

"And this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached (published, Mark 13:10) in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matt. 24:14.

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"Go Ye Into All The World And Preach The Gospel To Every Creature"

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The Season's Greetings



THE NATIVITY

Christ is Born. God's Wonderful gift to Men. Luke 2:10.

The present year is drawing to a close and the world all about us is entering in upon a time of festivity. Christmas is coming, and the custom of making presents one to another at Christmas time has become a time-honored custom. Persons who seem hard of heart and grasping—in their efforts to get for themselves, become softened somehow by the kindly spirit of Christmas-tide, and opening the store-house of their material gain, they give gifts to others. The spirit of giving and receiving is in the air at Christmas time and few escape its influence.

All this is but a reflection of the great spirit of love and sacrifice seen in God's gift to men. The world, outside of God's true family in it, know but a little of the real spirit of giving, but they are affected by its presence and power so much that they continue year after year to foster a custom which reflects in some measure this spirit which is from God. Many are the kindly acts performed because it is Christmas time. Many are the gifts bestowed because it is Christmas. Many times the poor are remembered and provided for because in the very air is the spirit of kindness reflected. The kindly thought for others and their needs or desires develops at Christmas time until the whole world about us seems alive with the special activities of the season.

Whatever may be true about this being the time of the nativity or birth of Christ, it is a time when God's great gift to men revealing as it does His love and favor to all, is brought in a special way to the attention of many. There are many things about the celebration of Christmas by the world which we, who know the divine purpose revealed in Christ, and who see the deep sacredness of the nativity, do not agree with. We are, however, impressed by what we see, and appreciate the power of love and sacrifice as it reflects upon the hearts and lives of men even though they do not know God or accept His gift to them. How blessed it would be if the world of men and women who will enter in upon the festivities of this coming Christmas season, might have in their hearts the divine witness of their acceptance of God's blessed and holy gift. Would God they might realize the worth of God's abundant grace and that, during this coming festal season, they might have more than a reflection of divine love in their hearts. That the true fire of love which gives freely without thought of return, but gives because it must—to be satisfied—might burn and brighten all the world. How much of darkness would be dispelled! How much of suffering would be assuaged! How much of sorrow would be removed, and how much joy and peace would result!

Let the world rejoice in the REFLECTED light and enjoy as best it can what it has, in its present state of selfish appreciation of what is good, but let all of God's true children be glad with exceeding joy as we contemplate the nativity.

The Manner of Christ's Advent into the World.

There has been much speculation about the manner of Christ's birth. Some have wondered. Others have scoffed. Very many have thought it strange. Not all have understood it. Let us look at it carefully and see why it was as it was and what importance attaches to the facts. Surely God knew best about how Christ should be born. We can expect to see nothing but divine wisdom displayed in it all and, if we try, we can readily see why it was as recorded.

Man as a race was lost and needed a redeemer, that he might be brought back to God and back into the condition and place from whence he had fallen. Every man who was born of man was in the same fallen condition. All needed a redeemer. Since all men, born of man, needed redemption, none of them could be a redeemer. No man could redeem himself and no man could redeem another because he himself must be redeemed. Therefore, that there might be a redeemer who, though he be identified with that which was lost through sin, could yet redeem, Christ, who took upon Himself to redeem us, came in-

Cause for Rejoicing.

There is great cause for rejoicing in the manner of Christ's advent, for it clearly meets the need of the case and destroys forever the possibility of contention against His right to redeem us. Thank God for His unspeakable gift, that gift which is not fully expounded, that which is indescribable by us, but that which is truly ours in Christ who has redeemed us. While the gift is indescribable by us and is not yet fully expounded or set forth, there is very much that we may see and know about it here and now—much more than we can tell to others, much more

coming King. In His prayer for us, together with His first disciples, as He petitioned the Father in our behalf before departing to be at the right hand of God as High Priest over the house of God, there are some things of rich import which represent the Divine thought and purpose for God's children in Christ.

Turning to John 17 Ch. we notice some of them for comfort and encouragement and for our admonition as well. This is not a prayer for the world. Jesus said, "I pray not for the world." His cry for the perishing world came out of his heart when upon the cross. Luke 23:34. Here He pleads for them that had been given Him out of the world. Notice His prayer which covers seven distinct phases of our need.

1st. Kept by the Father.

He prayed saying "Holy Father, keep them in thine own name those which thou hast given me (v. 11)." To be kept in His own name, is to be kept in the relationship between God and His child; to be continually acknowledged and claimed as His child, and to be treated as such. Christ had manifested that name to them. (v.6) "The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run into it and are safe."

2. Happy in Themselves.

Jesus prayed saying "that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves" (v. 13). Joy is to be the portion of God's children; not simply a pleasure found in amusement nor a satisfaction derived from carnal things, but real joy born of an appreciation of God's love and care as administered by the Holy Ghost. "The Kingdom of God is not meat and drink"—carnal matters—but "peace and joy in the Holy Ghost."

3. Protection From Evil.

"That they should be kept from the evil one" (v. 15 R. V.) Christ knew from personal experience the danger that lay in being tempted of the devil, so He prayed that we might be kept from yielding to Satan's alluring devices. All evil comes to us through Satan and his agencies, which are intended to interfere with and to defeat God's plan in our lives. Christ's prayer suggests our need of being kept from all evil. He is still praying for us to that end, and we may be kept for, "He ever liveth to make intercession for us."

4. Holy unto God.

"Sanctify them through Thy truth, Thy Word is truth * * * for their sakes I sanctify myself that they also may be sanctified through the truth." God intends that we be holy, that we be separated unto God to be wholly and sacredly His. Being made pure through the cleansing of our defilements by the holy blood, we are to be kept holy by the Word of truth, which, if administered by the Holy Spirit, whose sword it is, will be the means of our enlightenment and admonition, that we may keep our place under the blood and in the will of God.

5. Useful Unto Others.

"Neither pray I for these alone but for them also which shall believe in Me through their word" (V. 20). Others are to believe on Christ through our words. Our place and privileges in Christ are not simply a matter of our own interest, but others' interests are involved, and others are to be influenced by us to believe in Christ that they, too, may enjoy the blessings which are ours. We are not to be kept in a life of self-centeredness, but are to be true representatives of Christ and ambassadors to the world in which God keeps us. The light that is given us is to shine. Christ would reach others thru us.

6. United One to Another.

He prayed also "that all may be one" (V.21). There are two things here to be Continued on page 3

A Living Christ

A Christmas Message

A Living Christ. Serve Him as such,
And may His life-impacting touch
Be felt throughout thine every part,
Filling with praise thy waiting heart
Till thou art lost in joy divine
Worshipping at the glorious shrine,
Viewing the wondrous beauty rare
Of Christ, Thy living Lord.

A Living Christ to dwell within
Thy heart once filled with pride and sin;
Enthroned within thy life is He,
The Christ, in blessed reality;
And thou hast but to heed His voice,
In His sweet will each day rejoice,
So thou canst e'er a witness be
For Christ, thy living Lord.

A Living Christ revealed in power
To those who seek Him hour by hour;
Lives that are loosed from crumbling dust
May feel that golden thread of trust
Drawing them to His heart of love,
So close that glories hid above
Shall speak continually to them
Of Christ, their living Lord.

A Living Christ this Christmas-tide—
A holy Guest to e'er abide
Within the temple bought by Him;
Grant then to Him the diadem,
The throne, the sceptre of thy life;
His reign of peace shall end all strife;
The government of all shall be
On Christ, thy living Lord.

A Living Christ. Canst thou desire
A greater treasure for the year?
Know thou, dear heart, that they
Who win
This priceless treasure scarce begin
To sing the sweetness of His love
Until their hearts so deeply move
Words fail to tell the riches rare
In Christ, the living Lord.

—Alice Reynolds Flower.

to the world being born of a woman, thus identifying Himself with man and yet, not being born of man, he was free from the taint of inherent sin and needed no redemption. Thus through the immaculate conception and miraculous birth of Christ, God met the needs of the world, and there was one among men who, as nearest of kin, not needing for Himself redemption, could be a redeemer to others. God gave a foreview of the Divine law of redemption in His plan for Israel, in which plan we see that the nearest of kin was the lawful redeemer of an estranged possession. Christ our redeemer is made to us nearest of kin by this same Divine law and has alone the right to redeem man from his lost estate and bring him back to God.

than we can describe in words. Deeper and greater than all we may be able to express is an experimental knowledge of God's precious gift to us in Christ.

We may really know Christ personally. We may become acquainted with the Savior of men and, through our acquaintance with Him, realize what He is to us.

What Christ is to Us.

There is much in the Scripture concerning what Christ is to us in the Divine purpose, all of which is blessedly true and made very real to us as we believe God's Word and meet His conditions.

Christ loved us and gave Himself for us and He has become to us not only He by whose shed blood we are cleansed from sin, but He is our High Priest and our



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NO EVANGEL CHRISTMAS WEEK. See Perpetual Announcement at top of this column.

The Weekly Evangel is published fifty times a year, which means that two weeks every year are missed, which gives the office force a little opportunity to rest for a few days in the midst of the busiest life of service for the saints imaginable. The Christmas week is one of the weeks of the year in which no paper is published, but this does not mean a rest for us this year, as the Christmas week will be one of the busiest weeks of the year, the whole force being employed in the preparation for the great change from a newspaper form to a magazine form paper. The task is large, if we put into the paper all that we feel God would have us put into it, and we ask the prayers of all the Evangel family that God will sustain and strengthen us for the task before us. While you are enjoying the Lord in your homes this Christmas time, don't forget that there is a little force of consecrated men and women over here in St. Louis who are working day and night for your edification and comfort. We are your servants for Jesus' sake, and we are glad that we are so. All we desire is that we might constantly know that we are pleasing God and that the brethren appreciate our efforts in their behalf a little bit. We solicit your prayers, your co-operation, your sympathy and your fellowship. We desire for you all the richest blessings that God can bestow and an increased life of usefulness for God during the coming year.

A WORD OF REMINDER.

Evangel Day is upon us—tomorrow, Sunday, December 19th, is the day. Many friends in different parts of the country have expressed themselves as being with us in fellowship and co-operation, standing for the same principles and contending for the same faith. The crisis has come and the principles for which we stand are now being put to the test. Are they of God or not. We believe that they are. We believe that Christ built and es-

SUNDAY SCHOOL

December 26, 1915.

REVIEW: JEHOVAH'S GRACIOUS PROMISES TO ISRAEL.

Reading Lesson; Hosea 14.

Golden Text: Jehovah is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness. Psa. 103:8.

Lesson 1. Elijah in Naboth's Vineyard. 1 Kings 21. G. T. Num. 32:23. We are given a deeper revelation of the desperation of Ahab's character. That awful sin of covetousness has been the downfall of more than one even supposed follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. They have failed to consider the example of their Master. Phil. 2: 3-8.

Lesson 2. Elijah Taken up into Heaven. 2 Kin. 2:1-12. G. T. Psa. 16:11. It was the reward of persistent faith in a young man. God raise up many more such today who have a "double portion." There are two N. T. scenes suggested—the outpouring of the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, and the swiftly approaching Rapture of the saints which Paul has clearly described. Acts 2; 1 Thess. 4:15-17.

Lesson 3. Elisha Heals Naaman. 2 Kin. 5. G. T. Ex. 15:26. Faith and obedience are ever working companions. Recall the several forceful lessons in the attitude of both Naaman and Elisha in this remarkable story. Nor do you forget the captive maid's part.

Lesson 4. Elisha's Heavenly Defenders. 2 Kings 6:8-23. G. T. Psa. 34:7. Oh the wonderful security of that soul however weak in themselves who realizes and recognizes the presence of the Omnipotent One. "Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war should rise against me in this will I be confident."

Lesson 5. Boy Joash Crowned King. 2 Kings 11:1-20. G. T. Prov. 14:11. In spite of the murderous scheme of the wicked Athaliah God preserves His chosen one and brings him to light in the fulness of time. There on other occasions God does this same thing. Ex. 2:1-5; Matt. 2:13-16.

Lesson 6. Joash Repairs the Temple. 2 Kings 12:1-16. G. T. 2 Cor 9:7. We should search our hearts in reviewing this lesson to be sure we are not in some way responsible for the decay in God's House today both spiritual and literal. There are gaping breaches to be repaired and we must meet the need by prayer, by labor, by gifts as the Lord may indicate. It involves sacrifice but the blessing and reward is assured. Mal. 3:8-12.

Lesson 7. Daniel in the King's Court. Dan. 1. G. T. 1 Cor. 16:18. Remember the three divisions in the study of the lesson—the purpose, the proving, the promotion. That is God's order in dealing with us regarding His service. Self-indulgence along any line will cripple us in effective work for God. "They that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts." Gal. 5:24.

Lesson 8. Jonah a Missionary. Jonah 4:1-11. G. T. Matt. 28:19, 20. Here we have the first foreign missionary. No wonder the devil tried so hard to sidetrack him. Thank God for every man and woman who have followed his example in carrying

established His church, and that we are all members one of another. We believe that there are no sects in heaven, and that God does not recognize any as such here on earth. We are contending for co-operative fellowship in the work of God, free from centralization of ecclesiastical power. We believe that every assembly has the full right of self government, free from interference from outside sources, and we are bound to respect such rights and to lend every aid possible in the protection of local assemblies. We stand for a ministry that is above reproach both from without and from within our ranks. A clean Ministry—a clean Gospel message and a clean people. Our readers recognize these principles and are standing together with us for them, and we shall continue to stand by the help of God.

And if these things be so, now is the time to rise and come up to the help of the Lord. The work of God invested in our medium, the Weekly Evangel, must go forward, and we have it in our power to help it or hinder it from going forward. The test is on. Tomorrow, Dec.

the glad tidings to the sin cursed heathen. Have we done our part in hastening the glorious work?

Lesson 9. Amos the Fearless Prophet. Amos. 5:1-15 G. T. Jer. 23:28. God chose His own messenger,—uneducated, but diligent in his temporal business—and sent him with a message of authority. We need the same message today for the time was never when men, saved and unsaved, needed to seek the Lord any more than right now.

Lesson 10. Uzziah's Pride and Punishment. 2 Chron. 26. G. T. Prov. 29:23. Notice how long Uzziah's strength and prosperity continued. This lesson deserves prayerful consideration on the part of all for here is the life story of many a Christian worker, and the reason alike for their success and failure. God keep us humble and broken at his feet.

Lesson 11. Jehovah Yearns Over Israel. Hos. 11:1-11. G. T. Hos. 11:4. What a picture of God's wonderful love and long-suffering in dealing with disobedient, rebellious Israel. And to think "His arm is stretched out still." As individuals we have all realized this same quality of His mercy.

Lesson 12. The Fall and Captivity of Israel. 2 Kings 17:1-18. G. T. Prov. 29:1. But with all God's love and tenderness the justice of His character demands that retribution follow the wilful sinner. We reap the harvest of our own sowing.

January 2, 1916.

THE ASCENDING LORD.

Lesson Text.—Acts 1:1-14.

Golden Text.—When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. Eph. 4:8.

Leading Thought.—"Coming in like manner."

1. The Risen Lord. vs. 1-5. Luke, the author of the third Gospel is recognized to be the author of this wonderful book of the Acts of the Apostles, or more correctly the Acts of the Holy Ghost. V. 1; Luke 1:4. It is pre-eminently the history of the founding, the order, and the outworking of the Church. It will be the basis for the most of the lessons for the coming year, and should be read prayerfully again and again through out, and in connection with it the epistles of Paul to the various churches. Our lesson includes the introductory part of the book. The matter of first moment with Luke was the declaring of the Lord to be alive. It was surely the paramount joy of those disciples to actually know that the one whom they had so sorrowfully given up was living, and proving to their natural senses the reality of His resurrected life. They saw Him; they talked with Him; they walked with Him; they ate with Him; they handled Him. "Many infallible proofs!" Yea, verily. And we have not only their testimony but the continual personal realization of His presence through the out-poured Spirit to assure our hearts that He is truly "alive forevermore." Hallelujah! May all our hearts be mightily quickened of God as we review these wonderful scenes so very real and precious to all our hearts who have felt the power of the Pentecostal out-pouring. May God grant us treasures new and old out of this blessed Book! It was this glorified Lord who commanded them to tarry, and promised them the baptism of the Holy Ghost "not many days hence."

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19th is Evangel Day. We are expecting every member of the Evangel Family to respond and write us a letter of appreciation of the work and principles for which we stand, enclosing an offering for the Publishing work. No amount will be considered too small. If you cannot send us an offering, write us a letter anyway. It will be greatly appreciated. Let us hear from you on Evangel Day.

THIS IS THE LAST ISSUE BEFORE COMMENCING THE NEW 16 PAGE PAPER.

AN INTERPRETED MESSAGE IN TONGUES.

Call ye unto the people! Call ye unto people! Call ye unto the people that they should exalt the Lord, that they should fear Him, that they should honor Him, that they should worship Him more diligently. He hath given them this power and these gifts of His grace that they might show forth more abundantly his praise. Call ye unto them in the day-time, in

the night-time, spare not to lift your voices that they give unto His name the excellency and praise of which it is worthy, for He is the Redeemer, He is the Saviour, He is the Mighty God. Lift then up before Him the horn of your testimony in praise and adoration. Let all the people rejoice in the God of your trust, for His name is poured out as a sweet ointment and His blessing is upon His people, and they that know His name shall rejoice in the power and holiness of it.

2. The Ascending Lord. Vs. 6-11. With all Christ's instruction the disciples had a poor understanding of His meaning. Like many today they were looking for the temporal gain as regarding their nation, rather than the spiritual welfare of themselves, and through them of the whole world, as God intended. God had a larger vision than simply restoring the kingdom to Israel. They were to receive power that they might be effective witnesses unto the uttermost part of the earth. God never pours out His Spirit for the temporal welfare of some church or party (Acts 8:18-24) or to make them happy alone; but to make them useful, "witnesses unto Christ," first in the place of receiving blessing, and thence outward to the farthest border God may direct. There are some good people more concerned about the "times and seasons" than about witnessing for Christ. They are missing the mark of God's intention and purpose. We are to leave those things with the Father and proceed about the business for which we have been divinely equipped. And then He was parted from them. No wonder they stood gazing steadfastly into heaven. V. 9. His words, His very appearance, and then His marvelous disappearance were enough to leave them in open-mouthed wonder. It is very probable that the two men who appeared in white apparel and delivered the promise of His return were Moses and Elijah. They had been vitally interested in Christ's decease on a former occasion (Luke 9:31) and were no doubt equally interested in his resurrection and ascension. They are to appear again during the tribulation. Rev. 11:3-11. But oh the comfort and hope of their message. Ring it to the ends of the world—"this same Jesus is coming in like manner as ye have seen Him go in to heaven." It is plain, it is clear, it is unquestionable, and our hearts are thrilling with the certainty of its fulfilment. Glory to our coming Christ for ever! "Now is our salvation nearer than when we first believed."

3. The Waiting Disciples. Vs. 12-14. The disciples were obedient, whether they fully understood or not. They might have said "we have the greatest message of the day and the people must hear at once." But what a failure they would have made, had they gone before God sent them. There comes a waiting time for all God's servants who would do effective work for Him. It was the obedient tarrying that made possible the joyful realization. The Holy Spirit is given to them that obey God. Nor were their tarrying days listlessly spent in gossip, self-seeking, arguing; instead "they continued in prayer and supplication." And don't overlook the blessed "one-accordness" without which there would never have been a Pentecost. Thank God for the part the women had in it. And God is still including the handmaidens. Praise His name for that!—Alice Reynolds Flower.

Oh give thanks unto the Lord, give thanks unto the Lord, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth forever. Trust Him exceedingly, trust Him expectantly, trust Him continually. Trust Him, trust Him, trust Him, the Covenant-keeping God, the faithful God. And they that know thy name shall put their trust in thee, for Thou Lord hast not forsaken them that seek Thea.

TOMORROW (DEC. 19th) IS EVANGEL DAY.

THERE WILL BE NO PAPER NEXT WEEK—CHRISTMAS WEEK.

know how to pray get hold of God for these needy ones that they may not lack. Pray also for the grace of God upon these teachers. No one receives a salary. Their work is a labor of love rendered as unto the Lord without money and without price. Do you want to share with them in their reward? Hold them up to God in prayer.

Quite a few are asking if we are expecting to have another of the short term special Bible schools soon, such as we have been holding in various states during the last seven years. Yes, God willing, we shall have another such school this winter. The time and place has not yet been selected. Several places are open for such a school, but the Lord has not made it plain yet just where it should be. Our responsibilities in connection with the permanent school here in this city, have been such that we have not been able to give the other much attention yet. Begin now to make your preparations to attend. Lay aside money for your expenses. Watch the Weekly Evangel for the announcement. The school will probably open on short notice.

Faithfully Yours in Jesus,—Daniel C. O. Opperman, Eureka Springs, Ark.

REVIVAL IN THE OZARK BIBLE AND LITERARY SCHOOL.

The smiles of the Lord have been on the school here in a very blessed way. There have been many testings and trials and problems that have perplexed those in charge of the school, but in it all and thru it all, Jesus has revealed Himself and given constant victory. Praise Him! The presence of the Lord has been very sweet and a very precious revival spirit has been manifested which has swept about 15 or more of the students into the experience of the baptism with the Holy Spirit. Glory!

One of the most interesting places in the building is the prayer tower, a room in the tower on the fourth floor set apart for prayer. Here prayer is kept up constantly from six o'clock in the morning till six in the evening. The students each have their hour and they delight to spend that hour with the Lord in the prayer tower. Thank God. One evening as one of the young lady students was passing from her room to the prayer tower she asked a twelve year old girl to go along. She said she would come soon and did so. The Lord saved her almost immediately after entering the room and she began at once to seek the Lord for the Baptism in the Spirit. Soon it became known throughout the house that Verna was seeking the Baptism. Others came and began to seek. One of the teachers took the oversight of the service and soon ten of the students were prostrate under the mighty power of God, and eight of them received the Baptism in the Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues, Acts 2:4, and the other two received it the next evening. Hallelujah to Jesus!

We would not have the reader to think that our students are all angels. They are not. They are real boys and girls and young people, full of life and subject to all the temptations that others are, and some need discipline. When they do they generally get it. Parents should not send students to the school if they are not willing that they should be disciplined. Obedience is expected and if necessary, required. No reasonable punishment will be omitted to maintain the proper conduct in the school.

Some of our friends are wondering why we do not say more thru the papers about the school. We dare not do it. If we advertised this work extensively the school would have been over crowded with students before now. This large four story hotel looked very big to us at first. But now it looks so little. Already we have discovered that our plans were too small. We began on too small a scale. The building is now comfortably filled except the fourth floor which is not all furnished. Yet many are asking to come from various states. From now on we must warn people that they must know definitely that there is room for them before they come. You should write Bro. R. B. Chisolm, the principal, before coming.

We desire the prayers of every spirit filled saint that God Himself shall direct this school in all its efforts. Pray that God will provide every need for spirit soul and body. A very large portion of these students have nothing and can give nothing for their support. Food, fuel and clothing must be provided for these as well as those who have plenty. Thus far all have been supplied. Thank God! Let those who

EVANGELIST'S NOTICE.

Brother J. R. Evans, formerly of 326 Madison Ave., Petoskey, Mich., announces that his new address is 6006 Olive Court, Cleveland, Ohio, and that he and his wife are waiting Father's orders for them. They will be glad to communicate with any who need their help in evangelistic work. Address him at 6006 Olive Court, Cleveland, Ohio.

NOTE FROM JACK COUNTY, TEXAS.

We are glad to make report of the wonderful work that has been done in Jack County. God's people have been centering their prayers for the gathering in and asking God for great things. He has answered by adding a number of souls to His Kingdom at Squaw Mountain and Silver Hill; also at Truce, Texas. About thirty-three have been saved and baptized. Also five have been saved here at Jacksboro and one received the baptism. Brother Edwards of Ft. Worth assisted Brother Oscar Jones at Truce. This band at Truce is about 42 in number and is doing a wonderful work for God. We are believing God and taking Him at His word, knowing our Pastor is also a man of God, being faithful to His post. God is blessing by giving him these souls.—Elder F. P. Poole.

ANOTHER NOTE OF PRAISE.

I praise God for what He is to me and for what He has done for me in my life. I suffered 27 years with heart trouble and often my friends would think I was dead or dying. Have lain for four hours in this condition. The doctors could do me no good but I grew worse. When I gave up all to Him God healed me and I have taken Him for my physician and my all, my healer and coming King. I had spent years in the M. E. and Baptist churches and thought I was all right but on the first Sunday in the year 1913 I went to the Holiness church at Hartford, Ala. and heard Brother Grice preach. It was the best sermon I ever heard and it thrilled my soul through and through. I knew that the only true way was the way of Holiness.

I began to read my Bible more than ever and prayed God to give me any more He had for me. After the first of March Bro. Dan DuBose started a meeting and I went to God for the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and, Praise His name! He filled me with power from on high on the evening of the 5th day of March until I could hardly walk, and He sent the blessed comforter to testify of Him. I am glad I can say the Holy Spirit still abides and by His grace I intend to go all the way with Him. Pray for me.—Mrs. N. J. Clower, Enterprise, Alabama.

GREEN FOREST, ARK.

God is blessing out here at the Center Point School House, seven miles North of Green Forest. He has wonderfully met us, refreshing the saints. Also several sinners have been seeking God. God was wonderfully in our midst Tuesday night. The slain of the Lord were many. There was an Assyrian Pedler in our midst. While I was preaching God spoke to him in his native language and he understood it. The substance of the message was, God is the Father; Jesus is the Messiah or the Christ and He was with God from the beginning. There was nothing made without Him. This was the first time he was ever in a church. When I gave the altar call he came up and gave his hand for prayer. After the meeting he told the people that he understood the message and if I did not know the foreign language it surely came from above.

Pray for me and the saints at this place that we may be hid away with God in Christ.—Kelly Campbell, R. 1.

NOTES OF TESTIMONY.

The Lord is such a wonderful Savior. It has been two years since He saved me and baptized me with the Holy Ghost, and the way grows brighter each day. I praise Him for the love that burns in my heart for souls. It took seven months of sickness and the death of my husband before I could see my condition and asked God to show me what to do. Praise God! He sent His people here and told me what I must do and I gave Him my heart. When I found Him I was at home with my children and how sweetly they looked at me. I still have the joy in my soul. We are praying for a Spirit-filled band to come to this place for there are hungry hearts here seeking light. I want all the saints to pray that God will show me more plainly the

work He has for me to do.—Eliza J. Walton, Cotter, Ark.

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I praise God for real salvation in my soul. Jesus saved me from sin several years ago and has wonderfully baptized me with the Holy Ghost and fire. I praise Him for healing me when I was sick. He has healed me many times and has also healed my two little children. I was a Baptist but God opened my eyes to the truth and gave me real salvation. I love Him with all my heart for all He has done for me.—Mrs. Sarah Glenn, Caney, Texas.

THE NATIVITY

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seen in the expressed desire of Christ for us. First, that as brethren, children together of God, we should be one in ourselves, one in recognition of our common origin, one in our family relationship, being all of the family of God, one in our purpose to glorify God in our bodies and spirits which are His and one as members of the mystic body of Christ, being members one of another. Second, that as sons of God we be one. "As Thou Father art in Me and I in Thee" (V. 21). We, being sons of God, are to continually remind ourselves of the fact and by the Grace of God, together with the ministry of the Spirit, are to act accordingly; "That they may be one as we are," is the prayer of Christ for us. Truly the fellowship is blessed when, through the communion of the Holy Ghost we are brought together with the Father and with the Son and realize our place in Christ as Sons of God, feeling the sacredness of our relation to God, being quickened by the hope of what it will mean to us in the ages to come. Sons of God! Hallelujah! One with Christ heirs together with Him of all things. God help us to keep in the sacredness of it all and in the oneness of the true church, the body of Christ.

7. Glorified with Him.

"The glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them." "Father I will that they also whom Thou hast given me be with me where I am that they may behold My glory which Thou hast given me, for Thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world." If we suffer together with Him we shall be also glorified together. If we are true to our trust and obedient to His Word, His prayer for us must be answered in all of its glorious fullness of meaning.

"After the trials are over,

After the suffering is done,

After the heat and the burden,

After the race is run.

Then comes the sweet deliverance,

Then comes the freedom from pain.

Then comes the cool of the evening;

Then comes the crown we shall gain."

—J. W. W.

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NOTICE

Pastor Forrest G. Barker of Grand Junction, Colorado, announces that their place of worship is now at 645 East Main street, and meetings are being held every night.

NOTICE OF ADDRESS.

J. T. Crick announces that his address this winter will be Box 142 Bessie, Okla. He expects to make a tour through the South this winter, giving his time to evangelistic work, and would be glad to assist anyone desiring help. Address him as above.

ADDRESS WANTED.

Brother J C Brickey, care of 218 Division St., Jackson, Tenn., would like to hear from anyone who knows the address of Brother F. E. Short, a preacher. Write Brother Brickey at above address.

CONVENTIONS

SOUTHERN MISSOURI COUNCIL.
January 23rd to 30th. 1916.

A council of saints and ministers for all Southern Missouri (viz. South of the Missouri River) will convene in Springfield, Mo. at above date with purpose of getting acquainted and to consider ways and means of co-operation and of extending the Pentecostal work throughout this section. Rooms and beds will be provided. Visitors must be prepared to take care of their own transportation to and from the meeting, and their board while here. Signed: J. W. Welch, B. F. Lawrence, M. V. Ferguson, Evang. Geo. W. Lawson, Mrs. Mary A. Arthur, Wm. E. Giles, J. R. Flower.

A MID-WINTER CAMP MEETING

A Mid-Winter Camp Meeting will be held from December 15th to January 15th for the saints in East Texas and West Louisiana, at Elton, La. Two large buildings on the College grounds have been given us free of rent for the meeting. For information address Harvey Shearer, Elton, Louisiana.

A GENERAL CONVOCATION AND REVIVAL.

Hot Springs, Arkansas, January 14 to 23, 1916, D.V.

The services will be held in the Assembly of God building at 222 E. Grand Avenue. The Revival will begin Jan. 1, and continue till Convocation and may continue after.

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Visiting saints can secure rooms very reasonable near the Church, also meals, but we may have a dining room run on the free-offering plan, that is for the Convocation.

For further information write—H. A. Goss, 222 E. Grand Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

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The first Pentecostal Convention ever held in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, was held from Nov. 7th to Nov. 14th and proved to be a time of great spiritual refreshing. The number that attended was no large, but a beautiful spirit of love and unity prevailed throughout. The workers

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FIRST YEAR IN THE MINISTRY.

Bro. L. S. Perdue, writing from Martha, Okla., says. This has been my first year in the ministry. I am young in the faith, having received salvation in March of 1914, and receiving the baptism the same night. Have been praising the Lord ever since. I mean to go on in the way. My first meeting was in Vernon, Texas. I held services there five months and left a sweet, clean band of saints, thirty-five in number, twenty-eight baptized in water and seventeen having received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. It was a new field and the fight was hard but I praise God for the work done. I have been working in open fields since but wish to visit some missions this winter. We have a Tabernacle. I love the work. Pray for me that I may be led of the Holy Spirit.—L. S. Perdue, Martha, Okla.

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<p>mion over them in the morning; and their beauty shall consume in the grave from their dwelling.</p> <p>15 But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me. Selah.</p> <p>16 Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased:</p>	<p>Job 4. 21. Or, strength. 5 Or, the grave being a habitation to every one of them. Job 22. 27. Hos. 13. 14. Ps. 81. 7.</p>	<p>14 Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High:</p> <p>15 And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.</p> <p>16 But unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or that thou shouldst take</p>
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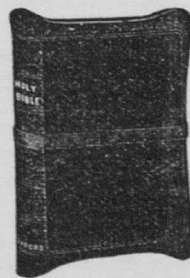
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A prayer for God's mercy. PSALMS. *David imploreth God's aid.*

<p>9 Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.</p> <p>10 For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.</p> <p>11 For the LORD God is a sun and</p>	<p>Gen. 15. 1. Ps. 56. 1. 1 57. 1. 2 or, all the day. Ps. 22. 1. 1 Heb. & 2 Heb. I would choose rather to sit at the</p>	<p>3 Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee daily.</p> <p>4 Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.</p> <p>5 For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.</p> <p>6 Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer;</p>
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