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WAR—A FULFILLMENT OF PROPHECY

Will the Kaiser Develop Into the World Emperor and is the Antichrist Kingdom to be Realized Within the Next Few Months?

"I cannot see that this war is a fulfillment of any prophecy!" Such was the statement made by a Sunday school superintendent to the writer. A reminder of some prophecies yet to be fulfilled may help us to judge the accuracy of the statement. The chief ones are:

1. The return of the Lord for His saints.
2. The return of the Lord with His saints.
3. The revelation of Anti-Christ.
4. The Great Tribulation.
5. The union of Israel and Judah.
6. The return to Palestine.
7. Armageddon.

1. **If we are wise**, the war will be regarded as a call to "repent for the Lord is at hand." Matthew 24:21 indicates that a time of great trouble is to precede the coming of the Lord and the conditions now prevailing warn us to expect such a winter as England has not known in the time of the present generation, while the many casualties of the battlefields bring suffering and sorrow into numbers of homes. The second coming of Christ may occur at any time.

2. **The return of the Lord** with His saints must be, in any case, a few years off. (The Revelation of Christ will not occur until seven years after the rapture of the saints.—Ed.)

3. The question is asked "Will the Kaiser be the World Emperor?" It is significant that for some time Germany has been lavishly spending money in the neighborhood of Babylon, which the Book of Revelation teaches is yet to become the chief trading city of the world. Daniel 8:23 describes the Anti-Christ as of "fierce countenance," while the Kaiser is acknowledged to be a man of overweening ambition and conceit, eloquent, double-dealing, unscrupulous and utterly disregardful of principles. Anti-Christ is described as possessing "eyes and a mouth speaking great things." In other words, shrewd, observant, far-seeing. Universally the Kaiser is acknowledged to be the best informed man in the world, while his talkativeness and boastfulness answer to the description, "a mouth speaking great things."

The Kaiser has been proclaimed to be a "consummate flatterer," and "double-dealing," and is strongly self-willed, dominating and war-like in appearance, thus fulfilling Dan. 7:20.

The Kaiser's public utterances are full of allusions to "Divine Destiny," "Vocation," "Destiny," and in one speech he said, "The more we (Germany) are in a position to win for ourselves a pre-eminent place in the world in every sphere the more must all classes and callings of our people remember that in this too the hand of Divine Providence is to be seen."

At Bremen the Kaiser, speaking in 1905, declared, "The World Empire of my dreams will include those who extend to the newly built German Empire the most complete confidence that could be placed in a peaceful and honest neighbor. If history should mention a German World power or a Hohenzollern omnipotency we do not wish it to be said that it was obtained by the point of the sword, but by the mutual confidence of nations striving toward the same ideal, to describe which we may use the words of a great poet, 'Outwardly limited, inwardly unlimited.'"

4. **The Great Tribulation** upon Israel is to be caused by Anti-Christ and upon the whole world by the out-poured judgments of a righteous God. It will consist in a punishment of those to whom Grace is given to withstand the offers of Anti-Christ, and cannot be introduced till he (the Anti-Christ) has become possessed of great power.

5. **Union of Israel and Judah**. I Kings 12:20 definitely teaches that Israel and Judah will divide into two kingdoms while Ezekiel 37:20, 21, as definitely teaches they are to be reunited once more. The writer, after forty years daily study of the Word of God, is satisfied that, put briefly, the Colonies and America with the Jews are to become one nation and that Christ will reign over us in Jerusalem. Certain it is that the Lord is fulfilling

in the present war His gracious promises made of old to Israel so that men of business here (in England) speak of the official records of the fighting as resembling the Old Testament records.

6. **Return to Palestine**. Present indications point to Turkey throwing in her lot with Germany despite the warning of England that for her to interfere means further loss of territory. Obadiah definitely reveals how Constantinople and Palestine are to be wrested from Turkey (Edom) and given to England and America (Israel) so that Turkey's punishment for assisting Germany does not need to be conjectured. Neither could England, as possessor of India, allow any other power to control Constantinople.

7. **Armageddon**. Enquiries are rife as to whether this 1914 war is "Armageddon," but only from people to whom Ezekiel 38 and 39 and Revelation 16:16 are not known.

Zachariah 14 is a chapter of joyful reading for Israel who are to be attacked by the vast hordes of Russians and partially overwhelmed, but the coming of Christ and His saints will turn victory for Russians into their annihilation. Then He will make Israel the chief nation of the earth and He will be their King.—James A. Gray, Manchester, England.

EDITORIAL NOTE.

Whether the present Emperor of Germany will develop into the Anti-Christ or not is yet to be revealed. We had not looked for the Anti-Christ to arise in Germany but rather in the Balkan states, or out of ancient Greece (See Dan. 8:8-14) and if the above statement proves to be correct, it will be a source of great surprise to us.

However, it is well to weigh every bit of evidence which is available and find out how much it is worth and so we are doing this in the present case. We have also noticed a statement from the Roman Catholic Church that she is expecting a Great German Empire to come forth at the end of the war and that she is also expecting to share in the spoils in a new and close relationship with this great Empire. It is possible that the German arms will be successful and the foundation for the Anti-Christ Empire will be established, and, if the present successes of the Germans continue, we see no reason why this dream could not be fulfilled.

In connection with this it will do well to note a striking utterance of "Frederick the Great," third king of Prussia, who reigned from 1740 to 1786, and who stands out as the great figure of the Hohenzollern dynasty. He was a disciple of the God of War purely for what he could gain for Prussia by it. He instigated the last "world war"—"the seven years war"—involving all of Europe because of his desire for territorial expansion. His war with Austria brought him Silesia and his alliance with Russia caused the partition of Poland." Whether the Kaiser is following the principles of Frederick the Great or not will be left to the facts as they are and the individual judgment of each individual who is following the present war in its commencement and its progress. The Hohenzollern Creed as laid down by Frederick the Great, contains the following statements:

"Statesmanship can be reduced to three principles. First, maintain your power, and, according to circumstances, increase and extend it; second, form alliances only for your own advantage; third, command fear and respect, even in the most disastrous times.

"Always bear in mind that, with regard to kingdoms, we monarchs take what we can, and are never in the wrong except when we are compelled to give up what we have taken.

"Do not be ashamed of making interested alliances from which only you yourself can derive the whole advantage. Do not make the foolish mistake of not breaking them when you believe that your interest requires it. Above all, uphold the following maxim: 'That to despoil your neighbors is to deprive them of the means of injuring you.'

"Never ask anything weakly. Appear rather to demand. If someone is disrespectful toward you, reserve your vengeance for a time when you can obtain full satisfaction. Do not fear that your glory will be diminished by it. It will be so much the worse for those who may have to suffer by it.

"All your neighbors must be quite persuaded that you are afraid of nothing and that nothing can astonish you. Try especially to have them believe that you are a dangerous monarch who knows no other principle than that which leads to glory."

Then also notice these two concluding statements which are very significant. "Religion is absolutely necessary to a state government. The discussion of that maxim would be very impolitic, and a king is wrong when he allows his subjects to carry such discussions to excess. But, on the other hand, it is unwise for a king to have a religion. * * * When he is about to conclude a treaty with some foreign power, if he remembers that he is a Christian, he is lost."—J. R. F.

THE MORNING COMETH

Isa. 21:12.

"For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows."

—Matthew 24:7, 8.

The watchman on the tower
Sends warning down below
"The time of darkness cometh,
The time of pain and woe,"
For now we hear from Europe—
The nations from afar,
They all are in commotion
And marching on to war.

See! Kingdoms are arising
To stand in stern array,
And many souls are dying—
Yes, thousands in a day!
What means this awful darkness
That covers all the earth?
And why this cry of sorrow
Instead of joy and mirth?

Why are these homes so desolate
These homes across the sea,
Where hungry souls are dying
In want and misery—
Where pestilence and famine
Are walking hand in hand?
Why is this awful darkness
Upon the sea and land?

It is the day of sorrows,
So long ago foretold
By Him who on the mountain
The mystery did unfold.
And what shall be the ending—
(If ending there shall be)
Of all this tribulation
Beginning o'er the sea?

Oh, Harken! hear the watchman;
Did not we hear him say,
"The morning surely cometh,
Behold the dawn of day!"
The day of righteous ruling
Devoid of sorrows' tears
The day of Christ triumphant
To reign a thousand years."
—Burt McCafferty, Arp, Texas.

TOWER HILL, ILL.

We have just closed a two month's siege here in the country. The battle has been hard and long but God has at last given the victory. There are thirteen baptized saints here. They have given five acres of ground and \$110.00 in cash and quite a bit of lumber to build a Tabernacle. Four have felt a call to the work and have been ordained, two as preachers coming to us from other churches and two as home missionaries. We will have a baptismal service this next Sunday.—Martha Lee.

WAURIKA, OKLA.

We had a good meeting in Waurika for about two weeks. Sister Martha Funk was with me. Then we took a 38 mile trip to the camp meeting in a wagon, where two of my cousins received the baptism, and all of them got saved and were baptized in water. One of them was saved but not baptized. It makes me feel good to see them get saved and receive the baptism after praying for them for five and a half years.

We are back here now and Brother James and two workers are coming from the camp to start a meeting here. Pray for us.—Valeria Lee.

AS A PRESBYTERIAN NOW SEES IT

After His Baptism he Realizes Pentecost is not the Climax in Christian Life, but What Every Babe in Christ Should Have.

New experiences in the Spiritual life are so wonderful that they for a time fill ones thought and imagination, their brilliancy clouding most of the past. This makes it difficult, sometimes utterly impossible to take a sober view of the new life and feelings in order to give them their proper place; neither on the one hand unduly emphasizing them, nor on the other hand finally rejecting them as mistaken. No work of God in the human heart has suffered more from this evil than has Pentecost. Many seem to agree in giving it a place very different from that assigned to it in the Word of God. The doubtful and unbelieving reject is as of no value since the lives of those professing it do not accord with man's ideas of Divine power and perfection. The one who is shouting out praises to the King of Kings in a strange tongue is ready to declare that by virtue of this baptism in the Holy Spirit he is fitted to be a member of the Bride of Christ. **Neither position is scriptural.** Let us look at the facts.

Regardless of all theories one historical fact is certain, that is that the first Church work was done on the day of Pentecost. Until then the disciples had remained hidden and unknown, not attempting to do more than "go a fishing," and all students are agreed in calling this the day that transformed the ignorant fishermen into a world power. (There is deep instruction for us all in the fact that the first work done by the church for the saving of men was not done by man but by the Holy Spirit.)

It is a matter of history that in the order of time the Pentecostal baptism in the Holy Spirit was not of late experience, the mark of a high stage of development in life and work among the followers of the twelve apostles. On the contrary it was **only the beginning, a first step.** Every item in early church history is only an outgrowth of Pentecost and must be interpreted in view of the forces that began to show themselves on that day. Pentecost did not come as a result of the mighty labors of the apostles and the answer to their effectual prayers, but it was the very foundation on which all their labors stood.

Illustrations in Early Converts.

Turning from the life of the church as a whole, look at the individual member on the day of Pentecost. From Acts 2:38, 41, it is plain that on that day some three thousand people repented, were baptized unto the remission of sins and received "the gift of the Holy Spirit." They had not accepted Christ as their Savior and after some years of experience decided that they needed a Pentecost in order to live a higher life. No indeed! In the simplicity of their hearts and in utter ignorance of what it all meant they accepted the baptism in the Spirit as well as the baptism in the water. Always afterward they had to say that their Christian life began the same day as their Pentecost. **Those three thousand speaking in tongues were nothing but babes in Christ.**

The experience of the family of Cornelius (Acts 10:44-49) and of the twelve at Ephesus (Act 19:1-7) was the same; Pentecost was at the beginning, not the crowning height of their life in Christ.

Great evils and serious disasters have arisen from the **mistaken feeling** that when one is able to talk and sing in tongues he is then prepared for some unusual work, for **some high place, in the Kingdom of Heaven.** Many earnest ones have suffered from thinking that this fits any one at once to be a missionary, or a teacher or a leader. Some want to drop their ordinary occupations and enter upon the work of an evangelist or preacher when they are in no wise prepared for it. All such visions will disappear, if we will remember that in the Bible the wonderful baptism in the Spirit and fire enduing with power from on high was the **common door** through which the humblest entered into the **lowest places** in the Kingdom.

At Corinth, one who probably burned

incense to Zeus a few weeks before, after his Pentecost, would arise in the church meeting to prophecy or **speak in tongues** or interpret. But these same ones fell into grievous sins and Paul calls them "babes in Christ." (1 Cor. 3:4.) It was the disorder and irregularities among them which led to writing of the precious fourteenth chapter of this First Corinthians, where the place that Pentecostal gifts are to occupy is clearly explained so as to preserve order and decency. An exceedingly **low grade of life** is shown to exist in the church at Corinth, where all the works of the Spirit were manifested in Pentecostal fullness. The **natural, normal progress** for a man who has been living without God in this world is to become a **Pentecostal Christian** the day of his **repentance and conversion.** Those of us who have been trying to live the life and solve the problems of a child of God these many years without this peculiar baptism have been in an **artificial, forced condition**, wrong in the very fundamentals. We have been looking at God and His ways without the particular power of perception that He has provided for us. We have received marvelous blessings and have enjoyed much of Divine favor, but the lack of the peculiar **daily life** in the Spirit made possible through Pentecost has left us ignorant of some wonderful realities in the heavenlies. Not having the facts in our experience, the truths we already possess are weakened by our ignorance.

Abnormal Experiences Hinder.

In this is found one explanation of the common experience noticed by nearly every one who has seen Pentecostal meetings, that the one who has done the most and experienced the most in the Christian life is the **last to receive his Baptism**, while, on the contrary, a man may come into the meeting a scoffing unbeliever, full of sin, he is convicted, repents, is saved and baptized, leaving the room talking in tongues—he had no distorted truths to get rid of. It is very hard for us after many years of valiant warfare for Christ, to put ourselves down into the empty place of a beginner, but the scoffer knows that he is nothing but a beginner, and thus is ready to receive a beginner's privileges.

Not Just for Power.

Some are seeking the baptism in the Spirit that they may have **more power** to do their work. But such a view of this work of God is wrong both historically and experimentally. Pentecost was not a gift to Christians just to grant additional power, but to those who wished to become true followers of Christ, enduing them merely with the **power needed** by the beginner to live a true life in Christ—to be an ordinary church member. Those thus seeking power cannot expect to reach the desire of their hearts until they overcome all thoughts of service and humble themselves to the place of one who has nothing and is seeking what **God wants** him to have, to do what **God wants** him to do. We must never forget that the first Pentecost was not given to those strong in spirit glorying in victories won over the enemy, but to those **poor in spirit**, discouraged, helpless; and Pentecost seems to be reserved for the same poor spirits today. Praise God it is for "babes" and we can all become babes.

Among First Principles.

In Hebrews 6:2 "the teaching of baptisms (the plural shows more than baptism in water), and of laying on of hands" (the ceremony for receiving the Pentecostal Spirit) are the third and fourth in the list of six "first principles of Christ" that make the **"foundation"** from which we are to "press on to perfection." This is quite the opposite of the common cry that we need more power. In this passage the Spirit calls us to **correct the errors in our foundation.** All earnest souls have been troubled over the things that are wrong in our Christian life and work. In these words our attention is called to the defective foundation on which we have sought to build. **Additional power** placed on such a tottering foundation would **only ruin us.** It is pre-

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EDITORIALS

We have received the following question: "Will the Holy Ghost be lifted when Jesus comes for His church? Will there be any more chance for man to get right with God?"

If you will notice particularly John 7:37-39, you will see these words, "for the Holy Ghost was not yet given because Jesus was not yet glorified." This declaration was made in spite of the fact that Jesus was filled with the Holy Ghost; John the Baptist was filled with the Holy Ghost; Zacharias, his father, and other prophets, priests and kings were filled with the Holy Ghost down through the ages for four thousand years,—and yet the Word declares that the Holy Ghost was not yet given.

We can only come to the conclusion that this passage of scripture means the Holy Ghost was not yet given in His fullness, as was promised by Joel 2:28, and which promise was fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost when God poured out His Spirit upon all flesh according to His word.

If you will turn to II Thess. 2:6, 7, you will find these words, "And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time; for the mystery of iniquity doth already work; only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way." The word "let" in the 7th verse is an old English word which, three hundred years ago when the King James version was translated, meant to restrain or hinder, and this verse should read this way: "Only he who now restrains will restrain until he (the Holy Spirit—the restraining One) shall be taken out of the way."

We gather from this scripture that the Anti-Christ cannot be revealed until the Holy Spirit is taken out of the way. And then the question comes, "In what manner shall he be taken out of the way and how far-reaching will be the effects of such an experience?" We may say this, that the Holy Spirit will be taken out of the way or called back to the heavens in the same way that he was poured out upon the earth on the Day of Pentecost. Immediately after this has taken place, the Restraining One will no longer restrain and the Anti-Christ will be revealed who will come with all "deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish because they receive not the love of the truth that they might be saved." The only opportunity men will have then of being saved will be on the same basis that they had before the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Day of Pentecost or before the Church age was ushered in. The whole world will be on the same basis that it was on under the law of Moses before Christ came, when the last and final week of God's dealings with the Children of Israel, spoken of by Daniel in chapter 9:27 will be ushered in. Men and women will be saved during the tribulation on a different basis than the church is being saved now in the dispensation of grace. Then it will be simply a matter of the decision of the individual and those who make that decision will be "slain for the word of God and for their testimony," and they shall receive their reward and shall "stand before the Son of man," and they shall "hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any

heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." Rev. 7:16, 17.

BLESSED DAYS AT THE CLEVELAND CONVENTION.

The convention opened at Cleveland Friday, Oct. 9th., the convention here at Findlay closing the following Lord's Day, Monday morning in company with five other sisters, we left for Cleveland, the Lord having very graciously and unexpectedly opened the way for our departure the night preceding. It was an ideal ride—beautiful October weather, with the autumn glory manifest on all nature; and best of all the King of Glory within our hearts warming them with His love as we together of "like precious faith" communed with Him. Surely God is unspeakably good!

We arrived in time for the afternoon service and from then on our hearts were rested and refreshed in God. There were several features about the convention especially noteworthy to us. First, of course, and responsible for all the ensuing blessings was the unbroken spirit of harmony. God had set each worker apparently to their appointed task, and the manifest presence and moving of God left no room for judgment or criticism. Bro. J. Kline, Detroit, Mich.; Saul Baddell, Chicago, a cousin of Andrew Urshaw; Bro. McKinney, Akron, O.; Sister Scruby, Dayton, O., were among the home workers. Our Persian brother, Saul Biddell, was very refreshing in his simple, yet forceful presentation of truth. His rather hesitant use of the English language caused him to depend mightily on God, and God met him.

The witnesses from other lands were numerous, and as God had sent them, Bro. Kerr felt that for once they should have an abundance of opportunity to present their needs. The morning services were given over for the most part to prayer (Bro. Kerr called it the meeting of the "rain-workers" for the day) and the showers fell. Praise God! In every afternoon and evening service some one or two of the missionaries spoke for a short while before the regular message of the hour. Bros. J. O. Lehman, Chas. Chawner, Taylor, from Africa; Miss Fisher, soon to go to that field; Miss Hattie Hacker, Mrs. Bradbury and son Homer Bradbury, to represent India's needs; Earl W. Clark, S. America. Others came for the last Sabbath. Such altar services! Hungry hearts crowded around the platform and a host of earnest helpers to bear them up in prayer and praise. It was the sweetest, most heavenly time of all and while our very beings were flowing out in the heavenly anthem, others would be filled with His spirit and for the first time join with us in the glad hosannas. It is not to be wondered at that souls touched God for definite things—healing, salvation, filling of the Spirit.

Our return before the last Sabbath prevented our seeing the overflow which must have come on the last day of the feast. May God continue to bless the "household of God" in Cleveland with their pastor, Bro. D. W. Kerr, and his faithful wife. We rejoice with them in the pleasant, commodious little church God has given them located at the corner of White and 57th Sts. His grace and love rest upon them!—Alice R. Flower.

LAST NEWS FROM CONVENTION.

The meeting ran over until Wednesday night. The missionary offering on Sunday was \$1700.00, that is counting the pledges. Wasn't that blessed? On Sunday each missionary spoke and the time was well taken up. It was nearly six o'clock when we left to go home for supper. The church was filled at night just the same. Brother McKinney spoke Monday and Tuesday night and Bro. Biddle last night. Mr. Deline, one of our young men, has decided to go back to Africa with Brother Taylor in January. I am sure the young people here will stand back of him.—Marrion DeViney.

McCURTAIN, OKLA.

I have just closed a two weeks' meeting at a new field. 39 received the baptism as in Acts 2:4. The Lord wonderfully blessed at that place. The sick were wonderfully healed. Pray for me that the Lord may have His way with me and use me for His glory.—A. J. Cooper.

CHELSEA, MASS.

Yesterday at the morning service one dear girl was gloriously baptized in the Holy Ghost and spoke in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance, for about an hour. And in the evening a dear girl fifteen years old, came to Jesus and found cleansing from her sins. God is working and we will not stop praying until God capsizes Chelsea. Amen!—Lillie M. Walker.

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scious to be thus shown in the Word that what we need is a humble child-like laying of "foundation" instead of seeking dizzy heights of glory intended for advanced ones. Pentecost is the massive rock on which can stand the holy "sanctuary" filled with "all the fullness of God" (1 Cor. 6:19), it is not a finely carved alabaster statue placed on the pinnacle of the temple.

Let us then who delight in the joys of Pentecost remember that by this gift we are for the first time merely prepared to be common church members according to the standards of the Bible. We have now started right and must diligently study the Word anew to discover what it really teaches us we are to do and to be.

Need Not Wonder at Stumbling.

Many are stumbled by the lack of perfection in the lives of those who have received "the gift of the Holy Spirit." This difficulty vanishes when one sees that nothing has been done but to lay a foundation. Peter "dissembled" after his Pentecost. The many warnings and admonitions of the Epistles show what pitfalls and snares catch the ones who with True Pentecostal power are wrestling with principalities and powers. A new recruit cannot show the skill and finish of a veteran covered with honorable scars. There is no magic in Pentecost. We are left frail human creatures with this "treasure" in very "earthen vessels." Indeed nothing is better calculated to humble one than Pentecost, for it reveals as nothing else does the vast work yet to be done before we will be built up complete in Christ.

The Baptism and the Bride.

In regard to the Bride of the Lamb, is it not striking how utterly absent from the Word is any clear statement telling what persons are to form that glorious body? When we remember that Pentecost was the experience of every church member it is evident that not all of those thus baptized can be members of the bride. Paul himself speaks of the danger he was in lest he be rejected as not up to the standard, thus losing his "reward." (1 Cor. 9:27.) It is only those who overcome who are to receive special rewards and sit on the throne with the Son. (Rev. 3:21).

Even in the account of the marriage supper itself in Rev. 19:6-9 it is said, "Blessed are they that are bidden to the marriage supper of the Lamb." There is no passage saying that those who are the Bride are blessed!!! In the parable of the ten Virgins those who are bidden are divided into the wise and foolish—nothing is said about the bride—brides are not bidden to their own marriage supper. There is no word or suggestion that clearly indicates those of the church who are to be the bride herself.

This would tend towards the view that the bride is likely the twelve apostles a select body specially chosen for a particular place of honor. Phrophecy was silent about the twelve apostles and yet they are the foundation of the church.

The Bride a Mystery.

The glorious fifth chapter of Ephesians deepens the mystery when it speaks of the union of Christ and the Church as being that of marriage. If the church is composed of all those who have accepted Christ as their Savior and the Church as a whole is to be the bride, then there would be no one left to come as wedding guests for the supper seems to be in heaven. Any division between Jew and Gentile is absolutely cut off here by the clear statement that we are "made both one" and "the middle wall of partition" was broken down. (Eph. 2:11-22).

The bride being represented as the "New Jerusalem," a city, again deepens the mystery. These different figures used and the lack of definite details show that there are mysteries concerning the bride that are not revealed to us. Praise the Mighty Lord of Lords that we do not need to know but we do need to keep humble in the dust and fear adding anything to God's Word, or diminishing from it. (Deu. 4:2) "If any man thinketh that he knoweth anything, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know." (1 Cor. 8:2).

Pentecost Most Glorious!

These truths do not in the least lessen the power and wonder of Pentecost, which remains the greatest manifestation God has provided for his people. Even the often despised gift of speaking in tongues is so valuable that it is worth more than all the treasures of earth. He that is least in the Kingdom is greater than the greatest of those who preceded the kingdom. In comparison with the rest of the world the most insignificant member of the body of Christ is a mighty Prince and Potentate—that is Christ's own judgment. This difference is due to the fact that the least member is supposed to have received the mighty Pentecostal baptism of power.

Pentecostal Notes on International Sunday School Lesson

By MRS. A. R. FLOWER

Nov. 8, 1914.

SOWING AND REAPING. (Temperance Lesson).

Lesson Text—Gal. 6:1-10. Golden Text—Whatever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Gal. 6:7.

Leading Thought—Seedtime and harvest.

1. Our Attitude toward an erring brother. (Vs. 1-5) Paul's admonition to the Galatians is most emphatically needed today. May the Holy Spirit back it home to our hearts in just that meaning intended by God in its inspiration. 2 Tim. 3:16, 17. We are not expected to condone sins and willful inconsistencies; but "if a man be overtaken in a fault," then are we who have received of His Spirit made responsible for the restoration of the dislocated member to its proper place in the body. 1 Cor. 12:12, 14, 27. Hasty judgment, harsh criticisms can never accomplish this; it takes the meekness and tenderness of Christ Himself wrought out in our hearts. To find fault with a brother behind his back is very easy; to tell him of his weakness in a humble, helpful way requires grace. 2 Tim. 2:24-26. It is the spiritual meaning of "when thou seest the naked that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh." Isa. 58:7. Many who profess great spirituality are too ready to unclothe their brethren. God grant us who have known the deep moving of God in the baptism of the Holy Ghost to cease from a selfish independence of spirit and heed the injunction "Bear ye one another's burdens." Mark also that all-important thing to be considered—"thyself, lest thou also be tempted." 1 Cor. 10:12. Naught whereof to boast in ourselves—for it is all of His grace—it behooves us to walk humbly before our God and fellow men. V. 3 A haughty, self-important bearing ill becomes a child of God, and invariably precedes humiliation of some form or other. 1 Pet. 5:5. Prov. 16:18. Such a man "deceiveth himself." The very thing we see so prominent in others most likely is even more evident in ourselves. Watch that the very flaws we so quickly find in our brother's

work do not still more sadly mar our own. V. 4. "For every man shall bear his own burden,"—implying that personal accountability to God which no man can shirk or lay upon another.

2. The eternal harvest. (Vs. 6-10) One little word Paul drops in V. 6—on contributing to the support of their spiritual teachers. It suggests the exchange of benefits enlarged on by Paul in Rom. 15:27, 1 Cor. 9:11, 14. And now comes the impressive lesson on sowing and reaping—a figure often used throughout the Bible. Psa. 126:6; Prov. 11:18; 22:8; Hos. 8:7; Matt. 13:3-30; Jas. 5:7. God's laws for both natural and spiritual things are based upon this unquestionable principle. Its unflinching action on things temporal should forever settle any doubt as to its power over things eternal. "God is not mocked." (V. 7)—A harvest time is sure. Then Paul briefly yet forcefully opens the two vistas: the sowing to the flesh, which, being only corruption, can but promise only a like harvest; the sowing to the Spirit, which, being life, promises a glorious harvest of "life everlasting." While the first sowing broadly applies to a life lived apart from God, still in its narrower application applies to many points in the lives of God's children. Much of our zeal and work is fleshly endeavor, bringing little glory to God, and no promise of reward to us. We sow hasty criticisms, petty jealousies, unkind words, ungrounded suspicions, unholy motives, cruel divisions, then wonder why these very things return upon our own heads. Ah, verily, "God is not mocked." Solemn it is for us to consider. How encouraging the contrasted picture—the sowing unto life eternal! "Blessed are they that sow beside all waters." Well worth the self-denial, the suffering so often involved in sowing the good seed. "Let us not be weary" for "we shall reap." The same Lord of harvests—the same certainty of a reaping time. Slow we oftentimes think in coming, but remember "He ever abideth faithful." The last verse (V. 10) is a return to the thought of V. 6—one important phase of sowing being our ministering to the needs of our brethren. Eccles. 11:1.

Not Experience, But Christ.

This power is the endowment of a babe in Christ, it is not reserved for those high in authority bearing the great responsibilities. Unless this is kept in mind we are almost certain to fall into the condemnation of the Devil, having insensibly been lifted up in pride with the feeling that we have been specially set apart for some high honor.

There is only one place that our eyes can rest in safety, that is upon our risen Lord. (Col. 3:1-3). To turn them upon the work or service we are performing is to walk into the waves of deception always ready to engulf the unwary. This is the road that ends in deserving the fearful title of "sounding brass and clanging cymbals" in I. Cor. 13. That chapter is the warning given to those who have been filled with the Holy Spirit lest they be cast into outer darkness with the terrible decision, "I never knew you, depart from me, ye that work iniquity (or lawlessness)." (Mat. 7:23). "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."—A. E. S.

YOUR REPORT WAS PUBLISHED.

Some have sent us in a report of the work in their section and then have wondered because they did not see the report in the Word and Witness. The reason is very easily understood when explained and so we call your attention to this announcement. All articles and reports that are at all suitable for publication are published in the Christian Evangel, the weekly paper. At the end of the month, this material, which has already appeared in the weekly, is carefully gone over and selected for the Word and Witness. Unfortunately over half of the material which has appeared in the weekly is crowded out of the Word and Witness because of lack of space. There is no discrimination against reports of any certain persons but all have an equal chance of seeing their article in print, and if it doesn't appear, it is because there was no room for it and your article or report happened to be the one which was crowded out. But don't forget that your article has appeared in the weekly even though it did not get in the monthly paper. We trust this will answer the queries of some of our subscribers and contributors.

LOS ANGELES CONVENTION.

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NOVEMBER 15th to 29th, 1914.

The next meeting of the General Council of the Assemblies of God in the United States, Canada and foreign lands will be at The Stone Church, corner 37th and Indiana Ave., Chicago, Ill.

ALL ARE INCLUDED.

Remember that all Pentecostal preachers and all Pentecostal Missions, Full Gospel Assemblies, Apostolic Faith Assemblies, Churches of God in Christ and other assemblies of similar faith, regardless of their local names, are expected to send representatives. If you believe in the Full Gospel, the Baptism of the Holy Ghost with the signs following, believe in pushing this great message of full salvation through our missionaries to the ends of the earth, if you believe in love, purity, peace and co-operation, then you are invited, regardless of your local name.

Now Chicago is big enough to hold all who come, so begin to pray and make your plans for expenses to come, and then come up and counsel with us in the "fulness of the blessing of Christ."

As the General Council in Chicago is only two weeks off, once more we make full announcement and especially urge all the saints everywhere who value Christian fellowship and co-operation to come up with us and counsel together for the advancement of the Work of the Lord. Let all who cannot come pray especially for Divine Counsel and wisdom to rest upon those participating in this great gathering.

THE NATURE OF THE COUNCIL.

This is not particularly a great revival meeting, where special workers are invited by personal letter to come and preach to the people. Ample provision will be made for ministry and revival work, but particularly this is a council of preachers, workers, evangelists and laymen who have the extension of the Kingdom of God at heart and who come together, regardless of petty doctrines and beliefs, to consider scriptural methods of unity, fellowship, work and business for God, and to disapprove of unscriptural methods and conduct, "endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace until we all come into the unity of the faith, and the knowledge of the Son of God, etc."

NO POWER TO LEGISLATE.

This council is absolutely non-sectarian in spirit and has no power to legislate or form laws and articles of faith, or have jurisdiction over its members, creating unscriptural lines of fellowship and disfellowship, nor does it through name or action in any way separate itself from other portions of the General Assembly (church) of the first born. All the council can do is to consider methods for cementing together the hearts of the Pentecostal people as one in effective service for God and lost souls.

GREAT PROBLEMS TO BE SOLVED.

Every local work in this country has had its problems which have to be met squarely and solved. The general work also has its problems, both in home and foreign fields. These problems will be brought up before the assembled brethren in Chicago and through earnest prayer and counsel must be solved to the satisfaction of all the brethren. Let every delegate to this council come prepared to present these perplexing matters which pertain to the future success of the work of God entrusted to us and also to act in conjunction with all the brethren in solving the same.

LESSONS FROM THE HOT SPRINGS GENERAL COUNCIL.

The General Council which met in Hot Springs, Ark., last April, was patterned according to the Scriptural example in Acts 15. This council was remarkable in many respects. Preachers and delegates from many points were present who widely differed in matters of doctrine and practices, and yet who were determined that nothing should be enacted which would be contrary to the Scriptures and to their own consciences. That this was fulfilled was manifested by the fact that every resolution which was brought before the house was unanimously passed with the exception of one. In this case, there were only two or three dissenting votes. A number of times, half prepared resolutions were presented but were returned back to the resolution committee to be thoroughly gone into with the Word of God and prayer, and when this was done, they were passed without a dissenting vote. Truly how blessed it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. This fact demonstrates that the Holy Spirit had control of the council and when any

measures were presented which were not according to the Spirit and the Word, they were sent back to be prepared all over again. We expect that this condition shall prevail in the November General Council in Chicago and that the brethren who come to this Council shall lay aside all difference of teaching and practices and labor together with one heart and soul for the extension of the Work of the Lord and the Kingdom of God.

A BRIGHT PROSPECT.

The prospects are bright for a most glorious and fully representative meeting. We have heard from the East, the West, the North and the South of representatives of Pentecostal and Apostolic Faith Assemblies who will be sent to this council, and who will come expecting to do things for the betterment of the work in home and foreign fields. Let every reader of our papers encourage the brethren to send representatives and pray mightily that God will be glorified in this great gathering together of His Full Gospel ministers and workers.

ACCOMMODATIONS IN CHICAGO.

An effort will be made to entertain free, all ordained ministers and delegates of assemblies that come to the meeting on real business for the King. Visitors from the saints and assemblies everywhere will be welcome, but it is expected the numbers will be so great as to make it impossible to give free entertainment to everybody. But, plenty of rooms and board at reasonable rates can be had not far from the Stone Church. Every effort will be made to locate comfortably all visitors where they can easily pay their own bills. All visitors, all delegates and ministers alike will be expected to pay their own fare to and from. Do not write the Committee about this. If you need fare, ask your own saints at home for it. They can provide for one more easily than the Stone Church can provide for 1,000. But, let all come and come praying. A most glorious time is expected.

Before writing for information, read the above through and see if your question is not already answered. If you are a minister or delegate from an Assembly, just send in your name and address and tell them so, and you can then come on in assurance whether you get an answer or not. If you are a visitor, just come on; no need to write about entertainment. A committee will meet you at the Stone Church when you arrive with all the information you need right on the spot. But, if you really need information, be free to write. For all information address: **General Council Committee, 3616 Prairie Ave., Chicago, Ill.**

The twelve Presbyters now acting for the General Council are as follows:

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CHICO, CAL.

We have opened up our new hall. People are hungry for more of God, and praying for a mighty revival. The mission hall is situated between Wall and Flume Sts. on 6th. Meetings every night and all day Sunday—Mr. and Mrs. T. Baird.

REPENTANCE.

Jesus came to settle the sin question. Sin was the great barrier that separated man from God. In His wisdom God devised a plan, and the first step in that plan was for sinful man to repent. His plan has never changed. It was perfected and has never failed when properly followed. But the stubborn, rebellious heart of fallen humanity does not like to repent. It is a cross to his very nature and will only be followed by him in his greatest extremity. When the law says, "The soul that sinneth it must die." (Ezek. 18:3) and has driven him as a schoolmaster to Christ (Gal. 3:24) where he may find redemption through the precious blood. For he has made peace for us through the blood of his cross (Col. 1:20). Hallelujah for such a Saviour!

No deep, far-reaching effectual revival ever came about without the preaching of repentance—a Godly sorrow for sin. This was brought out by the pointing out of the sins of the age. Amen. God's first call to man is to repentance. He is a God of order and requires of us to put first things first, and the sooner we as His teachers, preachers and witnesses, get in divine order and in perfect harmony with His will the sooner He will be enabled to pour out His Spirit. Our part is to give out the Word and His to bless the Word, Isa. 55:11.

Speaking of the ministry of John the Baptist, the scriptures tell us (Matt. 3:1 and 2) "He came preaching and his first words were 'Repent ye.'" He pointed out to those Pharisees and Sadducees their viper-like sins, and required of them to bring forth fruits of repentance before he would receive them. He asked of them to make wrongs right and restore things taken, when possible (Ezek. 33:15, and Luke 19:8).

We might have expected this kind of preaching under the law in the dispensation of the Father, but the nature of sin never changes. Therefore it always takes Repentance to get the blood applied (1st John 1:9). So we find under grace in the dispensation of the Son, Jesus who is called the Christ. It was said of Him that "He spake as never man spake"; also, "as one having authority." In the three years of His matchless ministry (Matt. 4:17) His first words were as John's "Repent ye for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

Divine love only will enable one to preach repentance aright and say as Paul, "I am pure from the blood of all men, for I have not shunned to declare all the counsel of God." Acts 20: 26, 27.

Just before His departure, Jesus told his disciples to go and preach repentance and remission of sins to all nations (Luke 24:47). They obeyed his command and we find Peter at Pentecost, in the blazing light of the Holy Ghost dispensation, telling the great multitude to repent, after having pointed out to them the fact that their murderous hearts had caused them to crucify the innocent son of God. The blessing of God followed and multitudes were led to repentance. We find too that repentance was not for the Jews only, as some in the assemblies, who ought to know better, would have us believe. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge," God says (Hosea 4:6).

God wanted to bring salvation to the Gentiles. He appeared in a vision to Cornelius and told him to send for Simon Peter and he would tell him what he ought to do (Acts 10:6). God also prepared Peter's heart to tell the Gentiles of this wonderful salvation. A little band of hungry souls were gathered at Cornelius' house and Peter met them and told them that God was no respecter of persons (Acts 10:34) and that if they would meet the conditions of repentance towards God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, He would grant unto them remission of sins. It was welcome news to them and they believed and immediately they received the promise of the Father and the Holy Ghost witnessed through them by speaking in tongues the wonderful works of God as at Pentecost, Acts 10:46. To make the evidence good and strong for the Jews' sake, God had sent six other Jews with Peter, making seven,—a perfect number of witnesses (Acts 11:12). They were much surprised (Acts 10:45) but had to admit the fact to their brethren, that God had granted repentance to the Gentiles, (Acts 11:18).

We find Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, confirming the fact, and when preaching to the Athenians at Mars Hill, he went to the greatest extreme when he said to them—"but now God commandeth all men everywhere to repent", thus covering the whole ground and taking in all mankind. The remedy is as great as the disease. Repentance is not only an assent of the mind to the sinfulness of sin, but a renouncing of it in the heart, a letting go of it. The young

lady's parents found that her lover was a bad man, not a suitable companion for her. They warned her and she assented to it and told him to be gone. He hesitated. She told him again and insisted that he go. He replied, "I will, but you will have to let go of my hand first,"—and this is just the trouble oftentimes. People assent with their minds but fail to let go in their hearts. "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." Prov. 28:13.—W. F. Harlow, San Diego, Cal.

GENERAL CONVENTION OF PENTECOSTAL SAINTS AND ASSEMBLIES OF GOD, OF THE SOUTHERN STATES, TO BE HELD AT MERIDIAN, MISS.

Dec. 15th to 20th.

We desire at this time to make this preliminary announcement of the General Meeting so that workers far and near, at home and abroad may side-track everything else and be present. Laymen, as well as preachers, are invited. Especially do we urge all elders, pastors, ministers, evangelists and missionaries, to be present.

This call is to all churches of the Assemblies of God, to all Pentecostal or Apostolic Faith Assemblies who desire, with united purpose, to cooperate in love and peace to push the interests of the Kingdom of God everywhere. This meeting is for the saints who believe in the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, with the signs following, Acts 2:4; 10:46; 19:6; Mark 16:16-18; I Cor. 12:8-11. This convention is not for any captious, contrary or contentious person, but there will be liberty to take up any subject desired.

PURPOSES.

1st: We come together that we may have a better understanding of what God would have us teach, that some divisions may be done away with. Let us come together as in Acts 15, to study the Word, and pray with and for each other. UNITY is our chief aim.

2nd: We come together that we may know how to conserve the work,—(that we may not tear down) both in home and foreign lands.

3rd: We come together for another reason,—that we may have a better understanding of the needs of each field of labor, and may know better how to work together to strengthen the work, that we may discourage wasting money on those who are running here and there and doing nothing, and may concentrate our support on those who mean business for our King.

ENTERTAINMENT.

Let those who come, come prepared to entertain themselves. If you have not the means, however, come anyway, trusting in the Lord. Efforts will be made to entertain those who may come. Board and lodging can be had very reasonably. For further information, write H. G. Rodgers, 218 Division Ave., Jackson, Tenn., or C. O. Waltman, 1517 Thirteenth Ave., Meridian, Miss.

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HOME MISSIONARY WORK

Every Pentecostal, Spirit Baptized Saint is a "Witness" for Jesus for that was why the Holy Spirit was given. See Acts 1:8. But some do not know how to witness or else are naturally timid about approaching a stranger and enquiring about the welfare of his soul. But everybody can hand out papers and tracts and do home missionary work in this way, and therefore we make the following bundle offers on our papers and tracts to help the good work along.

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PENTECOSTAL CONVENTIONS

ENTER MEETING IN CHICAGO.

It is announced that Mrs. M. B. W. Euter will commence a campaign in Chicago, Ill. beginning October 10th and continuing throughout the month. The meetings will be held at Englewood Gospel Tabernacle, West 65th St. and Wentworth Ave. Meetings daily at 10 a. m., 2:30 and 7:00 p. m. Address F. T. Bernauer, 6429 Normal Blvd., Chicago, Ill., Chairman of Committee.

GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 15th to 29th.
This General Council will consist of representative brethren and preachers of the whole Pentecostal Movement in the United States, Canada and foreign lands, no matter what may be the names of their local assemblies. All Pentecostal Missions, Full Gospel Assemblies, Apostolic Faith Assemblies, Churches of God in Christ, and other assemblies of like faith, regardless of local names, are hereby invited to send representatives to this General Council to confer with the brethren in the matters of the Kingdom of God which may be brought up for discussion and prayer. For information see the September No. Word and Witness or No. 58 Christian Evangel. Write for information as to accommodations etc. to General Council Committee, 3616 Prairie Ave., Chicago, Ill.

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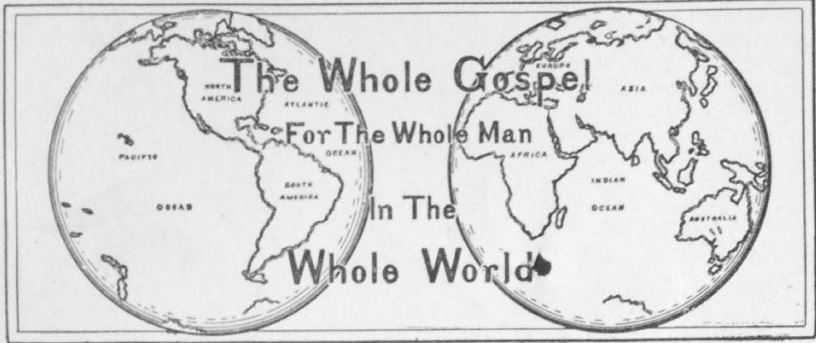
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B. S. MOORE AND WIFE,
Japan.

We can report victory. A revival spirit is coming on. A number were saved at the last service. Part of them were clear conversions, and the next day two were saved, two young ladies, and they went away very happy. The weather is cooler and we will all feel better. We are praying for a consecrated "cook" to relieve us of that part of the work. We cannot rely on the unsaved Japanese. Maybe someone is called to do this kind of work. We should be so glad to have them come.

VERA BARNARD,
So, Africa.

Psalm 91. God has been as a wall of fire about me, and I realize that "where sin did abound Grace doth much more abound." So I am believing this for this wicked city and especially for the section in which I live. Evangelistic bands are being sent to different centers. God is working. People are being awakened and are seeing that prophecy is being fulfilled and that Jesus is coming soon. Praise His name that all these disasters cannot break our communion with Him. We have telegraphic connection with the heavenly headquarters. Pray for us.

B. BERNTSEN,
China.

At our recent Conference we had a blessed time. 24 missionaries from different parts of North and Central China were present. Bro. W. W. Simpson, formerly of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, was in charge of the Conference, and he gave us many helpful points and was surely a great blessing to the Chinese Christians. One missionary brother received his baptism. Three more are seeking. Two of our Chinese workers were renewed, or received a more wonderful experience and many of the other Chinese brothers were under the power of God, but did not get through. Seven were baptized in water during the Conference, which lasted 12 days. We are pressing on. Many are interested here. There is some starvation in this district as the locusts are eating up the crops in some places. In others the water has drowned the crops. In still other places there has been no rain. Poor people! Pray that they may know their Saviour, and pray for us that we may follow in His steps so as to represent Him there in humility and power. They must see Jesus in us. That is the greatest sermon we can preach. If we do not practice what we preach, we are of no use to them.

CHARLES S. LEONARD,
Jerusalem.

At the beginning of this war when for a while completely shut out from the other parts of the world (no letters coming) the Lord very definitely gave "Our God is able to make all grace abound unto you that ye having all sufficiency in all things may abound unto every good work." The Lord has been true in laying an all-sufficiency right alongside of us. Potatoes, rice and sugar have gone away up and they say no more is coming in. But our little band of Pentecostal workers are hopeful knowing that our bread and water are assured. Since May 9th we have had services in our hall every night. In the meantime a number of Jews, Mohammedans and nominal Christians have heard the Gospel and been warned about the soon coming of Jesus. We have had both Jews and Mohammedans say that all this trouble certainly must mean the soon coming of Jesus.

We desire to be a Gideon band standing in our place and seeing the power of God fall. We trust all will pray for us to this end and also pray for the "Peace of Jerusalem." Ever since the war we have been under martial law. Most of the carriage horses and the mules for wagons were, on short notice, appropriated for military service without money. Much sorrow has been over Jerusalem. We praise God for the peace

He has been giving some of His children.

H. W. CRAGIN,
So, America.

We trust before many weeks to be settled again with a permanent address among the poor oppressed Indians in "The Land of the Incas." How it should stir hearts in the lands called Christian to think of hundreds of tribes in the forests of interior S. America to whom Christ has never been preached! And He is coming soon to take account of our stewardship. Who will say, "Here am I Lord; send me?"

BROTHER AND SISTER PERKINS.

We came here (Plainfield, N. J.) on the first of October, expecting to go right on to New York City to fix our date for sailing and to purchase provisions, outfit, etc. for Liberia, but found a letter from one of our missionaries advising us to postpone sailing until conditions were improved in West Africa, as things are really in a bad state there. The Liberians are starving. The native rice crop was only a one-fourth yield. Prices had more than doubled for what little could be bought. No rain falling and no ships calling.

We received word from our agents in Liverpool, England that ships are now sailing about twice a month to West Africa and that they had sent on an order of provisions to our missionaries there. Pray that they may receive this order safely. Steamship rates have raised 25 per cent and when last we heard, several of our party were still short on passage money. This raise means \$50.00 more on each ticket. Pray that none may be kept from going for lack of funds, and also that before many more days pass we may be permitted to set sail for Liberia.

WM. G. WALLIS,
London, Eng.

So glad to know you are to have a great General Convention in Chicago next month. How I should love to be with you all at that time, for everything over here, sad to say, seems dried up,—no warmth, no liberty. We can only hope it is the forerunner of a great outpouring that is coming all over the world at the close of this present war. Of course it has played awful havoc in this little England of ours,—mothers parting with sons, and wives with husbands, finances tied up. Missionary societies are feeling it everywhere. Have had a few opportunities of breaking the bread of life to a few hungry souls. We are surely not far from the time of His coming to reign. Hallelujah! I expect this war will bring in the ten-toed Kingdom of Daniel's image, usher in the rise of the Anti-Christ in person, his seven years covenant with our brethren the Jews, the final struggle of Armageddon and the descent of Jesus as Conqueror and King. "Even so, come quickly Lord Jesus." Please pray that the way may be opened for me to be present with you in November.

A. ELIZABETH BROWN,
Jerusalem.

There is much suffering among the poor. A death from starvation has been reported by a friend. The rich are as helpless as the poor and the foreigners and the native people stand on a common level. Many of the English missionaries have had to return home and most of the schools and hospitals have had to close. Food stuffs are getting dearer and if present conditions continue long they must become very scarce. We know all this spells the coming of Jesus. We wonder what each new day has in store for us. The prospects of the work brighten and the opportunities increase from day to day. We long to be able to push out into village work as never before for the people's hearts are being greatly stirred by these conditions. There is greater willingness to hear the Gospel than ever before. "Men's hearts are (literally) failing them for fear" of what they see is coming to pass so shortly. Please pray with renewed earnestness for the revival which we feel must come soon.

God has sent me a precious helper in the person of a dear German girl whose heart burns for the salvation of souls. My Bible woman was married lately but one and perhaps two

may come in the fall for training. Pray also for a young Jewess who may not be far from the Kingdom.

TOPEKA, KANSAS.

The meeting at McCracken was a time of seed-sowing. Quite a number became interested and we look for a harvest. God is blessing here and souls are coming to God. We feel the spirit of revival in our midst, and are believing for great victory.—C. E. Foster.

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA.
Bethel Assembly.

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth."

God has been working in San Jose. Brother Huffman was with us early in the spring, assisted afterwards by Bro. Webster and Bro. Overstreet. A number have received healing and about 16 have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and quite a number received salvation. We are still looking up for greater things. We need your prayers for the work has just begun.—M. A. Heinlen, Secretary, 580 No. 1st St.

LAUREL, MISS.

God is putting His Seal of approval on the meeting here and the revival spirit is truly with us. Sunday the mighty power of God came upon the service in waves. A number went through to victory and we are looking to God for a wonderful time in the name of Jesus.

To one poor man, a shoe-string peddler—we gave the message of salvation—preached to him Jesus. He came that evening and gave his heart to God and now, with a heavenly smile on his weather-beaten face, we hear him testify in the meetings. Thank God, the love of Jesus makes us search for these diamonds in the rough. One who has compromised and withstood us in the meetings has been melted and he has come back to the fold and has gone to his home happy and praising God. About a dozen have found Jesus. The saints have been refreshed and the church in general is rejoicing in the Holy Ghost! Pray for us.—J. L. Slay.

Important Notice

As we have stated in previous issues of the paper, the war has greatly disturbed conditions in some of the foreign fields and money which is not sent to missionaries under the regulations made for this time, and until conditions are improved, is likely to be lost entirely. Hence we should urge all those desiring to send money to the missionaries, that they send through the Gospel Publishing House, and thus small amounts can be sent in the proper way in one draft so that the whole will be protected. This is being urged also by other missionary societies and we trust our readers will take this precaution. Send all funds for this purpose to E. N. Bell, Treas., Findlay, Ohio.

BLAINE, WEST VIRGINIA.

The revival is great. We were unable to keep account of the number saved and baptized. We started to but so many received the blessing in their homes and in the mines. 77 have been baptized in water. I was obliged to leave there with 30 or more seekers at the altar. Bro. McCauley will continue with the meetings. There is much conviction on the people. The best of the church members have been baptized in the Holy Ghost and we ordained one of their best men to preach this glorious Gospel.

One woman who was blind for years in one eye was healed in answer to prayer, and can now see.—Elder A. B. Cox.

OMAHA, NEB.

Brother Gaskill and I have opened a mission here in Omaha and it is the only mission standing for the full Gospel. The field is large and there are many adversaries. Please pray that God will mightily pour out His Spirit and give us a revival. The mission is located at 123 No. 12th St. We have called it the "Assembly of God" with meetings every night and Sunday beginning at two p. m.—Fred E. Poole.

GREAT BEND, KANSAS.

There is a number of hungry souls here who are interested in this glorious Pentecostal truth. The Lord recently healed a young woman here in a wonderful way and has given her new strength. Meetings are blessed at times, but we look for more of God's power.—E. V. Jennison.

"DREAMS AND VISIONS."

Joel 2:28.

About thirty days before this great European war the Lord gave me a vision of a great army of men equipped, like a regular army, with guns, and about fifteen days after the war broke out I was shown another great army of men crowded up together fighting, some using clubs, some guns and some bayonets. I saw men falling to the ground dead. Some resembled skeletons, from starvation, and were barely able to walk. I trust I shall never see this in real life; it was so terrible.

In a dream, I seemed to be called out to preach the Word to an audience. We were in a large building. After I had preached, a man stood up before the people and said: "All who are ready for the Kingdom of heaven, stand up." There were so few it would have been no trouble to count them. It is sad to really know there are so few who will be ready and fit for the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus said "Many are called but few are chosen." Matt. 20:16. So the "last shall be first and the first shall be last." His coming back to earth again will be very soon. It is even at the very doors. I praise God that I am one of His chosen vessels. "Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in His commandments." Ps. 112:1. "I will praise the Lord with my whole heart in the assembly of the upright and in the congregation."—T. F. Hopkins, R. I, Puxico, Mo.

PILOT POINT, TEXAS.

I want those who have sown the seed at this place to know it has not been in vain. Some have fallen on good ground and begun to grow. The church here is in perfect unity and God is blessing us. We have put to flight the spirit of strife and learned to dwell together in unity of the Spirit. Therefore, God is meeting with us and blessing in many ways. Pray for God's blessing to continue to fall. We realize we are living in the age of a great sifting. The church is being sifted as never before and a falling away taking place. We are looking for a mighty outpouring. Pray for us.—Henry Burch.

PARAGOULD, ARK.

God has been saving many here and baptizing them with the Holy Ghost. About the latter part of August Brother D. G. Daily and Bro. Drew and wife held a three weeks meeting. Since its close we have been conducting cottage prayer meetings and the Lord has blessed our work from the start. A number have been saved and twenty-six have been filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke as the Spirit gave utterance in other tongues, according to Acts 2:4. Seventeen were baptized in water and many cases of healing in Jesus' name are reported. The total number of workers baptized in the Spirit is 30 and we expect to erect a tabernacle before long. There is yet a great wave of conviction upon the town. Satan is stirred but we know God is with us. Let us pray for the latter-rain to be increased. God has promised that "in the last days I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh." (Acts 2:17). Since then, God has given us these promises and is fulfilling them before our eyes and giving us the like gift as He did unto those who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ on the day of Pentecost, what is man that he can withstand God? Brothers Ed Adams, Montgomery and Eilsley, of Memphis, Tenn., will begin a meeting here Oct. 23rd. Please pray that God will sweep the town with deep conviction and that He may raise up a strong assembly here.—J. H. Law.

WAURIKA, OKLA.
Preacher Wanted.

We had a good meeting here. Nine received the baptism; 8 were saved and 14 were baptized in water. Several were healed. We want to have the meeting go on all winter and need a good shepherd to take charge of the work—one that don't exalt "works of grace" for it is Grace all the way through.—Address J. A. Woods.

HEALED OF TYPHOID.

How I love Jesus and praise Him for His wonderful healing touch! I was almost dead of typhoid fever and pneumonia and was poor and my friends said I would die. But bless His Holy name, I was healed through the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, and am still healed and saved and sanctified. Jesus is all to me. We cannot understand all the ways that God leads us but we know He will guide us with His eye and we shall "understand it better by and by." I praise God for the baptism of the Holy Ghost and the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues.

The Lord satisfies me with "honey out of the rock" and feeds me with the "finest of the wheat." Praise His dear name! — Emma Sutton, Livingston, Texas.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Pray for an invalid sister in Long Island, New York, who wants healing for God's glory. Has been an invalid for a long time and has suffered much the past year from rheumatism.

From Blackstone, Virginia: Please pray that God will send some of His baptized saints here to preach the full Gospel. There is no one here for miles around, that I know of, who has received the Holy Ghost.—W. T. Birsch.

Please pray for me and my whole family that we may have eternal life and pray that our baby may be healed of kidney trouble.—Mrs. J. W. McCown, Aberdeen, Miss.

Please pray for me that I may see without glasses and that my faith in His power to heal may be stronger.—E. Whitecotton, Geren, Ark.

Please pray for me and this place, which is a hard one.—B. Call, Strum, Wis.

The prayers of all God-fearing and Christian people are requested for the healing of chronic diarrhoea, pains in the spine, and opium habit caused by these bodily afflictions. Let all of God's children unite in prayer for the healing of a suffering sister in Christ, 65 years old.

Pray that I may be healed of catarrh, stomach trouble and rupture. Also that God will save and baptize my family and two saved neighbors. Pray for Texarkana as our mission has been broken up.—Walter Mortensen.

LOLA, KY.

God is working here. A few days ago a brother who recently received the baptism of the Holy Ghost felt impressed to go a few miles in the country to see the wife of a relative who had recently undergone a dangerous operation. He and his wife prayed for her without any seeming improvement. Upon reaching home they began to wrestle with God on her behalf and the same night this sick sister sprang out of bed and shouted all over the place and praised God for making her every whit whole. She is now seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost and is going about doing her own work. Last week an elderly sister having for years walked with a cane because of a severe case of rheumatism, was instantly healed in answer to prayer of faith, and has since been walking without her cane and praising God.—Edith Moore.

FORREST CITY, ARK.

We have had a fine meeting. The Lord met us with His mighty power. We had large crowds and much interest. Eight were wonderfully saved and the same number baptized with the Holy Ghost. Others are seeking.—Chas. Williamson.

WETUMKA, OKLA.

God has wonderfully blessed here. Fourteen have been saved and one has received the Holy Ghost, with Bible evidence. At the baptismal service yesterday the power of God fell upon the people and during the service some were saved by the water's side. Praise God for His love to us.—S. J. Berryhill.

DOVER, ARK.

A special plea was made in a recent issue of this paper for clothing for the poor mountain people of Arkansas to be sent to Lee Floyd. Please notice that only clothing sent by parcel post should go to Dover, Ark., and if sent by freight or express it should be sent to Russellville, Ark. Dover is nine miles from the railroad and freight or express could not be sent to that place. Any old clothing sent will be greatly appreciated.—Lee Floyd, Dover, Ark.

NEEDS A GOOD WORKER.

The Lord is blessing us here in the hills of south-east Missouri. There are nineteen who have received the Baptism of the Spirit. A number of places here are ripe for the Gospel of Jesus! We need a good worker and ask all to pray for us that God will send us help.—Wm. E. Giles, Hiram, Mo.

MARLOW, OKLA.

We have been continually in the work holding meetings since May. The last meeting closed about Sept. 20th at Alma, Okla.—about 35 miles south-east of Marlow. It was considered a hard place but God gave us a wonderful meeting, saving ten and baptizing 10 with the Holy Ghost. Seven were baptized in water. Will the saints please pray that we may be used to reach other lost souls.—W. T. McLaughlin.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

God is giving us victory and is gathering His saints in blessed fellowship and unity, and has definitely answered prayer. Some have found Jesus and others have been healed and baptized in the Holy Ghost. Let the saints in Texas pray especially for San Antonio. Services at present are at S. Flores St. and Glenn Ave. in the Shoe Factory.—F. Eiting, 3428 S. Flores St.