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IS EUROPEAN WAR JUSTIFIABLE?

Interesting Editorials Copied From "Confidence" Showing the Attitude of the Pentecostal Brethren in Various Parts of Europe Toward the War.

Everywhere now in the countries that are at war are homes where there is mourning, and hospitals full of wounded. Here, in Sunderland, are three regular hospitals and two voluntary hospitals full of our soldiers, and many brave Belgian soldiers also.

In our Parish Hall, instead of our Annual Tea there was a lecture on Belgium, illustrated by recent photographs. A dozen wounded soldiers were brought in motor cars from the hospital where our elder daughter helps. They were welcomed with loving rounds of cheers often repeated. But the dear Belgians afterwards had a sad night thinking over their desolated homes and lost dear ones. One of the Belgian soldiers wept all night, and the others were grieving greatly. Poor Belgium!

Our dear German brethren think that the eyes of English people have been blinded or they would not have sought to defend Belgium and France. We in turn are quite sure that our beloved friends—we mean the more deeply spiritual Christians in Germany—cannot have had the truth made clear to them. Germany has been preparing for war and England has not. If Germany had stayed within her borders and defended them, we might have believed she did not want war. But she ravaged Belgium and hoped to get to Paris quickly.

German newspapers, etc., say that we would have invaded Belgium if we could and attacked Germany that way. But we did not. Nearly all English people would have protested if our Government had so violated her word and if she had so terribly outraged poor Belgium. Recruiting would have been hopeless, and it would have been impossible to have gotten Englishmen to fight. Awful as war is, it would be worse to stand by and make no effort to protect the weak. Better to fall as a nation than to stand by and see those crushed whom we have promised to help. We can pray for our dear sailors and soldiers with a clear conscience in God's sight. We will pray for victory!

Yes, let us all pray and humble ourselves, and turn more fully to God. Our nation deserves chastisement, and she is passing through it now. We acknowledge our national and individual transgressions, and place them under the precious Blood, and accept the Victory of Calvary over the hosts of spiritual wickedness who are behind all this terrible and bitter strife. We had a wonderful time of prayer on the night of October 28th, and I ask my readers to join again in such a time of prayer on Wednesday, December 2nd, beginning at 10 p. m. A quick answer came to our prayers last time. Let us pray again trustfully and believe that God hears and answers prayer.

We print this letter from Pastor Polman:—

Hij, die te komen staat, zal komen. Hen niet vertoeven.—Heb. x 37.

Dear Pastor Boddy,
"Grace be unto you, and peace, from Him which is, and which was, and which is to come."

How blessed it is that we are living in this wonderful reality, that He who was is to come again. In the midst of this terrible war, we may look up and lift up our heads, for our redemption draweth nigh.

I believe that this present war is a sign of the soon coming of our dear Lord, and as God's children we have not to fear, but rejoice in the fact that prophecy is fulfilling rapidly. But there is the terrible suffering of so many millions, and we cannot be indifferent about that. Our part is to do what we can to help the needy ones, and bring the gospel of peace to them who are in unrest.

I am glad that we could do something for some of them. For two months we had two families from Antwerp in our home, and I have had the privilege to visit Germany, England and Belgium since the War commenced and preach the Gospel. In England I went to the camp of the German prisoners of about 2,000 soldiers

with the Bros. Booth-Clibborn, George Jeffreys, Dr. Phair, and others, and we got permission from the Commandant of the camp to speak to them and circulate Gospels and tracts. They listened very attentively for two hours, and responded to what was said. We told them that we had nothing to do with war, but to bring to them the Gospel of Christ. After the meeting two came to us and said: "We belong also to Christ."

It was a wonderful sight to see about 1,500 of them, very nice looking young men in their uniforms, without arms, standing earnestly listening to the Message which was given by each of us, never to forget. This meeting burned so in my heart that I went to the Scripture Free Gift Mission in London for Gospels in the four modern languages, to spread them among the thousands of prisoner soldiers we have here in Holland, and they were so kind as to give me 10,000 copies for the English, Belgian and German soldiers in Holland, and also for the thousands of refugees we have here from Belgium.

While the powers from below are manifesting in this war, the time has come for the Church of God to get the full spiritual armour of God and rise out of her sleep and get ready for Christ's coming, and bring in the souls for whom the Lord is waiting at the feet of the great Conqueror. While many thousands give up their lives for their country, we may rise above this and yield ourselves so to God that He can use us at this time to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom of God in manifestation and power of the Holy Spirit. May God give us a revival at this time, and the Holy Spirit in such a measure, that we will not be driven away by the war spirit, but that the love of God may constrain us to take this opportunity to use the blessing God has given us in past times.

We are very much praying for all the countries that Jesus may be victorious in many a heart, and that the unity of God's people in Europe may be strengthened through the spirit of love which is spread abroad in our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

With Christian greetings and love,
Yours in Him,
G. R. POLMAN.
"Immanuel," Kerkstraat 342,
Amsterdam,
October 26th, 1914.

A Pastor, whose addresses at the Kestwick Convention and elsewhere have been so helpful of late, writes as to the War:—

The present terrible conflict is not something foreign which has been thrust in among the wheels of life, and has brought them largely to a standstill; it is something in the constitution of the wheels themselves. For anyone to say, "I'm for peace, and not for war," is to contribute nothing to the desperate need of the present hour. To say, "War is of the devil, and in principle and practice is entirely anti-Christian," is to take refuge from one's obligations behind a generalization which is half a truth and half a lie. To ask, "Should a Christian go to war?" is to raise a question of considerable importance, but one which too often is answered within much too limited an area of thought and fact.

We greatly respect the attitude of the "Friends" towards that dread thing we call war, yet even their position is not insisted upon against the grim facts of necessity, and the dictates of reason. Miss Caroline Stephens, in "Quaker Strongholds," says: "I own that I personally cannot but recognize that . . . certain wars appear to be not only inevitable, but justifiable, as partaking of the nature of national police operations. I cannot, therefore, regard all war as wholly and unmitigatedly blameable, although I can hardly imagine any war which does not both come from evil and lead to evil. Again, there are treaty obligations requiring us in certain cases to take up arms for the protection of weaker nations, from which we could not suddenly recede without a breach

of national good faith. It surely does not become us in our zeal for peace to make light of or overlook such considerations as these." The application to the present situation of the command, "Thou shalt not kill," shows a singular inability to judge of the scope of a passage, when it is remembered that all the wars of Israel, under the Divine sanction and command, were carried out after that injunction was given; and it was also later than Moses that the Lord revealed Himself to Joshua in the capacity of a soldier. Neither is it any reply to these facts to say that that was the old dispensation, and we are living in the new, because the great principles of the Decalogue are for every dispensation. The sixth command therefore, does not apply to warfare without distinction or reserve. Every case must be judged on its own merits. Some wars certainly have been campaigns of murder on a great scale, because the combatants were not fighting for any moral principle, but to annex territory, or satiate revenge. But many a war has been waged on the grounds of righteousness, and for the very preservation of the race. Such a war was that of Israel with the Canaanites. These nations were so besotted and degraded as to be a serious menace to every nation that came into contact with them; and for the good of the world it was necessary that they should be exterminated. It would seem that every few centuries God has a national stocktaking, with a view of breaking up some proud power, or bringing to judgment some corrupt principle which has threatened the very continuance of the house of history. At such times it is inevitable that He uses one nation to reckon with another. And it is just that which He is doing today. The conscience of this great Empire was never clearer on anything than on the justice of this war. There have been times in our history when public opinion was divided on a question of policy; the Boer war, for instance, but no such doubt exists in relation to this conflict. It has been with the greatest possible reluctance that this country has gone to war, as the government White Paper shows, but we have been compelled to go, in the interests of the world at large. There are wars and wars, and given certain conditions, war is not only inevitable, but the only possible way to peace.

A great muscular bully with a huge stick in his hand comes into a village and begins to terrorize a little child. Two or three of the inhabitants turn out and remonstrate with him, but his attitude only becomes more menacing, and begins to terrorize a little child but before the remonstrators could reach him, he has felled the poor thing to the ground with his stick, and there she lies profusely bleeding. This vicious bully then turns upon the villagers with his ugly weapon, and slashes widely at the heads of all and What is the village to do? It has got to bring that bully to his senses in the quickest way possible, and that will be to do for him what he did for the child, and intended to do for the whole village.

That bully is Germany; the child is Belgium, and the villagers are the countries of Europe. The villagers are fighting for the protection of their children, and for their own lives. They are not the aggressors; they were peaceable enough, but their quiet life has been invaded by a monster, who, for the safety of that and every other village must be brought to his senses, if he has got any. If a wild hooligan entered my house, and began to beat my child and assault my wife, in my heart I would cry to God but I would do something more, I would go for the brute. Now what might happen in a house has happened on a continent; and there are some people wondering if the nations ought to do anything!

I am quite sympathetic with those who are genuinely exercised as to whether or not a Christian man should go to war; but let us remember that the laws which govern the Church of God as such, don't govern the Nations of the earth as such. It is not the Church of God that has gone to war, but the British Empire, and both are fulfilling divine purposes, though those purposes are not the same. Let us also remember that every Christian is a citizen of some State; shares in the benefits of that State, and has obligations to discharge in relation to it. When a man becomes a Christian, (Continued on Page Three)

EPISCOPALIANS PRAY FOR SICK

The Church Gradually Waking Up to the Necessity of Practicing as Well as Preaching the Gospel. Bible Order Being Restored.

We are now, undoubtedly, living in the Laodicean Age of Revelation 3: 14-22 when the visible church as a whole is obsessed with the spirit of lukewarmness and indifference. Cold creeds and lifeless forms have largely taken the place of Living Bread and Loving Service and the result is becoming apparent to the whole world and the Church can no longer hide the facts. Congregations are deserting the pews and the ministers of God are deserting the pulpits until the very life of ecclesiastical system is threatened.

But there is a divine law in existence which strikes a balance in all things and there cannot be great coldness in the Church without there being great heat also. It is true the cold place may not recognize the hot, but that doesn't change the fact in any measure that the heat exists. When there is great wickedness in the earth an dmen wax worse and worse you can expect to find also great righteousness and some men becoming more consecrated and devoted in their spiritual life. When great persecutions break out against the church you can expect to see great manifestations and displays of the power of God.

Not a Surprise.

With these facts in mind, it is not surprising to hear occasionally of a Baptist Church or a Methodist Church, or in fact it may be the church of any denomination, swinging in line and launching out into a full gospel ministry. We know at this time of several Baptist Churches which have accepted the Latter Rain and which are enjoying the blessings promised by prophets of old. We also know of a United Brethren Church and an Episcopalian and there might be many more if we knew the facts. Not only this but many ministers of the Gospel, in the various denominations, have received the light, and when their congregations have refused to go to greater heights and depths of life and service with them, have withdrawn themselves and launched out into the Pentecostal movement with great victory and power.

Then again there are some ministers and churches which have not yet received the Full Pentecostal light, but who are pushing their way through the darkness in their search after God, and if we who bear the light to them are careful and prayerful in our ministry we will help greatly in launching these out into full victory.

Anointing the Sick for Healing.

We recently received a clipping from a paper reporting the sermon of an Episcopalian clergyman which was delivered in an Eastern Indiana city which clearly shows how some of the brethren in the churches are reaching out after the truth. While there is no intimation that this brother is on the verge of Pentecost, yet his utterances clearly show that he is headed in this direction and we recognize and appreciate this forward move into the power and blessing of God. The clipping follows:

Rev. J. S. Lightbourn Favors Restoration of Old Apostolic Practices.

Restoration to the people of the Biblical and apostolic practice of anointing the sick with the purpose of healing them was said to be the duty of the church by the Rev. J. S. Lightbourn of St. Paul's Episcopal church in his sermon on "The Anointing of the Sick" yesterday morning. "Anointing of the sick," he said, "has never fallen into absolute disuse in the church. It was used at the time of St. James in apostolic times and was urged upon the church at Jerusalem as a religious duty. Many of the apostles did not follow the custom because the gifts of the Holy Ghost that were conferred upon them made them able to cure disease without anointing with oil."

Christ Didn't Use Oil.

"Our Saviour never anointed with oil, but the scriptures tell of his earliest apostles healing with the anointing of oil and they do not tell that the apostles were rebuked for the prac-

tice. So we would infer that the practice was sanctioned.

"The Society of the Nazarene, of which I am a member, has taken up the movement to have the church restore the practice. We would have had the power of anointing the sick before this if the plan had not been opposed in the general conventions by the laity.

"No magic, no charm, no hypnotism is connected with the practice; but it is for you and for me when we feel God can give and we come in faith believing. If we follow what the scriptures lay down we will have the assurance the Lord will raise up the sick and will forgive the sins if the sick person has sinned.

"Other ways of doctoring are man's ways and we cannot tell if they are going to succeed or not; but the anointing with oil has scriptural sanction.

"The church never lost, until the reformation, the belief in the efficacy of anointing in the healing of the sick. It probably was dropped then because it had fallen into abuse.

"When we do not anoint the sick we disobey the plain commands of our Lord. We should do it because it is our Lord's will. There is no charm in the piece of broken bread and the sip of wine in the communion, or in the water in baptism, but we do it because it is the Lord's will. Anointing the sick, and prayer for them went hand in hand among the apostolic Christians the same as do the outward and inward forms of baptism and communion. If we are satisfied with only the inward communion we lose part of the strength of the gospel by not using the outward forms."

AN EVANGELISTIC TOUR.

Clarence Craine.

Since the State Camp I went to Avant, Ark., 24 miles Northwest of Hot Springs for a meeting. Sister Eva Marrow and Bro. McClain were with me. Later, Bro. Sam McClain went over to Gladstone for a meeting and several were saved and three received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Bro. Wilner, Bro. Stallones and others helped me at Avant after Bro. McClain's departure. Several were saved and nine received the Holy Spirit. Two were baptized in water and five others sent word for me to come and baptize them. Brothers Stawloness, Scott, Miller (and his sister Edna) and Sister Bish went to Fir, Ark., where they had great success. Many were saved. Up to a week ago, 37 had received the Holy Spirit. Most all of the members of the Baptist Church received the Holy Spirit, and other church members also received.

Sister Marrow and Bro. Millsaps helped in a meeting here at Pleasant Valley Schoolhouse where I am pastor of a good little Assembly. We are four miles southwest of Hot Springs. In the past eleven months have baptized 25 in water and Bro. McClain has baptized five. Many of them have been baptized in the Holy Spirit and the most of the thirty are standing true, and there is a gradual increase in the body. We are expecting good things from the Lord this winter. Pray for us.

There is great demand for evangelists and pastors around Hot Springs. Any who feel led this way can write to Bro. H. A. Goss or myself and I will try to give all information needed. We need co-laborers in this country work. Only those who are willing to go through hardships need respond. The people generally are poor, but the poor hear the Gospel gladly. Expect to be here until Jesus comes, unless He calls me to some other field.—Box 200, Crystal Springs Route, Hot Springs, Ark.

FIR, ARKANSAS.

We have had a wonderful revival here. About thirty-six received the baptism in about a week's time. About 24 were baptized in water. There have been some wonderful healings. This country is ripe and the laborers are few. We have more calls than we can fill.—W. L. Stallones and W. Scott Miller.

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EDITORIALS

CALLED TO REST.

We are in constant receipt of letters requesting us to announce the death of loved ones and it has been with much pain and chagrin that we have been compelled to refuse these requests. Some take it kindly and others, we are sorry to say, are not well pleased, and one or two have even asked us to discontinue their papers as a result of this.

We have taken the position on the authority of God's Word that death is an enemy and that in many cases, death is caused by the devil taking advantage of an opening in our defense, whether it has been made consciously or unconsciously, and we cannot advertise the work of the devil. Furthermore, many of these death notices are of persons who are only known locally, and the notice would be of no value to anyone except to the family and immediate friends of the deceased. In this case we recommend to the family desiring notice in the paper that they send the notice to their local newspaper and then order the number of copies desired and distribute among their friends, and not burden the religious journals with this class of reading matter. The notice of a death will never save a soul and this notice might possibly take up the space in a paper which might have been occupied with a report or a testimony which God could use in awakening a soul to his sin or in helping a Christian to healing or the receiving of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

But in the case of preachers and missionaries we make a difference. Many of these are well known, some of them from coast to coast, and a few of them have friends all over the world who would be anxious to know of their demise. When this is the case, we feel perfectly at liberty to let the whole Pentecostal movement know the facts and our conscience is perfectly clear in the matter.

If you have sent in a notice of the death of a child, a mother, a wife, a husband or a brother, do not feel badly because we did not put the notice in the paper. It has not been because of any discrimination against you, but because we are following out a principle which is a part of our very lives and which we cannot very well violate.

NEED A PRACTICAL PRINTER.

On account of the death of Elder Gottfried E. Stephan, who has been assisting in the Publishing House at Findlay for the past six months, we are terribly handicapped by reason of insufficient help in our printing department. Brother Stephan, who spent most of his time on our mail lists and other printed matter, giving the balance of his time to teaching Greek in the Gospel School and ministering to Assemblies in nearby towns, was taken sick with typhoid fever about four weeks before his death. He fought a losing fight and took to his bed after two weeks, from which he never arose. We greatly miss his presence with us and also his valuable help in our office and now we need some one to take his place. Shall be glad to hear from a consecrated printer who understands machinery and who will be capable of managing the printing department, which we expect soon to be fully equipped with efficient machin-

ery for the work of publishing the papers, tracts and books, and all other matter that is published in up-to-date printing establishments.

WOODWORTH - ETTER MEETINGS CANCELLED.

It had been announced that Mrs. M. B. W. Etter would hold a meeting at Hillsboro, N. C., from Nov. 28th to Dec. 28, 1914, and also at Tampa, Fla., beginning January 1st. Unfortunately, Sister Etter has broken under the great strain of meetings which she has been conducting continuously for the past few years and had to be taken from her Chicago meeting to her home in Indianapolis where she now is. All engagements have been cancelled and it is requested that prayer be offered for her complete recovery and restoration to the work to which she has been called.

ALABAMA ASSEMBLIES NEED PASTORS.

All Assemblies in Alabama and Mississippi who have no pastors and who desire same, and all men of God who are not out in the field and who are called to pastoral work or who are called to preach and cannot travel with their families and would like a pastoral charge, address W. B. Jessup at once who will attempt to assist them in these matters.—W. B. Jessup, 615 12th Ave., Meridian, Miss.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Please pray earnestly for the healing of my eyes; also that I may be healed soul and body. For my husband also who has kidney trouble.—M. M. H., Lockhart, Texas.

Please pray for us that God may graciously visit us in this place, where a sister and I are laboring. The people seem to be divided.—A Sister in Littleton, N. H.

Please pray that I may receive the baptism. Am hungering and thirsting for the fullness of the Holy Spirit.—E. P. Wright, Fortuna, Cal.

Have had fever and seem to be getting worse. Think it is typhoid fever. Please pray that I may be healed.—J. M. Hammons, Raton, N. M.

My four year old boy cannot speak a word yet. Please pray for him.—Mrs. Robt. McKnight, Sugar Land, Texas.

AN ECHO.

I am sure that in the hearts of all the children of God there is a real desire to please Him and to glorify Him. And there is one good way to glorify Him and that is to make Him known to some one who knows Him not. Every thing that will make that revelation perfect is important; every thing that will dim the out shining glory of His dwelling presence is to be obliterated. Some times the personal peculiarity of the human is so apparent that the half blind eyes of the worldling cannot see the actual glory of the spirit behind it. Such things are to be deplored, not gloried in.

The following paragraph is part of an impassioned testimony heard in the General Council at Chicago, hence the title, "AN ECHO." It is verbatim, no exaggeration.

I feel that the blessed Lord would have me, hallelujah to God, speak a few words, bless the Lord. I want to prove myself, glory be to God, in my home, and I know when I do that, as Moses, bless God, proved himself to the children of Israel, with miracles, cut in the wilderness; glory be to God, or brought them out of bondage until they saw the wonderful works of God, hallelujah. God told him He would go with him, and we find when Moses stepped out on the promises of God and went down to the children of Israel, bless God, when he threw the rod down, and it turned, bless God, to a serpent, and he put his hand, bless God, into his bosom, and he drew it out and it turned white like leprosy, bless God, and he put it back and it turned white like natural flesh, bless God.

Bless God, I do not intend to confer with flesh and blood, but intend to go through and get my eyes on that city, and I know He is able, bless God, I know in whom I have believed and I have gotten my eyes set on Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith, the Captain of my salvation. I want you to pray for me that I may prove, bless God, myself, hallelujah. I know, bless God, I want to do the blessed Master's will, and, bless God, wife and I have forsaken all to follow Jesus and, bless God, when I was baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire, I stepped out in five days.

This brother is devoting his whole time to the work of spreading the news of the love of God. He is honest and devoted, but many are struck by the aimlessness of the sentences, the idle repetition and the praising of God for dreadful things, that they fail absolutely to catch a sight of the real love that dwells in the heart. I have

heard people bless God because people were going to hell. God does not get people into the place where they lose control of themselves, and the only excuse for this sort of thing is pure carelessness. I think that God would like to save some folks who have the misfortune of speaking good English, but in order to do so, they must hear the Word of God in such fashion that their attention is not distracted from the truth of the message.—B. F. L.

THE LAW OF THE KINGDOM.

There is no gain, but by a loss; We can not save, but by the cross. The corn of wheat to multiply Must fall into the ground and die. O, should a soul alone remain, When it a hundred fold may gain! Who saves his life, or cross doth shun, Loses a hundred, holding one. And he who fain his life would spare, Keeps from the multitude their share. Whenever you ripe fields behold, Waving to God their sheaves of gold, Be sure some corn of wheat has died, Some saintly soul been crucified, Some one has suffered, wept, and prayed, And fought hell's legions undismayed.

A GREAT NEED OF PASTORS.

In regard to sending missionaries to other lands. It is right to send them, but we need more preachers at home. I do not think God wants preachers to go over and through the country and hold meetings and get a few saved and then go on and let them backslide and go to another place and do the same thing again. If we get people saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost we are responsible for seeing after them, for Paul said in Titus 1:5, "For this cause left I thee in Crete that thou shouldst set in order the things that are wanting and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee." See John 21:15, 16, 17.

There have been twelve or fifteen saved here and we had good prayer-meetings and God blessed us and was in our midst. But, because of the lack of preaching the saints have become cold and most of them are back-slidden and the other churches point the finger at us and tell us of other Pentecostal meetings where people are being saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost and when the preacher goes off in a short time they are back-slidden. God wants us to follow up the work which has been begun. May God bless the preachers and workers and put it into their hearts to look after this work. Am praying Him to send someone here filled with the Spirit and power, and who can get the little band together. Will all the saints pray that the Lord will send us a pastor.—Wm. A. Gatchett, R. 1, Louise, Texas.

CHELSEA, MASS.

The Lord is surely visiting Chelsea. Many are hearing the message. The hall is crowded at every service and the blessed Holy Spirit is convicting men and women of sin. Some have yielded their lives to God and He has gloriously saved them, making them bright and shining lights. The denominations do not understand why we preach Holiness. They do not feel it necessary but this is our song: "So, we'll sing, and we'll preach, we'll preach the way of Holiness so true. We'll sing and we'll preach, 'till our precious loving Saviour's face we view."

This "Gospel of the Kingdom" is mighty and we are glad we have been entrusted with such a Gospel. Pray for us, beloved workers and saints of God, that wisdom, power and strength shall be given us to lift this precious Saviour up who said "It is finished," thereby making salvation (deliverance) complete.—Lillie M. Walker, Abbie S. Phillips, Mission 14 Third St.

JACKSON, TENN.

We closed a two weeks meeting at Ranger, 10 miles east of Jackson. About 22 received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, and 8 were converted. One old man about sixty was gloriously saved and is seeking his baptism. We baptized six in water and about fifteen more are candidates. God is moving wonderfully. I never saw a community where the people are so hungry for the Gospel. This field is ripe for the harvest. Pray the Lord of Harvest to send laborers. These people are poor but will take care of any man who will preach the truth. They are tired of chaff, and crying for corn and oil and wine.—J. T. Crick.

WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS.

We are glad to report victory here through Jesus. The power continues to fall. Three were baptized Sunday night. Have been repairing our tabernacle and expect to have services all winter, D. V. Was so glad to get the Evangel. The truth in it stirs our hearts.—W. W. Hall, Box 814.

Pentecostal Notes on International Sunday School Lesson

By MRS. A. R. FLOWER

Dec. 20, 1914.

THE ASCENSION.

Lesson Text—Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:1-11.

Golden Text—He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight, Acts 1:9.

Leading Thought—"If I go * * * I will come again." Jno. 14:3.

1. The Risen Christ, (Vs. 1-5) Luke refers to his gospel (V. 1), it being understood that he also wrote the Acts of Apostles. "Jesus began both to do and teach;" it was left for the apostles with their Holy Ghost endorsement to carry on the work. Of this work Christ spoke prophetically. Jno. 14:12. "By many infallible proofs"—in his resurrection body, Christ assured His own again and again of His living reality. Notice to whom these proofs were given (Vs. 2, 3); they in turn were to be the world-wide witnesses of His resurrection, Acts 2:32; 4:33; 1 Cor. 15:1-22. How important their ministry when it was the Holy Ghost who inspired the command Jesus gave to them V. 2; Matt. 28:19, 20; Mk. 16:15-19; Luke 24:45-59; Ch. 10:40-42. "Forty days" (V. 3)—a time of perfect testing. Deut. 9:9, 18; 1 Kings 19:8; Matt. 4:2. They were as definitely commanded to wait for their endowment as they were to go into active service. V. 4. God places emphasis on preparation for His work, and oftentimes puts His special workers through severe preparatory tests. Recall the life of Moses. V. 5 plainly shows two separate baptisms—the water and the spirit.

2. The Ascending Christ, (Luke 24:50-53; Vs. 6-9). And still the disciples failed to grasp Christ's thought. Their old expectation prompted this selfish question V. 6. Christ mildly rebukes this curiosity, turning their attention first, to themselves and the spiritual power so soon to be granted

them; and second, to their resultant service—not nation-wide but world-wide. He broadened their vision of His world and theirs. "Witnesses unto me"—that is what He expects of every Holy Ghost baptized man and woman. That is why the Spirit has come, to reveal Jesus in us and through us. Jno. 15:26, 27; 16:13-15. His last message spoken, our precious Lord lifts His hands in loving benediction. And thus "He was parted from them." No end to that blessing; it is still falling upon every believing child of God. His hands are still out-stretched. Hallelujah! No wonder they had fresh reason to worship Him, while their hearts overflowed with joy and praise. No mourning, no weeping, lest He fail in fulfilling His promise. They took the attitude of expectant, rejoicing faith, "and were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God." V. 53. Take pattern, seeking heart, would you realize as did they the glory and power of a "Day of Pentecost fully come."

3. The Returning Christ, (Vs. 10, 11). Once more let us notice that little company near Bethany, gazing with longing eyes into the deep blue above. But a moment before their Lord was there; now He is gone, "for a cloud received Him out of their sight." V. 9. Still they watch for one last glimpse of Him. "Two men in white," supposed by some to be Moses and Elijah, both of whom were peculiarly interested in His decease. Lu. 9:30, 31. Their question (V. 11), recalling the disciples' attention to their earthly responsibility, was followed by that definite, unquestionable promise, "This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go." Hallelujah for this, the great hope of the church during His absence.

PENTECOSTAL CONVENTIONS

BRUSHTON, PA. CONVENTION.

A Pentecostal Convention will be held at the Union Gospel Assembly, 311 Brushton Ave., Brushton, Pa., near Pittsburg, from November 30th to Dec. 13th. Workers to be present, Elder D. W. Kerr, Cleveland, Ohio, and T. K. Leonard, Findlay, Ohio, and others as the Lord may send. For rooms and board and all information, write W. M. Robinson, 820 Ross Ave., Wilkingsburg, Pa.—D. D. Mathews, Pastor.

PENTECOSTAL CONVENTION AND DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The eighth annual mid-winter Pentecostal Convention with the Assembly of God, at the Gospel School, Findlay, Ohio, will convene from Dec. 26 to Jan. 5, 1915. This convention has been inter-state, generally represented from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Illinois, with a ministerial roll of 30 Elders and ministers ordained from the Assembly of God at Findlay, Ohio. We shall hold special council Thursday, Dec. 31, and Friday and Saturday, Jan. 1 and 2, during which time we hope to approve of the Constitution of the General Council of the Assemblies of God, and recognize ourselves as a district council of some recognized territory.

All the Pentecostal ministers and a representative from every local Assembly or Pentecostal mission in Indiana, Ohio and Michigan are urged to be present as important ministerial, ordination, school and missionary business will be considered.

Ministers and representatives should notify us early to insure entertainment, etc. Write T. K. Leonard, Findlay, Ohio.

BERLIN, ONT. CONVENTION.

There will be a Pentecostal Convention and Council of the Assemblies of God in Berlin, Ont., Can., from Jan. 14th to Jan. 24th, 1915. We heartily invite and trust that many of our Canadian friends will avail themselves of this privilege and come.

We would be glad if every mission would bear the expense, and send its pastor as a delegate to this convention. The Lord willing, we shall devote Tuesday and Wednesday in considering the advisability of establishing a Council in Ontario in harmony with the General Council of the Assemblies of God in the United States. We expect Elder T. K. Leonard, of Findlay, Ohio, to be with us as special worker. For information write Elder G. A. Chambers, 15 Scott St., Berlin, Ont., Can.

PICTON, ONT., CANADA.

We are working here without an ordained minister but God is with us. The last year we have seen quite a number saved and some healed in answer to prayer. Also a few have received the baptism in the Spirit with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues, for which we give God all the glory.—J. Danbury.

KINDER, LA.

Have been working the last two months among the French people here and around here. There have been somewhere near 250 received the baptism. The fire is burning. A great part of these people were Catholic. Many of the church people are coming and have received the baptism. Many of them are the leading people of the community. Pray for us.—Robert Lafleur and Band.

JASONVILLE, INDIANA.

We have no Pastor yet but God is blessing in our Assembly and our people are moving on. Some have been saved lately and some desire the Baptism. Others are healed and we are looking for greater things in our midst.—Flem Van Meter.

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He That Ruleth His Spirit.

D. W. KERR.

"He that ruleth his spirit is greater than he that taketh a city."

Temperance is a fruit of the Spirit. Its possessor is greater than a victorious general who leads his captives in triumph. A city has its boundaries and dimensions which can be measured. It has its inhabitants which can be numbered and their strength calculated. But "the spirit is a great deep, who can know it?" Who can measure its boundaries and dimensions? who can fathom its depths? who can explore its caverns? Man is a creature of God. A city is a creature of man. Therefore "he that ruleth his spirit is greater than he that taketh a city."

The fruit of temperance must be grown and matured under the watchful eye of the Lord. His skillful hand must sever the tender shoots of self-will. The "cutting back" process through which we must pass on our way to perfection is painful and distressing; but if we would learn that "the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong," but to him that ruleth his spirit, we must submit to the hand that wounds. There are excesses and extravagances in our speech and conduct that will never be purged unless we humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God. Unless we recognize and obey those whom God has set over us in the assemblies, and submit ourselves to those whose faith we are to follow, we shall be found wanting in the most essential elements of character required in those who are to reign with Christ on the earth.

A Contrast.

It is vastly more pleasing to the self life, to make a display in the show of arms and warlike prowess, than to be identified with the man whose heart was broken by organized envy. To clothe one's self in the uniform of a soldier and march to the music of fife and drum, is more appealing to one's vanity, than to stand still and see the salvation of God. To take a city by force of arms and lead its captives in triumph, is a greater satisfaction to one's pride, than to be subject one to another, attired with humility. The sound of wordy doctrinal disputes and arguments, whereby one may lay his antagonist low, is more likely to attract attention to one's self, than the display of a meek and quiet spirit; but in the final struggle for the mastery, self-control will win the crown.

To overcome an enemy with carnal weapons is no sign that the victor is worthy of the applause of an admiring multitude. He is truly great who by ruling his spirit lays siege to a city, until it has exhausted all its resources and then rises up to bless his helpless foe.

The Rule of the Judges.

"Government is of God," not only in state, but also in the house of God. "That thou mayest know how thou ought to behave thyself in the House of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." It was in time of the Judges that "every man did that which was right in his own eyes." The book of Judges is a history of the dire results which followed this pernicious teaching. One captivity followed another because there was no permanent leadership. The rule of the Judges whom God raised up as saviors in time of Israel's distress, was punctuated by the seven captivities in the land. Why? Because the saviors died leaving no successors to guide the flock and to protect them from the ravages of the Philistines.

Bands of Locusts.

That pernicious "every-man-did-that-which-was-right-in-his-own-eyes" doctrine which has been preached in connection with spiritual movements, is not the doctrine of the Lord either in nature or grace. For the only creature we read of, that is without a leader is the locust: "for they have no king, yet go they all forth by bands." The people who want no leader in a meeting are "tossed up and down like a locust," because they lack the cohesive instinct of a band of locusts. They are never settled in their spirit, but are disquieted, and full of restlessness having never come to the knowledge of the truth that "he that ruleth his spirit is greater than he that taketh a city."

Greatness and Meekness.

Few persons seem to be able to associate greatness with meekness and lowliness in practical life. The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit. To him Christ crucified is foolishness. Self-control and silence in the presence of insult and false accusation, is a sign of effeminate weakness. Yet when temperance reaches its matured state it glories in distress, in necessities, in reproaches, in weakness, for "when I am weak

than am I strong." Christ "was crucified through weakness," and therein lay His strength. For "He liveth by the power of God." Not a few of God's dear children lose their opportunity, fail of victory, and spoil their usefulness by an unsavory display of braggadocio, bombast and religious lawlessness. He that ruleth his spirit and keeps his little principality, in the home, in society, and in the church, is greater than he that aspires to sit upon the throne of another's empire. But alas things have changed. The modern version of our text is—he that taketh a city is greater than he that ruleth his spirit. This seems to be the course of this present evil age. The spirit of anti-Christ has crept into the domestic, social and religious hierarchies of today. The course of nature has been reversed. The machinery of this world is running backward. The spirit that controls the human family says—parents obey your children, husbands obey your wives, masters obey your servants, pastors obey your flocks.

Anarchy in the Assembly.

Many an assembly, a mission, an open air meeting, a camp meeting or a convention, has been set back in its fruit bearing, or perhaps entirely wrecked, because of some lawless spirit seeking to get control. Divinely appointed ministries have been ignored, denounced, and set aside by a mistaken zeal for liberty so-called. People, laboring under a false view of spiritual liberty, have swung to the extreme view of "clearing the platform." Shameless outrages have been committed against the common order of heavenly citizenship by untaught and unteachable spirits, which from the beginning have attached themselves, like barnacles, to great spiritual movements. The sons of Korah were of this sort. They had not learned that "he that ruleth his spirit is greater than he that taketh a city." The result of their pernicious "Clear-platform" teaching is handed down as a solemn admonition to us upon whom the end of the ages have met. Let us be careful lest we "perish in the gainsaying of Core." For he, with his sons and their children and all their belongings, were swallowed up by the earth. Insubordination in the assemblies is one of the signs of the times, and is twinbrother to anarchy in civil government. We are speaking of divinely appointed ministries. That is, ministries which have learned that "he that ruleth his spirit is greater than he that taketh a city." Against such lift not up a railing accusation, nor, for that matter, against any of the "Lord's anointed" lest thou "touch the apple of His eye," and thou be smitten with leanness in thy soul. The desire to be without a leader in the assembly of the saints, is an unmistakable sign of self-sufficiency and self-will; the determination to be without one is a sure sign of war within the principality of man-soul. A person must be able to rule his spirit in order to be subject to another. He who would conquer others must first conquer himself. He who would rule others must first rule himself. "And who is sufficient for these things?"

Centralized Government.

The necessity of a centralized form of government is very clearly implied in our quotation. A city is a little world created by man and ruled by some one chosen from its inhabitants. Man is a little world created by God with power to rule himself. If he succeeds in self-government he is greater than he that taketh a city; if he fails in this it is implied that he is less than the man who fails to rule a city. Scripture clearly teaches that church government is centralized in the local assemblies, in a presbytery composed of elders and deacons, one of the former being chosen as the ruling elder. Church history, however, shows that, unless the ministry of the church has an ear to hear what the spirit says to the churches, and sets itself against the tendency to "lord it over God's heritage," this form of government however mild it may be in its beginning, soon becomes rigid, despotic and intolerant. The Nicolaitan spirit (which thing the Lord hates) has manifested itself during the church age in different forms and degrees of centralized administrations, which cast their dark shadows across the path of spiritual progress, saying, "thus far and no further." Whenever the leaders of an assembly or a denomination of assemblies stand in the way of spiritual progress in the discovery and recovery of lost truth, it is to be expected that there will be a revolt from the despotic rule of those who block the way. The river of life which flows from under the

throne of God and of the Lamb, may be held back for a time by the resistance of unbelief, but "as I live, saith the Lord, all the earth shall be filled with my glory." The denominational levees will break and the flood will sweep on in its fury and no ecclesiastical legislation can stop its surging billows. The mighty river will cut a new channel, in which to flow on into the day when "God will be all in all." Reaction against any and all forms of government accompanies such crisis on account of which the Spirit is greatly hindered. People seem to forget for the time being that God has given plain instruction as to organic, co-operative, and sympathetic unity between Christ, and the Ministry, and the Assembly. Hence we find all sorts of spiritual distempers, and irregularities, following in the wake of a great spiritual movement on account of which many, (not judging righteous judgment) turn away. We believe however that by keeping an open heart and an open Bible, we may return to the apostolic plane of faith, hope, and love, without falling into extremes and extravagances, either in speech or conduct.

Striking a Balance.

The great problem which confronts the children of God at this time is, how to escape the Nicolaitan tendency of an inflexible centralized administration on the one hand, and on the other hand how to conserve the spiritual energies received in the Pentecostal baptism in Holy Spirit, and to direct them along the lines of greatest efficiency and economy for the evangelization of the world, the edifying of the Body of Christ, and the hastening of the coming of the Day of God.

The spiritual intoxication which results from the fulness of the Spirit with the sign of tongues, must find its legitimate outlet in a sober ministering to the Lord in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in the heart to the Lord, giving thanks to the Father for all things, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to the Saints in doing all things unto edification; and to the world as witnesses unto Jesus.

The way out of the discord and strife and inefficiency and waste of time and energy into which assemblies have fallen, can be found only by the keen-eyed, keen-scented love that suffers long and is kind, that envies not, does not set itself forward, is not puffed up, is not provoked, and seeketh not her own rejoicing not in iniquity, but rejoice in the truth. Bear with all things, hope all things, believeth all things, endureth all things. "He that ruleth his spirit is greater than he that taketh a city."—Pentecostal Report.

FRENCH PEOPLE BAPTIZED.

Le Blanc, La.

Praise our God for the way He is pouring out His Spirit upon the people of this country. During a five weeks meeting about 80 were baptized with the Holy Ghost. We left the fire falling there last night, with about 35 at the altar. One Sunday the Spirit was poured out upon about 17. It was a precious day to our souls. From Le-Blanc, we came here to Philips Bluff, formerly an Indian village, now inhabited by French. They are taking fine interest in the meetings. Testify mostly in French. We can't understand them, but enjoy hearing them anyway as they tell of Jesus and His love. About 15 have received the baptism. The first night four were baptized with the Holy Ghost and 30 were at the altar seeking the Lord. The fire is burning in this place. Pray that God will do a mighty work among these French people. A French preacher has received the baptism and is on fire for the Lord. A good part of his family has received the baptism.—Robt. Lafleur and Band.

DELAFIELD, ILL.

We were permitted to attend the Camp-meeting at Puxico, Mo. Had a blessed time. Went from there to Southeast of Paragould, Ark. and began a meeting in an arbor. Was there just a week. Seven were saved and nine received the baptism of the Spirit. Thirteen were baptized in water. I was the first to preach the full Gospel here two years ago, and now, Praise God! they have a nice church to worship the Lord in, and Father has raised up a pastor for them. Glory to God! If we hold up Jesus He will draw all men unto Him. We are to begin a meeting here, Please pray for us.—Clyde Bailey.

SPRY P. O., CANADA.

We still have the meeting at Miller Lake House and here every second Sunday in the afternoon. Six are tarrying for the baptism. Pray God that they may soon receive.—Mrs. Peter Brough.

IS EUROPEAN WAR JUSTIFIABLE?

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he does not shake off the State, neither is he lifted out of it. If a widespread riot took place in this town, I would be very glad of the protection of the police. If State machinery, which is the Law, was to break up, not a life in Christendom would be safe. The State is of God, and as truly so in this dispensation as in the last (Rom. xiii, 1-7. 1 Tim. ii, 1-2. 1 Pet. ii, 12-17); and if we as Christians share the advantages of it, we must share its responsibilities also. The work of the Church of God as such, is to preach the Gospel, to make Christ known as Saviour and Lord, both by word and life. But in addition to that, it is the duty of Christians as citizens to suppress intemperance, to wage war against immorality, to protect children, to provide for the aged and helpless, and to prevent wanton cruelty to animals. The securing of these things will not save the souls of those who compose the nation, but it may save the nation as such, and secure for it an honorable place among the nations of the earth.

Great Britain does not love war, and does not want war. For a long time now she has striven for peace and that effort has been interpreted by Germany as evidence of cowardice and decay on our part. But when that amazing nation turns out to crush the civilized world, regardless of all principle, and in defiance of the very foundations of national ethics, then, we say, we will resist you with all the power we possess, and would choose, rather, to be extinguished fighting for the triumph of right, than to conquer in a corrupt cause by sheer brute force.

Of this I am absolutely convinced, that God is with the Allies in this awful war, and though by means of it He is disciplining us all, Belgium for her Congo atrocities; Russia for her anti-Judaism; France for her infidelity; and Britain for her pleasure-loving, sabbath-breaking, and intemperance yet, if we humble ourselves before Him, He will use us in this greatest crisis of the world's history to vindicate the right, and bring to nought the worshippers of the god of Force. It is the duty of the Church of God to help the nation to such an attitude as this; and to be her comfort and encouragement in this dark hour.

Thus writes Pastor W. Graham Scroggie in the "Bethesda Record" for November, and we are glad to place his words before our readers—especially before those in our Empire. There are some deeply spiritual souls in Germany, but they are borne along by their national spirit which has been so largely (if unconsciously in some cases) leavened by the teaching of the infidel Nietzsche, made popular by Treitzke and Gen. Von Bernhardt. This is summed up in the words "Might is Right" when viewed from the State's point of view (if that State is Germany). Germany has invaded lands East and West, but cries out that it is only defending itself from its enemies. But its real watchword is "Deutschland uber Alles" ("Germany over All").

These are anxious times for England. Here on the North Sea, we look out wondering each day whether the crash and boom of shot and shell will be heard ere long. But we remember the words of the 91st Psalm: "He that dwelleth in the secret place of

the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty . . . Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day."

We can pray that a foe may be brought low which casts out of its Zeppelins bombs and darts upon defenseless women, children and old men; the foe which ravaged Belgium, and would treat England in the same manner if it had the chance. "I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress; my God; in Him will I trust."

EXTRACT FROM SISTER'S LETTER.

"In reading 'Confidence' I noticed one thing that Miss D. Kerin said that we should pray that the dear soldiers in the war may have a vision of Jesus, and a few days ago one of the dear ones who received the Holy Ghost here, wrote us that she had such prayer for the dear soldiers, and she saw in the Spirit that many of the dead soldiers passed into eternal bliss, having had a vision of Jesus on the Cross and got saved as the thief on the Cross. She did not know anything of what Miss D. Kerin asked people to pray for, but what precious unity in the Spirit and what an answer to this our united prayer. It gives us courage to ask in faith, and also we can praise the Lord in the midst of this awful war.

"New eagles wings"—Swedish translation for Isaiah xl, 31, "They shall mount up with wings as eagles."

"The old wings will drop off and the new ones will carry us up on high. 'Oh, what a change.' What a meeting that will be."

PINE ISLAND, MINN.

Have recently returned from Duluth where I was assisting in a ten day's convention in mission conducted by Bro. C. M. Neve. God wonderfully poured out His blessing. About 20 souls were saved, 12 received the baptism and a number of remarkable cases of healing. God used Sister Lockard in Duluth in a marvelous way for the healing of the sick. The work in Duluth was started by Bro. Neve and myself a year ago. God has blessed and raised up friends and today the brethren are nicely housed in a three-story brick building which they have all to themselves. There is a goodly number of Pentecostal people there and in that vicinity. He is also blessing here (Pine Island), giving us souls and granting some notable healings and salvations.—E. J. Emery.

THE PLACE AT HATTESBURG FILLED.

Some time ago we gave a notice signed by Jim Roseberry, of the need in Hattiesburg, Miss., of a Spirit-filled man to work in the Assembly and one who was consecrated enough to work with his own hands also for the present at least. Brother Roseberry requests us to state that they now have the place filled by Bro. Robinson, and desires this announcement to take the place of personal answers to many letters which he has received, and which he himself has not the time to answer.

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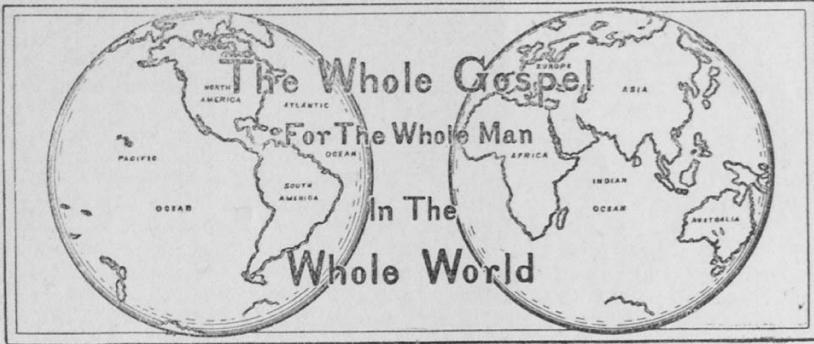


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China.

We have now four stations under our charge, three out of Shanghai, and the central one here. We have two native preachers in two of the out-stations; and another native brother filled with power has already gone to his home in Honan province where he intends to open a mission as soon as God opens the way. This brother needs the prayers of the dear saints that the way might be opened for his support as he has launched out in the work. I believe you know that \$8.00 (eight dollars—gold—) will keep a native pastor and his family for one month. We also have another young brother—who is to be married soon—that we also expect to cut loose and go out into the work soon.

The Macedonian cry still goes forth for spirit-filled missionaries to obey the Lord and help push the battle for the lost souls in China. We need some one (foreigner) at our Woosung mission, and are praying that God will send His own chosen one or ones. We would also like to have some one with the native pastor and his wife at the large city of Nanking. The Lord is blessing in the work, several have received the pentecostal baptism at this station, and we feel the Lord has greater things. So let us all stand together in prayer that our God will sweep a revival all over China.

We met the band of missionaries just from the states on the S. S. Sado Maru, which went on to Hong Kong yesterday. We had a precious meeting together with them, and it was certainly refreshing to all of our souls to have the privilege of hearing their testimonies; and the Lord gave us a fresh anointing. Praise His dear name. But we were a little disappointed that—among twelve missionaries, there was none to stop up this way. The dear Lord has His own chosen ones to fill in the work up here.

How we have proved the presence of our Jesus during the bitter testings which we have passed through this past year. The LORD has NEVER left us and NEVER will as we put our trust in Him. As you all know that since the war in Europe, every thing has advanced in price, rents, food and most every thing. The Lord knoweth the need of His little ones and will—in some way—provide for everything. His eye is on the sparrow, and I KNOW HE cares for me.

To Return Home.

We feel a pressing call for God at this time to go on a visit to the homeland. We feel that the Lord has an important mission there, and have been praying earnestly for HIS divine will, and we are confident that this seems to be God's time. His will alone be done. We are going home in behalf of the work and also that dear mother may get a change and a rest. We have labored here now nearly four years without hardly leaving this place. The dear ones at home cannot begin to realize how trying the heat in this country is upon one's body, and how important it is to get away some where for a little rest sometime during the year. Some dear saints get it into their heads that it is a waste of money but if they could only realize how much better we are for the work after a change or rest. They do not stop to think how they travel around in the homeland to conventions, etc., but we missionaries cannot even have these precious privileges. We long to get together and have some good old times; but are handicapped. Oh, we do not want to complain; but only that Jesus will open the dear saints eyes to obey the word of God, and stand shoulder to shoulder in the fight for the millions of lost souls in heathen darkness.

I do pray that I might be wholly yielded in my master's hands to be used in His own precious way. I have the glory in my soul, and pray that—as we return to the homeland—that we may all be channels for God to speak through to bring the needs in this land before the people. Pray God to lead us every step of the way.

In our absence, a Bro. H. Mader

(who has been with us in the work for about a year) has the real burden of the work upon him, and we feel very capable to leave here in the work. Then there is a Bro. and Sis. Geo. Slager who have also been with us in the work about the same length of time. They will help in the work too in our absence. They are all studying and getting on fine. A dear native sister (who has been with us nearly ever since we came to China) Miss Bau will be their interpreter and help in mission and home work. Pray that the Lord will bless them, and give them wisdom from above and also supply every need, for the work will go on practically the same in our absence.

D. V. We are thinking of leaving Shanghai on the S. S. Sado Maru the 22nd of November, and which arrives in Seattle about the 18th of December.

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DAVID FISHER,
South Africa.

We think much of your paper, "The Christian Evangel" and thank God for putting it into your hearts to send them to us. My wife and I came here with a little party just a year ago and opened fire in Cape Town for the Lord of Pentecost. Truly there are many adversaries but the Lord has not failed to bless us. There is no rush and no great excitement but the Lord is working steadily amongst the people. We cannot convince the dear saints here that the blessing of Pentecost is just the blessing they need, although one and another have come along and been baptized in the Holy Ghost. But as we go to the "Highways" the drunkard and harlot stand around and listen. One man, a slave to drink, tobacco, lust, gambling and filthy language, was transformed by the mighty power of God by believing in Jesus and has been baptized in the Holy Ghost. Week by week one and another are touched by the power of God. The latest capture is a dear young Dutchman who has been a Kleptomaniac since childhood. His father and mother were broken-hearted as they had been so often put to shame. Now they are praising the Lord together for His deliverance through the precious blood. A lad sixteen came to us the following day. He has been a subject of fits since seven years of age, having fallen from a high chair when a baby. He testified last night to the power of God in setting him free. There are many of the Lord's children in England and America who have prodigal sons and daughters in South Africa, and we ask prayer for all such. One man who has a sister, an Evangelist in England was found dead in bed last week. Poor "Yorky" had been often reproved but would not repent. Another poor fellow we had plead with so often, was cut down on the railway and crippled for life. Pray for South Africa.

ABOUT BROTHER W. D. GRIER,
Ceylon.

Since the arrival of our good Brother Grier to Kandy, I have been doing the Lord's work under his instructions and we are preaching the Word of the Lord to the lost sheep. Since May of this year there have been seven English-speaking converts, professed Christians, but who in truth never read the Word of God. Their conversion met with a good deal of opposition in one case. A young man's parents strongly objected to the son following the Lord's ways. All the converts are truly penitent and are seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Pray for them. Meetings are held every Sunday afternoon in my house and Bro. Grier, who has just moved into a suitable house in town, holds meetings every Saturday morning for the younger folk—school boys, and other days for the converts. We need native workers to instruct the poor heathen away in distant villages, in the Word of God. Pray for the native workers. If the Lord is willing, a much needed school might be opened and placed in the hands of some workers, under the supervision of Brother Grier. Pray with us and for us, and remember the converts.—S. A. de Alwis.

MRS. ADDELL HARRISON.
China.

I can't begin to tell you what a blessing your letter was to us. I had called in our neighbors to buy our furniture. Had sold our dining chairs just as your letter reached us, so we all shouted for joy and praised God for providing a way to get a little food without having to sell off everything. They all cried when I began to sell off the things and began to pray for God to spare the machine and organ, as they are learning to sew nicely. One blind girl plays the organ real well.

We are looking up to God daily and know He is with us, even in the darkest place. He says, "I will never leave thee." Pray for us.

WILLA B. LOWTHER.
Shanghai, China.

I surely praise my Lord that He has brought us thus far safely. Many have marvelled that we got through to Japan without any serious trouble, coming, as we did, on a Japanese steamer. Of course we kept every port-hole curtained at night; also other precautions were taken. A few days before reaching Japan the wireless operator received a message from Japan that we were out of danger and could get into Japan all right. I counted the cost before leaving Seattle, and I can say that from the time I stepped aboard Oct 6th until this very hour, I have not had the slightest touch of fear. I knew God said, "Go" and He was responsible for the results.

A few more days will find me in Hong Kong, just where the Lord said to go several years ago. Certainly I know that these are days of severe trial for the missionary but I would not have it otherwise. I trust my friends in the home-land will pray that God will make me a true and faithful missionary.

Three of us spent two days with Mrs. Estella Bernauer, at Tokyo, Japan. Bro. and Sister Denney and others came up Sunday morning and we had an all-day meeting. In the evening the power of God fell on us all, laying out a young man and young lady (Japanese) who had recently been converted. At Kobe we visited Bro. and Sister Moore and had a very blessed tarrying meeting there, and the power of God came down blessedly on three or four Japanese young people, but they did not quite get through to receiving the baptism.

From time to time we talked to our cabin boys, on the way over, about Jesus. They were Japanese, but over and over they told us of missionaries

who have traveled on this boat and drank wine and smoked. They could not understand it. O, that God would give to China and Japan a great army of spirit-filled soldiers of the cross. Will you pray that God will keep me faithful in all things, even to the end.

ROBERT F. COOK AND WIFE.
South India.

We, Brother Cumine, and our workers, have finished up a number of preaching tours in the villages of Tinnevely Dist. Devils were cast out and sick were healed in the mighty name of Jesus. Many came out of darkness, forsaking their idols and devil worship to serve the living God. I baptized 22 believers in water. In a meeting at Pudur a woman was in the midst possessed by an evil spirit. She threw herself about and beat her head on the ground many times. It was a fearful sight. We went to her in Jesus' name and commanded that the devil go out of her. While we were rebuking the devil he spoke to us through her and said, "I will not leave before eight days." Then he repeated several times, "The name of Jesus is bothering me." After an hour of prayer, rebuking, and pleading the blood of Christ, he left her and she lay as dead. Later we baptized her in water, with fourteen others. A poor old blind woman was determined to be baptized, though I tried to put her off until later. Praise God for her determination. We buried her into Jesus' death. The people from surrounding villages heard we were here and came to be prayed for and received according to their faith. On reaching home we found the sick from miles around gathered to be prayed for. In the number were three women possessed of devils. One had iron rings on her feet to fasten her down with when very bad. We prayed for these women and they were delivered. You would never suspect from their appearance that they were possessed by the devil, but when the name of Jesus was mentioned the result was seen. The devil overpowered them and tossed them about like a snake and they rolled their eyes and made horrible groans. After the devil comes out he generally leaves them as dead. But praise God for the mighty name of Jesus which makes all sickness disappear and drives out devils. One woman who had suffered from hemorrhages for three years was prayed for and the fountain of blood has dried up. She went home, 60 miles away, and witnessed to what great things He had done for her. He is the "very same Jesus" today. A mother and daughter came to us. The mother was a leper

and the daughter totally blind. Upon profession of their faith they were baptized and we afterward prayed for them and the leprosy has gone and the daughter is gradually receiving her sight. She was totally blind, but now can see objects and distinguish colors. It is blessed to hear this girl pray at all times, no matter where she is. A young man came to us from another mission, being unsaved, and found the Lord and was baptized. His former pastor asked him why he left the church, to which he replied, "I have heard the truth and am going to follow in it. Furthermore, my sister was possessed by a demon and they cast him out and now she is free. Can you do that? The pastor could not answer a word.

Pray very much for us as the conflict with the powers of darkness is strong.

FROM FAR FINLAND.

I thank you for the Evangel which has been coming to me regularly. I am walking and preaching, though infirm. The Pentecostal work here needs good leaders. Some of them have false prophecies on the coming of Christ. We have a very good Pentecostal paper in Finland edited by P. Brofeldt in Knopia. He is a good author. The God of Asa, Hezekiah and Jehosaphat is yet living! He is our castle. God bless the dear Christians of the U. S. A. who send free papers to our poor country. Please pray for me. God will hear your prayers.—Arne Kmoni, Kangasala, Finland, Europe.

SARAH A. KUGLER.
En Route to China.

Many are the thanks that have arisen in my heart since coming into the heathen land because we have been raised in a land of Bibles. The thousands and millions in Japan are destitute of the good news of salvation. We cry from the depths of our hearts for laborers in Japan. Should have loved to share my life for Japan, the need is so great. We have done quite a little personal work on the ship which we expect to spring up and bear fruit. My heart longs to be at my post of duty for lost souls in China.

SPRINGFIELD, MO.

Pray for the work at this place. God is working in our midst—Mrs. J. J. Corum.

DERWENT, OHIO.

Brother Roberts is here holding meetings at Cambridge and God is working. Several have received the Holy Ghost. We expect him to hold meetings in Derwent before he goes home.—Hedley Mason.

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