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The Latter Rain in Portland

God's Power Greatly Manifested in Portland, Oregon, Where Many Have Been Saved, Healed and Baptized in the Spirit

Brother Will Trotter, Pastor of the Pentecostal Assembly in Portland, writes concerning the special blessing which God is giving upon the work there, as follows:

"Behold what God hath wrought! Truly this is the 'time of the latter rain.' The Lord says 'Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain'—God is giving a special blessing at this time and 'the voice of the turtle (dove) is heard in our land.' The power of God is falling, sinners and unbelievers of every description flocking to the altars and in numerous cases receiving the mighty baptism in the Spirit before leaving their knees. To see sinners saved and baptized in the Holy Ghost with the bible evidence as in Acts 2:4 is now quite a common thing and we now expect the Lord to seal newly saved sinners at once. The month of December past has been a most precious season of spiritual refreshment. Many strangers have come in and about 30 were baptized in the Spirit during the month. Numbers of mere church members 'having the form of godliness, but denying the power thereof' have been blessedly saved. Last Sunday, January 17th, was a specially good day. Three women came from Newburg desiring healing of body, but they found the Lord had brought them here to hear the truth and to discover that they needed God's salvation. It was wonderful to see how the power fell upon them when they really prayed through to sky blue salvation. One of them was prayed for and received healing of a serious internal malady of many years standing. Sunday morning a sinner came into the service, while the message of God's wonderful love for the lost was going forth. The tears ran down his cheeks, but the enemy had made him believe that there was no hope at all for him, and he put on his overcoat and started for the door, but was detained and brought to the altar. Was soon saved weeping his way through to the Cross, and in the afternoon meeting, while testifying with uplifted hands to the love and mercy of God, he was baptized in the Spirit, standing on his feet. He was for many years a Swedish Lutheran minister. His master of 5 or 6 languages. He, like many of the others, had never experienced the new birth, but he is now in every service blessing and praising the Lord and much blessing comes on the meeting when he testifies, a brand plucked from the burning. He had been saved in another city, but through wrong teaching came into bondage and lost out. He is now free and mightily filled with the Spirit. We were called to pray for a wealthy Episcopalian woman who was suffering terribly with rheumatism. Last Sunday morning she came to the mission in her automobile and, in listening to the Word, saw her inheritance in Jesus and came up and we prayed for her. She was instantly healed, running up and down the platform. She told the Rector of her church what God had done for her and he said, 'Go ahead, I have some sick in my home and will take them down there for healing.' 3 or 4 days after being healed, she reported that she could now run up and down stairs like a girl and do her work in less than half the original time and she is 71 years of age. Her daughter is married to one of the city's Judges, and she motored down to his office and told him she was healed and he was so wrought upon he walked the floor saying 'I am going to take my niece down to that

mission so she can be healed, too.' This woman is spending her time going about telling other suffering about 'Jesus, her wonderful healer.' Sunday afternoon an unsaved man came in and at first altar call walked right to the front saying he wanted salvation, and thank God he was soon worshipping Jesus. Then at last altar call came again and soon God's sovereign power was on him and he was prostrated under the power receiving a powerful baptism. Got up in the evening meeting, saying he 'got saved and then got the baptism 'to boot.' He was so delighted and ran home and brought his entire family, wife and 3 children, to evening service and his wife came to the altar weeping like her heart would break, praying through to salvation. Five received the Holy Ghost Sunday as on the Day of Pentecost;—many sinners saved—more than any one other day; many sick bodies definitely healed. Monday and Thursday evenings the power fell like rain for over an hour, the saints standing with uplifted hands worshipping and praising Jesus,—no altar call; the audience simply ran up of their own accord. At St. John's, where we hold a meeting each week the latter rain fell this week in a mighty way. As we prayed for sinners for healing they were both healed and saved; one man instantly healed and the power came on him and he actually shouted for joy. Sunday, Jan. 24 the power fell the entire day—in the afternoon service altar filled with sinners, many saved—some baptized and numbers healed.

GOD ALSO VISITING CLEVELAND.

Brother J. Clark Soules of 1290 East 9th St., Cleveland, Ohio, sends the following:
"Make known His deeds," (Psa. 105:1).
"Praise Him for His mighty acts," (Psa 150:2).
Since opening our new mission November 1st, 1914, the Lord has been bearing witness to His word by pouring out His Spirit upon us. He has baptized about thirty-six in the Holy Ghost and fire, speaking in other tongues as the beginning. Twenty-six of these are new converts and about twelve received salvation and were sealed before they left the altar. Hallelujah! Jesus is coming soon and He is bringing in the outcasts and all classes from the streets and lanes of the city (Luke 14:21), saving them, and seal them with that Holy Spirit of promise. Eph. 1:13 and Acts 1:4, 5. Several backsliders have been reclaimed and others saved of which we have no count.
One man was saved and sealed and his eyes healed. He took off his strong glasses which he had worn for six years and has not had them on since. Hallelujah to Jesus! who is mighty to save and strong to deliver.
One family of four were saved and baptized in a few nights. The mother was healed of goiter, and the little boy's eyes were healed. The child removed his glasses and his eyes are clear and strong.
Another mother was saved and healed and her daughter was saved and baptized, and healed of rheumatism. Others have been healed in answer to prayer. (James 5:14; Mark 16:18).
Many received help for the natural man also (James 2:15, 16). By His grace, we were enabled to feed 1120 up to this time (January 20th) since November 1st. And we give all the praise to Jesus because we do all things in his name. 'For we preach

not ourselves but Christ Jesus the Lord."

Some men get up out of their seats and say, "I can't stand this any longer" and rush out of the door. Some of them are sent back by the Holy Spirit while others rebel and wax worse and worse.

O, how I praise Jesus for His blood that was shed on Calvary for sin and sickness, and I praise Him for the privilege of giving out the truth to men who need a Savior. I was saved from the very brink of hell, being saturated with drink, drugs and cigarettes for fourteen years. But praise God who has caused us to be more than conquerors through Christ, who loved us and gave Himself for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.

Please pray for us and for this work among the downtrodden and oppressed.

Meetings every night 7:30.

MISSIONARIES BAPTIZED

W. W. Simpson, China.

During three and one half months my wife and I held meetings in seven cities. The Lord was with us in great power. Out of nine missionaries in the Norwegian Mission in China, five received the baptism and one who had received before was beautifully restored. Another is seeking. Thus the entire mission is practically Pentecostal. Pray for them as their home Council may not like the change. Some of the Chinese evangelists and believers also received. The Independent Chinese Church in Tai Yuen Fu opened its doors for meetings. Bro. and Sister Steinberg and Sister Davis have been getting the work started there. The Spirit fell. Bro. Eric Pilquist, who has been a missionary nearly twenty-five years, received his baptism, and also three Chinese. Since then they continue meetings and others have received. They need funds to rent proper buildings for the work.

Time fails to tell it all. To sum up; seven missionaries are Pentecostal who were not so before; three more are seeking; about seven others see Pentecost in a more favorable light, and about 30 Chinese have received the baptism, while 50 others have been under the power of God.

Have begun meetings here in connection with the Door of Hope. Hope to start out again in February for a long tour, carrying the cross and Pentecost. Pray for us.

AN URGENT PLEA.

Bro. Simpson adds: There is a call for two or three Pentecostal missionaries in the unoccupied province of Kiang Si. A Chinese brother who received his baptism here, has gone there to open work and writes for missionaries to assist. Also a strong appeal has come from Manchuria where six independent churches, with a membership of over 400, want from four to six missionaries. They can support the entire work if only the missionaries have their own support. They read my testimony in Chinese and say they want Spirit-filled workers,—a most remarkable case. Please lay these matters before the saints.—W. W. Simpson.

GOLDEN GATE, ILLINOIS.

The Lord is giving us quite a good meeting here. Quite a number have accepted Christ as their Savior and some have received the promise of the Father. Meetings are still going on.—E. F. Cunningham.

FROM FIVE TO SEVENTEEN

Oakhurst, Texas.

God is wonderfully blessing here and pouring out His Spirit upon us. One brother received the baptism in his home Thursday night and spoke in the French language. Our band has grown from five to seventeen saints. Glory to Jesus!—Mrs. Vivian Strickland.

Now in Our New Headquarters

At 2838 Easton Avenue, St. Louis, Mo. First Issue In Our New Home. Prospects Good. Needs Great

After some little delay, which we really expected, and at which we are not disappointed, we are beginning the publication of the Word and Witness and the Christian Evangel in St. Louis, Mo. Ever since the meeting of the General Council in Chicago, last November, we have been planning to arrange for our general work in the great central city of St. Louis, and while progress has been slow at times, yet it has been forward and continual all the time, and we have much to praise the Lord for in the way He has led and the way in which He has undertaken.

At first we were offered free a brick building in this city for our publishing work, but when God opened up and secured for us a large cylinder press, we found it impossible to locate our machinery in this smaller building which was offered, and hence were compelled to rent a larger one. After a little delay, we finally succeeded in securing a lease for two years on a nice building which would usually rent for about \$35, at the low figure of \$18 per month. We now have this piped for gas and wired for electric lights and for electric motors with which to run the presses. By the time this paper reaches our subscribers we expect to have our large cylinder press in this building, and if the Lord smiles on our efforts and things move rapidly in erecting it, we expect to print the next issue of our papers upon our own press.

First Issue in St. Louis.

This is the first issue of our papers in St. Louis, and we ask all of our readers to praise God with us for the way which He has opened up for us. His blessings despite the unusually hard times have been continuous upon us ever since we came to the city.

Still Great Need.

Yet the attempt to put in machinery which will belong to God and to the saints has been a great expense and, while the saints are beginning to respond nobly and quite a few small offerings and some larger ones have been received, without which it would be practically impossible for us at present to turn a wheel, yet the pressure is still great upon us and the calls for means for freight on the large press, for cleaning it up, for erecting it in our office, etc., are still very urgent. It will cost us \$200 for the freight, cleaning up, hauling and erecting of this press which the Lord gave us. Then we need \$75 for a four-horse electric motor with which to run this press, and someone has an opportunity to glorify the Lord by sending us money for this motor. We will also need about \$25 for a shaft and belts for the press, and someone may go partners with the Lord if He so moves them, by sending this \$25. We need \$10 for freight on our linotype machine and we shall praise God, if He moves somebody to send us this.

So, while we are rejoicing and praising God for His mercies and blessings upon us, we yet need the urgent prayers of the saints that God will continue to stand by us and this great undertaking for Him until complete victory crowns our efforts to the glory of God.

Thanks to All.

We desire to thank all the friends at Findlay, at Melvern and all other places, who have kindly stood by us in the Lord's work in the past, and we believe that all of them will rejoice at the larger outlook for a greater usefulness than ever before,

in publishing the Gospel of the Kingdom to all the earth.

Everybody Can Help.

Everybody can have a part in this blessed work. Almost anyone can secure one or two subscriptions for one of our papers, the Christian Evangel at \$1.00 or the Word and Witness at fifty cents, and send it to us at our new office at 2838 Easton Avenue, St. Louis Mo. All such little service helps. Then let everyone, who can, renew his own subscription, and this helps. We will also appreciate a list of names of persons that you really believe will be interested in the paper and who would be likely to subscribe for it if they received a sample copy. Send us such a list of names and we will send each a sample copy. Be sure you get their names and post-office addresses absolutely correct or your labor and ours will be lost by the papers going astray and never reaching them. Then everyone who knows the Lord can get hold of the "horas of the altar" and pray God to move the heavens and the earth until succor reaches us by way of the throne of God.

Note our Address.

There are several other papers whose names are very similar to the Word and Witness and to the Christian Evangel, which are being also published in St. Louis, and it is very necessary that you put on all your letters our correct street number.

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It is much better to address your letter to: The Gospel Publishing House than to address it to the Word and Witness or to the Christian Evangel, but if you have our street number on everything, it will reach us no matter how addressed.

Delay with New Subscribers.

We ask all subscribers who have sent in their names in the last two or three weeks, to be patient with us. The name came in just about the time we were closing the office in Findlay and shipping everything to St. Louis. We have had to miss an issue of our paper in moving and hence have not been able to fill your order, especially for the Christian Evangel. This delay has been unavoidable, but you will lose nothing by it. The next issue of the Christian Evangel will be numbered just the same as if it had been gotten out two weeks ago, and no subscriber will, in the end, lose a single issue of the paper. So be patient with us still a month or so until we can get everything in our new office to working smoothly and in good order. We are doing our best.

Remember our new address to which all letters and all communications should be addressed:

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WONDERFUL MEETING.

Hirm, Mo.

We had a wonderful meeting at Hirm, Mo. There have been about 100 saved and 75 or more baptized in the Spirit. We are in a Holiness settlement now and there is a good interest here.—Wm. E. Giles.

REVIVAL SPIRIT ON.

There is a revival spirit on here in Malvern, Ark., and all over the country. Pray for me.—A. P. Collins.

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EDITORIALS

WE FELLOWSHIP ALL.

Some have asked us if the General Council of the various Assemblies of God did not separate itself from or disfellowship some Pentecostal saints on account of little differences in doctrine and names. Our answer is that we distinctly "refuse to become narrow and sectarian by creating unscriptural lines of fellowship or disfellowship." We fellowship every clean teachable, sweet, true child of God as our brother in Christ Jesus, regardless of the name he works under or his interpretation of scriptures.

Error Not Approved.

But we hold up to all what we believe to be the true teaching of Christ and the Apostles, and our Christian love, fellowship and toleration must not be falsely construed into an approval of error or wrong teaching of any kind. If love covers even a multitude of sins, surely we can lovingly fellowship anyone who is under the blood and in whom God condescends to dwell through the Holy Spirit. We fellowship all whom God does, unless through our ignorance, we fall by some mistake.

No Fight Against any.

One asks, "Do you fellowship folks who do not belong to the General Council?" Yes, certainly we do. The General Council is merely a method of better co-operation in home work and foreign mission work,—a channel through which all may work together better for the glory of God, for all who so desire and voluntarily choose thus to co-operate to an intelligent end; but all who choose to work through other channels are left free to do so without being called "Heretics" or being disfellowshipped. God has called us to peace, purity and love, and not to strife and vain glory.

Other Centers Welcome.

"Do you fellowship other Pentecostal papers and Pentecostal mission centers which are doing mission work?" Yes, we are now seeking to co-operate with all of these that will allow co-operation, for their own strengthening, their own enlargement and increased usefulness, and with a view to more effective co-operation on the foreign mission fields all over the earth.

One With Canadians.

"Do you fellowship the Canadian Pentecostal people?" Yes, most assuredly we do. Distance prevents as much mingling together as we would like, but the door is always wide open for a hearty Christian welcome and

fellowship, and at our recent Chicago meeting several good ministerial brethren from Canada were present with us lending us their aid, prayers and counsel. God bless them every one, present or absent. We also have quite a number of subscribers in Canada, who are receiving our big fifty cent Monthly and our dollar a year weekly paper, the Christian Evangel. God is enabling us through a great test of faith to put out from the same house both a monthly and a weekly paper from St. Louis, Mo., the center and geographical hub of North America. These papers belong entirely to God and His people and are not run for private egotism, pride or gain, but solely for the glory of God in the spread of the Gospel and the advancement of Christ's cause on earth.

Churches in Christ.

"Have you not dropped the Churches of God in Christ and don't you require all to go under the one name of 'Assembly of God'?" No indeed. Neither is true. In our constitution and charter we distinctly recognize and mention the "Churches of God in Christ" as in fellowship and co-operation with us, and all other Apostolic Faith and Pentecostal people who desire such fellowship and co-operation. It never has been required that all local churches, missions or assemblies that co-operate with us must have one or the same name. It is permitted and suggested when "convenient" that such may have the name "Assembly of God," but the term "Assemblies of God" is only the general term applied to all of these of various local names when associated in a meeting at the General Council.

Women Welcome.

"Do you not forbid women to speak or make an address or give counsel at or in the General Council meetings?" No such thing has ever been done. We know of no Movement where women of ability and filled with the Holy Ghost, have been more highly honored or given much more freedom than among us. She is given the right to be ordained, to preach, witness, give advice, act as evangelist, missionary, etc. The only thing not thrown unscripturally upon her weak shoulders is the making of her a Ruling Elder.

Not Inferiority.

This is not a matter of regarding women inferior to men. We know and recognize that women are superior to men in many things. But there are some things that men, as a general rule, are better adapted for and physically more capable of doing than women. There are some things under normal conditions that God does not require of women and which the Scriptures, neither by New Testament example nor by precept make the regular duty of women to do, and one of these is to be a Ruling Elder in the church of Christ.

Even here we allow such liberty as not to interfere with special calls God in His sovereignty may give to woman under exceptional circumstances, nor do we prohibit her from a scriptural use of any special gift bestowed upon her by the Holy Ghost. She may, with profit and blessing, when so fitted and called and need so require, feed a flock as Pastor, to the glory of God. She may run a Rescue Home, Faith Home or anything else which God has beyond doubt called, endowed and commanded her to do, and it is a foolish man who will break up any good work God has called a woman to do and which she is doing to the glory of God and the good of mankind, just to gratify his notion to "boss" somebody.

Woman's Place.

But woman is not honored by men when they push her out of her God-given, scriptural place. No Spirit-filled man ought to desire anything contrary to God's Word, and no holy, humble, Spirit-filled woman should want more than God in His wisdom thinks best to give her. But we love and fellowship the sisters even in the ministry of proclaiming the Gospel and of giving any counsel God lays it upon them to give.

The Editor speaks thus for infor-

mation because some, not present at the General Council in Chicago, do not know the very wide latitude granted the good and welcome sisters. The Editor only saw one woman called down by the Chair in our recent Chicago meeting and that was where she was off the subject, out of order and in the wrong spirit and when a man, doing the same things, would have been also called to order in the same way.

Done Discussing.

The Editor wants to serve notice on all that, so far as his influence goes, if Jesus carries and he is present at the next General Council, he will oppose any further discussion of woman's rights. We have other things more important to do which ought not to be neglected by wasting the time beating the bushes around about small and non-essential matters.

To Do Something.

Our program is not negative, not to hinder and be a mere clog in the wheel. We stand for doing things. We are out for Unity, Co-operation, Tolerance in all non-essentials, Sanity, Holy Ghost power, a people prepared to meet the Lord, Bible Order, the Gospel to every creature in New Testament purity, simplicity and power from Heaven, the Faith once delivered to the Saints, etc., etc., etc.

Let this be a year of great progress, of going on with God at all cost, in love to all, malice to none and in obedience to all the light and all the will of God.—E. N. B.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER.

I want the saints to pray for me and my husband that we may receive the Baptism for we are seeking it. We are holding cottage prayer-meetings.—Amanda Strawbridge, Vernon, Ala.

Pray that a door will open here in Akron, Indiana, for a mission and that God will lead the right one to feed the ones here already in the faith, and those that will believe hereafter.—J. E. Royer.

Please pray for a demon possessed woman in Marcelline, Mo.

Please pray that God will send a mighty revival here. There are no saints here. I am standing alone.—Mrs. Rudy Reeves, Jean, Texas.

Pray that we as a family may be healed and our boys saved, for the time seems very near for the last call.—Mary M. Pool, Poteau, Okla.

SEES NEED OF CO-OPERATION.

Brother R. E. Massey, formerly working in India, but now in this country, sends the following expression of his conviction:

"I had a very encouraging letter from dear Brother Harvey and he says that they are one with me in working in connection with the Assemblies of God. They have begun to feel the need of such an organization in the foreign field, and as for me, I have seen the need of this for some years before I came away from India. May the Lord soon lay this on the hearts of all His people.

There are plenty of open doors at present (Alabama) and we ask the prayers of the saints everywhere that we may succeed in His service.

PARABLES, SYMBOLS, METAPHORS, VISIONS AND DREAMS.

A. P. Collins.

These are all good when they are rightly interpreted, and of the first three only the author can give the correct interpretation. Jesus spoke many parables but only He could interpret them. Paul used symbols and metaphors and allegories, but he also gave their meaning. Only the author knows the point or points to be illustrated. Most people labor under the mistake that all the figures of speech simplify the meaning, but the reverse is true. Jesus said "Therefore I speak to them in parables because they seeing see not; and hearing hear not." But He said to the disciples, "In answer to the question as to why he spoke to the people in parables, 'Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven but to

Pentecostal Notes on International Sunday School Lesson

By MRS. A. R. FLOWER

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THE DEATH OF ELI AND HIS SONS.

Lesson Text—1 Sam. 4:1-13, 18.

Golden Text—"Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deluding your own selves." James 1:22.

Leading Thought—God's word begins to be fulfilled.

1. Israel's two engagements with the Philistines. (vs 1-9). The first verse belongs with the preceding chapter. See R. V. It was because the word of God came first to Samuel (ch. 3:21) that "the word of Samuel came to all Israel." But this does not necessarily imply that Samuel was consulted in the proposed engagement with the Philistines, and we find no mention of his name again till some years later. Ch 7:3. Had Israel sought and followed his advice the result of the conflict might have been far different. One thing sure there would have been a lot of cleaning up in heart and life for them to do as essential preparation. Sin, the accursed thing in their camp accounts for the easy victory of the Philistines v. 2. It is the people that do know their God who shall do exploits. Psa. 106:40-43; Josh. 7:12. But the defeat caused the elders of Israel to ask a wise question, "Wherefore hath the Lord smitten us today before the Philistines?" v. 3. Instead of excusing and pitying ourselves under God's chastening we would hasten our deliverance if we but sought the cause and how to remove it. Job 5:17; Psa. 94:12; 118:18; Heeb. 12:5-11. But they failed to go deep enough and mistook the cause. Mere outward, formal profession of faith in God can never take the place of heart-searching and repentance. The ark had only led them to victory when the God whom the ark symbolized was actually present with them. Josh. 4:7; 6:4, 5. It is a common matter for souls who have lost their first love and zeal for God to lay undue stress on the outward forms and observances of their religion. Many such while denying the power, hold tenaciously to the form of godliness. May our inward possession and outward profession be alike pleasing to our God!

The bringing up of the ark was contrary to God's plan anyway now that Israel was settled in Canaan. Deut. 12:5, 11. They should seek it, and not it them. The very fact such men as Hophni and Phinehas brought it gave scant assurance of any blessing resulting from its presence. v. 4. But its presence awakened a sort of fleshly enthusiasm, and the Philistines hearing the shouts of Israel took alarm: vs. 5-8. Though some what amiss in their history (v. 8), the Philistines had a partial comprehension, of what the ark of God should have signified, but like the Israelites themselves they ignorantly mistook the ark's presence for that of God. If God had really come into Israel's camp well might the Philistines have exclaimed, 'Woe unto us!' However they encouraged one another to greater diligence in the approaching battle, with an exhortation very good for Christian Soldiers to follow. 1 Cor. 16:13; Eph. 6:10; Col. 1:11.

2. The issue of the battle. (vs. 10-13, 18. All the Philistines' valor would have amounted to naught had God for one moment appeared on the side of His people. Psa. 78:56-64. In forsaking her God, Israel had lost her only chance for victory. Duet. 32:30; 2 Chron. 28:6. This explains the crushing defeat and slaughter. v. 10. "The ark of God was taken, and the sons of Eli slain." v 11, The first thing was a great calamity for the Philistines as well as Israel. Ch. 5. The last thing was a blessed deliverance for Israel. Unrighteous leaders are always a certain hindrance to the progress and blessing of their followers. It was a kindness to Israel that God so removed them. Ch. 2:34, 35. Even poor old Eli must have felt something of this, since his great grief was for the ark's being taken rather than for the death of his sons. "His heart was broken first, and then his neck." A sad end for a high priest and judge of Israel, but though a miserable death it was not necessarily an eternal death. Even good men through misconduct must needs suffer the marks of God's displeasure in this life Gal 6:7, 8.

them it is not given," Matt. 13: 10-14. The parable was to veil the truth. It was necessary then to expound the parables even to the disciples and his exposition is still needed by us. Beyond His interpretation we cannot depend on these figures of speech for teaching.

Much of the heresy and dissension and doctrinal difference of the religious world to-day is due to this method of teaching. It gives the widest latitude to all would-be teachers and leaders in religious faiths. "Russellism" is largely built on fanciful interpretation of figures of speech. Swedenborg swept away all literal and direct interpretation and ingulfed himself and his followers in a labyrinth of uncertainty and unreality. Much error and confusion have come thru speculative interpretation of types and shadows, because every shade of belief is taught and peculiar whims of the teacher everywhere are manifest in such teaching. Where the word of God tells the meaning of the type or any figure of speech, it is valid; otherwise it may be only the opinion of man and cannot be taken as the certain teaching of the Word of God.

Visions and revelations are valuable only as they are explained in harmony with the scriptures. Dreams are good when the Lord gives them and makes us to know their meaning, but many dreams come from a multitude of business or thoughts, says Solomon, and such dreams have no spiritual significance. If interpreted by someone professing to have the gift, let him show by Bible text that he has the correct interpretation by giving the dream and the interpretation. The one is just as easy as the other. What is chaff to the wheat? Such are dreams as compared to God's Word, Jer. 23: 23. Back to the Word; be led of the Spir-

it, conscious that your heart is right before God, acknowledging Him in all your ways, and He will direct your steps, for "the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord."

Every prophecy must be tried by the Word, for the prophet may speak out of his own heart, Ezek. 13:14; Jer. 23 ch. It is a fearful thing to say "The Lord saith" when the Lord hath not spoken. When you go to the House of God let your words be few. Why should our mouth cause our flesh to sin?

A literal interpretation of the Word, unless the context forbids, is the safest; otherwise, let scripture interpret scripture, because "no scripture is of any private interpretation." Not even Paul, the inspired Apostle, was believed until the Bereans found by the Scripture, that the things he said were so. Figures of speech embellish and heighten effect but do not, as a rule, add clearness to the statement.

Let the young preacher take warning and heed Paul's admonition to study to show himself approved of God "rightly dividing the Word of truth," Praying always that the Holy Spirit may give him an understanding heart, that the Word of Christ may dwell in him richly unto all wisdom and that he may be strong in the Lord.

May the God of all Grace and Truth make His precious word a living reality in our hearts and lives that we may be living epistles read and known of all men. Amen.

OTTOWA, CANADA.

Greetings in the name of the Lord! God has been greatly blessing the work here in Ottawa. During the past four months over 100 have received the Baptism and souls are getting saved every week.—R. M. McAllister.

THE CRUCIFIED LIFE NEEDED

We find that in almost every ex-held in reference to it. Some who hold to the one work of grace, believe that when they get this work of grace they have all that God has for them in the way of grace, that there is nothing else needed to make them full overcomers. Yet we see many of those holding to this very idea, very sadly short in a real crucified life, not delivered from self and settled down into the fullness of God. What a pity it is that their attitude toward the infinite and all-powerful God is such that faith cannot take hold of God for the things which they yet need of Him!

Then there are those who hold to the two works of Grace theory, who hold that when one has received the second blessing he certainly has all that God has for him. Recently, in our own city, a man of this view in his preaching declared that anyone who taught that there is any more for the soul which has received the second blessing was a terrible "heretic." Hence we find those who take the same attitude with reference to future needs are in exactly the same condition as the man is who the other case, we often see sorely talking in the Christ-like Spirit holds the same attitude with his one work theory. These, too, as in the humility that is pleasing to God, and in the crucified walk before Him which alone will bring the full victory. Holding that there is nothing more for them, they shut the doors of heaven in their own faces and faith cannot lay hold of that which it does not believe God has provided for it.

Freshness of Experience Lost.

Hence these begin to dry up in their experience; become hard and harsh, and while they profess to have it all, it is manifest to everybody that they are sorely lacking in some things that every child of God should have.

Quite a number of others, after receiving the blessed Baptism with the Holy Ghost, speaking in other tongues as the Spirit of God gives utterance, conclude for a certainty that they indeed have all that God has for them. They shout the victory for a little while and then begin to find themselves in the same condition as the other two classes above.

Something Radically Wrong.

Something is radically wrong that causes any blessed experience to lose its sweetness and the joy of the Lord to leave our souls. What does it mean to repent? It means to turn away from everything displeasing to God and to turn to the Lord. What does it mean to believe? It is not merely a matter of holding certain doctrines, but it is an inner attitude of the heart toward the Lord. The Apostle says, "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness." This is so different from what most people regard as faith. The underlying idea of the word translated "faith" is to "lean upon" something. The soul that sees it is lost and is ready to reach out for a helping hand, must actually lean wholly upon the Lord Jesus Christ for help and salvation. "Saving faith" means to put faith in, to place confidence and trust in Christ as the only Savior. Faith steps out on the promises of the Lord, through Christ. Faith takes its stand upon the rock Christ Jesus and stands there, and, standing upon Christ, Christ becomes one's strength, one's life, one's salvation.

How to Keep Victory.

Now then for a soul to keep victory it must maintain the two fundamental attitudes implied in repentance and faith. It must continually turn away from sin. It must continually yield to and depend upon the Lord. The saint of fifty years should trust alone with the same simple faith in Christ and His atoning blood for justification as the babe in Christ, just born into the Kingdom. God does not want us to allow any experience or any years of blessed service to build us up into a state of self-righteousness where we begin to trust in the great experiences we have had or in the much service which we have given to the Lord. The same hatred of and horror at

sin which we first had when we got a glimpse of our lost condition should continually abide with us. In fact our vision of the deceitfulness of sin and our hatred of the same should be intensified as we grow in Grace.

Open Windows Toward Heaven.

It matters not what God has done for us, as we look out toward the future we should keep the windows open toward heaven. After twenty five years of Spirit-filled service to God, the great Apostle Paul cried out, "that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death; if by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. Not as though I had already attained either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend (lay hold of) that for which also I am apprehended of (laid hold of) Christ Jesus. Brethren I count not myself to have apprehended (laid hold of), but this one thing I do, forgetting the things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

We see here that the Apostle still felt that God had more in store for him; that there were heights in the Lord to which he had not attained and instead of settling down in a self-satisfied complacency, he was on the alert to lay hold of that which the Lord had in store for him, to press on up to these heights and attain unto the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Not Self-Satisfied.

The soul that would make a continual progress and would not lose time along the way or get into dry, non-progressive places, must not become self-satisfied with past attainments or settle down in any blessed experience of the past as the ultimate goal. The final goal must always be ahead. The present attitude must be one of simple child-like faith in the Lord and dependence alone upon the atoning blood and the grace of God as manifested in Christ Jesus.

The Crucified Life Must be Learned.

One great lesson must be learned by every soul, and that is how to live the crucified life. Many suppose that when they have received some great experience, they are crucified along every line. A little study of the Word and a little reference to the experience of God's people should cure any soul of this error. Experience shows all too many to be very much alive on some lines, even after one of these great experiences. They may place, at the time of receiving such experience, everything that they see in their lives displeasing to God upon the altar, and consecrate themselves and everything they see in sight. But those who know experimentally little of human nature, of its weaknesses, its trials and testings or of the Word of God, which deals with all these matters, have a very superficial idea of consecration and as they go on with God, their idea of consecration will be heightened as the light of the Word shines into their minds and hearts, and they will begin to realize themselves as short on lines which, with their lesser light, they had hitherto regarded themselves as having already attained. This new revelation will require an instant response of the soul in yielding to the new truth, in surrendering to the higher call of God as they feel it in the Spirit. Unless we take this attitude and hold ourselves open to be convicted by the Word and to walk on in the light and to yield ourselves to the ever-increasing visions which come through the study of God's Word, we never shall learn how to live the crucified daily walk before God.

Again, in experience, many a young Christian who has received the blessed Baptism of the Holy Ghost and felt that he had victory over everything in the world, has soon found out that former companions which are in the world have a

power to lead them away from Christ unless they are very careful. They find things in the worldly life that make a mighty appeal to them, and, sad to say, many of them, not knowing that this would be the case, have soon found themselves ensnared and fallen by the wayside.

If Not Before Then Afterwards

What does it all mean? It means that unless a person has thoroughly learned how to live the crucified life before receiving the Baptism with the Spirit, he must learn it afterwards. No great experience can be substituted for it. It is something to be learned daily, and daily must the lessons be put into practice. Every fleshly impulse must be rejected and turned over to death, while the soul looks up to God for help, strength and power to overcome the new temptation. On this very line the Apostle said,

"Mortify your members therefore which are upon the earth." Again, "Reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you. * * * But now being made free from sin, and become servants of God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life."

The Apostle sets himself forth as maintaining this same attitude, for he says, "I keep under my body and bring it into subjection," 1 Cor. 9:27. In the original, the word for "keep under" means to "buffet". The idea is that we deal with any fleshly impulse of the body in the same way through the power of the Spirit as we would deal with something which we intended to "bruise unto death." Not only so, but he says he did this, lest after having preached to others he himself should become a "cast-away." The least we can make this expression to mean, if it does not mean the loss of salvation, is to be "disapproved". What an awful thing it will be for that soul, even though he may gain, as it were, a mere entrance into the Kingdom, when he stands before his Lord to have his service approved and rewarded to have the Lord "disapprove" of his labors for God. It will be an awful thing to have the frown of the Lord, as it were, rest upon us; to lose our reward, and it is certain, one fails to learn the crucified life and walk in it daily he will have just exactly this experience when he stands before God for his reward. The Apostle says, "I die daily," and we must learn, as any appeal is presented to us by the world and we find any response whatever in us toward it, to surrender it unto death.

Not Willing to Pay the Price.

Now some may say this is a very tedious way to deal with the matter, and prefer the method of getting so sanctified at one clip as to be dead to everything. Well, I have no objection to anyone's getting all he can at one dip or two dips. In fact, I am heartily in favor of everybody biting off at once all they can swallow. There is no use to mince along at things that can be masticated at one bite.

Do not misunderstand me. I am not dealing with what is received at any one experience, but I am dealing with the things that are manifest to all who have eyes to see them as they are so often found in the lives of those who profess to have had some great experience which has made them absolutely dead to everything. I am dealing with the things that will try to rise up after such experiences, and which so many people regard lightly and so often grow cold over and finally backslide from the Lord.

God's Grace Enough.

This daily crucifixion as long as anything is in sight to be crucified, must be learned if we would avoid the up and down life in the experience of so many of God's children, if we would avoid stumbling be-

GERARD BAILLY.
So. America.

Since a letter from Brother Bailly, published in one of the issues of the Evangel last autumn, he reports to us the following in a letter dated January 9th:

"We have been passing through, as it were, the throes of a new birth,—the pangs of death to the bringing forth, we must believe, of that which bears the evidence of resurrection. We have been stripped of two of our most valuable and effective co-laborers. Brother Bullen rests! Our beloved brother and comrade, Fred R. Bullen, was a **Missionary Soldier**, and no apology is needed, nor undue eulogy for fidelity to a consecrated life and sacrificing death. We can truly affirm that 2 Cor. 5:15 and Gal. 6:14 were the rules and maxims of his life and ministry. They set forth the incentive to his abnegation; the secret of his devotion; and the power and passion of his consecration. Of late a thirst for the promise of Pentecost became more intensified, and he was eagerly anticipating his first furlough to reach Beulah Home or Cazadero Camp, and with the Montgonerys pass a season of rest and recreation, seeking the latter rain refreshings. Brother Bullen yet speaketh. We quote from one of his last letters written from the city where his body now rests.

"Sept. 12th.—We have just completed a most interesting and profitable three weeks work, covering some 120 miles travel and visiting about 20 towns with a few rather singular opportunities to minister the Everlasting Word to precious souls and even bodies. Arriving at a village one evening, we heard awful groans coming from a hut opposite our humble inn. Crossing over to inquire, we discovered a man in great agony, with his helpless woman at his side. Could we not claim, for

coming discouraged and oftentimes, in many cases, giving up altogether. There is no excuse for any one, who will face the Word of God and yield at once to its teachings, having these sad experiences. God has grace enough to keep us in every temptation and destroy everything in us that is displeasing to Him, to give us the full victory and to present us at last "without spot or wrinkle" before Him. This should be the determination of every soul.

Not in Self-Righteousness.

One thing must be guarded against in this process, lest we become Pharasaical and self-righteous. Some people then they begin such a process, get their eyes off the Lord and off of the Cross and the merits of the blood. This must be rigorously avoided. While daily surrendering every fleshly appetite to God for death, we must still depend solely upon Christ and His blood and the power of the Spirit to do this work for us. We must not allow this to become human effort, self-keeping or self-righteousness. Our part is only to turn over to the Lord for death. We cannot destroy. This is the work of God. Whenever we begin to look to self or depend on self in this process, that moment we shall fail and become discouraged and will soon cry out, "It is impossible," "we never shall succeed." We must look alone to the Lord and, even despite these imperfections which drive us ever and again to the Lord, we must confidently look unto the Lord with a victorious faith and shout the victory through the blood of the Lamb. This process must not be allowed to become an introspective one—one that keeps us looking within and keeps us constantly condemning ourselves. Nay, Nay! Look out and look up: look alone to the Lord. Have faith in Him. It is the blood alone where merit lies and we must defy every foe in the name of the Lord and must meet every discouragement with a shout of the triumph which was purchased for us on the Cross, and which has been presented to us as a free gift from God. It must be Grace all the way—Grace in the beginning, Grace in the middle and Grace in the end, for the Apostle tells us to set our faith steadfastly on "that grace which is to be revealed at the coming of the Lord."—E. N. B.

the glory of His name, the promise of 'Signs following'? I placed my hands upon his body and calmed deliverance in Jesus' name. Immediately his pains ceased. At midnight, groans were again heard and I went again to minister to that poverty stricken one. I discovered that neighbors had persuaded him to apply some of their concoctions and witcheries to his body, and at once the pains returned. After some very clear admonition showing them how dishonoring that was to the God who healed him, he threw out the remedies. We again prayed with the same immediate results, and on leaving the village in the morning, both man and woman were rejoicing at the wonderful restoration."

Brother Bullen is gone, but the work goes on, and we who tarry are almost crushed under the enormous weight of responsibility and multiplying labors that we mutually shared. We will trust God to speak as we cannot; that there may be awakened a widespread sense of sympathy and responsibility to pray for the supply of our needed substitute for the office at once, and for the carrying forward to a speedy maturity the work for which he was pledged and consecrated, and which we are commanded to do quickly.

The other worker whom God took, was an invaluable native worker who with me, through faith and the attractiveness of the spiritual vision, became twelve years ago the founder of the Hebron Home Training Institute for Native Workers. He consecrated all he had of life, of physical strength and intelligence to the laying of its foundation and the development of the plant, which, with the further co-operation of Bro. Bullen, several years later, became the Bible Institute and center for the native ministry now being formed there. Our brother, whose name is Don Tomas Salazar, was the principal of the "Industrial Department" and was one of God's noblemen in rustic garb, and was also a spiritual power.

These happenings have come almost simultaneously with our official separation from the Alliance and are crucible tests of our faith, confidence and correctness of our position. Our verdict to-day, notwithstanding the radical results, is that there has been no mistake; that we are in the will of God, although in the furnace. We believe we are opening the way for a truly Apostolic native Church, co-operative in a work of faith and labor of love for the evangelization of their own land, at least.

Our Mission has no other organization than the executive on the field, and is known as the 'Hebron Home Institute' and Missionary Association, and the desire is to approach as near as possible Apostolic methods in the mission field; the encouraging of a native initiative, together with a larger fellowship of saints scattered abroad called to co-operate.—Gerard A. Bailly.

GRACIOUS REVIVAL.

Osborne, Kansas.

We are in the midst of a very gracious revival here, with Evangelist R. T. Johnson and wife of Missouri. Six were saved yesterday and we have had the largest crowds seen for months. The house could not hold nearly all the people last night. Others are seeking salvation and the Baptism. We are expecting great things from our God.—Thos. J. O'Neal.

Brother O'Neal has resigned the pastorate at Alton, Kansas and accepted a call to the pastorate at Osborne, Kansas.

PRAISE NOTE FROM MARCELINE.

I want to sound a note of praise for what the Lord is doing in Marceline. (Mo.) There are three here who have the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4. The battle is arrayed against the devil and he is roaring, but Jesus is the Captain of this army and He is getting victory.—Hallelujah! Others are inquiring. We have no special meetings but protracted prayer-meetings. A fire is being kindled. A feast is being spread and those who are cold and hungry are being warmed and fed. Will the saints please pray for the people of this place.—Sarah White.

GOD'S WORK IN FOREIGN FIELDS

There is great need for missionary funds at this time in many lands. Three to four hundred Pentecostal Missionaries are depending upon God to supply their needs through the Pentecostal Movement. We will gladly forward money, in any amount from five cents up, to any needy missionary. Send all missionary offerings to E. N. Bell, Treasurer, 2838 Easton Avenue, St. Louis Mo.

DR. ROSE OXER AND ELSIE GORDON.

India

God is keeping us very quiet in service. We can appreciate Miss Heron's remark in a recent Evangel, about crying and praying all the time. We have wondered also sometimes what the heathen, and indeed the Christians within hearing distance think of it, for Miss Oxer especially has had mighty intercession laid on her from time to time. But God is beginning to work. Just to-day we have received indications of this,—that the things He has shown us and we have been able to accept by faith, are about to be fulfilled; but we are to "stand and having done all to stand." To-day we have asked Him to enlist intercessors on our behalf,—those of His own choosing.

Almost every time the money has come from unexpected quarters and those from whom we might naturally expect help, have not been the ones the Lord has used as His agents. It has taught us, as perhaps nothing else, to look to Him alone. It is a blessed life.

I want to tell you something about Deoghar. The name of the Railway Station is "Baidynath Dham" which means the place of the Lord of the Physicians, while "Deoghar," the Post-office address, means the "House of God." There are twenty two temples in one enclosure in Deoghar. The name of the God is "Baidynath," and pilgrims come all through the year to "get a vision" of the god, or to get healing. There are two great festivals when thousands throng the temples and all day long, and indeed throughout the night, these people come streaming in on foot or crowded into the trains which run almost every hour of the day to bring them, and then are full to overflowing. This house is situated about one mile from the temples and on either side of the house there is a road which leads to this spot. Every day men and women may be seen who, coming in view merely of the temple tops, stop for a moment and fold their hands, bowing their heads in worship. It is not an uncommon sight to see a man or woman measuring his or her length to this temple in performance of a vow,—rich and poor alike. Yesterday we passed three palanquins, covered over with heavy covers so that we wondered how the occupants could breathe. By the side of the first a man was running who was richly dressed in red and gold livery and had a sword in his hand. The other palanquin also had an attendant in livery. The occupant of each was, no doubt, some "rani" or princess of some little state and her attendants. Such people spend large sums of money in this way. But a more familiar sight is an old woman, feeble with age, walking,—it may be with the help of a stick, literally tottering along behind a younger man or woman. They also, in their blindness, are on their way to this shrine. Again and again have I asked pilgrims "What have you gained," and the invariable answer is "Nothing. What shall we get?" No words can describe the utter darkness that exists here. There are no less than 1,500, including Priests and their families, who live largely on the pilgrims. Six hundred priests alone, while the population of the place is ten thousand. We are told that these priests are many of them steeped in wickedness, so that we are in a very strong hold of the enemy. But Jesus, whose is the victory, has brought us to this very place and He has given us promise after promise. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but His everlasting word, never.—Elsie Gordon.

MARY NORTON.

India.

We feel very keenly the need of pushing out into unoccupied districts

where the Gospel has never been preached. I wish you could go with us on some of our touring trips and see the eager faces and hear the pleading voices, as they beg us to live among them and teach them more of this wonderful Gospel of love. It seems unutterably sad to go to them and preach to them one short hour and then go away and leave them, knowing they will probably never again have an opportunity to hear of Jesus. Pray that we may not miss God's thought about opening work in new places; I mean permanent work.

BROTHER AND SISTER BOWLEY.

En Route to W. Africa.

We sail to-morrow Jan. 9th, the Lord willing, for West Africa. The "Salaga" on the Elder Dempster line, the boat on which we sail, is a much smaller and slower boat than the one we came on from New York. It will take us from four to six weeks to reach our destination, according to the amount of cargo the boat has to unload at the several ports. We spent almost a week at Hereford, England, visiting an old friend of ours from Zion City. They have an assembly of very precious Pentecostal people there. Please remember us to all the saints and pray for us.—Harry and Lilly Bowley.

BROTHER AND SISTER HANSEN.

North China.

Our hearts yearn to see the fulfillment of our King's command; Matt. 24:14, "And this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." We all have a part in this great opportunity of the word-wide commission given by Jesus. There are many ways to help but there is one way by which we can all help, and that is to stand behind the children of God by your incessant prayers in our behalf. God will reward the offering of the few, faithful words that went up from your heart and give strength and power to the missionary in the field. We need your prayers. Who will resolve to stand in the breach and prevail for China? May the Lord send more baptized men and women to spread the glorious Latter Rain outpouring upon the parched ground of China and turn them from serving idols to worship the true and living God in Spirit and Truth.

We are the only Pentecostal missionaries in this great city of Peking, with Sister Ida McGuire. We are studying the language and God is helping us. We are looking for a downpour of spiritual rain to come upon Peking. There have been some Chinese Pastors who are discouraged with the Church customs of preaching the Gospel. They have been inquiring about the Pentecostal power. We believe that God will meet their lack of power and baptize them with the Holy Ghost. One of the church missionaries has put herself on record and is earnestly seeking to be filled with the Holy Ghost. There are many dear missionaries here in China who will make flaming fires for God when they receive the dynamite of the Spirit in their lives, as they have been here a long time and have the language. Brother and Sister W. W. Simpson who have been in China for 22 years are being used greatly in visiting the different cities of North China and signs are following their ministry. They were such a blessing to us during the week they spent with us. They spoke to some Chinese preachers and also to a company of Chinese girls in a board mission here. They also left much good literature with us. We believe they have sown much seed here, and we are praying for the increase.

We are only "babes" here in China as we have only been here three months. Our former home was Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, where we labored for nearly six years in active work for the Lord in mission work. Please pray for Honolulu also, as it is a great country where nearly all races of people are found

WALNUT SPRINGS, TEXAS.

The battle is still on and has been for over five weeks. Twelve have been saved; 16 received the baptism. Sister Myers from Dallas has been with us the last week and has done some good preaching. Sinners being convicted, are coming to the altar every night. Pray for Walnut Springs.—J. E. Osborn. Pastor.

TEXICO, NEW MEXICO.

We came to New Mexico some five or six weeks ago, from Arkansas. We are in need of a Pastor. Pray that God will send some faithful servant to preach His Word.—G. B. Doyel.

CLARENDON, ARK.

We are having a hard battle. We ask the saints to pray for victory through the blood of Jesus. Two saved and one has received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.—Even. Chas. Williamson.

OPENING FOR A MISSION.

Grand Fork, N. Dak.

There is a good opening for a mission in Grand Forks. No. Dakota and I am praying God to send some one filled with the Holy Ghost and wisdom to work with me here. I have been called to the work as in Mark 16: 15-18. I praise God for the real Pentecostal baptism as in Acts 2:4. I am the only one here who has received this experience, but God is working. I had the experience seven years ago but lost out and was side-tracked by Satan and went into darkness and much deep water, but all hell cannot move or shake me for I know it came from God and was spoken of by Joel 2:28. I would like to hear from the Assemblies of God. Pray for me.—A. E. Montgomery, 709 3rd Av.

TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA.

God is working wonderfully in our Assembly and we are looking for still greater things.—Mrs. B. F. Whitaker.

TRINITY, TEXAS.

We are still praising God for victory. We are pressing the battle. Jesus is our Captain. Bless His name! Bro. S. A. Odom and band are holding a few weeks meeting here. May God wake this place up and show people where they stand. Pray for us that we will be kept humble until Jesu comes.—Mrs. S. R. Skaines.

VICTORY AT CORNING, ARK.

I am glad I can still report victory here. The Lord gives us good crowds and someone comes through and receives the Baptism or is saved in nearly every service and there are from twenty five to thirty five at the altar seeking the Lord in most every service. There are calls for meetings all around here. The fields indeed are white unto harvest and the laborers are few. May the Lord send out workers that are filled with the Holy Ghost and the spirit of wisdom. Don't forget to pray for me and the work here.

THE HEAVENS OPENED.

Richland Center, Wis.

God is working. Ten saved and four baptized since we came the first of January. All glory to Him. God baptized two girls the same night. They were under the power of God for nearly four hours and talked in about twelve different languages,—Spanish, French, German, Russian and Chinese, which we recognized. They were carried away in the Spirit up a long rocky path to the very gates of heaven, Jesus aways in the advance and beckoning on, through the shining, gold paved streets, hearing heavenly music. They saw Jesus all arrayed in white robes and a great throng dressed in white almost surrounding Him. The last two and half hours we could catch a sentence in English

as the climate is ideal. May God richly reward every effort put forth by His children to help spread the Glad Tidings of great joy. Pray for us.—Bro. and Sister H. E. Hansen.

once in a while, such as "Jesus is coming soon," "Isn't the music lovely?" "I want to stay here with Jesus," etc. They both had only been saved a few days. I have been in three of Sister Etter's meetings and many large missions, but never have seen anything so grand, so solemn, so soul-inspiring as this.

We just opened a little hall last night to a good attendance, and Jesus says, "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto Me." Pray that we may lift Him up and give Him all glory and honor.—J. D. Wells.

WANT TO VISIT.

Bro. John E. Norton, at 161 East Avenue, Rochester, New York, son of Rev. Albert Norton for twenty-five years a missionary to India, desires to make missionary addresses in the interest of his father's work. He will be glad to hear from any mission that desires him or to correspond with any one wanting information about India. Write him at the above address.

HOME HELPER WANTED.

I am in need of a woman, either widow or maid, to do general housework. Our family numbers six, including hired man. We want someone who really needs a home. I will either pay a stated salary or arrange in any way that we may decide upon. Would require a good recommendation from Pastor or Elder. Must be a Christian, without children. My youngest child is seven years old. If interested, write me at Bidding Springs, Oklahoma.—Mrs. Bernice Ferguson.

ANOTHER WARNING

About W. A. Ward.

From personal experience M. M. Pinson has twice warned the saints in these columns against W. A. Ward, and Bro. A. P. Collins once warned them of him, yet he continues to travel from coast to coast claiming to be a preacher and missionary from India, in order to get money from the saints. He was recently in Chicago. Let all take warning.—Editor E. N. Bell.

KELLERTON, IOWA.

Meetings closed here last Sunday night. We started here the middle of last August in a tent and continued until January 3rd. Later the meetings were transferred to a building. A good number were saved and somewhere around fifty or sixty received the Baptism of the Spirit and spoke in tongues as in Acts 2:4 and 19:6. There were several cases of healing. God did many wonderful things for us here, for which we praise Him.—W. E. Batterton.

THE WORK AT NAWABGANJ,

INDIA.

We surely believe that God is going to do great things for us. We need prayer that the Lord may direct about putting our two evangelists out into new stations. They are good men and are reliable. Both are married. One has two and the other three children. Their wives are Bible women. They have been supported for two years by friends at Oklahoma City. They are in some doubt about being able to support them for another year, but they may. They send \$5.00 each per month for the evangelists but we get nothing for the Bible women who get \$1.70 each, besides other expenses. There will also be expense connected with rent of house when we get them out in the work.

Would like to tell about an old man and his wife whom I have taken in. It costs about \$5.00 a month to keep them. There is a boy at about \$2.00 per month, and an old woman at about the same as the boy. I believe the Lord will lay it upon the hearts of some of His children to support them.—James Harvey.

MARGRET CLARK.

India.

Just now we have pitched the tents. God gave me some ten years ago and have come to live in them to save rent. House rent is very high in Bombay and we simply could not

afford to pay it and indeed have often wondered how we were to go on. Our evangelists too have had to give up their homes and are in little tents close to us. This does not shut our mouths. Praise God! The Gospel of the free grace of God can still be proclaimed to sinners round about us. But we long to be able to do more. There are some who are in real need and we cannot help them much. Praise God! He is with us and has promised never to leave nor forsake us whatever may be the circumstances.

Of course we can only live in tents until the hot season comes on. Then the great heat cannot be pekt out and after that comes the rainy season when the heavens often seem to be opened to let the waterfloods down, and the streets of the city are so flooded that the people walk almost to their knees in water in parts until there is a sufficient time for it to run off, in the drains, out to the sea. In the meantime we do thank our God that He has given us this shelter and arranged for us so lovingly, and He who knows our constant need of funds to carry on the work, will care. We are looking to Him.

ALBERT NORTON.

India.

I have just returned from a visit to Bahraich and Orail in North India. God is blessing at both stations. In these terrible days of wars and rumors of war, it is blessed to see souls inquiring for God. Some of the orphan lads who have been in training here at Dhond for many years are being used of God to spread the Gospel. One of these young men recently in the vicinity of Orail sold 110 Gospels or portions of the Scriptures in one day, which was a record sale.

We have much to thank God for in the training of the young men here at Dhond, but we long and pray for a more mighty baptism of the Holy Spirit to come upon us all. Please continue to hold us up in prayer.

DALLAS, TEXAS.

We are still praising God for His goodness and blessings on His saints at Dallas. We are looking up and trusting God for a mighty outpouring in this wicked city real soon, and we believe He is going to give us a real harvest of precious souls. Glory, Glory to God.

Very recently Mrs. McBride, one of the saints here, was wonderfully healed by the power of God, after being confined for several weeks with some awful trouble that often caused heart failure. Many times these sinking spells would overcome her, and it did not seem that she would live. Another Sister by the name of Willowby was wonderfully delivered from a brain trouble which caused her to lose her mind for several days so bad that she did not know her own child. Glory to God for His mighty works among the children of men.—C. A. Godwin.

SAW JESUS AND WAS HEALED.

I was almost blind; could not see to sew, but the Lord wonderfully healed me. I saw two guiding stars, one in front of me and one behind. They were leading me. I also saw Jesus on the cross and I saw the nails in His hands, and His Spirit told me that I was going to be healed and He laid His hand on my head and I was healed. How I thank Him for it! We had a little girl six years old who had been chilling for five months. I gave her medicine and took her to the Doctor but the medicine did her no good. God touched her in answer to prayer and healed her. I do praise Him for His mercy and goodness.—Mrs. A. Williams, Mt. Pleasant, Texas R. 3 Box 26.

SIGNS OF RAIN.

Almena, Kansas.

There are signs of rain. We are having some wonderful morning prayer meetings. Have three afternoon cottage meetings per week and God is drawing nearer to the few who meet. Some are getting hungry.—Mrs. J. C. Miller.