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## OUR LAST WEEK IN FINDLAY

The Next Issue of the Christian Evangel to be Mailed Out from our New Publishing House at 2838 Easton Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

By the time this paper is in the hands of our readers, we expect to have packed all our office fixtures, mailing galleys, etc., etc., and have them on their way to St. Louis. Already the small presses have been shipped, and, by the first of February, we expect to have the big cylinder press installed, ready to turn out the Gospel on the printed page and scatter it all over the world.

This moving has been a tremendous strain upon all of us. Brother Bell has been in St. Louis for two months, looking after the securing of proper quarters, installing lights, preparing for machinery, etc., etc., and the burden of the office work in Findlay has fallen upon the shoulders of a few, who have been compelled to work night and day in order to keep things going and to insure our subscribers receiving their weekly paper without delay. But in spite of all we could do there has been some delay and some disappointed ones, who have failed to receive their papers on time or prompt answers to their letters. We pray that you will forgive us and rest in patience until we can get settled in our new quarters, when we hope, by the grace of God, to be able to attend to every day's business as it comes in, answer all correspondence promptly and keep the papers running on schedule time.

### The Next Issue of the Evangel.

We are going to make every effort to get another issue of The Christian Evangel out on time next week from St. Louis, Mo. However, we want to prepare our readers for any emergency, and so, if you should fail to receive your paper, you will understand that it was impossible to get it out and do the work of getting settled in our new home properly. In this case we will advance the subscription of all our subscribers so that they will not lose one paper by the delay caused by a week or two being missed through moving. In anticipation of a possible delay, we are publishing two Sunday school lessons in this issue so that those who use these lessons will not be inconvenienced any should a week be missed before the next issue can be mailed out.

### We Need your Co-operation.

In response to the appeal which appeared in a recent issue of The Christian Evangel, some small offerings have been sent in for the New Publishing Plant, which is to belong to and be controlled by the Pentecostal people through the General Council, but these offerings have been entirely inadequate to meet the great expense of moving the press which has been given to the plant, or for installing it in the building, which will take several hundred dollars. If God has been talking to you about investing in this great missionary enterprise which is becoming so fruitful for real missionary advancement, we trust that you will respond as soon as possible as the needs are upon us and must be met at once, if the printing plant is going to be able to do real effective work in the publishing of the Gospel.

### THE GOSPEL SCHOOL REMAINS AT FINDLAY.

While the Christian Evangel and The Word and Witness, operating under the name of The Gospel Publishing House, are moving to St. Louis, Mo., this does not mean that The Gospel School or the publishing interests of Brother Leonard are going to move. Brother Leonard will continue the Gospel School and his publishing interests as formerly, probably publishing The Gospel School Review at frequent intervals. As Brother Leonard owns the school building of the Gospel School, which was too small for both the publishing of our large papers and the school, it was necessary that we launch out into broader fields which was decided should be done at the last Council in Chicago. We praise God for our sojourn in Findlay, which has pleasant memories, and now look forward in faith for a broader and greater work to be accomplished in our new and more permanent home in St. Louis.

Now don't forget the address of the new home of the Publishing House. All mail in future should be addressed to The Gospel Publishing House, 2838 Easton Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

### HEART AND LIFE CLEANSED. A Testimony.

Praise the Lord for His wonderful power, and for what He is doing here at Oakhurst, Texas. He has baptized seventeen with His Holy Spirit and is still working. Though this is a hard place of unbelief and the people will not accept His love, yet He is raising up a few children here and I pray that more may be gathered out in the future.

I praise God for saving me and baptizing me with His precious Holy Spirit, with the evidence of speaking in tongues as in Acts 2:4, and I praise Him also for His wonderful healing power, for He healed me of a sickness that Satan had put upon me for about seven years. I took all kinds of medicine but grew worse all the time and the doctors told my husband that I would never be well, but, Praise God, they did not know His willingness and His power. The devil had me tormented day and night. I could eat nothing at all, scarcely, and could not sleep. At night I sat up and took medicine and used snuff and did everything else that was pleasing to the enemy. But praise God! He has delivered me from all these things and cleaned me up and made a new creature out of me. Bless His holy name. I received the baptism the 2nd of June, 1914, at Trinity, Texas, in Bro. Robert LaFleur's meeting and had the elders anoint me with oil and pray for me and I have not taken any medicine since, and I can eat anything I want to and sleep as good as anybody, and weight more than I ever did since I have been a grown woman.

When I accepted the Lord as my Saviour I accepted Him as my healer for myself and three-year-old baby. Praise God! We do not take medicines at all and she is in as fine health as can be had. She is a wonderful little power for the Lord and I am praying day and night that God will use her to His own glory and honor. All my time belongs to Jesus and I expect to give it to Him. I praise Him for this clean, pure, holy way that I have found, and ask all the saints to pray for me earnestly. I have a hot battle to fight but am looking to Jesus to carry me through. I pray that God will see fit to send us a minister here for we need some good teaching from someone who is deep in the Lord. We have no public place of worship but we do have some wonderful cottage meetings. God is wonderfully working.—Cora Johnson, Oakhurst, Texas.

### VISIONS.

Joel 2: 28, 29, 30.

I prayed most of the time, or a greater part of the time, for over six days and nights regarding the Washington vision which was printed in the November Word and Witness, and on Friday night December 19, 1914, just before going to bed I asked the Lord to show me whether the last peril would be fulfilled according to the vision given to Washington. I also demanded, in Jesus' name, that anything of the supernatural that should come upon me should be from God. About twelve o'clock I saw a large, dark balloon move slowly from east to west over our land and it roared as it went, bringing great terror to all who saw it. When I awoke I believed I had received an answer to my prayer. My wife was away at the time. I went into the children's room finding them awake, and started to tell them the vision, when the supernatural took control of me. I spoke in Spanish and interpreted a part of the vision, and this was followed by the most terrible weeping and wailing I ever heard. It lasted in all about an hour. My boy who is nearly fifteen years of age, and my daughter of twelve understood much that I was saying on the night of my vision.—especially did my daughter understand as she and her mother have been studying Spanish for the past five months.

My son is a living witness of God's power to heal. He was healed of consumption, in the last stages, in April of 1913. Is still hearty and well. He also received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4 while riding in the buggy with me, between Phoenix and Mesa, and spoke in Spanish for over two days a greater portion of the time.—J. W. Phillips, Mesa, Arizona.

I received my Baptism August 8th, 1912, in Honolulu, Hawaii as I was soldering at that place, where God wonderfully saved me in the beginning. I would like to tell the following vision which I saw one evening in the sky. I looked and saw a cross, slightly slanting. It was not an imaginary thing. It was of God. Last night I had another vision in bed, of a wonderful sign which appeared in the Heavens, which I believe was a cross with the most beautiful stars around it. It was all so beautiful. I believe it was a sign to indicate the near coming of Jesus. He is to come quickly and we should be filled with the Spirit and watching. Hallelujah to our God.—Henry M. Ostrander, Berlin, Nebraska.

### VERA, TEXAS.

Praise God for His goodness to us. We are here at present and God is blessing. Bro. J. S. McConnell came to Vera last summer and God most wonderfully blessed. There are at least fifty who have received the Spirit with signs following, according to Mark 16:17. Praise God the work is still going on. The Lord willing, we are going to build here soon. Will all the saints please pray that we may be guided aright in the matter of building.

I am looking for the sun to be darkened according to Matt. 24:29, and the moon to fail in giving her light. Rev. 9:2 tells the reason why the sun fails to give her light. As the bottomless pit is opened the smoke darkens the whole earth and heavens. But, thank God! I am glad God has said in Matt. 24:27 that "as the lightning cometh out of the east and shineth unto the west, so shall the coming of the Son of man be." So the bride of Christ will have gone before this takes place. I am looking for His coming. He says "Look up" for our redemption draweth nigh. Remember His words and obey His call.—W. P. Robinson.

### A TEN O'CLOCK PRAYER MEETING.

Looking for, Working for and Expecting a Revival Soon.

I am the only one in this small city (Almena, Kans.) who has received the Baptism with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. A few of the earnest Christians meet together in cottage prayer meetings at ten o'clock, twice a week. The Lord is blessing in these meetings and our prayer goes up as one man, that God will send us a revival by whom He will. There have been repeated attempts at a revival in all the different churches, without any lasting results, and I feel that now is God's opportunity, and if He will lay the burden of this place on the heart of any brother and his wife to come here I can furnish them with a stopping place and have one room which can be used for meetings until the Lord furnishes a larger one. I cannot promise to pay rent or railroad fare, but our God is able to do all things. I live alone here. My call is for a man and his wife, if this is in God's order. Or, better, for a sister to preach the full Gospel and pray for us. Obey God if He speaks to you.—Mrs. J. C. Miller.

### AFTER FEBRUARY 1st, 1915, THE GOSPEL PUBLISHING HOUSE WILL BE LOCATED IN ITS NEW HOME AT 2838 EASTON AVE., ST. LOUIS, MO.

WRITTEN ABOUT 2400 YEARS AGO. II. Esdras XI. Chap.

41. For the earth hast thou not judged with truth.  
42. For thou hast afflicted the meek, thou hast hurt the peaceable, thou hast loved liars and destroyed the dwellings of them that brought forth fruit, and hast cast down the walls of such as did no harm.  
43. And therefore appear no more, thou Eagle, nor thy horrible wings, nor thy malicious heads, nor thy hurtful claws, nor all thy vain body.  
44. That all the earth may be refreshed and may return, being delivered from thy violence and that she may hope for the judgment, and mercy of Him that made her.—Selected.

## CENTRALIZATION? NO! NEVER!

Unmistakable and Clear Statements in an Open Letter from the Chairman of the General Council to the Pentecostal Movement Everywhere.

Dear Brother Kerr:—

Grace Abounding Through Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Your article in the Christian Evangel, No. 73, interested me very much, especially the first sentence, "Centralization? No! Never!" I endorse every word of the article.

If there is any expression of any member of the General Council or Presbytery in favor of centralization, it should be corrected at once. If there is any thought of, or tendency toward, that unscriptural idea, it should be set right. Or if there is an unconscious trend in that direction it should be checked.

And further still, if there be any act of one or all the members of the Presbytery of General or State Council leaning in that way, it should be pointed out.

Moreover, if by yielding to urgent calls for help on the field, there should be an unconscious leaning to centralization, it should be dealt with promptly; or if we should unwillingly do or say anything that looked to the humble child of God like lording it over God's heritage, that word or action should be so modified as to remove that impression.

Once more, if it can be shown, in that which we have already done in our eagerness to secure a loving, Scriptural co-operation, that we have overstepped Scriptural bounds, it would be better to dissolve the Council and the Presbytery than to proceed in an unscriptural way. Under these conditions it would be well for us to repent in sackcloth and ashes and cry for God to give us wisdom to know His will and how to do it. Very cordially and in Christian love.—A. P. Collins.

### PRESENCE OF GOD FELT.

We are glad to be able to give a very encouraging report of the work at Stockton, Calif. The most marked evidence of the presence of God is the love and harmony existing in the Assembly. The saints are working as one for the glory of God and the salvation of souls, the meetings being decidedly Pentecostal in spirit and power. It is an inspiration to work with such good conditions in our favor. It causes us to look for mighty things to be accomplished through the power of God. We are persuaded that the coming year will be one long to be remembered by the people of this place. Taking advantage of the opportunity afforded to reach a large number of people through the holding of the World's Fair at San Francisco, we are planning to hold special Tabernacle meetings, beginning May 15th. We desire an interest in your prayers that God will send in good, solid Bible teachers, men fully given up to the will of God. We cannot afford to make a mistake in this line, as so much depends upon this phase of the work.

The General Council cannot help but prove a blessing to God's people, as there is a multiplicity of questions constantly arising, making it necessary to have seasoned men of God to fall back upon for counsel. God has given them to the church and there is no reason why we should not take advantage of these privileges. Pray for Stockton.—Abel Jones, pastor; Otto Michaels, associate pastor.

### MARTINSVILLE REVIVAL CONTINUES.

God is still blessing here. The work is going on. We have held continuous meetings since Dec. 3rd. We have to turn people away because our mission is not large enough. God surely is visiting this city. People are being healed right along and many saved. Others are receiving the Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord for victory!—Pastor Fred Vogler.

### WAITING.

"They are waiting in the wild Sick and weary and defiled And the Saviour's healing word They have seldom, seldom heard; Ever hungry and unfed, Left without the living bread— Waiting! Waiting!"

Editorial Note—The principles laid down here by our beloved and conscientious brother, A. P. Collins, are held by everyone of the Presbytery, and we believe, of every brother and sister who have identified themselves with the General Council in this great forward move for God and Bible Order in His work in the assemblies of the Pentecostal Movement. We are fully determined that centralization will not be allowed to present itself in any form, and that as soon as it does, we intend, by the grace of God, to put our feet upon it and stamp it out of existence. At the same time, we are determined to get back to Apostolic standards of order, both in doctrine and in ministry, and we believe that God is with us and will make the way plain for us. That there are dangers all about us. That there are dangers that is no reason why we should turn into cowards and run from the dangers, allowing someone else, more courageous in character, to step forward and overcome the foe. Mistakes will in all probability be made—we are but weak vessels of clay—but, by the grace of God, they will be corrected as fast as discovered and God sheds further light on our pathway. May everyone of us, praying with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and with a firm faith which will not falter; grip the problems as they are presented and go through with God for a greater fellowship and co-operation in the work of the Lord and a greater evangelism which will not be checked until the clouds roll back, revealing the coming Son of Man in His power and glory, coming to take His beloved out of the world to be forever with her Lord.—J. R. F.

### REPORT FROM TEXAS.

We left Illinois Dec. 30th and arrived here (Austin, Texas) New Year's Day. We had some good meetings before we left, but felt a call to Texas again as it had been seven years since we were here. We found our dear Bro. Shumack and was glad that he was still on the battlefield for lost souls. Also attended the Assembly and found them in touch with God. Some few are getting through to Pentecost. My wife and I were given the services Sunday night. One seeker came forward for prayer. One was reclaimed. We found the work in good standing. Bro. S. tells me that there is general unity. They are praying that the unity may be complete. On Monday night we helped to ordain, by the laying on of hands, six workers who will, with Bro. Shumack, soon leave for new fields. So we do not know exactly where God will have us yet. Believe we are needed here for a time.—I. H. Hall.

### A TESTIMONY.

The saints held a camp at Perry, Iowa, last June, which I attended one evening. To make a long story short, I was between two fires. The Lord was with me, but Satan was strong. Instead of going to the altar the enemy tempted me to go home, which I did. For some time I had a fight on but prayed to God to forgive and cast old Satan out. Later my wife was made a child of God and then at a little meeting held at our place in which several messages were directed to me, the Lord said to me, "I have accepted thee, my son," and thank God! that night I accepted Him. Bless His Holy Name. My wife and little boy received their baptism and I am getting closer and closer to Him. I ask the saints to pray for us that we may become stronger each day. Pray also for our sick, afflicted child. We know He will do what He says He will do, if we will ask Him aright.—J. H. Garrison, Madrid, Iowa.

### COLLINSVILLE, OKLA.

God is still blessing here. There have been some blessed healings and there have been many signs of His soon coming. Thirteen have been baptized with the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4. Pray for us here that God may help us to stay humble at the feet of Jesus.—W. R. Amiot.



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EDITORIALS

MOVE TO ST. LOUIS, MO.

Our new office has been opened in St. Louis by Brother E. N. Bell at 2838 Easton Ave. Our printing presses have been shipped and the office will be moved just as soon as the printing presses have been installed and the plant is ready for operation. This will probably be about the first of February or possibly a week before that time. We are ready to handle all orders for song books from both the Findlay, Ohio, office and the St. Louis, Mo., office until the first of February, when all business will be handled from St. Louis. It is expected that a new Assembly Hall will be opened soon in St. Louis in co-operation with the Publishing House with Elder E. N. Bell as Pastor. Full information later.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Please pray for our little boy who has infantile paralysis. Pray that his little feet may be healed and God glorified.—Mrs. Grace Deeter, R. 1, Gaston, Indiana.

Please pray that the Lord will deliver a dear sister from an extremely heavy household burden and give her the Baptism and open the way for her to get out and work for the salvation of souls.

Please pray earnestly that God will give a mighty revival and outpouring of the Holy Ghost in Goshen, Indiana, and the surrounding neighborhoods and cities. We have no preaching here on Pentecostal lines.—Mrs. Hoover.

Please pray that my wife may obey God and be led back to help me in the work. Also that she may receive the Holy Ghost. Pray for me that God will use me in this country for His service and glory. Have been preaching for about a year. Am the only one here who is baptized.—L. G. Chandler, Whitton, Ark.

My father who is working in the Pentecostal work in Lausanne, is severely ill in his ear, the trouble affecting his head also. This is the sixth month and he feels worse than ever. In fact, he feels that if God does not deliver soon the enemy will take his life. He is a believer in Divine Healing and has trusted the Lord for about thirty years for his body. This is a test he has never had before. Please pray the prayer of faith with us.—George Jullerat, Lausanne, Switzerland.

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

CONVENTION AND BIBLE SCHOOL

Will be held commencing Jan. 24th, Continuing to Jan. 31st, at Chicago, Ill.

Announcement is hereby made that Ebenezer Chapel and Bible Training Institute will be opened on January 24th at 1338-40 Otto street, Chicago, Ill., commencing with an eight-day convention. Services will be held in morning, afternoon and at night during the convention. Rev. D. Wesley Myland and other workers will be in charge. Immediately following the convention, Bible Classes will be organized and the lectures and studies commence Monday, February 1st.—R. H. Gardiner, Chairman for Committee, 1340 Otto St., Chicago.

A BOOK FOR PREACHERS.

Charles G. Finney received the baptism in the Holy Ghost with speaking in tongues, and God made him the greatest evangelist of his age, it being estimated that over half a million were converted under his preaching. Finney's Lectures on Revivals is one of the best books on the subject a preacher can get, and every Pentecostal preacher should have one of them if it is his purpose to be used by the Lord in winning souls. This book formerly sold in cloth binding at \$1.50, but a nice new edition is just out on which we can make

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For five new subscriptions to The Word and Witness at 50 cents each, or for five new subscriptions to The Christian Evangel at \$1 each, all to be received at one time, we will send Finney's Lectures on Revivals to anyone, anywhere, free and postage paid. We will also fill all orders for this remarkable book, to those who do not send in subscriptions, at 75 cents, each postpaid. A good opportunity to secure a \$1.50 book for 75 cents. Send all orders to The Gospel Publishing House, 2838 Easton Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

If you want to hear what God is doing in the different conventions, revival meetings, etc., subscribe for The Christian Evangel. The latest news is printed in the least possible time. The reason why—it's a weekly.

WOODWORTH-ETTER MEETING

AT TAMPA FLORIDA.

Sister M. B. Woodworth-Etter is to begin a series of meetings in Tampa, Fla., at the Corner of 23rd street and 7th avenue in a large hall that will seat a thousand people. She expects to be here on the 23rd of January.

The meeting began Sunday, Jan. 10. Evangelist Earl W. Clark and wife, Mrs. Mary Rahter and Mrs. Everett are here, and the Lord is blessing and saving souls. We expect the greatest meeting Tampa has ever seen and we are preparing for it, Glory to God!

For further information address Rev. J. M. Rowe.

HARTFORD, ARK.

We are meeting in the new house that God has provided for us. We have large crowds. God is indeed present with us and we feel the sweet unity of the Spirit linking our hearts together. Our souls overflow, and we shall never forget Thanksgiving Day. As every day is a Thanksgiving Day, we call this "Big Thanksgiving Day." Brother Hubbard was with us and for three hours the glory of God came down in great waves. It was the same thing at night. God is still healing. A woman was told by her physician that she had pelagra in her hands. She was prayed for and received perfect healing. This was two months ago and she has not had a symptom of it since. Thank God. We expect Bro. James soon and the revival will go on. God is stirring this place with conviction.—Fayette Romines.

PRAYING FOR A MEETING.

Willard, Okla.

I am asking the Lord to open up a way for a meeting in these parts soon. I have had my baptism over a year and have not seen a Pentecostal person in that length of time. Please join in prayer for Harper County, Oklahoma.—Ira E. Spencer.

SPIRITUAL INTOXICATION.

The ever-present and necessary accompaniment of a true revival is always found in the open heart to receive the message as it comes through the inspiration of the messenger. Finney and Moody are representative of such a ministry, neither of whom received the cordial support but rather opposition of most of the clergy because of their being unordained. The same is true of more recent awakenings. Every great awakening in the spirit is of like character and will doubtless continue so until Jesus comes. God reached down in a dirty coal mine in Wales and took out Evans Roberts as the instrument for a great awakening that spread all over Europe. Jesus took the humble fishermen and mechanics. There were "higher ups" in those days as in these, but they were in no spirit to follow the lowly Nazarene. Nor are they today. As then, it is the humble and lowly who follow Him, gladly. Luther was the very embodiment of humility—the son of a poor miner who disowned him for entering a convent.

The Wesleys, although of high estate, owed their Christian training to a devout parentage, the father a vicar in the Established Church. Wesley, the son, appearing at the old home, was importuned to preach from his father's pulpit. Upon going there to preach he found the church doors barred against him. Going into the churchyard, he preached with his father's grave as a pulpit, to thirty thousand people. Wesley tried hard to remain in the church, but to no avail. How is it today? Everywhere you find the same irresponsive spirit, except to the heart-cry of commonality. A few years ago, through a company of consecrated lowly ones, the present movement of a Pentecostal awakening, speaking in tongues and the manifestation of gifts in the Spirit, was introduced to the world. These gifts have long antedated this event, but it being a scriptural promise to the believers, God has used and is still using it to the edification of believers, conviction of sinners and a universal uplift to the real spiritually hungry, exciting their fervor for spiritual ends.

If we read as we run, we will find the "gifts" are but a stimulus to the awakening and not an anchor to hold us in steady uniformity for real service. "By their fruits ye shall know them," and the most unfortunate condition one can get into is to rely upon the gifts or emotions solely as an evidence of equipment for service. To such we see on every hand wreck and ruin of many lives that God might have used to the building up of His Kingdom. This inherently points to a snare in any great spiritual movement where Satan has entered to appropriate such as he could use to build up spiritualism, Mormonism, free-loveism and all the detestable brood of Satanic affinities that have ruined the lives and usefulness of thousands who have been led astray through the emotions.

It is a rare opportunity for the individual to have awakened in him the sweet influences of the Spirit of God, who can stand in defiance of the enemy as a witness to His saving grace and sanctifying power, when with this goes an equipment for service that an endless eternity cannot measure. If we could but see the slightest measure of our possibilities under the Spirit's guidance we would hesitate and tremble before entering into those things that make shipwreck of such an experience. One can be a spiritual as well as a physical inebriate, intoxicated with his own selfish satisfaction, stunted in his soul, drunk with conceit of himself, incapable of measuring larger values and opportunities. To such, no higher ministry is possible but that of obstructing the progress of others in the spiritual life and service. It is sad to note that even the Pentecostal movement is thus encumbered, as has been every great revival movement in history.

An encouraging sign of the present awakening is the present character of its leadership. It is evident the foremost men and women in this connection are profiting by mistakes that have inhered in those movements arising heretofore, as well as the present, that have been so conspicuous as following a man, and in spite of an occasional protest that this means organization, it is plain to those of larger vision that the "Council" is planning to save the work of God. The very best and highest stewardship should obtain not only to save the work but to keep it on the highest level of efficiency. We believe those who are safest to guide have this vision, and that it will not be long until all the states come under a similar control and government as independent bodies and operating in harmony with a general council in furtherance of the work representing a true and wholesome presentation of the work

Pentecostal Notes on International Sunday School Lesson

By MRS. A. R. FLOWER

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RUTH CHOOSES THE TRUE GOD.

Lesson Text—Ruth 1:6-18. Memory Verses, 16, 17.

Golden Text—"Thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God."—Ruth 1:16.

Leading Thought—A wise choice and the blessing it brought.

1. Naomi's purpose to return to Judah, vs. 6-13. The entire story of Ruth should be read to grasp fully the beautiful lessons shown forth in this history of one particular family who lived during the time of the judges. Ch. 1:1. It is a striking example of the overruling providence of God, who though compelled to chasten, "will not always chide; neither will He keep His anger forever." Psa. 103:8, 9. Possibly Elimelech made a mistake in going down to Moab for temporal bread and thereby forsaking Bethlehem, the spiritual "house of bread." Heb. 11:25. It not only set an example for his neighbors, but showed a discontented, distrustful spirit; and certainly in no wise bettered his condition, temporally, physically or spiritually. Ch. 1:20, 21; Isa. 31:1-2. Yet God hereby chose from this despised heathen nation (Deut. 23:3) a bright jewel for the forwarding of His great purpose, Rom. 8:28, 9:25. No comfort for Naomi to linger longer in a strange land, especially after hearing that the famine in the home country was ended. Her affliction and disappointments only drew her closer to God and the land of His favor. The attachment and confidence of her two daughters-in-law spoke well, however, for her conduct and character while among a strange, ungodly people. God can and does keep us while forced to remain in the enemy's territory, but when continued by our deliberate choice, all responsibility on His part ceases. Release from home ties caused an immediate decision to return. Vs. 6, 7. It was a right choice on Naomi's part that gave the other two the privilege of a right choice. In the same way is the personal influence and responsibility of each one of us determined by our right choice. Naomi makes no attempt to persuade the two to go, even though the cause would seem to justify her in drawing them from the darkness of heathenism to enjoy the

blessings of a God-fearing people. But she probably recognized, as do spiritually minded people today that their going from any other reason than a deliberate choice would be of short continuance and value. So she brings to their attention those natural hindrances and considerations which after deliberation would cause a careful, adding choice. Vs. 8-12. Our Lord so dealt with one on a similar occasion. Matt. 8:19, 20. A soul never loses by first counting the cost. Lu. 14: 27-30. It is only a matter of time anyway before the frailty and unreliability of the human heart is made manifest. Assuredly it is God that tryeth the hearts of men.

2. The two choices and how they resulted. Vs. 14-18. Both widows had been at first alike strong in their declaration to return with Naomi, V. 10. But Orpah's apparent strong affection finally weakened and she bade her mother-in-law farewell. In forsaking Naomi she forsook Jehovah also (v. 15), and so far as any future honor or blessing was concerned we hear nothing more of her. She had chosen the easiest, most reasonable course, but "He that saveth his life shall lose it." But Ruth clave unto her. V. 14, and Naomi's final urgent appeal failed to swerve her from her choice. Vs. 15-17. It only brought from her one of the most beautiful declarations of loyalty and tender, pure love that ever fell from human lips. Notice how complete, how absolute her forsaking of the old, and the corresponding acceptance of the new. She embraced Naomi's God because of what she had seen of him in Naomi's life and her words breathe the spirit of one resolved for God and heaven. It is that same "whole heartedness" on us that causes us to say with deepest feeling:

"I the lonely way have taken,  
Rough and toilsome tho' it be;  
And, altho' despised, forsaken,  
Jesus, I'll go thro' with thee."

Naomi saw and respected her steadfast purpose. V. 18. Our friends and foes alike will observe the same purpose in us. What this choice meant to Ruth the rest of the story plainly shows. She thus came to be among the ancestors of our blessed Saviour. "Before honour is humility." John 12:24, 25.

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SAMUEL CALLED TO BE A PROPHET.

Lesson Text—1 Sam. 3:1-13, 19, 20. Golden Text—"Speak, Jehovah, for thy servant heareth." 1 Sam. 3:9.

Leading Thought—God hath chosen the weak things rich in faith.

1. God speaks to the child Samuel, Vs. 1-10. As in the case of Samson God's blessing and power was manifest in the circumstances preceding Samuel's birth as well as afterward. Godly, righteous parentage is ever a rich heritage. Lu. 2:27, Prov. 29:15, 17; Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:21. The trustful simplicity and purity of the lad is a striking contrast to the corrupt ungodly character of the priest Eli's two sons. It should have been a shame not only to them, but to the High Priest and Israel at large that God was thus compelled to use so humble an instrument to bring His message. Because of the corruptness and unbelief in high places today, God is still compelled to use weak, despised instruments. "Having eyes they see not; having ears they hear not." 2 Cor. 4:4. We see the child Samuel faithful in his service to the Lord and Eli. V. 1. Service to God's servants is service to God Himself. The latter part of the verse gives a clear insight into those days. The scarcity of divine revelation only makes more remarkable the prophet Samuel's call. Only God's great mercy caused Him to so favor Israel at this time. In the increased light of our day and the open revelation of God's power, how much greater will be the condemnation for its rejection! Notice how exact the relation of God's dealing with the boy. Vs. 2, 3. It was at night—a time God frequently chooses for speaking to His children. Gen. 28:11-22; 32:22-32. "The Lord called Samuel" (v. 4), and though the child readily responded, he perceived not from whom the call really came. V. 5. But Samuel here reveals his industry and readiness to wait on Eli. How often have we failed in recognizing God's call to us through His word, His ministers, His providences! In recognizing the instruments we have soon lost the impression of His voice, forgotten the convictions, and like Samuel returned to "lie down again." Sad to say, dis-

obedience to the heavenly vision is very common. Acts 26:19. Twice again God calls the child, for when He hath purposed doth He not ever fruitfully perform it? Samuel understood so poorly because he "did not yet know the Lord." V. 7. 1 Cor. 13:11, Job 33:14. But an open humble heart God will speedily bring to a place of understanding. Psa. 25:9; Lu. 24:45; Dan. 1:17; 2:19-47. Eli's part in the matter is praiseworthy. Having perceived God's manifest hand he instructs the child properly, though feeling the mortification of himself and family, in having compelled God to make a child His messenger. Samuel's obedience to Eli's instruction opened the way for the solemn message.

2. God's message to Samuel, Vs. 11-13. A solemn, momentous message for so young a child, particularly when it did not pertain to himself at all. But it was short, and to the point. Compare with the message brought by the man of God, Ch. 2:27. It dealt with the cause of the impending judgment upon Eli's household. V. 13. It was for "the iniquity which he knoweth"—the omission on Eli's part in carelessly rearing his sons without discipline and reproof, together with a righteous fear and reverence for God and His service. God laid the sin where it belonged, at the parent's door. Too often parents excuse themselves for the sin and vice of their children, when in reality the fault lies at their own door. Prov. 22:6. The message further revealed the astonishment and terror which such a judgment would strike to the heart of every Israelite. "When thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness." Isa. 26:9.

3. Samuel honored by God, Vs. 19-21. This remarkable disclosure in no wise puffed up the boy Samuel. He continued his ordinary round of service. V. 15. "Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him." V. 19. That was the secret of his growth—God's presence and favour. And in return he honored God and God established Samuel's word, v. 19, exalting him in the eyes of all Israel. It is a wonderful record of a God-fearing young man. Eccles. 12:1.

that God disposes to honor; that many who have opposed will be drawn to it because of the Christian unity and or-

der and fellowship characterizing it, and the Bible order in which it is set.—C. E. R., Indianapolis, Ind.



**THE HARVEST TIME OF THE WORLD**  
REVELATION 14:14-20

By J. S. Seerist,

"And I saw, and behold a white cloud; and on the cloud one sat like unto the Son of Man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, 'Thrust in thy sickle, and reap; for the time is come for thee to reap for the harvest of the earth is ripe.'"

This is the first harvest, and is the same as Matt. 24:31 and 13:37-43, with many others referring to "The Great Day of the Lord," when Jesus will come to claim His Bride. See Rev. 7:12-17; 19:1-9.

But there will be a second harvest following immediately upon this one (See same chapter as above, Rev. 14:17-20). This harvest was cast into "The great winepress of the wrath of God," verse 19,—the doom of the wicked.

Where are we in Prophecy and where are we in the history of the world? Is there no definite way to locate ourselves? Will all this talk of "Peace" bring results? Will all this world-wide praying bring peace? Will God change the destiny of this world for aught that man can or can not do? No, never. The prayers and tears and pleadings and sufferings of God's prophets and peoples in the past have resulted in much good to save souls, and do so yet, but did not change the destiny of this world, nor prolong the time of harvest. This time is set, fixed and settled in the council chambers of heaven.

A clear understanding of the great types and shadows, with the prophecies and their fulfillment will clearly indicate to us just where we stand in regard to the time in which we now live. Let us just note one of these great types of the Old Testament, and how it was literally fulfilled in the New Testament.

The Jews had three yearly feasts. First, the "Feast of Unleavened Bread," or Passover, Lev. 23:4-14. Note four special things in this feast: 1st, the lamb taken up on the tenth day; 2nd, killed on the 14th day; 3rd, the High Sabbath on the 15th; and 4th, on the morning of the 16th the wave sheaf is offered. Note its literal fulfillment by Jesus, of whom it all was a type and He is its antitype. Jesus came to Jerusalem on Sunday, or six days before the feast of the passover, John 12:1, the same day on which the lamb was taken up; was crucified on the 14th, the day the lamb was killed; lay in the tomb all of the 15th day, which was "The High Sabbath," John 19:31, and arose from the dead on the morning of the 16th day, the same morning on which the wave sheaf was offered. Every type in this feast thus met its antitype in Jesus. Oh, how beautiful, wonderful and true are the double testimonies of our God!

The second great feast was the "Feast of Pentecost," or feast of weeks, Lev. 23:15-21. This was just seven full weeks, counting from the wave-sheaf morning, the 16th, to Pentecost. Just one day in this feast, a first harvest feast, a new offering was made of bread from fine flour with leaven in it, the only offering in the Jewish feasts in which leaven was used. This feast and offering were literally fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended in mighty power upon the waiting, praying disciples, filling them with the new leaven from heaven, a new power, new tongues, new desires, new love and life, for a "New and better Covenant, written by the Spirit of the living God." Praise His Holy Name! Acts 2:1-4.

The third great feast was the feast of Tabernacles, Lev. 23:23-36. This was also the "Harvest-Home" feast at the end of the year, coming in the seventh month and corresponding in days to the Feast of Unleavened Bread. On the 10th day was the Day of Atonement, a day of fasting, affliction and prayer; from the 14th to the 21st was a feast of great joy and thanksgiving, for it was the final ingathering, The Real Harvest Time.

This last is the only one of these three great types which has not been literally fulfilled, but will be just as truly as the rest have been. This will be in the second coming of our Lord when He will reap the two great harvests noted at the beginning of this article. Nothing that man can do can change Harvest-Time. The 10th day is set and is the "Day of Atonement." We think it unwise to attempt to do more than to cite all to what the Master has said concerning that great day. This is "The Great Day of the Lord," Dan. 12:1-3; Matt. 24:29-31; 25:31-23; 2nd Thess. 1:7-10; Rev. 6:12-17; 7:1-17, 19, with many others. Nothing in all the Bible occupies

more space and is spoken of oftener, directly and indirectly, than this "Great and Notable Day of the Lord." In our next article we will endeavor to show the point in prophecy and history at which we now live, and which will immediately follow this period of time and the closing of this age.—J. S. Seerist, Olympia, Wash.

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**TUBERCULOSIS HEALED**

"Jesus Christ, the same; yesterday, today, and forever."

Last February, now nearly a year, I was suddenly taken very ill with pleura-pneumonia, which resulted in a severe case of tuberculosis, in which the heart became seriously involved, the blood rushing to the head until a blood vessel was ruptured on the brain, and I would lie for hours apparently dying, while blood settled under the nails and about the face. The family became so frightened that a physician was called though I was fully trusting in God. A thorough examination was made and the doctor found that both lungs were filled and that the heart had flattened out and was over on the right side. The lungs were found to be filled with tuberculous germs. The board of health in Rochester, N. Y. said I was in the last stages of the disease. The pleura had grown to the right side and ruptured, which caused intense pain. The suffering was very severe from the first on account of condition of lungs and heart, and when I was conscious, it seemed almost impossible to bear, or to breathe. Although I had the best care my sufferings only increased. I knew there was no hope but in God's divine power. My husband, son, and three daughters stood with me in faith and with the united prayers of the saints at Elim and other friends, I was wonderfully delivered and healed, praise His holy name. They came from Elim the 15th of Feb. and anointed me in the name of the Lord according to James 5:14, 15, and the next night while suffering intensely I cried mightily to God for deliverance. I could not bear the pain longer, and I knew He had borne the pain for me on the Cross. I had a vision of Him hanging upon the Cross, suffering for me, that I need not suffer, and I said, I will trust Thee for Your finished work to be done in me, and I was instantly delivered, glory to His name. God gave me a vision of my brain and I saw the finger of the Lord placed over the blood clot on the left side, as if to remove it which He actually did at that moment.

The next day the physician came again, after the Lord had touched me, and he examined my heart and lungs and said the heart was getting into shape again and in its normal condition.

During the two weeks nearly half the flesh had gone from my body, the fever ran so high, but God has given me back more than I had before my illness.

Healing of the Lord was not new to me, for eighteen years previous I had been raised up from a very severe illness, and since then Jesus has been my abiding Lord and Physician. He also gave me the Latter Rain Baptism in the Spirit seven years ago last May, and I am today rejoicing in Him as Saviour, Healer, Baptizer, and my coming King.

May all of God's children who read this testimony be led to put full confidence and trust in Jesus for every need. Mrs. Hattie Hazelton, Le Roy, N. Y. "Trust."

**A GRACIOUS CHRISTMAS GIFT.**  
Haskell, Tex.

We praise God for our Christmas gift. It was a severe battle with the enemy, in which we held on and tarried for victory, receiving after an hour the greatest outpouring of the Spirit we have had in many months. Every meeting since then has been glorious. Thank God for victory in Haskell. We have two real earnest seekers for the baptism and several interested. Please pray that Father may remember us with a victorious meeting. Please pray that God will send us a Spirit-filled preacher to help our dear Brother Condron. We are praying and expecting it. Remember me in prayer.—Mrs. J. B. Whitaker.

**NOTE FROM HOT SPRINGS.**

Pastor Collins was over Sunday, also quite a few of the saints from Malvern, and we had a blessed time in the Lord. We are having a revival here now. Several have received the Baptism and several have been saved.—H. A. Goss.

**PASTORS EVANGELISTS AND CHURCHES.**

By Harry Morse.

I am real glad for the interest there is among so many during this year in the direction of earnestly contending for Bible Order in this great movement of Spirit-baptized saints. Much of the work that has been done, up to about a year ago, has been purely evangelistic; and not until the last couple of years has there been much written or said about the need of assemblies being set in order. Because of an absence of such teaching among us on the whole, a good many had the idea that we did not need any authority, or any men with such authority to be set in the church. Paul recognized the need of order (Titus 1:5) and the need of rulers in the church. Heb. 13:7, 17, 24. These were to be men who were called of God as Elders. The elders for the assembly (1 Thess. 5:11-14) and a presbytery (eldership, A. S. Worrell's trans.) for the oversight of the work in general. 1 Tim. 4:14. Of course these rulers were not to rule as lords over God's heritage nor to usurp undue authority. 1 Pet 5:1-3.

May we, as a movement, see this truth and fall in line and yet steer clear of a machine of ecclesiasticism. From many, many places the call is coming for men that are pastors, and we are now seeing the need for a thorough ground work to be laid. Simply coming into a new field and getting people through to God is not enough. They need also to be fed and nurtured that they may grow up in God. Eph. 4:11-15. Hitherto, the man who did not have lots of outward fizzle, as it were, in the way of physical manifestations, was not appreciated, in some quarters at least. I do not mean to say a word against manifestations as I dearly love to see them, but am merely correcting an error among them.

Usually one with an evangelistic gift has more or less of this, and can make more of a stir, and his ministry is important in opening up new fields, as well as to assist the pastor in stirring up an assembly, and to put new life into it.

Sometimes when a good evangelist comes along the saints are all taken up with him and begin to desire him for their steady pastor. They then grow dissatisfied with their old pastor, who has been steady and faithful through the thick and thin of the fight. The saints may be honest in this, all right, but it is a trick of the enemy to bring confusion and disorder in the assembly. The fresh and rousing evangelist is not the fellow who stays very long at any one place, neither is he the one who will usually stay with the assembly when it is going through its dry and sifting state; and neither is he the one who usually feeds the assembly. Both of these are qualified officers in the church and the normal church cannot get along without either of them, but they must each of them keep in their place.

Some pastors are also evangelists, and some evangelists are blessed with the ability of a pastor. But if one is a pastor without the evangelistic ability, he should do his best to also do the work of an evangelist. 2 Tim. 4:5. If an evangelist is where he must take oversight of an assembly, at least for a time, he should try and settle down in his spirit of wanting to move when the fight comes on, and be determined to do the work of a pastor until God sees fit to raise up one for that particular assembly.

Above all things, let the pastor and evangelist not work against each other. When we believe that one is in his place and fulfilling his office, let us be faithful in reproving and admonishing them. I have never had the misfortune to meet such a condition, but I feel that this advice is timely for us. I recognize a spirit working in some quarters, in late months, on this line of becoming dissatisfied with the present leaders and desiring a change. It is of the devil and is caused by the demonical spirit of this age. It is the same spirit of unrest who is the direct cause of it. His nature is given in Job. 1:6-7 and 2:1-2. God asked him where he came from that day, and he said, "From going up and down in the earth, and to and fro in it." His demonic hosts have the same nature—Jesus told us that "when the unclean spirit goeth out of a man he walketh about seeking rest and findeth none." Luke 11:24. See also 1 Pet. 5:8. The people whom Satan controls and who are possessed by spirits are said to be, as a consequence, "like the troubled sea whose waters cannot rest." Isa. 57:20, 21. This explains the reason for so much itching for travel and unrest everywhere. This also explains why there is so much unrest among saints. When we have our eyes truly fixed on Jesus and enjoying the blessings, we don't think of wanting a change with our leaders unless they are unworthy of

that position. Neither do we think of wanting a change in our residence, viz. to move to some other town, etc. The Holy Spirit is the opposite Spirit to the one that I have just mentioned, and He is a Spirit of rest and contentment, even when things do not always go just as we might entirely desire.

"When He giveth quietness, who then can make trouble." Job. 34:29. "This is in the sight of God of great price." 1 Pet. 3:4. We are told to make this theme a study of how to be quiet." 1 Thess. 4:11. "The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace." Jas. 3:18.—Independence, Ore.

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**NOTES BY THE WAY.**

Surely He has been teaching me His way since He so graciously and gloriously and mightily baptized me in the Holy Spirit, which I received in St. Joseph, Mo., about thirteen months ago. I left St. Joe in June and came by way of Memphis Tenn. Remained here nearly one month with Bro. Adams who greatly enriched me in spiritual things. Believing it God's will for me to go out into the work, I went to Millville, Ark. The Lord blessed and still enriched my own life in Him. From there the Lord led me to Kingsland, Ark. At this place He gave boldness in speaking His Word by stretching forth His hand to heal and thereby confirming His Word by signs following. There were healings of people of all ages, from the babe whose disease puzzled several physicians, to the Grandfather seventy-six years old. His wife, seventy-three years old, was remarkably healed. Was not expected to ever get up again. A boy was healed instantly of high fever. The aged grandfather mentioned was healed of all his troubles, and they were many,—skin disease, cancer of the mouth and other troubles. He was also very deaf. The Lord in answer to prayer completely restored him to his former health.

I was blessed in attending the Puxico, Mo. Pentecostal Campmeeting.

At Paragould, Ark., I assisted Bro. Drew in a most gracious meeting. Up to the time the meeting closed nine had received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost and five were saved. One brother became demon-possessed and his sister came for me. I went with her. Satan surely had full control of him. He was fierce. In answer to prayer Satan was compelled to come out of him. He immediately knew it and said "You broke my connection," and with the expression of his eyes entirely changed he turned and came to me as gentle as a lamb and sat down and talked and laughed with us. Praise God, His power and grace did fall on us all and we praised God for giving authority over all the power of the enemy.

I next went with three brethren to Rector, Ark., to attend a tent meeting which these brethren had held for two weeks. The power fell there and a number were healed, several of stomach trouble. One sister had been troubled for 25 years and was healed instantly. I do not remember ever speaking to a more interested audience. It was estimated that about 1400 or 1500 were present Sunday night and God wonderfully blessed. Praise His name forever! The meeting broke and the brethren are moving to Paragould where they expect to winter.

It seems good to the Holy Ghost and to "me" for me to go and minister to the saints at Benton, Ark. Pray for me, brethren that "My speech and my preaching" may not be with "enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power" that their "faith may not stand in the wisdom of men but in the power of God." 1 Cor. 2:4, 5.—D. G. Dailey, Paragould, Ark.

**PERSISTENT PRAYER WINS.**

When I came to Lockwood, Mo., the saints were the only ones who would come out. They had an upper room to themselves, but there seemed to be no unity and God could not work. We started to pray and we set apart every day at our house. A good many came out at first but the interest died down until only two came besides myself and wife. But, Praise God! We held on and the Lord is hearing our cries. The interest is increasing. The talk of the town is about the boys who have been saved from such bad lives. Two more were saved last night and one man healed. Now, instead of an attendance of about nine, we have about one hundred. The Lord has surprised us for it did look impossible. Many are under conviction. The boys want the Baptism. Join in prayer for this city, which is surely a wicked place. It has never had a revival.—Charley Jaynes and Wife.

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**A SISTER'S HEART MESSAGE.**

To the saints scattered abroad, Greeting! Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake, Matt. 5:10-12. I am still praising God for full salvation and for His blessed Word and for the privilege of seeing it fulfilled in these last days. How important it is in these perilous times to have on the robe of righteousness and to have on the whole armor of God that we may be able to go through and endure hardness as a good soldier. "If we suffer with Him we shall reign with Him."—1 Tim. 2:12.

"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us," Rom. 8:17, 18.

Beloved, it really means something to stand true to God and never deny Him, but, praise God, I am always looking to Jesus for all things, for He is all this world to me and I will always hold up the bloodstained banner for Jesus. "For as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up." I do praise God because I am not ashamed of Him for He saved and redeemed my soul through His precious blood. I want the prayers of all the saints. Have moved from Mineola, Texas to Doucette, Texas, in Tyler County, and I am among strangers, and I am a stranger, but, Glory to God! I am not a stranger to Him. Pray that I may be able to quench all the fiery darts of Satan. Pray for my husband and myself and little boy whom I want to raise for the Lord. May God keep and direct all who trust in Him.—Mrs. Lanier Maclin, Doucette, Tex.

**VICTORY IN IOWA.**

On December 1st we opened the good fight at Terre Haute, an inland point six miles from Decatur, and by following Jesus, our Captain, through many difficulties the victory is now being given and precious souls are being saved from sin and baptized as on the day of Pentecost. Over a dozen are now saved and we are trusting God for many more as the revival continues. To Jesus we give all the glory.—Eugene N. Hastie, Decatur, Iowa.

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**A SHORT MESSAGE TO MOTHERS.**  
**María A. Gerber, Turkey.**

Having myself over two hundred children in my Orphanage, I consider myself also as a Mother. So often the burden of being mother to these little ones falls upon me. I do not mean the burden of anxious care. I mean the burden of earnest prayer. It really does mean so much to bring up children in our time, where the influence of sin is so strong. I do see something so abnormal here in the United States during the short time I am here, which has caused me to give this word of encouragement and advice. I see that so many children do not obey and honor their parents, and are not submissive to them as the Scriptures enjoin them to be, (Ephes. 6:1 and Colossians 3:20). And the dear children are bringing upon themselves a curse from God. Many mothers speak to me, with tears in their eyes, concerning their children being carried away into the stream of worldliness, and they want me to pray for their children. Therefore I take the liberty to give a few thoughts of advice to dear mothers, concerning the things the dear Lord has shown me to do for my children.

The first thing is to understand that all healthy children must have some occupation to attract their little industrious minds, besides their school books, and I find it the best thing to keep them busy in some line of Missionary work of their own. In Europe there were many families where the parents undertook the support of a little orphan in Turkey, and interested their children in this work. The children themselves would gather the forty dollars each year, by saving all their pennies, and by doing little handwork and selling it from time to time. They gave their children a missionary box for the pennies, and got a photo of their little new sister or brother, with the story of the child and its name. Anyone who will send me name and address, saying that they wish to support such a poor child, will receive the above just as soon as the war permits me to attend to it. For this forty dollars the child is received into our Orphans Home in Turkey, receives food, clothing, shelter and schooling with some knowledge of a trade so that when the child leaves the Home he or she can make a living. Those who desire to become workers as Evangelists and Teachers, receive training for that also. It is well that our children are kept at something which will cause them to realize their responsibility and give them a matter of special prayer. It is well that they receive their \$10.00 every three months regularly.

Brother D. W. Kerr, 6403 Linwood Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, is willing to accept all money for our Orphan work for Turkey, and to forward the same to us. This will be a great help for the very needy orphans there and will save them from physical and eternal destruction. This line of work will be a help to you mothers in keeping your children out of the world and will bring a widespread union and fellowship in the Lord and in prayer and love. You will get letters from our institution and as soon as the child can write English your child will write to you himself or herself. We are always so happy and thankful to get encouraging letters from the homeland. All letters to me in care of Brother Kerr will be forwarded to me. May the Lord raise up for us many helpers while I am obliged to remain in the United States. As soon as the war is over I want to go back and gather many more, because the present war will make many more homeless orphans who will starve if they are not cared for.

The unfortunate amusements in the schools in America, the moving pictures and the unholy dance are great means of stealing the children from their parents. Let us pray earnestly against this great danger with which our children are confronted.

**Just a Word to the Dear Children.**  
 I was also once a child and I became a young woman and the world

had crept into my heart. We had a dear mother who prayed so much for us children. Therefore the Holy Spirit strove with me from my childhood. At last I was overcome by His great love.

Although I had been a moral young woman I had a great passion for the dance, to which I was a real slave. But after having been transformed through the precious blood of Jesus, I had no more desire for anything belonging to the world. After I was converted, I was still followed by my old worldly friends who tried to draw me back into their society. Once two young women came to invite me to a specially well arranged evening of amusement. The Holy Spirit spoke to my soul at once and I replied to them saying I would be there. They were astonished and asked me repeatedly if I were really coming to their dance party. I said, "Yes, if God keeps me alive until tomorrow night, I will be there."

When I came, with my Bible, into the large dancing parlor the crowd had gathered already and the music was just about to begin. I stepped into the middle of the hall and began to speak aloud a few short words about Jesus and Eternity. I read a verse from the scripture and said "Now we will pray and I will then see what we will do after prayer." Everybody was silent and I knelt down and closed my eyes and prayed and pleaded for the salvation of all these dear young people, and after my long prayer I opened my eyes and behold I was all alone in the dancing room and no dancing took place that night. I was never again invited to a worldly party.

O, my dear young people, let us be strong for God and show our colors as soldiers of Jesus Christ, not being ashamed of our flag, and you will see how this very firm stand and this giving up everything that is worldly will be a wonderful means of protecting us and more victory will come as we go on.

I may write you more later about how my dear orphan children in Turkey are doing Missionary work.

Your sister who loves you and prays for you.—María A. Gerber.

**BROTHER POST HEARD FROM.**  
**Egypt.**

On Dec. 5th we left Alexandria and are now on a trip south, up the Nile, to visit all the missions. I can assure you that these are indeed earnest days,—in the midst of war with soldiers on all sides everywhere, and important changes taking place. Egypt this week is declared free from Turkey and Cairo becomes the center of the Moslem world, and no longer Constantinople. A new flag is erected and the British have the full control.

I do not think we shall have any disturbance internally over this change. I say "earnest days" surely as I visit the missions and meet the earnest brethren who give us a most hearty welcome and urge us to stay at each mission much longer than we can.

We can see real advancement that cheers our hearts and causes us to rejoice and hope for greater things, and this, right in the face of the war situation.

I am sure this trip is indeed of the Lord for He laid it on our hearts long before the way was opened up and then in due time He provided good help at Alexandria in one of our native evangelists, with other good help, so the Lord is blessing us all along the line. I am glad to meet our native ministry—native pastors and evangelists, for indeed, under God, this is the hope of this land and, should it come to the place where all foreigners and missionaries must leave, yet the Lord would indeed have a real witness through the precious native brethren, for indeed they are worthy of our confidence and hearty support. And this we are seeking to do and shall yet more as the Lord shall enable us. Will you, beloved, and all your co-laborers take us and this present situation before the Lord? Surely we know you do, and I can assure you that we feel truly thankful.

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**BRO. AND SISTER BOWLEY SAIL.**

We will be off for West Africa on January 9th. Will sail on S. S. Salaga. The Lord has blessed us in a gracious way. The ushering in of this New Year came with blessing for my soul. It has been a long time since I have had such a mighty touch from the Lord. So we are going forth rejoicing in His name for the blessed victories won in Jesus' name. The party join me in sending greetings to the Home-land.—Harry and Lilly Bowley.

**S. SMIT.**

I have been amongst the natives and Europeans lately and God has richly blessed me and made me a blessing to them. Some have been converted and others healed. I was very sorry to leave them without a shepherd. There are thousands of them crying out for this glorious Full Gospel, but they are poor and cannot at present support a Missionary. What we really need is a mission station, to be opened amongst them, and, of course, as you know, that means money to live with my family right amongst them. Will you and the dear saints please, for Jesus' sake and for the sake of hungry, perishing souls crying out for the bread of life, pray, pray and pray again that money may be forthcoming, in hundreds of pounds to be spent for King Jesus and the extension of His church upon this earth. The majority of the Europeans are rejecting the Full Gospel and I believe the time has come to turn to the natives.

We some times have to walk or go on bicycle on account of having no money for train fare. We have gone through some very severe tests, only having bread in the house and that only for one meal, not knowing where the next was coming from, but the Lord has been faithful and sometimes used unconverted people to supply our needs. But I have found out that this has been at times when God's people were disobedient to His voice. I am in for winning souls to King Jesus.

Arouse! Arouse! Ye Christians!  
 The time is speeding by;  
 The winds are waiting to us  
 That sad, appealing cry:  
 Oh, that the lips of thousands  
 May learn to praise the King;  
 The harvest ripens quickly,  
 The sheaves need bringing in.

Yes, it is a sad, appealing cry. Will you Christians, with so many privileges in America, not stand by us in this darkest Africa? I feel if you do not give heed to this appeal, it may witness against you when you stand before Christ to receive your reward.

**F. S. HAWHEEL.**  
**Egypt.**

I am glad to inform you that the work here is going all right. We have a new blessing every moment, so let us all rejoice, for the stores of God are never gone, empty or closed. The soon coming of Jesus is confessed by many people. Many here in Egypt were assured by the Holy Spirit that they were not going to die but he caught up to meet Jesus in the air. Glory to His Holy Spirit! Pray for us. Let us watch in a prayerful spirit.

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**LAWTON OKLAHOMA.**

I have been doing my best in the Lord's service for some time and He has blessed me wonderfully and given me the anointing to preach the truth. Have been working here for the past two months and the Lord has blessed and we can see that the people are really thinking about salvation. Some are coming through, but not in crowds. Pray for this place that God will work in a mighty way. We will be here in this work this winter, and my friends can address me here.—Mrs. Valeria Lee Hammond, 610 10th St., Lawton, Okla.

(Our sister, Valeria Lee, was recently married to Mr. Hammond and they both hope to be in the Lord's work together, and desire the prayers of their friends, for God's blessing in the work).—Ed.

**WANT A PREACHER.**  
**Rector, Ark.**

We need a preacher here to hold meetings for us. We are three miles south of Rector, Ark. There are four persons who have received the Baptism and several five or six miles below us. There is a schoolhouse that I am sure we could get. Six of us in one family have received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost and we want a man filled with the Spirit to come. Please pray that the Lord will send the right one this way.—J. E. Bess, Rector, Ark.

**OBEEDIENCE BRINGS HEALING.**

The St. Paul Daily News of July 2, 1914, tells the story of what they choose to call a Twentieth Century miracle which was something on the order of Dorothy Kerin's healing in London, inasmuch as this little girl also heard the voice of Jesus telling her to arise.

Helen Hastings, ten years old, was badly hurt last December, a few days after Christmas. Her brother pulled away the piano-stool just as she was about to sit down on it, and she fell violently to the floor, injuring her back so that she cried in pain. Three doctors endeavored to relieve her suffering, but all in vain. About a month later, her father and mother were attempting to apply some ointment to her back to relieve the pain, but just the touch of the hand would cause her to scream. As they were endeavoring to minister to their little girl, she said, "Papa, Jesus says I must go out of doors before four o'clock. If I do, I will get well, but if I don't I will never go out again." She insisted she heard Him speak to her in an audible voice, and her father complied with her wishes, carrying her out into the yard, and later taking her back again. As he laid her on the bed, she sprang up and stood on her feet. She dressed herself, ran down stairs, and leaped and ran about the house, perfectly well. She said that Jesus told her in a loud voice if she didn't obey Him, she would never walk another step. She also said, "It wasn't going out of doors that healed me. It was obeying God's Command."—W. & W.

**GOOD JAIL MEETING.**  
**Clarendon, Ark.**

We are carrying on a meeting here. Have a good building in front of the Court House. Have large crowds and all the seats are filled. Last night the people were surely interested. The other night about five or six were at the altar to be prayed for and last night two were saved. They say they want to receive the baptism. I ask the prayers of the saints for this place. We visited the jail yesterday where there were several murderers and the Lord gave wonderful victory. They all lifted their hands for prayer. Sister Bayr has been with us since Saturday. Is going home but will come back and help us. I am praying for more helpers and workers in this wicked place. Pray much for these precious souls.—Evan Chas. Williamson.

**HUNTINGTON, ARK.**

I started meeting the first night of this year and the first night two were baptized in the Spirit; the second night three were saved and three received the Holy Ghost and on Sunday Bro. Love from Dardanelle, Ark., was with us and one was baptized in the Holy Spirit. On the night following two were saved and two received the Holy Ghost. Praise God!

I have been trying to live for the Lord over three years and am saved and kept by His power.—W. H. H. Mattov.

I am praising the Lord for what He is doing here. Five have been saved. All of the saints are revived. I have had the Baptism over two years. I am sixteen years old. I desire the prayers of everyone.—Gracey Parks, Huntington, Ark.

**LADONIA, TEXAS, STIRRED.**

Have been helping Bros. Merrill in their meetings. Was there one week. Seven were baptized in the Holy Ghost. A number were saved. The country is stirred for miles around. Baptist deacons and Methodist stewards alike accepted the truth and are seeking and getting baptized in the Holy Ghost. Bro. Parker and Bro. Kirkland were with us Sunday, and spoke in freedom of the Spirit.—J. D. Sheumack.

**HEALED OF ECZEMA.**

I want to praise the Lord for what He has done for me. I had a pain in my side and lung and coughed continually and He healed me. He also healed my feet of eczema of ten years standing. Praise the Lord! I am well and He did the healing. Praise Him also for many more healings in the family.—Mrs. Harry Orr, Conroe, Tex.

**BLESSING FALLING IN CHAFFTE.**

The Lord is blessing here in Chaffte (Mo.) Many are seeking God Bro. J. Alliston, from Kentucky, is with us for a few days. We are trusting God for a blessed time. There are many hungry souls in this part of the country. One sister who had been seeking for three years was baptized in the Holy Spirit a few nights ago.—M. V. Ferguson and Wife.

**THAYER, MO.**

Several were saved and reclaimed in our meetings while Brother Bishop was here. Four have received the Baptism so far this year.—B. F. Lawrence.

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Well glory and praises be until our God for the year that is gone, and we are one more year nearer our eternal home. O praise God for victory over the world, the flesh and the devil.

The cry is still "come over and help us." We are only two here who have the baptism. May the Lord move on the hearts of some of His stewards, that He has trusted with the means to use to His glory, to come over here and hold up Jesus as the only source of happiness. We are very hungry to meet with some real saints of God. We have a beautiful little city and ask your prayers for God to send us a Spirit-filled husband and wife to settled down in Lake Worth to the glory of God.—Sarah Percifield.

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**REPORT FROM CRANE, MO.**

Bro. Ellis L. Banta and band of workers came here in September and began a meeting in a tabernacle. This was a new field. The Lord gave us a blessed revival. About 105 professed salvation and seven received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Quite a large number are tarrying for the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. Some wonderful cases of healing have occurred, to the glory of God. The Assembly here earnestly requests the prayers of the saints in the other Assemblies.—H. G. Wilson.

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**THE BLESSING CONTINUES.**

The Lord continues to bless. Praise His name! At New Hope (Alabama) Sister Ruth King, Bro. Arthur Shell and others are in a good meeting. Souls are being saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. Conviction is on many and we expect to see others get a real Bible experience.—George H. Hicks.

**NEED A MINISTER.**

I want your prayers. We are but few in number but have been standing true for about five years. We need a preacher and are praying that the Lord will send someone to preach for us.—W. J. Williams, R. 3, Millerville, Alabama.