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Revival in China

S HANGHAI has not had such heat for over sixty years," writes Mrs. G. A. Anderson, thanking the Lord for His keeping power during the past summer. "There has been no rain for a long time. The poor people outside of Shanghai have no water in their wells, and what is planted has dried up, so that rice and other food has doubled in price. Surely it looks dark for the poor!

"We have had a wonderful summer in the work. Many received the Baptism of the Spirit in the Spring, and now in our special meetings eleven more were baptized. Last week (July 10) eleven were baptized in water, and more are waiting. Idols have been taken out of many homes. Wonderful healings have taken place, some when at death's door. One of our Gospel halls we have made larger, but the one on the outstation is too small for even the Christians to come. Please help us pray that funds may come in for our needs."

At Camp Byron

A GREAT POWER-HOUSE it was where the whirr and buzz of machinery could be heard day and night as huge turbines and dynamos, belts, couplings and every tiny screw

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worked together in perfect harmony towards one end—that of furnishing light, heat and power to the surrounding country. Stupendous task that had demanded real vision!

For years the tons of water that poured over Niagara Falls awed on-lookers simply from the standpoint of beauty but one day a few men of vision saw something besides beauty—they saw the enormous possibilities of power if this water were only harnessed—they saw in vision the meagerly lighted villages and cities of the surrounding country, turn into bee-hives of activities by manufacturing plants run by this power; saw them well lit up with electricity and heat provided by this power. Forthwith vision was put into action until every village, hamlet and city was abundantly furnished with light, heat and power.

Such was the Bible Camp held at Byron, Wis. Aug. 26th to Sept. 3rd, conducted by the newlyformed District of the State of Wisconsin and Northern Michigan. Some months previous a few men of vision had met at Appleton, Wis., to organize this new district and to start an aggressive campaign for the evangelization of their Samaria. They saw in vision the great possibilities in store, if only they formed a united group, for lighting up darkened cities and villages, not with incandescent bulbs but (Continued on page 20)

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Lying Wonders

The Wedges Being Driven into Protestantism Nathan Cohen Beskin



HE BIBLE speaks of "lying wonders." About three years ago an unknown negro by the name of "Divine" appeared in New York City and proclaimed himself to be God. He was arrested as a nuisance and served ten days in jail, which his followers claimed was the fulfilment of Revelation: "Thou shalt have tribu-

lation ten days." It is claimed by his followers that the first morning after his incarnation when the jailer brought him food he found that his cell was transformed, or as they called it, "materialized" with a beautiful bedroom suite, Persian carpet, and good things to eat. We have four reliable witnesses who heard his authorized representative make this statement.

No one seems to know from whence he came. His followers say that he had no birth or beginning of days, but that he came out of the clouds. Our witnesses are Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Boomer and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gardner, who asked whether this man was the voice of the vicar or the representative of God, but the answer was, no, that he was God Al*mighty.* The reader may laugh at this tremendous blasphemy, but if you are a child of God you will weep before we are thru with these disclosures.

I have before me a secular paper published in Los Angeles called The California Eagle which gives two full pages to "Father Divine" and calls him God, not in quotations but as an accepted fact. I am also informed by his disciples that the Catholic clergy are supporting him. We talked with some of his followers who at one time were members of strict orthodox churches; some "Disciples," others members of Holiness and Pentecostal churches, who, with all seriousness declare that he is God. His disciple told us that the moment one accepts "Father Divine" he immediately becomes a eunuch and that there is no more consciousness of sex, and that the wives and husbands, as well as the children, are community property and belong to no one but "Father Divine." While we were speaking another disciple walked in and they saluted each other. The salutation was not unlike that of Mussolini's or Hitler's followers. The right hand was raised even with the head and one word, "PEACE," was proclaimed. On the wall was a picture of "Father Divine" and underneath the words "Father Divine is God."

No collections are taken up and money is rejected when offered. One is told that Father Divine has the keys of the treasuries and needs no money. His daily expenditures run to tens of thousands of dollars and no one knows the source of the income. Money has been sent to him by mail and it has always been returned. He refuses it.

The World Echo, a 12-page weekly paper, makes this blasphemous statement: "Jesus had only Sonship Degree, but Father Divine, Perfect Mirror of God, has Fathership Degree."

To prove that it is not only the colored people and the illiterate who accept him as God, we give a quotation from the "World Echo" of March 31, 1934, written by a wealthy white man from the State of Washington, broadcasted over KVOS:

Bellingham, Washington:

Peace Everybody! With the passing of each week the Name of Father Divine looms larger and larger, and brighter on the horizon of this world's experience. The significance of the Name varies with individuals but to everyone it means something unusual, something different. There seems to be a certain something about this name that will not permit anyone to dismiss it from the mind as being unimportant. The Name of Father Divine sticks wherever it is heard, and where the Name sticks, the meaning of the Name in the Light of Truth and Reality, begins to unfold itself. In this way millions have come to know the true significance of this Name of God. For most surely the Name of Father Divine is the Name of God. Father Divine is the name not only of a Great Absolute or Ultimate Spiritual Reality, to be considered more or less as a philosophical abstraction, but Father Divine is also the name of that Great Spiritual Reality MADE FLESH and revealed in the form of MAN. This Great Principle or Power of Spirit, or whatever one wishes to call it, is manifesting and revealing itself in this world and in the affairs of this world, in a way that it has never revealed itself before And I am referring to the Personal Presence of this meek and lowly little figure that is known to the world as Father Divine and to millions as God in the flesh. One will find that from this specific point in the world this great spiritual quickening is spreading like wildfire. The words that fall from the lips of Father Divine are quite evidently words that accomplish that whereunto they are sent. When He declares that He will do a thing IT IS DONE. He has not fallen down on any one of the revolu-

tionary and radical statements made by Him, particularly during the past two years. Among other things he said he would clean up New York City. Mayor LaGuardia publicly acknowledged Father Divine as his Counsellor and Advisor, and contrary to the expectations of the most astute politicians he was elected Mayor of New York and thru him Father Divine is cleaning up New York City politically as it has never been cleaned before."

Speaking to one of his "angels" I was informed that the number of his followers has now reached to 12,000 in America alone. The following is from one of the largest dailies in the world:

VIVID PICTURE OF EASTER PARADE IS GIVEN BY TIMES

Many said to be curious about where Father Divine obtains money with which he does charity.

(Reprint from the New York Times)

Harlem had its own Easter Parade. It was a sinuous, brilliant procession of hundreds of chanting followers of the Rev. M. J. Divine, who is "Father" to thousands of Negroes in a series of "kingdoms" thruout the metropolitan area.

The swaying ranks were viewed by thousands along the route and by the "Father" himself and his staff in a twelve-passenger red monoplane which soared in great circles above the marchers. From a low-flying autogiro trailed in clear crimson letters the legend, "Peace to the World—Father Divine's Mission."

The parade formed at about noon at 137th St. and Edgecombe Ave. Long before the start an hour later it stretched to 135th St. and waiting units were throbbing to the beat of truck-mounted bands. A group of women in white tams and sweaters and bright green skirts sang "Rejoice in the Lord." Bearing a gold-lettered sign with a picture of "Father" Divine and the message, "He is God Almighty," a sad-eyed little girl 11 years old in a white sweater and an emerald skirt waited for the signal to start. Behind her four tinier girls stood patiently beneath a sign declaring that "Father Divine is God and a Little Child Shall Lead Them."

Everywhere there were small posters on sticks, often with only one word—like "God," "Joy," "Peace," or "Life." Finally the first band struck up, "Pack Up Your Troubles," and the parade got under way. Sunday School teachers rushed to the windows of St. Mark's Methodist Church and protested against the din. Patrolman Benj. Wallace of the West 135th St. Station escorting the marchers, silenced the musicians until the church was passed.

Turning north along Edgecombe Ave. the celebrants swung east at 145th St. and pointed for Seventh Ave. There was a little let-up by the bands but none by the singers. "He is God, he is God, he is God, God," they intoned with fierce monotony. There were many jazz tunes; but all the lyrics were parodies about Father Divine.

No one seemed to know where the adored leader was. Some said feeding the needy; others were sure he was in an automobile at the end of the line. But when the big red plane sailed into view at 112th St., just as the vanguard was turning east, everyone seemed to understand at once that the "Father" himself was in it. They stopped in their tracks; they waved the signs and banners. "He is God, he is God, he is God, God, God," they roared.

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It was about 3 o'clock when the parade reached its goal, Rockland Palace, at 155th St. and 8th Ave. By 3:30 the dimly lit hall vibrated with the voices of more than 5,000 men, women and children—with the thundering stamp of their feet.

"Oh Father Divine is so sweet, is so sweet," poured from strained throats toward the platform, where the "Father" sat. "Oh Father Divine is so sweet...."

Colonel Hubert Julian, the "black eagle," appeared on the platform. He had piloted the red plane, he said. It had taken off from North Beach airport. Pictures had been taken of the parade. The Colonel,

as immaculate as ever, confided that he was planning a world flight, on which he would spread the message of the "Father."

Soon "Father" Divine left for the "Faithful Mary" mission house at 158 W. 126th St., where one of the regular "banquets" afforded daily to the needy was spread. There was a spotless U-shaped table, heaped with turkey and cold meats of all kinds; with cakes and easter eggs and pickle relish. There were waiters in white uniforms with "Peace" and "Father" sewed in maroon on their lapels. There was a piano, a tambourine, singing and dancing.

Through it all there was no collection, no solicitation of an kind. Visitors from but of town were amazed at the quantity of food, at the entire program. They repeated the inevitable questions— "Where does he get the money?" "How does he do it?"

Back in the Rockland Palace 5,000 persons who required no answer were awaiting the "Father's" return. "He is God, he is God, he is God, God, God," they chanted. "He is God"

The New York Times of April 14, 1934, writes at length of a similar demonstration in Newark, N. J., in which it says:

"From the depths of the hearts of more than ten thousand, came that mighty sound, 'GoD, GOD, HE'S GOD, GOD, GOD,' as they marched 10,000 strong thru the streets of Newark, celebrating the victory Father had given them when the legal authorities of N. J. attempted to stop them from making their declaration known that Father Divine is God."

A similar demonstration was held in Bridgeport, Conn., and in other towns east and west.

Mr. Walter Clemon Lanyon, an eminent English author and scholar, wrote a number of books about "Father Divine," among them, "The Eyes of the Blind," "The Laughing God," "Out of the Clouds," "Behold the Man!" These books are for sale at the "Flower Book Store," Los Angeles, Calif., and are \$2.50 each. They are beautifully bound and ably edited. "Where does he get the money?" is continually asked. His teaching is a mixture of Christian Science, Theosophy, Unity and Communism, and it is splitting Christian churches. I am asking the question: MAY IT NOT BE TRUE THAT THE JESUIT ORDER WHICH IS DOING ITS BEST TO SPLIT PROTESTANTISM AND TRUE TES-TAMENT WORSHIP MAY BE BACK OF THIS MAN?

Let me say that this is not a fly by night affair but is in a position to spread thruout the length of the world. I would not advise any man or woman to go near them unless he or she has the Holy Ghost, for it is the most subtle and devilish power in the world.

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We are also informed that a thousand Buddhist monks are coming to America by way of Europe to preach Buddhism. At the head of this group is Mr. Lincoln, one time a Jewish Rabbi in Hungary, later an Episcopal clergyman, then member of the British Parliament; then a spy who was deported from America to England. This man is now a Buddhist priest and is coming to convert America. Will he succeed? Thousands are following him. The world has rejected God and therefore God is sending them strong delusions that they may believe a lie and be damned.

We have on good authority from Mr. Fred. Bennet of the American Science Foundation and brother-in-law of Mr. Montgomery, World Vice President of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, that the Jesuit Order is actively supporting the Seventh Day Adventist movement with money and otherwise, not because they believe in the Seventh Day Adventist Church but because it is driving a wedge into Protestantism.

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That every effort by every conceivable means, is being used to drive the world into the clutches of Jesuitism and especialy to undermine Protestant Christianity is proved by the following :

FIRST: *Hitler and Jesuitism*. From the moment that Hitler, an Austrian-Slavonian, became head of Germany, things commenced to happen within the spiritual realms of the Mother of Protestantism. Hitler, though himself a Roman Catholic, assumed control of the Protestant churches of Germany. He abolished both the Lutheran and Evangelical churches as such and organized them into "The Church of Germany." Dr. Bodelschwingh was duly elected National Bishop, but was displaced by Hitler who arbitrarily put Muller, a Nazi Chaplain, at the head of the German Church. When min-

isters in higher official rank of the church refused to back the appointment they were immediately retired and others put in their places. In a mass meeting in Berlin, Dr. Arthur Benter made an appeal for a Nazified Jewless Heroic Christianity which should deliver itself from "that degenerate Jew, Paul."

However, no Catholic Church or doctrine was interfered with. One of Hitler's first acts after becoming dictator, was to make a concordat with the Pope establishing the statutes of the Catholic Church in Germany. The result, we read, was that in one day six hundred former Evangelical and Lutheran ministers, disgusted with the Pagan worship and Pagan rituals introduced into the Protestant churches, have appealed to the Pope asking for permission to become Catholics. The whole system of Jesuitism is to break down the Protestant faith.

SECOND: The Oxford Movement which has made such inroads into the Protestant churches until some of the very elect were deceived by it, have finally declared that when organic unity comes it will be under the Bishop of Bishops, the Bishop of Rome.

The warning to mankind today is: Receive the love of the truth and be saved. Get on the solid foundation so that these strong delusions and lying wonders (2 Thess. 2:10-12) will not overcome you. As we travel from coast to coast, from the palms of Florida to the pines of the Pacific Northwest, from Portland, Maine to Portland, Oregon, we find that these deceiving, lying wonders are sweeping the country. Mighty men are falling, those with whom we have labored in the past, members of good, orthodox churches; preachers and evangelists are falling and being swept in by this "Father Divine" and other deceiving lies of the devil. It behooves men and women to have a Gilgal, a sure foundation. "He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."

Let me hold lightly things of this earth: Transient treasures, what are they worth?

- Moths can corrupt them, rust can decay; All their bright beauty fades in a day.
- Let me hold lightly temporal things,

I, who am deathless; I, who wear wings!

Let me hold fast, Lord, things of the skies. Quicken my vision, open my eyes!

Show me Thy riches, glory and grace, Boundless as time is, endless as space!

Let me hold lightly things that are mine. Lord, Thou doest give me all that is Thine! —Martha S. Nicholson

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The Natural Body an Example to the Spiritual

The Heavenly Oil-can a Destroyer of Friction Evangelist Wm. F. A. Gierke, at Camp Byron



I WANT TO speak for a little while this morning on the need of cooperation and we will take for our lesson the passage of Scripture found in 1 Corinthians 12:12-27.

I was holding a meeting in a Southern city last

fall and after the service two men faced each other at the altar. The one man said. "Have I ever met you?" "I don't know," replied the other man. "Did you ever work in a certain place and were you fired off a job there?" "Yes," he said, "the foreman on that job fired me because I was preaching Pentecost; he was an atheist." "I am very glad to meet you. Forgive me, brother, for I am the foreman that fired you," said the first man. Here they were, two former enemies, now Pentecostal brethren, united in Christ. "I am glad you fired me because I resisted the call of God for a long time and your act in dismissing me was my start in the ministry," said the second man. So we find that all things work together for good although we cannot understand it at the time.

Let me say that there are two kinds of unity; one is from below and the other is from above and it is the latter I wish to speak about-the unity of the body of Christ. If there was ever a time when the forces of the church of Jesus Christ needed to be united it is now. We were in the mountains one time, looking for a place to build a camp fire, and as we looked around we spied a place where someone had put out a fire and all we could see were a few scattered sticks still smoldering. I said, "Let us gather up all these sticks and get a fire started." So we raked all those smoldering sticks together and I said, "Now let us all get down on our knees and begin to blow," which we did. We blew and we blew and the first thing you know we had a fire. So I feel that if the smoking Pentecostal sticks can be raked together we can ask God for a real outpouring of the latter rain

upon us and be set afire by Him.

Unity is indeed greatly needed today. When I was in Los Angeles this Spring I saw a miniature Ford motor in a glass case submerged in oil. The oil caused that motor to work without any friction, and this is the great need of the church of Jesus Christ. You know there are many squeaks in the machinery of the church. My wife said to me one time, "I wish you would stop the squeak in that door hinge." One of the hinges had become very squeaky and it was very distracting. I promised to fix it and what do you suppose I did? I just used the oil can. I couldn't exactly locate the trouble but I knew that the oil would fix it so I just treated that hinge to an oil-bath and with a little working of the door the squeak disappeared. There are many squeaks in the church and the only thing that will stop them is the oil of the Holy Ghost. The great trouble with our churches is that we have too many generals and not enough privates. Jesus Christ is the General and He is looking for privates possessed of the spirit of obedience. We have too many people who want to play boss and they lack the spirit of submission. You know Satan is an experienced general and for six thousand years he has succeeded in splitting the church of God into fractions. He knows that it is far easier to defeat a divided army than a united one and so today we have on hand powerless churches, competitive sects, that are unable to cope with the present world situation. They have a form of godliness but deny the power of God. And such a church has become an object of contempt, a laughing stock to the whole world and a breeder of atheism.

The church has lost its grip upon the masses; many preachers have lost their message and what this sad world needs today is men and women who are full of the Spirit of God, able to give to others real spiritual food. This is the crisis hour in the history of the world. May God help us to have a real vision of the great need of the world today.

You know Jesus was a Man of vision; when He looked upon Peter, upon Andrew and those other disciples, though they were all ignorant and ordinary men, yet the eye of God could detect in those men their future possibilities. One day He met a man by the name of Levi,

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a tax collector, a man who was despised thruout Jesus said to him, the whole community. "Follow Me," and immediately the man gave up his lucrative business and followed Jesus. What did Jesus see in that extortioner? wonder what you and I would have seen in him. The eye that is anointed of God can see in the most degraded sinner, in the harlot and the criminal, possibilities of sainthood. Jesus saw in Levi the future apostle, Matthew, who wrote the first Gospel. What the church needs today is a real vision from above. We need anointed eyes that we may see the marvelous possibilities for God in those steeped in sin. Jesus said, "Anoint thine eye with eye salve that thou mayest see" (Rev. 3:18); today we need an application of heavenly eye salve.

Now in the lesson that we have read this morning we see that the constitution of the church is likened to the construction of the human body. Every part of this body is absolutely necessary for its comfort and just as the members of this body are animated and operated by the soul, so the different members of the body of Christ are operated and energized by the Holy Ghost. The eye was made for just one purpose and that is to see. It never interferes with the functions of other members but is perfectly satisfied to stay in its Godappointed place. It cannot hear and it doesn't care to hear. Just so, the ear was made for one thing and that is to hear; it never gets jealous of the eve because it cannot see or occupies a different place. It never says, "I want to see" but it is perfectly satisfied just to hear, for that is its only function. Now another thing I want you to notice: the eyes always work in unity; the ears, hands, arms, legs, etc., also work together and there is perfect harmony and cooperation in the functioning of the members in the whole body. Take for example an orchestra: Here is a great variety of one hundred and fifty instruments, we will say, and yet what sweet harmony when the orchestra plays. God loves harmony and His plan is to have harmony in variety.

You do not find a spirit of independence manifested in the members of the natural body, and neither is there such a thing as independence in the body of Christ. Suppose I was driving an automobile and it stopped on the railroad tracks with a train speeding toward me. The ear hears the whistle and telegraphs to the head and the head telegraphs to the feet to move. If the feet should say, "Why should I worry about that. Didn't the head say it didn't need me?" What would happen? Paul says that is exactly the situation in the church. There is no such thing as even an assertion of independence among the members of our bodies and there ought not to be any of it among the members of the body of Christ. Supposing the left eye would say, "I am looking north" and the right eye, "I want to look south," what disaster there would be! The members of our bodies always move together, always co-operate, and just so should the members of the body of Christ work together. That is the teaching of the Word.

How sweetly the eye, the ear and the feet co-operate! There is never any conflict and every single member is interested in the preservation of every other member so that the body may not suffer harm. So the unity that is manifested among the members of the natural body is the unity that God demands of the body of Christ.

You know there are many members of the natural body which are unable to defend themselves; the eye cannot defend itself, neither can the ear. Suppose someone should attempt to strike the eye? If the eye had foolishly said beforehand, "Hand, I have no need of thee," do you think for a moment that the hand would say, "Just take your punishment. It is good enough for you"? No, no. That is not the spirit that is manifested among the members of the natural body. As soon as someone seeks to injure the eye, along come Brother Hand and Brother Arm to the rescue and say, as it were, "Just let us take the punishment. We will protect you." Are you protecting your sister or your brother in that same way? taking the punishment yourself rather than to see some member of the body of Christ injured? That is what the Word teaches us to do.

Suppose someone should undertake to strike my ear. Do you think that this hand would say, "Just go ahead; those ears need punishment. They have been listening to a lot of Satanic filth and they need to learn a lesson"? No, if anyone should undertake to strike my ears, my hands and arms at once come to the rescue and protect them. Are you protecting your brother or sister in the same way? We need to realize that the members of the body of Christ are *one* and that each individual needs to come to the rescue of the other just as do the members of this natural body. We all belong to the same family and we ought to

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uphold and maintain the honor of the family name. But instead of doing that, how many times we have heard people say, "You know so and so-well, it is good enough for him that he is getting paid back now. He surely needs it. I hope he will get a good dose." Is that the Spirit of Christ? Is that what the Bible teaches us? No, it teaches us that the members of the body of Christ should be interested in each other's preservation and co-operate one with the other, for the good of the whole body. I firmly believe that if our eyes were anointed to see this truth and if we could really become interested in one another and learn to co-operate we would develop the greatest revival in the world.

When the priests were set apart the head was anointed first and you know the head is the seat of reason. Without this anointing our ministry will and has become an intellectual ministry, unable to meet the spiritual needs of the people. This has caused the body of Christ to become divided into Modernists and Fundamentalists. Then the ears need to be anointed. Many people are listening to soul-destroying impurities for Satan is in the business of making a dumping-ground of the pure minds of the children of God. Let us keep our ears anointed and avoid listening to anything that will contaminate our souls.

The mouth was also anointed; it is wonderful to have an anointed mouth, for out of the mouth have come many things that have murdered the reputation of saints and driven thousands away from the church of Christ. Some have actually criticized young babes in Christ for imperfections and have caused them to go back into sin instead of leading them into deliverance through love.

Now there are some members of this body that are not seen and yet they do a greater work than some members which are on display. The eye occupies a very important position and yet the heart which cannot be seen, does the greatest work; it is working continually although it is invisible, and keeps the whole body alive. If I lost the sight of both eyes I would be crippled but 1 would not die; the same is true of both ears. And if I lost both hands my body would be crippled but not dead, but just let the heart stop functioning and my entire body is done for. And yet the heart is never on display. Now some of you do not have a public ministry and do not possess any particular gift which you can exercise, but let me tell you that the

intercessor, hidden away in the prayer chamber, does the greatest work, for he or she is the instrument that God uses to keep the whole body of the church alive. Where there is no ' prayer in the church of Christ that church is dead. The heart represents the intercessor at work, making it possible for all the members to function properly. May God help us not to look down upon those who are less gifted. The ministry gifts of Christ (Eph. 4:11, 12) and spiritual gifts (1 Cor. 12:8-11) are intended for the proper functioning of the body of Christ, and these are not to conflict nor to compete with one another but to work together in perfect harmony. The greatest curse of this present age is the spirit of competition among churches intended to function as a great harmonious, co-operative society to carry out God's plan for the human race.

I was holding a meeting in Minnesota several years ago and the Methodist preacher came over to the revival; after the service he made himself known, then said, "This kind of a meeting just suits me fine. Would you object to my bringing our choir over here to sing for you?" I said, "Not a bit." You know Methodists who are really saved and Pentecostal people who are really saved all belong to the same body and they ought to be able to glorify God together. If they cannot do that the altar is an effective operating table for they are sick and in need of an operation. Lack of co-operation is a serious illness which has almost caused the death of the body of Christ.

In the 26th verse we read that if one member of the body suffer all the other members suffer with it; if one be honored all the other members are honored with it. I wonder if that is true of the body of Christ. Suppose I feel a cinder in my eye. If the members of my body would act like some of the members of the body of Christ act, the hand would say, "Just keep quiet. I am not interested in you." And the back-bone would say, "Why should I bend? That eye occupies such a prominent place and just look at me!" And the foot would say, "Why should I be interested in carrying the body anywhere to help it get rid of that cinder! Just let it suffer." Do you think for one moment that the members of this body would be so foolish as to assume that kind of an attitude of independence? No, the eye, the foot, the back-bone and every member will lend every possible assistance to help that one afflict-

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"Buy the Truth and Sell It Not"

Is Your Record Clear before the Divine School Master ? Evangelist Loren B. Staats at the Young People's Rally, Chicago, Aug. 25, 1934

SCRIPTURE LESSON: JOHN 18:28-38.



WANT to take for my text the first part of Proverbs 23:23, "Buy the Truth, and sell it not."

It is said that the world has produced only about one hundred famous intellectual men and from this group there are about sixteen outstanding characters that tower like alpine peaks above all others. As astronomical mathemeticians, famous names appear such as: Copernicus, Kepler, Galileo and Newton. As philosophers we would name men like Socrates. Plato and Aristotle. As literary men or authors we would name Dante, Shakespeare, and Homer. In the religious world we have men whose names are: Confucius, Buddha and Mohammed. In the atheistic group we have: Paine, Ingersoll and Darwin. You may read these men's philosophies and search them all and you will find the cheapest is that of Darwin's theory of the dirt man in which he states that all things came from one cell or specie of life. But we have another standard measurement for man, which Dr. Richard Watson states is the only correct foot-rule by which to measure man. This will be found in the first chapter of Genesis.

In this book we find man's supremacy over all creation. God said, "Let the earth bring forth the beast of the field, the fowl of the air and the fish of the sea," and when He brought forth man He said, "Let us make man in our image." We were not created on the wholesale production plan, but were made sons of God. This gives man supremacy over all creation.

I am convinced that we possess something more than the beast instinct within our makeup. I believe in the Incarnation of Jesus Christ; God came down and incarnated Himself in man. He came and pillowed His head in a manger and put Himself on a level with lost man. The birds had their nests, the foxes had holes but Jesus Christ had no where to lay His head. Then we find Him headed for the Cross. Why is He dying there? Why is He paying the price of that dolorous death upon Calvary? He is dying for you and me.

Then we find Him coming forth, out of that tomb in which they laid Him. We see Him as He bids His disciples good-bye on Mt. Olivet entering into the heavens and opening up a way for you and me to follow Him. Now He reaches down and invites man to come and sit with Him in the heavenlies; therefore I believe we amount to something and the teaching that we have beast instinct in us is the cause of all this social sin that we have today.

Now when Jesus came and incarnated Himself in man He was all that God was. He brot eternal truth to His own but "His own received Him not." "Away with Him!" said the Jews; "We will not have this man to rule over us," and they led Him to Pilate. We hear Him saying, "For this cause came I into the world that I should bear witness unto the truth." And Pilate cries out, "What is truth?" but Jesus never answered him, thus fulfilling His own words when He said, "Cast not your pearls before swine nor give that which is holy unto dogs lest they turn again and rend you." Pilate's mind was not prepared for truth.

There are two kinds of truth, the external and the *internal*; the external is natural truth and the internal is that divine truth which we can receive only from God. All we can see is external truth and that which we cannot see is internal truth. When God created Adam in the Garden of Eden he possessed both of these phases of truth. First the divine truth because He was created in the likeness of God and all of God's truth was put into the very make-up of Adam. Then God gave to him that external truth which it was not necessary for him to attend college to obtain. God gave it to him. But Adam sold out his birth-right and turned off the light. Darkness came and he lost that divine knowledge of truth that God had breathed into his very being. Man lost that external truth and it became necessary for him to study to obtain it. We might liken this external knowledge to a broken statue that has been crumbled and scattered to the four winds of the heavens which someone tries to pick up again. No one person possesses all this mental knowledge but one has one phase of it, and another, another phase.

A young man begins to reach out for truth; the years pass by and he finds deep furrows on his brow; finally he falls exhausted upon the highways of time. The sands of time have run through the hour glass and he has not yet collected the knowledge he had hoped to gain. know of no better way to illustrate it than thru that famous painting, by a master, which hangs on the museum walls of Boston, Mass. The first picture is that of a mother holding a babe in her arms just about two years old; he is reaching out trying to jump from his mother's arms, looking forward to the future. The next picture shows that child matured into manhood; he is riding a steed and he wears a purple robe which drops down over the horse, showing the ambitions and passion for life. The next picture shows him dismounted and holding his horse. He sees the panoramic events passing before him; first the defeat of Napoleon, then that of John the Baptist's head on a charger. Beside him is an old man sitting, wearing a robe; he is bending over books on a table which represent knowledge. All this ambitious young man has to do is to ask that older man the meaning of this panoramic picture but his pride forbids him. The next picture finds him somewhat older; he is seated on a chair and his clothes are tattered and torn; deep furrows have marred the beauty of his face and he is looking over the past with remorse. How true it is that we strive for knowledge that God intended us to have but which we cannot collect!

But God's truth is not like a broken statue that is cast to yonder skies. We have God's truth in His Book, and He would have us to know it. We might call it the Divine School Room and the Holy Ghost is the School Master. He is here to teach and instruct and lead His people. He walks the streets and He comes into every home; He goes yonder to the man in the office, down in the factory, and into the haunts of sin. He is the School Master of this great school of knowledge, ever teaching, ever leading us into all truth.

Now I find that in order to obtain the knowledge that God has for us it is necessary to lay aside *pride*. Pride is a big obstacle in the way of men and women in their search for truth, and must completely abdicate the throne. Then when pride is removed *prejudice* must go also. Oh that monster spirit of prejudice! He has damned more men and women than anything I know of. He darkens the windows of our lives so that we cannot obtain the knowledge that God has for us. John Bunyan in *Pilgrim's Progress* has given us a great picture of this

where he has old man "Prejudice" stand in the way with an army of demons to blockade the highway that Pilgrim was traversing; but Pilgrim drove him aside and then the light beamed upon his pathway. That "prejudice spirit" can shut us out of the kingdom, and no doubt there are those within the sound of my voice who have been shut out of God's truth because of it, for it has darkened your windows and curtained you in.

Some time ago I was holding a meeting in Dayton, Ohio. The street car company was very good to us and gave us the show *card place on the front and back of the cars to advertise our meetings, so that the attention of the people was attracted and crowds came to the meetings, some evenings two and three thousand. The preacher of one of the leading churches was passing and said to his good wife, "Let us go in and see what this meeting is like; it is attracting the attention of the city." So they came in. In my remarks I welcomed the people to an old time Pentecostal revival. When he heard that word, "Pentecostal," he said to his wife, "Let us get out of here right now." That *prejudice spirit* came in and the light was shut off. But his wife said, "No, we are right up here in the front seat so let us remain." Later they came to a second meeting and again to a third and it wasn't long till the Lord broke through that prejudice spirit and he was filled with the Holy Ghost. They put him out of the church but God opened another field for him. Whenever we get prejudice out of the way God can bless.

There was a man named Nathaniel who was almost shut out of the kingdom of God by prejudice. Philip went to him and said, "We have found the Christ." Nathaniel said, "Christ! What Christ?" "It is Jesus of Nazareth," and when Philip said "Nazareth" Nathaniel was so prejudiced it nearly shut him out, but Philip persuaded him to "come and see" and Nathaniel's prejudice melted away. If I could go to yonder white throne and have Jesus wend His way hither with all the knowledge He possesses, you could listen to every word He utters and yet go out of His presence without receiving one word of truth. And you would not have to be immoral or licentious either to do that. Your prejudiced spirit could bar you from hearing anything that the Master Himself might bring to you. The Pharisees did that very There was no group of men on God's thing. earth better than they; they were clean, they fasted twice a week and paid their tithes. And yet it was that very group of religious enthusiasts that drove the nails into the hands and feet of our Lord. It was they who crowned Him with thorns and put Him on the Cross. What made them do it? Prejudice!

But I hear someone say, "Brother Staats, I am not prejudiced. I have never been connected with any religious movement. I believe Jesus was willing to pillow His head yonder in the manger for me; that He went up Calvary's hill and suffered for me and I am willing to strip myself of all pride. Now am I eligible for this truth?" Well, God has helped you to remove some preparatory stones but in order to get truth we must have a willingness for it and a conviction of our need; and to have a conviction we need to have our emotions stirred. But these are days when folk say, "I don't believe in revivals." Along will come some one who doesn't want to pay the price and he says, "Oh they just stir up people's emotions!" I want to tell you that that is the way God brings us into the kingdom. He first moves on our emotions; then He gets our wills, and then our intellects and if you are ever saved at all it will be because your emotions are stirred. It may be at the bedside of a loved one or in some other crisis hour that you are facing; or in a meeting where the Word of God is brought forth in the power of the Spirit that God can get hold of your will, change your life and lead you to repentance.

I want to tell you what two noted men have to say about repentance. First let me quote Dr. Richard Watson: "Repentance is godly sorrow for sin that brings justification." Now we have many folk who are sorry but there are two kinds of sorrow. There are sinners who are only sorry when they are caught doing wrong. But there is another sorrow—one that comes from God which brings real repentance. This kind of sorrow causes a transaction to take place which results in a new name being written in the Book of Life, and the Holy Spirit bears witness that he is a child of God. That is the kind of sorrow that brings justification.

When I was in the secret service work they taught us that if we met a man who tried to cover himself up with some conversation in order to sidetrack us in examining his past, we might be almost sure that that fellow was guilty. Sometimes we find people in the church who try to justify themselves in that way. They say, "Oh we have a family book. We are pure Holland stock." Say, they have so fixed up the book of the Staats family that one would think we had a clear passport into heaven. Another man tries to justify himself with his good works. Then we find hypocrites who try to show their spirituality by some manifestation but the man who is really justified can have his life searched for it is as an open book to the whole world. The School Master has scrutinized it before the public ever had an opportunity to do so and he is not afraid to unveil it before men. That is true justification.

Let us see what John Wesley says about this: "Repentance is godly sorrow for sin insomuch that we are willing to undo all we have ever done in our past life." Restitution! John Wesley is telling us that repentance brings restitution—a cleaning up of the old past.

How do these two statements from men who tower above all other theologians, compare with this modern theology that we have today? They are as different as day is from night. This show house that we have today does not bring forth the old time Gospel; the public is sick of it, and it is time that the curtain went down never to rise again, time to build the fire upon the altar where we can see souls really born into the kingdom.

Statisticians tell us that we have six hundred million Christians in the world; that is guite an army marching to the throne of God-six hundred million travelling over the highway. But they tell us too that only about ten per cent of that six hundred million ever experienced the new birth and know what it is to taste of the power of the living God. Dr. Foster who was at the head of one of the greatest movements in the ecclesiastical world, said forty years ago that about ninety per cent of the members of his movement were unsaved, and if that was true forty years ago what would it be in this day. The most sickening thing I can think of is men and women trying to go through with God without His help. They are facing problems which they can never solve unless the School Master is with them.

Now you ask, "What is the matter with this great mass of people—ninety per cent of the nominal church that remains unsaved? Why have they not gone into the depths of God's love and tasted of real salvation?" Listen they have bought knowledge and sold it. We are living in a day of Christian enlightenment; we have "white heat" light but the great mass

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The Pulse of a Dying World

By Evangelist Wm. Booth-Clibborn

Prophecy. "Hitler will be assassinated this year." — Barthou.

The Future Fire. One false step finds the world ablaze. —Lord Beatty.

New War. "Pity and mercy be damned. Praise that which steels; fight against Christianity." --Nazi Hoppe.

Rome Girds. Fulfilling prophecy, Italy launches an armament program for a bigger navy and air force costing \$200,000,000.

Pagan Revival. "Poisonous hemlock or loaded revolver," the criminal's choice of suicide for sentenced convicts according to the new penal Prussian code.

Dillinger Preaching. John Dillinger, Sr., father of the slain desperado, appears on the stage in Chicago delivering "a sermon and a lesson for parents and others generally."

Gas Masks. Mass meetings are being held in the schools, stores and offices in Osaka, Japan, teaching thousands the proper use of gas masks in anticipation of the coming war with Russia.

Famine Far and Near. The worst drought in fifty years has smitten Central China. In Anhwei Province, 500,000 peasants are struggling against famine under brazen skies. No succor can reach them. They are doomed to die.

Europe Starves. With prices soaring, crops ruined by drought, millions who once had butter on their bread now munch it dry, skimp on vegetables, go without meat and tighten their belts. Unemployment has suddenly increased since July and many are slowly starving.

Damnable Doctrines. Catholicism's most popular idolatry is Mariolotry which found its climax in the Marian Congress, attended by 25,000 in Portland, Oregon. Cardinal Lepicier, papal representative and his priests, lauded every fanatical error concerning the woman whom our Lord never called mother.

Fearful Sights. In Roebeling, N. J., 15 motorcyclists in a single file, were driving along the highway; there came from the opposite direction careening drunkenly, a car driven by Wm. Burton. It crashed into the first cyclist, the second, the third, and so on, until all the fifteen lay bleeding and mangled on the road, some fatally injured.

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Dolfuss' Death. Austria, torn by an internal struggle of three distinct armed camps, is the greatest danger point in Europe. Italy's armies guard its frontier while Hungary and Czechoslovakia are all agitation. Hindenburg's death removes Hitler's one obstacle to absolute power which he accomplished by the recent plebescite. Result: France befriends Italy, as it should be according to prophecy.

How Fear Fortifies. The U.S. War Dept. has perfected a \$33,000,000 plan to encircle the country with anti-aircraft defenses. Besides, it contemplates fortifying the Aleutian Islands and doubling the Panama Canal defenses, as soon as the 1935 Naval Treaty expires. The world armament race fulfills Paul's words: "When they shall say, peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them....and they shall not escape." 1 Thess. 5:3.

"Swear Not," said Jesus, but with the crack of Hitler's whip in their ears, all the Protestant pastors summoned to the National Synod in Berlin swore: "I swear....I will be obedientto Adolph Hitler, and offer every sacrifice....in accord with instructions," etc. With 800 pastors suspended, the Nazi steamroller continues crushing resistance to the dust. The day of liberty of conscience for millions of Germans is a thing of the past. "Our citizenship is in Heaven" (Phil.3:20). God's Word, our first obligation.

Dictator Fosdick. Decrying the atrocious carelessness with which public prayer is commonly offered, Dr. Fosdick offers a book "The Practice of Public Prayer" to Protestant preachers, that is to be a guide in nonconformity as the Book of Common Prayer has been to the Church of England. The churches that have steadily fought the outpouring of the Spirit of God must have recourse to every means and method to supply artificially what the Holy Spirit has been poured out to provide. Modernist minds can never fathom the ways and workings of the Spirit of God.

Dire Drought. God every once in awhile reminds man of His impotence, just as at present, when all countries are suffering in a general drought. Half a billion dollars is to be spent by President Roosevelt in drought relief. The drought in England, according to the *Times*, "surpasses all of which accurate records exist." Parts of the Dakotas and middle-west have gone eleven months without a drop of rain, but one is made to wonder what the result would be, if God would repeat what happened to Israel in the days of Elijah, when in answer to the fiery prophet's effectual, fervent prayer, "it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months." **New-birth Control.** A recent news item shows the trend of the times. A church had to close its doors in Hidas, Hungary, because the practice of birth control among its members had reduced the congregations to the vanishing point. The Gospel's function is to spiritually procreate. The Gospel is still the power of God to salvation, to recreate, making new creatures of those who receive its message. But in 10,000 churches every bit of worldliness tolerated, acts as a contraceptive to kill the Gospel's effect and paralyze its force. Evangelism is discouraged, revivals are denounced and new-birth control is practiced as it was in the days of the Pharisees. Thus history repeats itself, "Ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in" (Matt. 23:13).

German Germs. Wickham Steed, editor of the Review of Reviews affirms that proof has lately come to light that secret experiments have been carried on by German agents in the subways of both London and Paris, releasing harmless germs to prove the effectiveness of this method of offense in war. The trench, mine and dugout warfare initiated in the last World War was child's play compared to the vast underground refuges that will have to be provided for civilian populations in the coming Martian holocaust. But now it is evident that poison gas and bacteriological offensives will make every subway a death trap. There will soon be safety nowhere, above or below the ground, or in the air. Thus, all humanity's advantages become in the long run disadvantages. Man uses his discoveries to destroy and become his greatest enemy. The knowledge science has amassed is to perfect wholesale massacre and extermination.

The Greatest Blood Purge. The first meeting in Berlin of the German Faith Movement which Chancellor Adolph Hitler ordered formed, produced this from a number of Nazi keynote speeches: "The dogma of sin must be rejected and that of the concept of a Messiah dying for the sins of others. The saintly individuality of Christ is beyond question, but He was only a human being unrelated to God. Germany's future is based on a German religion that will lead us to our God-something we can not analyze-but a belief that something is above us, and inspires us." The god they can not analyze and the something above them that inspires them is the devil. Well did the Scripture say, "Why do the heathen rage and the people imagine a vain thing?" (Psa. 2:1). Germany's god is a thing and it is a vain one. Hitler's new paganism relegates Christ to a mere man and he reaps in his ranks the infidelity such a religion creates. Shooting 77 of his officers is a small blood purge to what is coming. It is written, "The mountains shall be melted with the nation's blood" (Is. 34:3).

Lower & Higher. In Bermuda, Dr. Wm. Beebe, recently descended almost half a mile, 2510 ft., into the ocean depths, in a hermetically-sealed steel ball.

The sensational feat took place about the same time as another balloon ascent into the stratosphere by Captain Stevens which ended suddenly and dramatically. Humpty Dumpty never had a greater fall than the Gondola of the greatest balloon built by man today, which hurtled to the earth upon its collapse from a heigth of 60,000 ft. and smashed like an eggshell so that the explorers could salvage nothing of value on its wreckage, both having saved themselves by parachutes. In these almost simultaneous events we are reminded of the statement of Scripture that God gave man dominion over the earth, and that that dominion is about to reach its very ultimate development in the final conquests of the rarified atmosphere above and in the exploration of the unknown deeps beneath. Man was never given other worlds to subjugate, but his sphere is limited to this planet, and the fact that he is nearing his Ne Plus Ultra in researches in the sea and in the air provides us a most significant sign of the times.

Heaping Treasures. In spite of the prevailing depression the world over, the mass of wealth still remains in the hands of the fortunate few, and the fulfilling of the Scripture found in Jas. 5:1-5 is plainer every day. Economic chaos only plays into the hands of the very rich their best cards and opportunities. Though millionaires are not so common, yet the very, very rich are becoming richer yet. "If the fortunes of only seventeen of the richest men of the world could be pooled together, they would be sufficient to settle the debts of every civilized nation," declared Richard Lewisohn in Paris recently. The following are the world's Croesuses: Edsel Ford (American), Henry Ford (American), Edouard de Rothschild (French), Duke of Westminister (British), William of Hohenzollern (German), the Gaekwar of Baroda (Hindu), Sir Basil Zaharoff (Greek), Simon Patino (Bolivian), Lord Iveagh (British), John D. Rockefeller, Sr. (American), John D. Rockefeller, Jr. (American), Louis Louis-Dreyfus (French), Andrew W. Mellon (American), Fritz Thyssen (German). No less than six of these colossal fortunes have been created by large arms and munition factories, and these mints of money will control the issues and sinews of future wars.

Quicker Divorce. The mill of divorce may have slowed down somewhat through the years of depression, but the rapidity is increasing practically everywhere with which one may break marriage bonds. Several states of the union have greatly cut the residents' period required for legal separation and rules are rapidly relaxing in foreign countries also. The pace and condition that Russia has established may be soon generally emulated. Recently the press expressed a shocked attitude over the divorce of Mrs. Curtis B. Dahl, daughter of President Roosevelt, and over that, two weeks before obtained by Mrs. W. Gibbs McAdoo,

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The Get Acquainted Page

Conducted by Watson Argue

Presenting the story of the unique ministry of Grover W. and Elsie R. Peters, Missionaries to the Deaf and Founders of a Church for Deaf Mutes in Los Angeles, California.

S URELY WE can never exhaust the manifold proofs of God's tender concern for all mankind. Those who are passed by in regular soulwinning efforts are not forgotten of Him.

Unique present-day proof of this is found in the call of a little woman of the Southwest, who has had a distinct call to bring the Full Newspaper men often attend her meetings because of their unusual character, and give them press attention.

"Perhaps you would be interested to learn how we came to be missionaries to the deaf," says Sister Peters, who is a joint pastor with her husband of a Church for the Deaf in Los

Gospel message to the deaf of our land, and whose ministry is being marked by many conversions to the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a real privilege to witness the ministry of S ster Elsie R. Peters of Los Angeles, as, standing preaching to both hearing and deaf, to the first by voice, and to the latter by the sign language, she pours forth the message. Either in their own evangelistic campaigns, or when graciously inter-



Brother and Sister Peters with a model of their church and parsonage. The church, located in Los Angeles, is known as the First Full Gospel Church for the Deaf.

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preting for a deaf delegation visiting the service of some other speaker, our sister's work is most impressive. This scene is becoming a familiar one in various cities where this devoted woman has carried on her work. The deaf are naturally attracted to her campaigns, and others come in large numbers to witness such unique services. later I was filled with the Holy Ghost and called to preach. For five years I preached to the "hearing" people. I am not deaf myself, neither have I any deaf relatives.

"However, one morning as I was in prayer in Springfield, Mo., asking God what I could do for Him that day, He told me to go and

Angeles.

"At the age of nine years, I came in contact with a deaf-mute girl who taught me the manual alphabet, using one hand. I loved this beautiful deaf girl and learned to talk to her on my hands. This childhood experience took place in Jewel, M i s sissippi. After a year my parents moved away, and I never met any other deaf-mute for twelve years.

"At the age of seventeen I was wonderfully converted in Birmingham, Alabama, and six weeks

visit a certain deaf woman. I obeyed and called upon this lady. We wrote our conversation to each other for a long time. At last I recalled my childhood experience. Then I told her I once knew the alphabet on my fingers. She was delighted and asked me to repeat it, which I did with only two misplaced letters. She corrected me in these, and put away her pencil and tablet. God seemed to have anointed me to talk on my hands with perfect ease. Then I knew I had found my life's work. At first, being unable to gain the help of ministers, I became discouraged and prayed God to take this burden off my heart and call someone else to fill my place.

"But He gave me a vision I shall never forget. I saw my hands as though they had been washed in blood, and I asked, "What meaneth this?" He answered, "That is the blood of the deaf, and except you tell them about me and my power to save, their blood will I require at your hands."

"Three years later in Dallas, Texas, at the Y.M.C.A. building I conducted what is believed to have been the first revival for deaf-mutes in America. There are schools for the deaf in every state, but I am sorry to say there is not an average of one church in each state for the deaf. In America there are more than 500,000 deaf mutes. My husband and I are giving our full time to this work, and God has given the deaf a beautiful church in Los Angeles, for which we praise Him. Please pray that God will give us grace, wisdom, knowledge and understanding, to give the gospel to those who have ears that hear not, and tongues that cannot speak."

The First Full Gospel Church for the Deaf, of which our Brother and Sister Peters are pastors, is situated at 216 East 31st Street, Los Angeles. The property has adjoining it a fiveroom parsonage, and is valued at \$10,000. It is held in trust by the District Council of the Assemblies of God, Inc.

Brother and Sister Peters have trained capable assistants to help them carry on the work in the home church, so that they are able to be on the field occasionally, speaking in the assemblies of other cities. The writer witnessed their ministry recently, and could not fail to observe what a blessing it was to all classes present, and feels it would be a valuable ministry in any assembly. One can never forget the picture of eloquent earnestness our sister presents as she pours forth the message. The visible touch of the Spirit is upon her work, and her ministry is being marked by a fruitful harvest of souls, and attended by latter rain results.

A Remarkable Revival

O^{UR READERS} will be interested in the following report from Pastor A. A. Wilson, Kansas City, Mo., concerning a recent revival when the thermometer often registered 110.

"Evangelist and Mrs. Watson Argue closed a five-weeks' campaign here Sunday, July 29th. The entire meeting was a glorious season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord; 172 adults were saved, 127 new members came into the church, 73 were baptized in water, and our Sunday School made its highest mark, 766, which was very remarkable due to the extreme hot weather; several received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

"At the close of Brother Argue's last sermon on 'The Unpardonable Sin', 35 rushed to the altar and were saved, some coming before the invitation was given. One woman who recently murdered her husband was brought to the mercy seat and found the blood of Jesus Christ can make the vilest sinner whole. This was truly an Apostolic revival, and the world is on the toboggan slide, the 'Old time Gospel' preached under the power of the Holy Ghost will save all who heed the call. Large crowds attended week nights, and Sunday nights our tent (80x120) was packed beyond capacity and many standing. This was one of Kansas City's greatest evangelistic stirs. We are praying and planning for a larger building."

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ed member.

Now my closing remark is on this thought: "If one member be honored all of the members are honored with it." Here is a young lady who has received an engagement ring and she puts it upon her finger. Now that finger doesn't mean much; if it were cut off it wouldn't injure the body very much or hamper its usefulness for the body could function just the same without that finger. But the young lady puts that diamond ring on that finger and the "eye" doesn't become jealous because the insignificant finger is honored. May God give us grace that when one member in the body of Christ is honored others rejoice with him, and that every trace of jealousy and ambition may be crucified. Only then will we be a blessing and a success in the Christian life.

The Great Australian Revival

Hundreds Receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit C. L. Greenwood in the Stone Church

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HE POWER of the Lord was falling



in our midst and I spoke to this young man about the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. He said, "I am going to have it." And I said, "That is fine!" He came to the meeting on the following Wednesday and on Thursday morning he said to me, "I never got it." Saturday night he came again and I believe if I had known what was coming I would not have attended that meeting. It had been rumored abroad that this young man had been saved; everyone knew him and people began to gather in my home until there was no room for more. He had not been in the meeting long on that night, when, kneeling down to pray, I began to wonder what was wrong. Τ never saw anyone do what he did. He was stretched upon his back and suddenly I saw he was lifted up bodily as high as the table and then let down again, making a great noise. When I saw that I was frightened; I got on my face behind the door and said, "Lord, please show me what to do." My wife and others were also praying. Soon I felt the power of God coming strong upon me. I trembled all over, then under the mighty power of the Spirit I arose and fell right on that man with my two knees on his chest and said, "In the Name of Jesus Christ, come out of him." He ceased that unearthly noise and burst out speaking in heavenly tongues. The devil was cast out and the Lord came in. People say, "How can I get the Baptism?" Get clean, get holy. The Holy Spirit dwells in a holy temple. Let us who go under this great Pentecostal banner, keep clean. Let us be separated from the world and the flesh and be whole-hearted for God. If Pentecost means anything to me it means holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

What a change was wrought in that man! It is impossible for me to make you realize how he was changed from a life of sin and shame. The whole week long he would drink and especially during the week-ends; he was hardly ever sober but now no longer do we find him in the bar-room, and from that day to this he has never taken a drink of beer nor smoked a cigarette. Never again has he been in the grip

of Satan, but is continually witnessing for the Lord; many times he puts us to shame with his boldness. One morning in a crowded railway train he took out his Bible and someone said to him, "What are you reading?" Naturally some would have closed the book but instead of doing that he said, "Would you like to know?" and before they could answer he stood to his feet and read the Bible to them. He took his stand and God was with him. Soon he started to pray for his wife but she would have absolutely nothing to do with us. On meeting nights she went to her mother's place. We joined in praying for her till at last she had no more desire to go to her mother's so she had to come with her husband as she was afraid to stay at home alone. Then God saved her and later filled her with the Holy Ghost. Not long after that the Lord baptized his oldest girl. He is the father of seven children and I wish you could enter his home and see them all gathered around the table after they have had their meal; the father takes his Bible and they have family prayers. There is no more beer, no more cursing or swearing, and the children are properly fed and clothed. Oh what a change!

Does it pay to give out tracts? Does it pay to print them? I say over and over again YES and if this is our calling may God help us to be faithful.

Now this young man was vitally concerned in the great revival which came a little later to Australia. Today he is an elder in the largest Pentecostal church of Australia.

The Lord continued to work. They were days of beginnings when we had no equipment and no place to meet; I was just a worker in a foundry, untaught and untrained, but they were days of heaven upon earth. A Welshman came to us, just a wanderer, uncouth and ragged. Often he had slept outside in the parks with paper around him to keep him warm, but he came and found God. One Sunday morning we asked him to give his testimony on the street. He stepped into the ring and thanked God for saving him. His testimony was just a few words but was very true and real.

I gave him a little work to help him and during this time he got in touch with a man in - 16 ---

another mission who did not believe in Pentecost. I told him of the blessings of the Baptism of the Spirit and one day he asked, "Will you baptize me in water?" I answered, "No, I think you should go to the head of the mission which you have been attending and ask him to baptize you." He went but returned a few weeks later saying, "He won't baptize me. Will you?" So I did. A week later he came back and said, "Brother, I have the Baptism in the Holy Spirit." I asked, "How do you know?" He said, "I was praying down there and after I finished they told me I had the Baptism." I asked, "Did you speak in tongues?" "No." "Well," I said, "on the Day of Pentecost they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak in tongues. Have you begun yet?" He couldn't answer. Three days later he came back saying, "I had a dream last night. Will you interpret it?" I asked what the dream was, so he began: "A beautiful white dove came thru the window, fluttered about the room and hovered over me; but there was an old man dressed in a long frock-tail coat who was frightening away the dove and preventing it from alighting Can you tell me what the dream on me. meant?" I said, "Yes, I can tell you, but you had better go back to the man with the frocktail coat and ask him to interpret it." He went, but the man didn't know the meaning of it and so I told him what was plainly evident. When the Welsh brother saw the interpretation of the dream he cut himself free from the man who was hindering the dove from alighting upon him. The following Saturday there was a knock at my door. He had come back, he said for the baptism. As we knelt to pray the glory of God came down. God laid a burden of prayer for him on a sister, and as she travailed in soul he burst out speaking in tongues. This man could neither read nor write but God marvelously filled him with the Holy Spirit.

The revival swept on until there was no room in our home for the people, so we decided to buy. We saw an old rifle range which we looked over and purchased. It is marvelous how God teaches us the lessons He would have us to learn. He didn't pour out His Spirit in some great cathedral; it was just a simple upper room. He is looking for the lowly who will yield to Him that He might fill them with the Holy Ghost.

By means of the tithes which we faithfully paid week by week, the building was purchased but then our difficulties began, as the building

needed many changes before it was suitable for meetings. We had to apply to the health authorities and while we were waiting for their approval we re-arranged the building to make it more suitable and then finally got permission to hold meetings among ourselves, keeping the doors shut to the public. Had I known what would take place I don't think I would have applied for permission to do this. As we began holding meetings among ourselves it became noised abroad that the power of God was falling in Sunshine and people came to see. One Sunday night, my brother-in-law, who later went to Africa, and quite a number of other saints were gathered. My brother-in-law had been blessed but he didn't have perfect liberty; he had, what I call, stammering lips, but not clear utterance. This night he got in one corner of the room and began to cry to God for perfect liberty. A sister was kneeling near him praying for him and everyone in the room was having a glorious time.

I cannot say how long we were there but suddenly I heard a rap at the window. Remember, the doors were closed; the building was not yet ready to be opened to the public. Someone threw up the window and looked in upon us -one was prostrated here, another praying there, and still another over yonder. I looked out and saw a great crowd gathered. I knew something had to be done so I jumped to my feet and running outside I leaped on a fence surrounding the property. There I faced an audience far greater in size than I had ever dared hope would come to hear our message, for to my surprise, I saw no less than 600 people before me as I stood in my impromptu pulpit on the fence top. We had not been able to get the crowd before but we surely had them that night. Under a mighty anointing of boldness and power I preached to them of the great outpouring of the Spirit of God upon the earth. The enemies of our message were walking up and down like caged lions but they had to listen while I preached to their friends and neighbors, God enabling me to have glorious liberty. When I had finished the crowd was hushed by conviction. The presence of God was so upon them there was scarcely a move until I dismissed with prayer. It was a meeting gathered together by the sound of prayer and praise, as on the Day of Pentecost when it was "noised abroad" and three thousand people gathered.

The next morning I went to the post office, and the postmaster said, "Good morning, Mr.

Greenwood. I didn't know you were such an orator." He had heard an untutored foundryman preaching under the anointing of the Spirit and thought it was oratory. Friends, I know it was ordained of God that the people of that place should hear the Gospel. That night as God was baptizing men and women in the Holy Ghost, the noise could be heard so well on the outside that men, as of old, gathered to see "What meaneth this?"

We found later that it was impossible to get this hall in order so we decided to purchase another place which we equipped with a silent prayer room. When the place was half finished the local paper printed an article saying that the Pentecostal folk were building a silent prayer room so that the minister could go and pray silently. Just at that time Miss Ethel King and Miss Jessie Barber from India visited Australia so Sister King preached the opening message.

As I looked in the paper that Saturday, to my amazement I read the notice that A. C. Valdez from America was opening up a mission in North Melbourne. I thought, "After all this time of praying we at last have a hall, and now an American evangelist has come to open another mission." I felt very sad about it but didn't feel like giving up. We had been praying untiringly for about seven years, "God send a revival to Sunshine," and everyone who came to the prayer meetings seemed to catch the same vision. That week-end one man from the slum district where I had witnessed, came and gave his heart to the Lord and later he asked me to baptize him in water which I did the following Wednesday night. It was our very first baptismal service in the little hall which seated 240. The man's wife was sitting in the front seat watching as I put him tenderly under the water. No one had said a word to him about Pentecost but as he came up out of the water he was speaking in tongues. His wife rushed to me and said, "You have driven him mad!" She wanted to take him home before he could even get dressed but we shut her out of the room till he was ready. It was wonderful to think that the very first one to go into that water was baptized in the Spirit before we even said anythink to him about it.

One evening I went over to hear Mr. Valdez and at the close of the service I said to him, "We have a little church in Sunshine and have been praying night and day for a revival. Will you come and give us a meeting?" He said he would. I was still working in the foundry and trying to do the work of the Lord at the same time so I did my best to get the word around and you can imagine my delight to find when I came to the service that there was no more standing room; the little hall which had been built only a fortnight was now filled to its capacity. Mr. Valdez preached under the anointing of the Spirit and everyone present was deeply moved. When the altar call was made some went to the front, others to the prayerroom, still others dropped on their knees in the aisle while many knelt in their seats. The presence of God was very real. I remember an old man who had been a member of the Plymouth Brethren for forty years, an opposer of Pentecost, yet there he was stiff with the power of God. We felt we were on holy ground. Oh for another visitation from God when we will see the bush burning with the fire of God! when we can look beyond the flame and see the cause of it all! It was God in the bush that burned and if we are to have another revival we must have God; then the fire will burn and the bush will not be consumed. After the meeting Brother Valdez came to me and said, "Brother, while I was preaching tonight the Lord witnessed to my heart that this is the place where the revival is to begin." How my heart leaped for joy! Mr. Valdez had booked himself for a large auditorium meeting which he cancelled.

We decided, before opening the special meetings in our hall, to have a prayer meeting for one night. My brother-in-law and sister, who had always looked upon us as being rather strange, came to that prayer meeting. They did not care to come before but one of the men who had gotten saved, and whom my brotherin-law had engaged to paint his house, had told them repeatedly about the meetings and given them no rest till they finally consented to come, so they came that Friday night. I remember that not very many were there but as Brother Valdez gave a little word of exhortation my sister-in-law slipped off the seat and the Lord saved her and baptized her in one operation. Right alongside of her was an old lady, well over seventy. With her wrinkled face lifted up to heaven, she burst out speaking in other tongues. Beside this woman was another old lady and she too burst out in other tongues and before we knew it five had received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. As we closed the meeting that night every one of us felt the hush of God upon our souls.

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The next night our campaign opened and then began one of the greatest revivals of which I have ever heard outside of the Bible. From that day on the place was packed and God poured out His Spirit in great and mighty power. One day when I attended the 9 o'clock morning prayer service, I noticed particularly a lady who had come to pray; that night when I went into the prayer-room at nine o'clock I found her in the same place, still praying. Somewhere around 9:30 that night she was filled with the Holy Ghost—the eighteenth for that day.

The revival went on for weeks and literally hundreds were filled with the Holy Ghost. We soon found that our little hall was too small so we secured the large town hall, and the attendance quickly slipped to five hundred. The news of the outpouring reached one of the local Bible institutes but the students were forbidden to attend. However, that didn't stop them from coming. First one and then another came until the school took a real stand and told them that if they continued to attend these meetings they would have to leave the Institute. As far as I remember about twelve students left the Institute at once. I remember the secretary to the principal came to us and said, "I believe that one can get the Baptism of the Holy Spirit gradually." I replied, "Now listen, you are a student of the Bible. Show me one gradual Baptism of the Spirit in the Bible." He started to open his Bible but soon closed it again, saying, "No, it is not there." I said, "I can take you to the Old Testament and to the New, and in every instance you will find that the Holy Ghost came suddenly. 'The Lord whom you seek shall suddenly come to His temple.' The Holy Ghost fell suddenly on the Day of Pentecost. When Paul laid his hands upon the people the Holy Ghost fell upon them, and every time there was a visitation from God the Holy Ghost came suddenly." That young man attended the next meeting and he, with many other of the students, came through into the Pentecostal Baptism.

I remember the case of three women who came to look us over, sitting in the very front seats. They had not been there long when I noticed one, the wife of a business man, slip off her seat, and the Lord graciously baptized her in the Spirit; next to her was a Methodist lady and she too received the Baptism in the same way, and the same thing happened to the third lady. Week after week, and day after day, a continual stream of people came through into the Baptism until hundreds had received.

A Presbyterian elder also came to see what was going on. You know some of them are very stiff. This man looked on and then decided he would tarry for the Baptism so he came at ten o'clock the next morning and stayed through till ten that night without getting anywhere. He went to his wife and said, "I will never get it," but she encouraged him to seek again so he came back, but he couldn't break. As the power of God was falling mightily suddenly a man nearby who was also seeking the Baptism, sprang up and threw his arms about the Presbyterian and hugged him till the elder began to weep. It was then that his hardened heart broke and as I remember now, they were locked in each other's arms when they both came through speaking in tongues.

Time fails to tell of some of the wonderful scenes that took place during that revival but the outcome was truly wonderful. It wasn't long till we were able to secure a building costing \$40,000, which after much prayer we were allowed to purchase for \$20,000.

About twelve months passed by when we received news that Mr. Kelso R. Glover was coming to Australia. He was not in our midst long before we claimed him and God made him a great blessing. But after ministering to us for eighteen months he broke to me the news that he was leaving and added that he felt I was the one to take hold of the work. Those were days of trembling and full of fear for me; but the church had been properly organized and we had a good Board so I took hold and God has continued to bless until today we have the largest Pentecostal work in Australia.

While Brother Valdez was still with us he sent two of us out to open up new fields and since then we have been enabled to open many other places but we are sadly in need of workers. At this time the entire state of Victoria, in which we are located, lies at the feet of Pentecost. Prejudice is breaking down and hearts are ready to surrender. Halls for services are available but we have no pastors for the places we open. There are two places outside of Melbourne near our assembly which were opened som time ago and a third was started just before I left but we have no pastor for any of them. So there is a great, crying need not only for evangelists, but also for pastors, real fathers who will love and feed the new babes. Over here in America the workers seem to be falling

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over each other but in Australia we have a great need for clean, Spirit-filled men, of noble, selfsacrificing character to help us develop and establish our work. Pray that God will send us that help.

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the blessed Gospel; they yearned to spread the warmth of God's love in hearts cold and dead in sin and to have God set in motion the great dynamos of power.

So on August 26th they launched their first camp and what a power-house it was! Of the very first meeting one was heard to say, "If the first service is so wonderful what will it be towards the close!" The spirit of co-operation was manifest throughout the grounds as in this power-house also, those in important places worked together harmoniously with those doing the many menial duties, all working as one great family for the extension of God's kingdom in this, their needy district.

As the days sped on the crowds increased beyond their expectations and the accommodations of the spacious camp grounds (leased from the Methodists) were taxed to the limit: an approximate total of three thousand attended the camp from beginning to end. From all sections of Wisconsin and Northern Michigan, as well as other states, men and women came to this central power-house, eager to carry home with them a miniature power house that they too might give out the light in their home town and set aglow the divine passion for lost souls. They were not disappointed; as the messages came from the platform they did not fail to inspire every hearer to a closer walk with God. Both the principal speakers, Dr. J. N. Hoover and Rev. Wm. F. A. Gierke pointed out the prophetic sign posts of our Lord's near return as well as giving instructive admonitions for saint and sinner. And then down in the straw-what scenes took place there as around the altar and throughout the tabernacle men and women, boys and girls, knelt or became prostrated, some receiving the light of the Gospel for the first time, others being reclaimed and many others, approximately fifty, who received the Baptism of the Spirit.

A few of the varied features were: the baptismal service when hearts rejoiced to see those who had recently found the Saviour, being buried with Christ in the waters of baptism; the missionary services that enlarged our vision; the precious ordination service when six were ordained to the ministry and a large number accepted as licentiates; the receiving into their District fellowship of a former Baptist minister, Rev. Paul J. MacKinney, who had now received the Pentecostal experience. Said this new Pentecostal convert, "For twenty years I have been trying to correct you folk but you are hopeless," and it was interesting to learn that he had attended the recent Lake Geneva Camp in a last endeavor to "straighten out the brethren."

Not to be overlooked was the inspirational music rendered; the great song services were soul-thrilling and even small lads caught the fire as with hands raised and eyes closed the tears trickled down their freckled faces; who knows but that the consecrations made in their days of youth may result in a Moody or a Wm. Carey to work in the home or foreign fields. The instrumental music in charge of Brother J. P. Wannenmacher, Asst. Supt. of the District, the various choirs, all added greatly to each service.

The great need in the States of Wisconsin and Northern Michigan was graphically brot before us by the Dist. Superintendent, Brother R. Scharnick as he told of territory wholly untouched by the Full Gospel-62 towns around 1000 population, 28 over 2000, 13 over 3000, 5 over 4000 and 10 cities of from 5 to 10,000. A map of this district was shown, displaying colored tacks on the spots where Full Gospel churches were located, but oh the vast territories yet untouched! and it was for these that a concerted effort was put forth and pledges were raised amounting to over \$2000. Ere the next camp convenes these men of vision are planning to enter many of these untouched towns and cities.

The closing day of the Camp brought an added feast when Evangelist Loren B. Staats brought two messages which so stirred the people to seek God that dinner bells were forgotten by scores who preferred the bread which cometh down from above to that served in the dining hall. As the throngs dispersed to their various fields we saw in vision miniature power-houses going here and there to spread the light, to generate the warmth and the power of the Holy Spirit in their various fields of labor. --R.M.

NORTH BERGEN, N.J. The Beulah Heights Pentecostal Bible School will open on Oct. 1st. For information please address, Rev. David Leigh, Principal, 4741 Hudson Blvd.

Bereaved

THE ENTIRE Byron Camp was saddened when early on August 31st the sad news flashed over the wires that the only son of Rev. J. N. Hoover had met with a fatal accident in Santa Cruz, California. As the bereaved and brokenhearted father made his sad journey across the continent, first stopping off in Wichita, Kansas, where his wife was visiting relatives, then on to California, the prayers of the entire Camp as well as those from saints throughout the country, followed them.

A brief note just received from Dr. Hoover gives a few details: "For a number of years and up until the time of his death he was one of the most widely-known, efficient and highlyesteemed officers of the state highway patrol of the State of California. His death was the result of a collision between an automobile and the motorcycle on which he was riding. He died in the prime of life, at the age of thirty-The funeral was one of the largest ever one. witnessed in the city of Santa Cruz and two large trucks were required to take the 120 beautiful floral pieces to the grave. Donald was all we had; the valley is the deepest and the shadows the darkest I have ever known. Pray for Mrs. Hoover and myself."

We extend to these bereaved parents our deepest sympathy and know our readers will earnestly pray for them in this their hour of bitter loss. They sorrow not as those who have no hope and though bowed in grief the father expresses this hope in the closing lines of his touching tribute to his only child:

"Bereaved—

Yes, our hearts with grief are weak, But in the resurrection we shall meet Our own Donald Albert Donald Hoover."

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of people in the churches have sold out for a social time and some in our own movement have sold out for things that are detrimental to their spiritual life—they have bought truth and then sold it; not because they did not know but because they rejected truth.

When Bishop Shepherd came to die he said, "I am afraid to die." The saints said, "Now Bishop, you have been a great character in this movement and you have done many wonderful things; surely *you* shouldn't be afraid to die." But he said, "I have used Jesus Christ as a stepping-stone to further my own success and I have walked over the top of truth; things that I should have done I have put under my feet and I am afraid to die." With these words on his lips he passed on to face his Maker. He had bought the truth and sold it. "Buy the truth and sell it not."

I was holding a meeting in a certain place and the minister from the largest Methodist church in the city attended. One night, while on my way to the meeting I was met by this preacher who took me by the arm and said, "Pardon me, but I believe you are the evangelist down at the tent." After telling him that I was he said, "I admire you for the freedom you have. I wish I could preach like that. I wish my people could sing and pray like the people do in that tent. There is not one of my members I can call upon to pray, I have to do all the praying myself." I tried to encourage him to cut clean for God but just then a car pulled up; they tooted the horn and I saw the car was filled with ladies dressed in the latest fashion. They said, "Come on, pastor, we have a social on tonight." The pastor turned to me saying, "I am sorry, I have to go." As I watched that car go out of sight I said, "Oh God, he has bought truth and sold it!"

I was holding a meeting in Elkhart, Indiana, and the pastor of one of the churches attended. One night after I had preached a sermon on the deeper truths he came to me and said, "Just what do you mean?" I told him it was impossible for me to make it any plainer than I had. I knew he had understood perfectly. "But," said he, "What will I do? They will throw me out of the Ministerial Association and turn me out of the church." I said, "Surely they will, but Jesus will put His arms under you, give you a burning passion for souls, and bless you in a greater way than ever before." "I cannot pay the price," he said, and went out of the door with his head bowed sorrowfully. He bought truth and sold it.

How unutterably sad for folk to come into a meeting night after night, hear the truth and then turn their back upon it! I would rather be a Hottentot of Africa than a man who attends revivals, has the Word of God burned into his very soul and then turns his back upon Jesus and walks out. What will it mean for such a man when he faces God!

Years ago in Canton, Ohio, we heard of the outpouring of the Spirit. I had a very dear friend who was just my age. We both went

to the revival out of curiosity and when I saw the shining faces and heard the message, I ran to the altar and he went with me. That night God changed my heart and filled me with the Holy Ghost. When I arose I went to my friend and said, "How is it with you?" He said, "I didn't come through." I asked, "What is the matter? I was never in a place more wonderful than this." And he said, "I'll tell you-it is the tobacco. I have chewed it ever since I was a boy and when I knelt at the altar I saw that tobacco." Haven't you worked with folk at the altar who suddenly seem to close up and then turn back? What is the trouble? They are facing truth and refuse to receive it. And so my friend said, "I cannot pay the price." The next night I came to the service again but he stayed at home and that night Jesus appeared in his darkened room and showed him His glory. Somewhat excited, he jumped out of bed and prayed. The next night he came to the church and prayed again. Perhaps you have gone to the altar, prayed a little until you saw an obstacle in the way and then you turned away, and because you rejected that light you cannot go on with the Lord. Get that mountain out of the way and heaven will open up and God will fill you. My friend prayed but again he saw this package of tobacco and he turned away. He sold out for a package of tobacco. Not long after he came down with influenza. His wife called the doctor after a few days and when he came he ordered him to bed saying it was just a little touch of the flu. He left some tablets and told the wife to give him some at two in the morning. So the wife kissed him goodnight and said she would wake him up at two to give him the tablets. When she came to him in that early morning hour she found him with his eyes closed and his hands folded, cold in death. The very monster that he refused to give up was the thing that went to his heart and killed him and he went into eternity without God. He bought truth and sold it.

May God save us from rejecting His truth and help us to heed the warning, "Buy the truth and sell it not."

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daughter of the late President Wilson. The rapidity of these two actions was exceeded last May by a Los Angeles court which severed the bonds of John Gilbert, screen actor, and Virginia Bruce in three minutes. Arkansas, Oklahoma, Idaho, and Arizona have eased divorce requirements. Delaware contemplates a tenday residence requisite. The Soviet union still holds the record for speed, its divorce bureau requiring but about five minutes to break marriage relation; no cause need be stated. Mexico broke into the limelight in 1931 offering divorce decrees by mail to all and sundry at minimum cost. The moral conditions of the world may well become worse than the days of Noah when they married and gave in marriage promiscuously.

Empty Pews. A statistical study was recently submitted to the general council of Congregational Christian Churches by Roger Babson, which shows pews of the Congregational Churches to be 70% vacant. Figures have been obtained from 1000 churches. Mr. Babson listed 17 points for improving church attendance, and among them were these hopeless remedies. (1) "Each church develop a definite spiritual and intellectual goal, (2) Work for economic well-being of the people, (3) Insist on rigid standards for church membership, (4) See that sermons are vitalized, (5) The influence of the home must be for church attendance." A better program would be (1) Let the goal be to please God and abide by His Word, (2) Work first for the spiritual blessing of the people and the economic conditions will take care of themselves, (3) Insist on rigid standards for new birth, putting church membership in the background as secondary, (4) Get away from sermonizing; give simple heart to heart messages delivered straight from the shoulder under the unction of the Holy Spirit, (5) Establish family prayers in every home. Let the church into the home.

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Question Box

One of the interesting phases of the Byron Camp was the Question Box conducted by Evangelist Gierke for about ten minutes before the sermon. The answers will be helpful to our readers, as they were to those at the Camp.

Q. When enemies make it unpleasant for me what is a good verse to stand on?

A. I will give two that I believe will fix you up. The first is, Isaiah 26:3, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." The second, Isaiah 54:17, "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall arise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord."

Q. I have a friend who is baptized in the Holy Ghost but she goes to a mind reader whenever she is in trouble. What about that?

A. There are a good many people who think they are baptized in the Holy Spirit who are not. I cannot conceive of a man or woman who has been baptized in the Holy Spirit consulting the devil. Praise God, the Holy Spirit is our Guide, our Comforter, and we do not need to go to a fortune-teller and consult the devil about our future. There is something wrong with this woman and I'd advise her to seek the Lord and get real salvation.

Q. How can I overcome improper thoughts?

A. That troubles a good many people. We must remember that our "thought life" is the very foundation of outward activity. "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." The human body has a number of different gates that we need to keep locked against the enemy. There is the "eye-gate"; when I look upon something that is impure, that very look will defile my soul and inspire my mind to evil thoughts. David looked at Bathsheba and that look caused him to commit two crimes, murder and adultery. We need to keep the "ear-gate" locked against filth and impurity. Let us practise some fasting, abstaining from listening to things that contaminate the human soul. I refuse to listen to tale-bearers and gossipers who go around trying to murder the good name of somebody in the community. Let us rebuke them with the Word of God. One of the best verses in the Word of God regarding the control of the thoughts is Phil. 4:8.

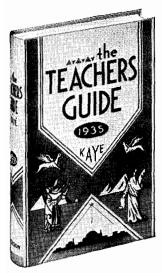
Q. Please explain 1 Cor. 14:22, "Wherefore, tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not."

A. The best illustration for this is an illustration: A friend of mine was running a Full Gospel Mission in a certain place in the East, and a little Catholic girl had been coming to the Mission and had been baptized in the Spirit. One night she came in as usual and a few minutes later a Catholic priest came in. He came down the aisle and said to the leader, "I am going to take this little girl out. She belongs to my church. I have been missing her from the services and have been wondering where she has been going." The leader said, "You sit down over there. This is not a Catholic Church." During the meeting the power of God came on the little girl and she began to The priest had been very indifferent speak. up to this time but all at once he became alert to what was coming forth from the lips of that little girl. He understood it, but nobody else did. It wasn't intended for anybody else. We do not need interpretation when the message is intended for a certain person. He trembled from head to foot. The little girl finished and the priest arose and said, "I have known this little girl ever since she was born. I baptized her when she was but a few days old. Tonight, she brought forth a message in the Greek tongue, and I have sense enough to know that she doesn't know a word of Greek. Her accent was perfect. This is of God. Will you dear people please pray for me?" Those people gathered around that Catholic priest and thru their prayers he was saved, and they made a Pentecostal preacher out of a Catholic priest. Do you suppose he would ever have been convinced by natural means? God knows His Tongues are a sign to them that business. believe not. Supernatural means must be used to reach some people, and that explains the meaning of that particular verse.

Q. Please explain the meaning of Matt. 16:19.

A. Many people in the Full Gospel Movement do not realize the tremendous power that Jesus Christ has placed at the disposition of His people. He says in Luke 10:19, "I have given you power over all the power of the enemy." Do we believe it? We do not, hence we do not have it. Take an officer of our government. He has the right to arrest, the right to imprison, and the full power of the government he represents is back of him. When he speaks, he speaks with authority. We as officers of the heavenly government have authority. When we speak, we should speak with authority, realizing that back of every promise is the power of the omnipotent God, all the resources of heaven. When we rebuke the power of sin in Jesus' name we loose sinners from their condition. The same is true of disease. As officers of a Divine government we have the right to bind and loose. That is what that promise means.

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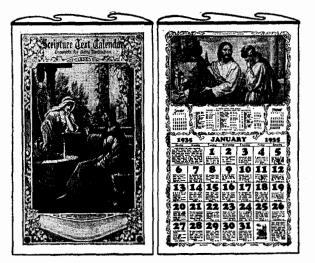
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