willing to leave you all, but now it is all right. I shall soon be with my JESUS. He will take care of you all." Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Simpson, of Leeds, attended her funeral to represent the Mount Tabor Mission, where she laboured for a long time.

ROUEN. Miss J. V. Boddy has been in charge of a "hut" opened for the benefit of the Women Soldiers (Queen Mary's Women's Auxiliary Army Corps). She is in Camp No. 10. Recently on leave in Sunderland, she gave a most interesting account of her work, and of the spiritual opportunities she has been able to make use of. She returns from this work at the end of April or the beginning of May.

COUN. WM. WALKER, J.P. (West Mount, Sunderland), has a heart of compassion for the non-church-goers, especially the young women and young men who walk the Sunderland streets on

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KNOWLEDGE.

There are two kinds of knowledge-the knowledge of good and the knowledge of When the Lord God made our first parents and set them in the Garden of Eden He warned them as to what would be the result if they took of "the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." He forbade them to eat of it. "The Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die, or dying thou shalt die" (Gen. ii., 16, 17).

Here was a test of love and obedience. The love and wisdom of God was manifested. The subtilty and hatred of the devil was also manifested. "The serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die; for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then shall your eyes be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."

The Lord Jesus said Satan was a liar and a murderer from the beginning. is the father of lies (John viii., 44). Adam and Eve speedily proved the truth that evil immediately produces its effect, for "their eyes were opened and they knew they were naked." The innocency of only the knowledge of God had gone, and they were afraid to meet God. We know the facts so well, but how little do we realise that the same command applies to us to-day. Thoughts of evil or evil thoughts

and soul and body, and if carried into action and persisted in, bring forth sin. and sin brings death.

Students of psychology are finding out these facts. We find our psychology in the Word of God. The great loving Wisdom and Mind of God has given us certain laws, which if we break, He has warned us what will be the result. If we break any part of the law of love we shall feel the immediate effect. Bad temper, worry, fear, doubt, lust, pride, envy, hatred, at once produce their effect on our spirit and nerve centre. How imperative it is, then, for us to refuse to know or acknowledge or think of evil for a moment. "Give no place to the devil." "Make no provision for the flesh." "Resist the devil and he will flee from you." "Thou shalt have no other God but Me.

Some falsely say that there is no evil; God tells us there is, but we must not become acquainted with it, we must refuse to know it. We must "reckon ourselves to be dead indeed unto sin through Jesus Christ." This is a test of our love and obedience. "Whatever is true, whatever wins respect, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovable, whatever is of good repute, if there is any virtue or anything deemed worthy of praise, cherish the thought of these things." Phil. iv., 8 (Weymouth.) Satan is outside you. He attacks our mind and tries to get us to recognise evil. If we reject these thoughts and turn our mind at once on to what is truth, what is good, what a change soon comes! "To know God is eternal life" (John xvii., 3). It is so possible to know a great deal about God, about His works, His attributes, but it is another thing to know Him. We may know a great deal about a friend, but we can never really know the friend until we have lived together, gone through trials and joys together, had mutual confidences, each revealing to the other their inmost thoughts.

So it is with our loving God. He tells us how we may know Him. First and foremost is He revealed in Jesus. Jesus is the Truth. His life, His work and His character reveal God to us. Jesus refused to listen to Satan. He recognised no power but that of His Father. He saw disease as evil and healed it. He saw hunger, death, and overcame them. So have their immediate effect on our spirit. He says, "Be of good courage, I have overcome the world." Material things to Him were not real; that is, He knew they were only temporary and not permanent. Spiritual things were the reality to Him. They were the truth, and truth is indestructible and eternal because He was Truth and He was God. "God is Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." It is the truth that sets us free.

It is the unseen things that are eternal. We cannot see love, joy, peace and other spiritual things, any more than we can see the Lord. We can, however, see the result and effect. The mind of Nicodemus was so material that he only thought of a material birth till Jesus told him the difference. So also was the mind of the rich young man. "Good Master," he said to Jesus, "what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Speedily our Lord corrected him and said, "There is none good save One, that is God. Go, sell all (those material things) that thou hast and follow Me," the spiritual life. This caused the young man great sadness.

It is so much easier to do than to be. To know God takes time, it requires silent and concentrated hearkening to His still, small voice. It needs a frequent meditation and thinking over what He has said to us in His Word, and a reliance upon the Holy Spirit to teach the spiritual depth of these sayings. So we see how impossible it is for us to attempt to know both good and evil. "How can two walk together except they be agreed." cannot serve God and Mammon." for us there is but "one Lord, one faith, one Baptism, and one God and Father of all, Who rules over all, acts through all, and dwells in us all"-all who believe. Therefore just as we cannot walk together in spiritual fellowship with unbelievers, so we cannot acknowledge and think evil and good at the same time, and our spiritual and material welfare depend on which we choose to walk and live in-the flesh or the Spirit.

The plan of God seems to have always been to make the material beautiful by means of the Spirit. His mind is clearly seen in the beauties of nature, and we all know how beautiful a Spirit-filled man or woman can be—such peace and joy and life expressed that it is a benediction to be with them. "As a man thinketh, so he is," therefore let us "set our mind on

things above, and not on things on the

As we get more and more of the mind of Christ we shall experience more and more the blessed joy and peace of seeing God, the truth, the reality, above all that is only earthly and temporal, and our faith will help to bring about His kingdom on earth, the spiritual kingdom of "righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost," and soon, when we all come into the unity of the faith and the fulness of the stature of Jesus Christ, we shall hear the last trump, and the glorious presence of the King of kings will be manifested. We shall be changed and be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

This is our blessed hope. The mighty fire of God the Holy Ghost is rapidly judging and crushing evil and material things, preparing for the time when the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of God, when all men shall be taught of God. Alas, alas! What wailing and gnashing of teeth there will be amongst those who refused to know God, whose minds have been darkened because of unbelief.

Personally, I find it a great help to sing or say the Doxology if a thought of worry, or pain, or any thought that is not love presents itself to the mind, especially in the night or early morning. It is wonderful how quickly the Spirit responds and gives peace. Habits of a lifetime are not easily broken, therefore we must use our will power at first till the spiritual habit of thought is formed.

A friend, who is a very busy business man, and equally energetic in the work of the Lord in every way for the helping of his fellow creatures, gave the following testimony the other day. As far as I can remember, he said that when he awakened early that morning, instead of thinking over the various difficulties that were presented to his mind, he began to think of God and praise Him for His love, His power, His greatness and, above all, for the full redemption of Calvary, whereby he was made one with God through Christ. Soon praises turned to prayer for those he loved, those who were in trouble, his work, and he felt he was so in touch with the One Eternal Spirit that prayer was being answered. He looked at his watch after spending what seemed to him halfan-hour, and was astonished to find that

(Knowledge-continued.)

two hours had passed, and as he sprang up to dress he felt his whole spirit, soul and body invigorated and refreshed, and as light as air.

Another equally busy man makes a point of shutting himself in his office, and on no account to be disturbed for half-anhour. He quietly fixes his thoughts on God as the great Eternal Spirit that is both transcendent and immanent, and takes in that wonderful life till he feels refreshed and strengthened for work again. So, not only do these brothers become strong in the Lord, but their thoughts of life and health and blessing go out through the vast space of the ethereal realm, and a wireless message of inspiration and hope reaches, via the Throne, all those who are Back comes in tune with the Infinite. the blessing in answers to prayer and faith, and the "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of the Lord."

Thus, by the renewing of our minds by the Holy Spirit, we begin to know God more intimately, a knowledge which will increase as the ages roll on, when we have passed over into the infinite beyond.

M.B.

THE MIND OF GOD.

Let me listen to the murmur of the ever-flowing brook,

And the music and the chatter of the stream; Let me walk at evening on the fading, golden sand.

While the waves are lapping gently on the shore, When the sun is setting slowly with an orangepurple ray

Just behind those cloud-tipped sand dunes in the West.

See the radiant, glowing colours in reflection on

Crimson, golden, mauve and violet in their turn; How the music and the colours blend in sweet, harmonious tones.

Whisp'ring comfort to the heart that seeks repose. Stand at midnight by the waters, watching stars in countless throngs,

Dimmed in measure by the moon's clear liquid light.

Watch the flowers, the sky, the sea-a countless thousand other things,

Listen breathless to the harmonies divine!

Can't you see and feel in everything that same mysterious power

Moving all and leaving everywhere its mark?
Deep and boundless as the ocean, for it stretches far and wide,

Is this power without a limit or a bourne. 'Tis an absolute, infinite, deep, harmonious,

mystic MIND, Never ending or beginning, for it is the MIND of GOD.

J.V.B.

The Bradford Convention.

From April 18th (Good Friday) for TEN DAYS is to be held (D.V.) the Bradford Pentecostal Convention. Bro. Smith Wigglesworth is, of course, to be the Convener. He announces that the speakers will be-

Mrs. CRISP, of Heathfield

Mr. and Mrs. WALSHAW (Halifax).

Rev. W. REED.

Bro. REEF GRIFFITHS.

Bro. JAS. TETCHNER.

Probably there will also be present Welsh brethren and Out-going Missionaries and those on Furlough. Convention last year was a time of great blessing. As there cannot be any Convention in London or Sunderland, friends will be thankful for this opportunity, Address: Bro. Smith Wigglesworth, 70, Victor Road, Manningham, Bradford.

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Sunday evenings. He has taken the Victoria Hall, which holds 2,500 persons, and with a choir and stringed band (all voluntary helpers), holds attractive meetings. The Hall was packed to its utmost capacity the other Sunday night when the Editor of "Confidence" gave an address, "With Christ in His Holy Land."

The coloured lantern pictures of Bethiehem, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee and Jerusalem rivetted the attention of all as he spoke of the work and words of the Incarnate Son of God when in Palestine. As he led them to a place called "Calvary," he threw on the screen the "Ecce Homo," and asked all to join with him

in singing—
"Did ere such love and sorrow meet,
"Did ere such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown."

One said afterwards, "It was all good, but above all those two last pictures." It was a night to be remembered.

The Editor of "Confidence" is very grateful to those who from time to time send him accounts of conferences or meetings. He would make a suggestion for the guidance of those whom he sincerely hopes will do this still more in the future. Reports of one or more or all of the addresses should be lhe leading feature, rather than extended references to joyful experiences. What was taught rather than what was felt. Then the messages will have a wide influence and bring blessing to many. 10

THE PENTECOSTAL MISSIONARY UNION.

"Other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I MUST bring." (John x., 16.)

The Pentecostal Missionary Union (or "P.M.U.") for Great Britain and Ireland dates its commencement from a meeting held in All Saints Vicarage, Sunderland, on January 9th, 1909, when a Council was formed. Mr. Cecil Polhill, of Howbury Hall, Bedford, was chosen as President, Mr. T. H. Mundell, 30, Avondale Road, Croydon, is Hon. Sec., Mr. Ernest Wm. Moser, Hebron, St. David's Road, Southsea, is Hon. Treasurer and Missionary Box Secretary, the Rev. A. A. Boddy is Editorial Secretary, and other acting members of the Council are Mr. W. Glassby, "Ladyfield," Renhold, Bedford; Mr. John Leech, K.C., 11, Herbert St., Dublin; Mr. H. Small, 47, Belvedere Rd., Upper Norwood, London, S. E.; Mr. Smith Wigglesworth, 70, Victor Rd., Bradford; and Mrs. Crisp, Florence House, Heathfield, Sussex.

MISSIONARIES. INDIA.—United Provinces: Mr. J. H. Boyce, Miss G. Elkington, Miss B. Jones, Miss C. White. Bombay Pres.: Miss C. Skarratt, Miss M. A. Thomas. China.—Yunnan-fu, Yunnan: Rev. Allan and Mrs. Swift, Mrs. A. Williams, Mrs. Trevitt, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd, Miss Cook, Miss E. Biggs, Miss J. Biggs, Miss Waldon, Mr. and Mrs. Lewer, Mr. and Mrs. Leigh. Likiang: Mr. and Mrs. Kok, Miss Scharten, Miss Agar, Mr. and Mrs. Klaver.

THE TRAINING HOME.—The Women's Missionary Training Home is at 7, Eaton Road, Haverstock Hill, Hampstead, London, N.W. Mrs. Crisp, Superintendent.

Continued prayer is asked for the Home Base, viz.:—(1) P.M.U. Council Meetings, (2) P.M.U. Missionary Meetings, (3) Box Holders and Donors, (4) the Reports from the Field, (5) Students—the Sisters, (6) Those helping in their Training. Then let us also constantly uphold our Missionaries on the Field, at work, or learning their new language. Wednesday in each week has been suggested as a special day of prayer for P.M.U. Let us also pray that enough money may always be given to supply our Missionaries' necessities. This is important, as this is a faith work. The Council only pass on that which is entrusted to them. Let us all pray the prayer of faith.

INDIA. Mrs. J. H. Boyce has passed away. The influenza has been terribly severe, and her call has been very swift. We offer our sympathy to her husband, so soon bereft of his much-valued partner.

Miss Van Valen, a fellow-worker, writes the following appreciation of Mrs. Boyce:

Sarah Weller Boyce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Weiler, Parry Sound. Canada, fell asleep in Jesus at Goshainganj, Fyzabad District, India, on November 12th, 1918. She had been in a weak condition for some time, and caught a severe cold on the train while returning home from a Pentecostal Convention held in Saharanpur. Influenza developed and culminated in heart failure.

Mrs. Boyce, more widely known as the former Miss Weller of Bahraich, U.P., came to India in December, 1912, to help Mrs. Murray, of Bombay. Mrs. Murray died shortly afterwards. Later Miss Weller joined the Boys' Christian Home Mission at Dhond, where the Rev. Albert Norton was working, and remained in Dhond for one and a half years. She obtained a working knowledge of the Marathi language. In July, 1914, a call came from Oral, of North India, to help in famine work. Our sister obeyed the call and willingly helped. After a few months spent in Oral she was appointed to Bahraich, where she laboured for three and a half years. Both Oral and Bahraich were B.C.H. Mission The writer was appointed to work with Sister Weller in Bahraich, and can testify to her faithful work. Miss Weller spent three and a half years of hard, conscientious labour in caring for the Mission orphans at Bahraich. Her life was one of sunshine, and she was loved

them with love and sympathy. None loved her more than her orphan girls.

On January 25th, 1918, Miss Weller was united in marriage with Brother J. H. Boyce, of the Pentecostal Missionary Union of England. The happy couple left at once for their work in Goshainganj. After less than ten months of married life the two have been parted. We sympathise with and pray for our brother Boyce.

The Writer wishes to say that, during the time spent in the work with Sister Weller at Bahraich, she learned to love her and appreciate her as a real Sister. She never spared herself in work, and always took the heaviest end of the burden. She was a warrior in prayer, and knew how to trust God and pray through for victory in time of trials. She is greatly missed by her missionary friends.

Mr. Polhill writes: "It is proposed to re-open the Men's Training Home at an early date, and we should be glad to have applications for entrance. Will you not join us in asking for 50 men very shortly? Time presses. The Saviour will soon appear. Much work yet needs doing. Let us pray and work. We thank God for the Women's Home, and still have some vacancies, and would like this also full."

and a half years of hard, conscientions labour Mr. Moser (Hon. Treasurer of the in caring for the Mission orphans at Bahraich. P.M.U.) writes: "The work of our Missber Her life was one of sunshine, and she was loved ionaries in China is extending with blessed by all who knew her. She was strict in discionaries in China is extending with blessed ciplining the orphans, but always dealt with results as the Lord opens new doors and

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gives opportunities for preaching the Gospel in other towns and fresh districts.

Mr. Swift, our Superintendent in Yunnan Province, writes that in the past the funds received were sufficient to carry on the work in its early stages, and they met the needs of the workers and the sundry expenses connected with the then small beginnings. A substantial gift was occasionally sent out for some special purpose, for which our missionaries were very grateful.

Now, however, something more systematic is required to enable them to arrange for definite developments of the work in the future. The living expenses of our missionaries in China amount to £76 per month, and the Lord has graciously enabled our Hon. Treasurer to remit this amount regularly. However, our workers are now suffering a heavy loss on their allowances owing to the great depreciation in exchange.

Mr. Swift informs us that unless the work is to be considerably curtailed they must have money over and above the amount of £76 per month to meet the following extra expenditure in the Yunnan district:—

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		£7 0	0
"	Native Workers	18 0	0
	Educating prospective		
	workers in the Bible	6 0	0
	Travelling	9 15	0
,,	General Expenses Fund	1 - 5	0

The total extra money required every month is, according to the above estimate, £42.

"The work in the district of Likiang is also making good progress and extending, and will require additional monetary help."

Our workers do not incur debt. Mr. Swift asks: "Are we to keep up the present standard of work or draw in? Our hearts say go forward, but that would not only mean using all the money above mentioned, but also calling for still greater sums.

"I am in touch with the work from a business standpoint in every detail, and it rubs hard when you know money is needed and there is nothing to draw on. On the one hand we are pressed by the Lord to enter into these needy districts, and on the other hand we need the wherewithal to press the battle to the gates."

A similar report comes to us from India, where Mr. Boyce is arranging to travel over new ground.

The above important needs are mentioned by the Hon. Treasurer with the urgent request that the Lord's people will pray fervently, and claim the promise by faith, "My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." "What things soever ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them."

IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW WORK.

Equipment, Passages, and one year's supply for Party to Africa £1,000
Two Missionaries to China ... 140
Two Missionaries to India ... 140
One Missionary to South America 60
Four returning Missionaries (and children) 300
Re-opening of Men's Training
Home ... (a considerable sum)

Our President, Mr. Cecil Polhill, is leaving this country on a long missionary journey, visiting the P.M.U. stations in India and China, and seeing our workers at their work. He will be absent for some time. Many readers of "Confidence" will join us in daily prayer for his safety, and for Divine power in his ministries at each point. He is on the British India S.S. "Chendwara," sailing to Calcutta.

We said farewell at our P.M. U. Council Meeting on Wednesday, January 22nd. We also commended to God our brethren who are shortly to sail for East Africa. Bro. Johnstone and his wife are to be accompanied by Bro. Richardson and his wife, for he is shortly to be married to Miss Humphrey (South Wales), who has been trained at the Women's Home. North of Lake Kivu there are tribes amongst whom our P.M. U. missionaries hope to work, but undoubedly they will have to first do some "prospecting." This pioneer African band must be followed by our constant prayers and gifts.

CHINA.

From Bro. Boyd.

We have returned from our visit to the Capital for the Conference.

We first had a week of prayer for our native evangelists, morning and afternoon. We were much blest in united prayer together, day by day the spirit of prayer deepening in our midst.

The second week we had Bible study classes. The subject each morning was on personal work, a subject which the evangelists seemed to enjoy. In the afternoons we had a native conference, when short addresses were given on the following subjects, which were then left open for discussion.

1. Need for preaching the Gospel in the

regions beyond.

Ministry of giving.
 Polygamy.

IV. Church government.

V. The Ideal Church—Full Gospel.

Now we are facing a new difficulty. Four of our evangelists have left us and are going into business again. Will you please pray that the Lord will send us a number of Spirit-filled evangelists? The Lord answered prayer for our work in K ainua by giving us an earnest, humole worker. We previously had a young man here, a promising worker, but he has withdrawn owing to the distance from his home being too far.

All our workers are now settled at their stations. Miss Cook has gone into a new district, Hsia Kuanghsi, to the S.E. of the provincial Capital, to open up work.

We had some difficulty in returning to Kaihua. The railway was broken in several places owing to the heavy rains, also the roads were broken up and in some places parts were carried away. Some bundreds of houses collapsed. This was because they were mud houses without a foundation.

When we arrived at the end of our railway journey, Mi-la-tien, we had to wait four days before we could get horses. During our period of waiting we did some village work. Five li

from where we were staying there was a big market. Different tribespeople were represented. Many seemed to appreciate the Gospei by listening attentively.

In our journey overland, each evening, after we got settled in the inn, we had no difficulty in getting an audience.

After an absence of six weeks we found the Christians bright and happy, and they came forth to greet us. Please pray much for our work in this district. In a Putah village, where many are Christians, there has been a great deal of persecution. We would like your prayers for them.

AMONG THE TRIBESPEOPLE.

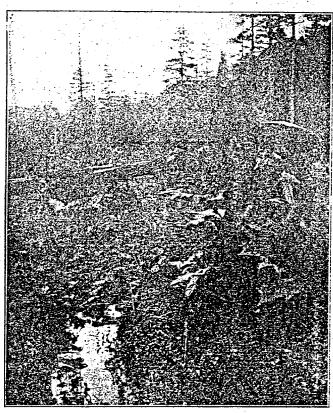
An Appeal for Prayer from Mrs. Boyd.

It is some time since I had the privilege of writing to the readers of "Confidence," but we often remember you before the "Throne of Grace."

Now I want to send a special request, asking

DEFINITE PRAYER

be made for Kaihua and the surrounding districts, moreover that prayer be made until you and we are assured of victory. I have been struck just lately by the persistence of the saints of old. Elijah prayed until the widow's son was restored, and again until he was assured of rain coming. (I Kings xvii. and xviii.) The apostles and disciples prayed all night for the deliverance of



IN YUNNAN PROVINCE.

Peter (Acts xii., 5-12), and God answered.

We often hear that the only hope of ending the European war is by means of the prayers of God's people—and assuredly it is only by prayer that China will be won to the feet of Christ. We appeal to the readers of "Confidence" to help us in this work. We go to a new district, the people listen eagerly, attentively, and assent, and say they believe it all, and laugh at the idea of worshipping idols—and go home to burn incense and light candles in front of the idols just the same as before. What is the great lack? It is the work of the Holy Spirit upon their hearts. They need the illumination of the Holy Ghost, Who alone can cause man to realise that Jesus Christ is a

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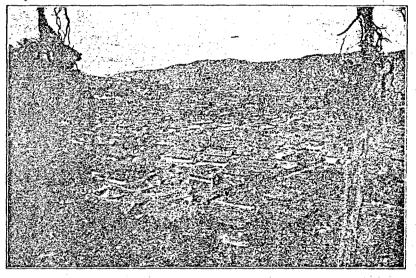
living, bright reality. Friends, will you pray that the ground may be prepared, that hearts may be made hungry for the Truth, that the Word we preach may be in the power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost, that souls may be brought to the feet of our Saviour.

It seems that the Lord is causing us to stay at Kaihua for some little time at least, and this for two reasons. First, funds are low (a sovereign when it reaches us is worth less than five dollars, whereas at one time it brought twelve dollars), and so travelling has to be curtailed. Secondly,

have been this year. The crops have suffered badly and many people are homeless. As we passed through a desolated street last week and saw house after house with merely the framework standing, one's heart ached for the poor people. Yet they still refuse to turn to the Living God. It is true that as the flood was rising many called upon "Tien-lao-ie" (the name some give to God), but only to go back to their "heaven and earth tablets," the god of riches, the kitchen god, and their ancestors, etc., as soon as the waters abated. Just now the carpenters, stone-masons and mudwall builders are busy repairing the damage, for those who can afford it. And so it goes on year

after year — flood, destruction and restoration — some times greater and sometimes lesser. In like manner the idols too are soaked away year by year, and replaced as soon as the house is repaired.

How long will this people remain in darkness, blinded by the enemy and content with their blindness? God grant that the Light which has shined into our hearts, and, praise God, into a few Chinese hearts too, may soon dispel the darkness and cause the people that sit in the shadow of death to see the great Light and to walk in that Light.



VIEW OF LIKIANG.

we are very short of workers. Here, then, are two more items for prayer. The Lord has Chinese men and women who could become efficient workers. Moreover, He knows where the means for their support is. Please pray that both may shortly be forthcoming.

Kaihua is in the centre of a GREAT TRIBAL DISTRICT.

Four tribes are widely represented, viz.: the Long-chüin (distinguished by the long skirts worn by the women), the Tu-lao (distinguished by the women's embroidered bodices), the Pu-lah (in this tribe the men wear aprons and the women white upper garments quilted at the sides, so forming rounded front and back) and Lo-lo. There are other tribes with a smaller representation.

We praise God for giving us fruit from three P'u-lah villages. In one village (Mo-fei) the greater part of the villagers (some thirty families) have turned to the Lord, and these often visit us, coming for prayer and encouragement. On Friday last we visited another P'u-lah village, and as soon as the women found we could speak a sentence or two of their dialect they quickly gathered around and listened well. The men generally understand Kuan-hua, but even they like to hear us try to speak the P'u-lah dialect.

AWFUL FLOODS.

· You may have heard how serious the floods

With Christian greetings from Mr. Boyd and myself to all who so faithfully uphold us by prayers and gifts.

Yours in the patient waiting for our Coming Lord,
FANNY E. BOYD.

Kaihua,

Province of Yunnan, South China.

YUNNAN and OUT-STATIONS.

From Bro. D. Leigh.

We were pleased to receive a "Confidence" the other week, and to see how the Lord was biessing all the dear ones who are in touch, either by prayer or means, with us who are doing our little portion in this part of God's great vineyard. Thank you all so much for continued prayer on our behalf, and may you one and all be kept faithful in this high and blessed ministry of intercession. Truly there is no work so rich in blessing and so exalted in calling. Eternity alone will disclose the truth of those words, "There are more things wrought by prayer than this world dreams of", and especially is this the case as regards the mission field.

You will rejoice to know that a steady increase

is manifest in every place where the Lord has set us, and now may He help me to give you a faint idea, first, of the results we have witnessed during the past few months, and secondly, of the need still existing.

Along with my wife I have made three trips this year to Fuhming, Lots", and surrounding districts. (My work also includes the assisting of Brother Swift in the larger work at the Capital.) On each occasion we have seen both men and women take their stand for Christ. Idols have been brought and burned, and true repentance shown before God. During my last visit to Lots" I

BAPTISED SEVEN PERSONS

Hour men and three women), among them being an old lady seventy years of age; the rest are on probation for at least three months. number were aiso ready at Fuhming, but, not having the tent with me at that time, and there being no convenience by the river, I was compelled to detain them until my next trip, which, all well, will be in the course of a few days. Last Sunday we baptised two men in the Capital, one of them being an official in the prison here. At present we are encouraged with the men's side of the work, a goodly num-

ber going steadily along. At Niliang, Amicheo and Mentsi, Brother Swift has led people into the waters of death, and, no matter in what direction we look, we have cause for praise unto Him, who alone is worthy. Truly other men have laboured (in prayer at home), and we have been privileged to enter into-their labours.

AN APPEAL.

Now just a brief word as to the need. First, we need men and women (natives) called of God to follow up the work already done, but which can only receive temporary visits from the foreigner; and second, we need money.

I have wondered if any readers of "Confidence" who are unable to come out themselves would be pleased to take on a native worker in their stead. If so, I would be pleased to send the name and photo of the one they support, and thus they would be able to enter more fully and definitely in prayer for the needs of this mighty land. At the present rate of exchange about thirty shillings a month would be needed for a first-class worker. Of course, if this was too much for one person maybe some assembly or two or more persons could take it up. At any rate, it is a real need, and will the readers of "Confidence" take it upon their hearts in prayer. I shall be delighted to

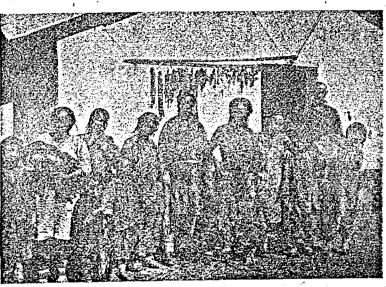
get in personal touch with any who feel so disposed.

I pray that our helpers may, as Paul said, "abound more and more in this gift," realising they are but stewards of those things which they hold, and that it is required that stewards be found faithful.

Now I think this is all this time. Trusting it finds you all well, in spite of the adverse circumstances many of you are placed in. With heartiest Christian greetings to one and all.

Yours in joyful service.

D. LEIGH.



Annamese and Chinese.

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