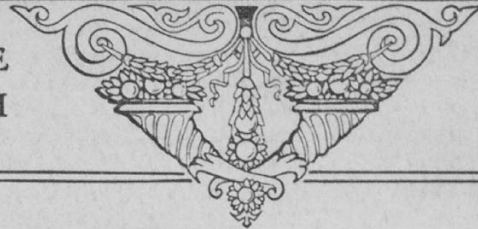




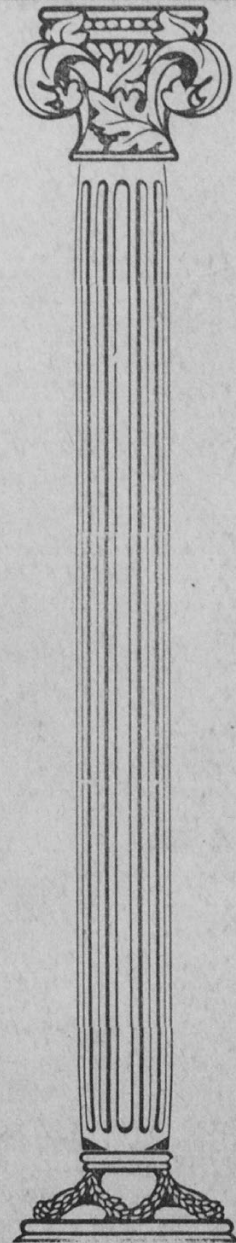
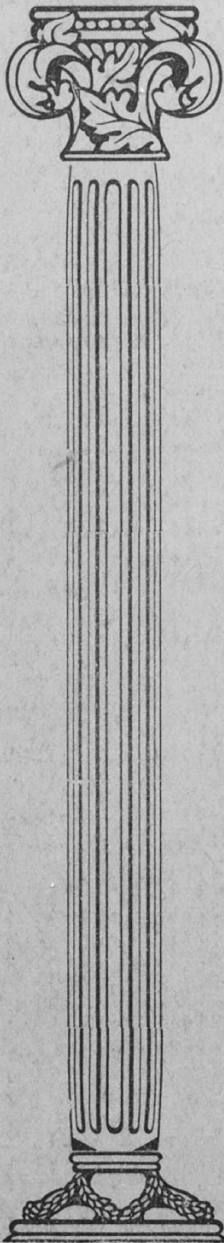
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THE GOSPEL TO EVERY
CREATURE. — Mark 16:15



Come Unto Me.

THE Good Shepherd
careth for His sheep.
He loveth them even
unto the death. He
loved you and gave Himself
for you. He loves you today
and is saying, "Come unto Me,
all ye that labor and are heavy
laden, and I will give you rest."
¶ Are you weary and heavy
laden? Jesus will give you rest
if you will forsake your sin and
come unto Him, throwing your-
self on His mercy and trusting
His grace.

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LITTLE TALKS WITH THE OFFICE EDITOR

Few of the Pentecostal people realize what wonderful things the Lord has done during the past year in the publishing line.

With a few exceptions, the majority of Pentecostal papers in this country are not being published in their own homes, but are being let out to worldly printers who have no more concern for the papers than to turn out the work and receive their pay for the same. These few exceptions that we mention, have no facilities for turning out the papers in large quantities that we know of. One, or possibly two of them, have their own cylinder presses and other power machinery. The balance print their papers, two pages at a time, on job presses, and could not turn out very large quantities of literature if their lives depended upon it. However, we are glad that they have even this small equipment, and we would that it were greater, as we have no selfish concern in seeing any one part of the field prosper at the expense of the other. We would be delighted if every Pentecostal paper in the country had an equipment capable of producing millions of copies of papers which would flood the country with the burning message of Pentecost, but such is not the case.

It was this realization of the inadequacy of the present equipment of the Pentecostal Movement to successfully wage a campaign of evangelism through the printed page which led us to seriously entertain plans for establishing a Publishing House at St. Louis, Mo. That this plan has been successfully followed is evident. We now have a plant which is capable of publishing from fifty to seventy-five thousand papers weekly, with only a small indebtedness standing against it. We are not publishing that many, in fact, only one-tenth of what could be done, but we are encouraged with the prospect of what can be done in the future as we hold steady in prayer, believing God for a tremendous increase in the circulation of Pentecostal literature. We believe that if every subscriber to the Weekly Evangel had this matter on their hearts as strongly as we have here in the central office, that it would be only a little while until the mails would be flooded with red hot Pentecostal Literature, going into the homes of every preacher in the land, as well as every public library in every city which has one; and not only to the preachers and the public libraries, but into every home where there is a hungry heart seeking after God. May the time speedily come when every member of the Evangel Family will be true to their name, "Evangelizer," and not be content to be a mere reader of the paper, but will see to it that their neighbors receive the paper as well as themselves.

We expect to tell you more about what has been done, and what we are expecting to do in the near future.

And now there is the suggestion we have just made. Thousands upon thousands of people visit the Public Libraries of our cities every day. On the shelves of these libraries they find the current magazines, periodicals of science, philosophy, mechanics and religion. It is quite common to find papers propogating some false system of religion, but how many Pentecostal papers do we find there? Is there a Pentecostal paper going to your Public Library? This is a matter worthy of your attention. Go and see for yourself and then ask God what He would have you do about it. Every Public Library in the United States and Canada should have the Weekly Evangel on its shelves. Why not send a subscription in for your Public Library? The suggestion is worth following.

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EDITORIAL

"CONFORMITY TO CHRIST."

The unfailing purpose of God for us, as seen in the Gospel, is that we shall be "conformed to the image of his son; that He may be the first born among many brethren." Conformity implies being made like Him who is the true pattern. Just as God gave the pattern of the heavenly temple and service to Moses in the mount, so again in the other Mount, that is "CALVERY," he gave the pattern in which is seen the purpose of God for our lives.

Like Christ! How our hearts respond to the thought: we are indeed willing to have it so, as we can think of nothing more to be desired. It is very evident to us all that there is a work of transformation to be wrought in us if we are to truly conform to the glorious pattern. We find ourselves unlike him in so many ways; we feel our lack so many times, as we look toward the pattern, that our minds are ready to consent to the need of a great work done in us.

CERTAIN CONDITIONS MUST OBTAIN.

The work that is to make us like Christ, the pattern, is done under certain conditions; which conditions we can readily obtain if we carefully follow the Guide Book, the Bible. The first step toward conformity is "CONFES- SION." The one who is to be made like him, must confess to a lack of conformity to him. At once we see how the work is to proceed: it is to be a work which will humble us and reduce our self esteem or self appreciation: we are to humbly confess our shortage as we behold the pattern. There is a truth, closely related to confession, that we must not lose sight of; the key word is "CLEANSING." We must continually claim and appropriate the cleansing of the holy "BLOOD OF SACRIFICE." Our hearts must be freed from the concern for the past which is unavoidable unless we are confident that the blood now cleanses. To be occupied with the past, or to be burdened with the thought of present guilt, is to be unable to give our attention to the pattern, and to the one who is working in our lives to bring about the desired conformity to Christ.

"CONSECRATION" is the next key word. That we have given ourselves up to the will of God, with a desire to keep yielded, is true; but we need to watch ourselves that we fail not in keeping our vows made to God. To fail here will result in the pattern being obscured from our vision and a

cloud of uncertainty will fall about us; the work of the great divine operator will stop; and we shall find that instead of our becoming more like Christ, we are drifting back into the old ways so much unlike him. "Better is it that thou shouldst not vow, than that thou shouldst vow and not pay." Eccl. 5:5. We must not only make our consecration but we must keep it faithfully; otherwise we had as well not made it. In consecration we deal with God as face to face and become familiar with him in a way, that is, in drawing nigh to Him and getting his thought concerning our life and things that pertain to his will, we come to understand him as we did not before.

"CONFIDENCE" is the next point which marks the way to the goal of conformity to Christ. Confidence in God, born of our knowledge of his love and power, both of which we have experienced with much profit to us; and Confidence toward God, which is the result of having all conflict between us settled—in His favor—; a thing that helps wonderfully in establishing confidence. Now we have no fear of the consequences, when He demands of us that we yield ourselves unreservedly to him.

"CONTROL" is the word that suggests the next thought leading up to Conformity. What is done in the way of making us like Christ, must be done by God; and so divine control is essential to conformity. "Humble yourself therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time." Thus we see, in reviewing the matter, that conformity is consequent upon divine control: that control results from a condition of confidence: that confidence is established as the result of our giving up to God in the true spirit of consecration: that consecration naturally follows cleansing and that cleansing is closely related to confession, 2 Cor. 3:18.

"LIKE CHRIST?"

Yes, like Christ! and being made like Him, we shall be joined to him in unbreakable union. What wonders await the true child of God who is faithful to the calling. Freed from all the restraints that are now upon us; loosed from all our infirmities; seated with Him in his throne forever; we shall behold the wonders of infinite power and glory. Trials and troubles are our portion here, but they are not worthy to be compared to the glory that will be revealed in us. Let us do our part in all sincerity that the grace of God to us may not be in vain; but it may bear the glorious fruit, in us, of **CONFORMITY TO CHRIST.**

APOSTOLIC FAITH RESTORED

A History of
the Present
Latter Rain
Outpouring of
the Holy Spirit
known as
the Apostolic
or Pentecostal
Movement.

By
B. F. Lawrence

Article IX.—The Pentecostal or “Latter Rain” Outpouring in Los Angeles.

(Bro. Frank Bartleman of Los Angeles, Cal., has kindly supplied us with the following valuable information about the beginning of the work in that city.)

I have been requested to write briefly what I know about the present Pentecostal outpouring of the Spirit that has swept around the globe in the last nine years. In doing so, I shall write from personal knowledge only. I reached California in the spring of 1903, with my little family. We located in Sacramento. Shortly before Christmas, 1904, we came to Los Angeles. Just after the first of the new year our oldest daughter died. It was a terrible blow, but it drove me to God. I had been preaching the gospel since 1895. Had been converted in Philadelphia, Pa.

In my sorrow at the loss of our oldest child, I threw myself on God and consecrated myself to His service anew. Beside the coffin of my dear one God definitely entered into a new contract with me. He began to reveal to me a deeper, wider service than I had ever known before. The burden of “soul travail” came upon me. I felt I could only live by being used of Him for lost souls, and He showed me that He would grant my desire. He promised that it should not seem long to me until my work was over and I should meet my darling child again.

Then He began to open up to me a wonderful “forward” vision in faith and prayer. He showed me it was in His purpose again, as of old, to pour out His Spirit amongst us mightily. We had gotten quite pessimistic before this. Few people seemed to be expecting anything better for the last days.

The spirit of prophecy came upon me. I began to prophesy of mighty things from the hand of God. I seemed to receive a “gift of faith”. And the travail of soul was wonderful. It consumed me. This began in January, 1905. I began meetings in a little Mission in Pasadena, Cal., at once, after the funeral of our little child. I felt I must be at work for God.

THE TRAVAIL OF SOUL.

The Lord wonderfully poured out His Spirit. A number of workers were dug out in those meetings that later received the Pentecostal baptism and are Pentecostal preachers in the field today. They caught the vision and the faith also. We began to cry, “Pasadena for God!” Meetings were started in a Methodist Church of which these workers were members. They got under the burden. About two hundred souls knelt at the altar in two weeks’ time. The Lord began to stir up His people in different churches in the city. The results were directly traced to the prayers of these young men. They were on

fire. Our cry was for a “Pentecost.” The Lord was clearly directing.

About April, I first heard of the wonderful revival in Wales. It stirred my soul to its very depths. I laid my life in God’s hands and asked Him to use me if he could to help further the same wonderful Spirit in America. A few weeks later, while reading S. B. Shaw’s Book on the “Great Revival in Wales,” God spoke to me and asked me to contract definitely with Him that I would never go back to the plow again, but that I would spend all my remaining years in His service only. I have never turned back since that time. I dare not. We have been tempted, but God has proven faithful.

INSPIRATION FROM THE WELSH REVIVAL.

In June, 1905, Pastor Smale, of the First Baptist Church in Los Angeles, returned from England, where he had been attending the revival in Wales. He started prayer meetings in his church to wait on God for an outpouring of the Spirit similar to that they were having in Wales. God wonderfully anointed him to exhort the people. He was full of faith for mighty things. I immediately began to attend his services and found them exactly in line with my own vision and aspirations for God.

These prayer meetings ran for a number of weeks, and there was much spontaneous worship, also some very wonderful healings. But the burden that gathered volume daily, and the cry, was for a “Pentecost” for Los Angeles, and for the world. “Pentecost” is the very word we all had on our lips, given by the Holy Ghost. Spiritual workers began to gather to this little company from all over the city. They came from many different denominations and missions. It was a gathering together of those to whom the Lord had spoken. Faith increased rapidly for extraordinary things. God made Pastor Smale a regular Moses to lead us toward the “promised land.”

But soon the church dignitaries could tolerate the new, spontaneous order no longer. They ordered it to cease, or the Pastor to resign. The consequence was the Pastor wisely resigned to go on with God, and the Lord and the people went with him. The “cloud” moved. A “New Testament Church” was formed. Here God wonderfully led and blessed, up to the Spring of 1906.

All this year the travail of soul was heavily upon me. In fact, for at least fifteen months, day and night, almost without intermission, the hand of the Lord was upon me to “bring forth”. I had no rest day or night from these “groanings that could not be uttered.” My precious wife believed that I would die. Days and nights I rolled on my bed in an agony of prayer for a lost world. I seemed as separate from my family almost as though I had been in a distant country for a year. But God spared my life to “eat of the fruit” of my groans and tears. I wrote many tracts during this time, and a number of articles for the papers. God shut me off from preaching much. I could only prophesy of the “things to come.” I was tired of my own preaching and that of others. We needed a reviving. We needed the “anointing.”

ENCOURAGEMENTS TO FAITH.

I had a number of most wonderful visions during this year also. Mostly while in travail of soul. One night, after a specially heavy burden in prayer that seemed to almost take my life, the Lord Jesus Himself appeared to me and strengthened me. I lost all sense of time and space. When I came to I had to pinch myself to see if I was flesh and blood. For days I walked with an invis-

ible presence at my side. Human voices sounded harsh and grating. Human contact pained me. I had been with the Lord.

Gradually the stream was rising, ready to overflow all banks as He had promised. The clouds of blessing were gathering overhead, accumulated by the prayers of many. There was great expectation. But still the situation seemed to wait for something. It would be a great mistake to attempt to attribute the Pentecostal beginning in Los Angeles to any one man, either in prayer or in preaching. Personally, for months the matter seemed to be accumulating within me. The tide of the Spirit was rising, but it could not yet burst forth. I was not abandoned for it. None of us understood fully what we were seeking or just what to expect. We wanted God to come forth; but just in what way we did not know. We never do. He could not come the same as in Wales, for conditions were very different in Los Angeles.

They did not break through at Pastor Smale's Assembly. There was too much reserve there. God had taken them as far as he could. We had marvelous meetings both there and in private prayer meetings, however, all through the year. More than once we saw and felt God's glory. At times the "cloud" was visible to the naked eye. "Pentecost" did not drop down suddenly out of heaven. God was with us in large measure for a long time before the final outpouring. It was not a mushroom of a night by any means.

PRAYED FOR SIGNS FOLLOWING.

Much that would be of interest in this connection must be omitted for lack of space. Finally in February, 1906, seven of us met after a prayer service at the New Testament Assembly, and, joining hands, agreed that God should be petitioned to pour out His Spirit speedily "with signs following." I don't think we, any of us, knew what we meant by that. But we felt something out of the ordinary was needed to awaken the people. God gave us that prayer.

HELP CAME FROM TEXAS.

Somewhere about this time, perhaps a little earlier, Bro. Seymour came to Los Angeles from Texas. He was a quiet colored man, very unassuming. He had been invited by some saints in Los Angeles, who supposed he had already received his Pentecost in Texas. They began to hold quiet meetings in cottages, waiting on God for the outpouring with signs following. Bro. Seymour felt the Lord had sent him to Los Angeles for a special purpose at that time. He was in the closest sympathy with the burden that was on all of our hearts. He himself had never spoken in "tongues", but he believed in it and had met the Apostolic Faith saints in Houston, Texas, who were already so speaking and had the teaching from them. He believed that "tongues" should accompany a real Pentecostal baptism, according to Acts 2:4. This he asserted not at all in a dogmatic way. He himself did not speak in "tongues" until weeks after others had begun to in our midst.

Finally he began to meet with a little company of white and colored people in an humble cottage in Bonnie Brae St. They decided to wait on God in a ten-days' special petitioning of God and in yielding themselves to Him. The time had come. God had found the right company at last. The most spiritual of the saints were among this company. Suddenly, one night in these meetings, the Spirit of God was poured out and some began to "speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." The news spread like fire naturally. The expectant saints began to gather. They opened public

meetings in old Azusa St., in an old Methodist Church that had been for a long time in disuse, except as a receptacle for old lumber, plaster, etc. It was very dirty. A space was cleared large enough to seat a score or two of persons. We sat on planks resting on old nail kegs, if I remember correctly. But God was there. The work began in earnest. The fire had fallen.

THE SAN FRANCISCO EARTHQUAKE.

It was on the 9th of April, 1906, that the Spirit was first poured out in Bonnie Brae. On April 18th we had the terrible San Francisco earthquake. It had a very close connection with the Pentecostal outpouring. God covered the fire at old "Azusa Mission" and protected it during the first few days of its existence until there was no danger of its being stamped out by the enemy. Then He let loose His judgments in California. This shook the whole state, as well as the nation. Men began to fear God. California was very wicked. Their consciences needed to be knocked at. This paved the way for the revival. Otherwise they would have mocked us. There was "no fear of God before them."

Workers began to gather from all parts of the city, from throughout the state, and in fact from all over the nation, to old "Azusa Mission." Bro. Cashwell came from North Carolina, got his "baptism," and carried the fire back and spread it all over the Southland, especially the South Atlantic States. Sister Ivy Campbell went back to her home in Ohio and spread the flame throughout that whole eastern country. Others came in from different sections and carried the news and the blessing everywhere. Missionaries returned from many parts of the heathen world, sent directly and impressively by God, to tarry for their "baptism." It was a time of wonderful gathering. God alone had ordered it. "Gather My saints together unto Me." Ps. 50:5. Thousands were saved and baptized with the Spirit, all speaking in other tongues.

AZUSA BECAME THE CENTER.

God suddenly shut up many little Holiness Missions, Tent meetings, etc., that had been striving with one another a long time for the pre-eminence. It would not work any more. They had to come together. God only could tame them. There was little going on anywhere else, but at Azusa St. All the people were coming. Even Pastor Smale finally came to "Azusa Mission" to hunt his people up. Then he invited them back to let God have His way. The fire broke out at his own Assembly also. When God dries a place up it is dry. This many churches who opposed the Azusa work soon found out to their sorrow. And many are yet sorrowing over it. They would not take God's way. They were "also among the prophets," but when the Lord came He did not come through them. This killed them. They would not go to "Azusa," nor let "Azusa" come to them. "Azusa" was despised in their eyes.

SPREAD AROUND THE WORLD.

But "Joseph" has got the corn. The "seven years of plenty" have now swept round the world. Missionaries returned, by faith for bread, and for the healing of their bodies in sickness, to all parts of the world. They carried the Pentecostal message and power with them. Almost every country on the globe has been visited by them. The work is almost stronger in some other countries than it is even in America. It has been my personal privilege to "see the mighty works of God" in Pentecostal power in England, Scotland, Wales, France, Holland, Switzer-

THE LAW OF FAITH.

Mrs. G. N. Eldridge.

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Through Faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." Heb. 11:1-3.

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God is yearning and working to get His children to a place where He can do exceeding abundantly above all they ask or think. Not by self effort or any works of their own, not because they have done some special service for God, not because they have come to some deep surrender, as we may term it, can we receive the things that have been purchased for us through the redemption.

How often do we meet struggling souls trying to get some spiritual or physical blessing for themselves or others by some *self effort*, some thing they feel they must do or be. This puts a strain and strive upon them and defeats the very thing they are seeking. God cannot work His fulness in a strained, bound life. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty," (freedom).

"But now, after ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements whereunto ye desire to be in bondage." Gal. 4:9.

God means the baptism of the Holy Ghost to bring great liberty in our lives. Many are not free. None are as free, I fear, as God intends. The self life binds, fear of many kinds, bondage to others, their opinion of us, which savors of pride. These all tend to weaken faith, and we get on the rugged road of struggle instead of the Carry All of God.

"The just shall live by faith." and "the law is not of faith." Gal. 3:11, 12. The Spirit of God is seeking to teach His children the beautiful lesson of liberty. "The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus *hath* made us free from the law of sin and death." Jesus Christ has set us free. "If the Son make you free ye are free indeed."

Indeed we are free! I look around and see the laboring, toiling, weary, worn children of God. Why is it? Why should we not be at ease in spirit and rest in His love? "His yoke is easy, His burden is light." It is largely because we have not the *rest of faith*. Not because we do not believe God's Word in a general way, but the specific faith for that for which we are seeking, let it be the baptism of the Holy Spirit, healing or whatever else, is not ours, often, because the *law of faith* is hindered in its working, because we work so hard at our faith, strive so hard to create faith, and it must be "God who worketh in you."

Perhaps more often we hinder God's working His own faith in us this way than any other. Faith must bring results. There seems to be a flimsy, misty feeling about faith in the minds of many. We hear this often, "I did take this or that blessing by faith, but I didn't get anything." How often our hearts deceive us. Beloved, if you get anything from God it must be by faith. Salvation is by faith and that not of ourselves, it is the gift of God. Eph. 2:8.

We say, "Yes, we are saved by faith, but I am seeking the Promise of the Father, the baptism of the Holy Spirit." Let us listen, beloved, to God's word. Heb. 11:6. "But without faith it is impossible to please God; for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that *diligently seek Him*."

What are you seeking, dear child of God? You who read these lines. Whatever it is, it must come through

faith in God, His Word. Is it the Baptism of the Holy Spirit? Listen again to His eternal, Creative Word. "This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law or by the hearing of faith? Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit are ye made perfect by the flesh? He, therefore, that ministereth to you the Spirit and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law or by the hearing of faith.

That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith." Gal. 3:2, 3, 5, 14.

Is it healing you seek? or the greater outpouring of the Holy Ghost? Let it be what it may, there is only one way to receive God's gifts; we must reach out and up and take them on the basis of His Word.

Sometimes it seems as if, to some, these various blessings are given so quickly and with but little conscious exercise of faith, but there was expectancy and faith in God whether one was conscious of it or not. Sometimes the deepest faith is so simple one hardly realizes they are believing. But never does anyone exercise faith and not waver but what they will, sooner or later, see results. It cannot be true that anyone that believes for anything that is according to God's will (and all that the atoning work of Christ has purchased for us is His will) does not receive that for which they believe.

True, we often take something from God and believe for awhile, and when the temptation comes we fall away. See Luke 8:13.

Beloved, shall we ask God to pour upon us the power of His Spirit, waiting upon Him for this manifest fullness of faith and power, so that as the days of trial come to us, perhaps with increased intensity, we may be able to stand upon the eternal Word of God and see Him work out for us the things we are trying to work and failing? Oh! let us let Him do for us what we cannot do for ourselves and let us believe He is doing this *now*.

POINTS IN CONSISTENCY.

1. To have the name of a saint and not the nature of one, is like the sign post that points the way to a place but never gets there itself.
2. Some who profess to be burning and shining lights to God's glory, are ill-smelling lamps and a burning shame to their own undoing.
3. To know the truth as it is in Jesus, we must be true to the truth we know. Walking in the truth, truth walks with us.
4. It is not the matter of outward appearance that tells so much, but the glow of a consecrated heart.
5. A holy life needs no commendation, but is its own commendation and is sure to command attention.
6. Repentance thinks God's thought about sin and takes God's attitude toward it.
7. To use the things of God for our own ends, is to abuse the blessings He bestows. His glory is the true end of all good.
8. To exercise self-denial is one thing, and to deny self is another. In the first, certain things are denied self; while in the second self itself is denied.
9. To judge God's word is to show our folly, but to let God's word judge us is to evidence our wisdom.

—J. W. W.

THE FIVE JUDGMENTS

S. A. Jamieson.

Every Christian should be acquainted with the five judgments revealed in the Scriptures. The object of this article is to call the attention of the reader to the teaching of the Scriptures on this subject.

I. THE SINS OF BELIEVERS HAVE BEEN JUDGED AT CHRIST'S DEATH.

In Galatians 3:13 we read: "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us; for it is written, cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree." Also in John 5:24, we read: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my words and believeth on Him that sent me hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life."

"There is no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus." The moment we accept the Lord Jesus as our personal Saviour, our faith is counted for righteousness, and where righteousness reigns, there can be no judgment. All sins of believers were set aside or judged when Christ cried out, "It is finished." Praise His Holy Name.

II. SELF IN THE BELIEVER MUST BE JUDGED.

"If we would judge ourselves we should not be judged." I Cor. xi:31. If we crucify the flesh, and live after the Spirit, then we really judge ourselves, that is, we condemn the self life. A. J. Gordon well says: "The believer must place Christ on the throne of his heart, and put self on the cross where it belongs." If we fail to do so, then God causes the believer to be judged; Paul says that God delivers such an one unto Satan for the *destruction of the flesh*, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. The nature of this judgment is chastisement. If we do not judge ourselves, then will we be compelled to do it. If the believer lives in the sixth chapter of Romans he will mortify the deeds of the flesh and thus judges himself.

III. THE WORKS OF BELIEVERS ARE TO BE JUDGED.

When? when Christ comes for his people, Where? in the air. The result to each believer will be loss or reward. "But he himself shall be saved, yet, so as by fire." If any man build on Jesus Christ, the only true foundation, gold, silver or precious stones, his works will stand the test of God's fire; and he will receive his reward. But if he has used wood, hay or stubble, his works shall be burned, "yet he himself shall be saved." So in I Cor. 3:10. Paul warns all believers to take heed how they build. We must therefore be careful that the deeds that we perform will stand God's test.

In Matt. 16:27 we read, "The Son of man shall come in the glory of His Father with the angels, and then he shall reward every man according to his works."

IV. NATIONS ARE TO BE JUDGED.

This is to take place when Jesus comes with his saints to the earth at the beginning of the millennium. In Matt. 25:31 we read that, "when the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then he shall sit upon the throne of his glory, and before him shall be gathered all nations." In Joel 3:2 we read: "I will gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat." The term "Brethren," mentioned in Matt. 25:40, refers to the Jewish remnant who have turned to Jesus during the great tribulation. The saints are associated with Christ in this judgment. See Jude 14:15, also Daniel 7:22.

V. THE DEAD ARE TO BE JUDGED.

When? After the millennium. This is the judgment of the dead before the great white throne. The record of this judgment is found in Rev. 20:12. "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God, and the books were opened; and another book was opened which is the Book of Life; and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books according to their works."

How important it is, that all who die before the millennium shall so live as to take part in the first resurrection. This resurrection shall consist of the righteous dead and will take place before the millennium. "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection. On such the second death hath no power," Rev. 20:6.

May we each be a part of that company of his people, who shall be caught up to meet him in the air; for we read in I Thess. 4:16-17. "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first." "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

Let us press onward, like Paul, who said in Phil. 3:11, "That by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead."

"Passion for souls is the sure evidence of a soul's being in vital union with Christ. As Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost, so the Spirit of Christ when He fills us seeks and points souls to the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world."

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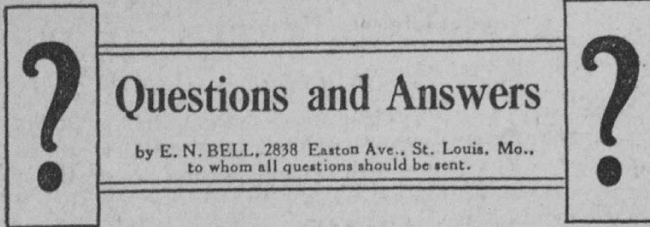
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31. Is it possible for one born of the Spirit and baptized with the Spirit to fall away and lose his soul?

Ans. There is much in the Word that seems to imply not so. Perhaps one of the strongest is John 10:27-29. But even here this obtains only when the conditions are observed. Jesus asserts two conditions of those who shall "never perish." He says, (1) They "hear my voice;" (2) They "follow me." Now as long as any soul will heed His voice and follow Him, such a soul has the very strongest certainty that God will never suffer men or devils to destroy his soul. But if he will not hear Jesus nor follow Him, God wants him to be in doubt till he repents. One thus disobeying the Lord does violence to the passage to claim the promise based on these two conditions when neither of these conditions are true of him. If one wants the strong consolations, let him heed the voice of his Lord and he shall surely have it, but only so.

Then Paul says to Spirit-filled saints, "If ye live after the flesh, ye shall die," Rom. 8:13. The American Standard Version renders this, "Ye **must** die." This is correct, for the original Greek has not an ordinary future "shall," but a word implying if one lives after the flesh that this condition absolutely **necessitates** death—not natural death. That is the penalty on all of Adam's sin (Rom. 5:12-14). But spiritual death **must** result to the soul that continues to live after the sinful lusts of the flesh. He was talking to saints who had the Spirit in power to live otherwise, if they would.

Yet God is not anxious to disinherit His children as some seem to think. Jesus died for us when we were in sin and rebellion against God, while we were dead in sins with nothing in us to recommend us to God. God deals with us now as a father with his children. Whom He loveth He chastens—not disinherits on the slightest pretext as some think. If any child of God is lost, it will be because he refuses to let the grace of God fit him for heaven, because he frustrates all Christ's efforts to set him faultless in white before His Father in glory, because he persists so in sin that he cannot be separated from it. Christ must be ashamed of all who are still found in that day in their sins. He says, no matter what professions we make or what

work we do, He will say, "Depart from me, ye workers of iniquity," if we continue in sin till that day.

32. Please explain Jude, verses 22 and 23.

Ans. Read these verses in the American Standard Version and you will find the meaning brought out much clearer. The phrase "making a difference" which is hard to understand disappears. These verses in the Revised read as follows:

"And on some have mercy who are in doubt (or while they dispute with you), and some save, snatching them out of the fire, hating even the garment spotted by the flesh."

The idea is that we should be as earnest in saving people from sin, as firemen would be in snatching people out of a burning home. Often these are in doubt about the real danger they are in. Others would lose their lives trying to take out with them some valuables; but the firemen, knowing the danger, will not listen to argument or dispute, they grab them and take them out of the flames. So we are to do with souls so far as lies in our power. We are to detest everything tainted with sin. Despite their doubts and arguing with you, love them and save them—not be offended at their disputing with you as many do.

APOSTOLIC FAITH RESTORED.

(Continued from page 5.)

land, Germany, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Russia, Egypt, Palestine, Ceylon, India, China, and in the Islands of the Sea, outside of the United States and Canada.

The Pentecostal power burst forth in the Christian and Missionary Alliance in New York State. Bro. Barratt came from far off Norway and received the "baptism" there. He carried it back and spread the fire in the whole of Scandinavia, and even into Russia. Vicar A. A. Boddy, of Sunderland, England, went to Norway and caught the inspiration. Returning home the fire fell all over the British Isles from his testimony. Even in wicked Paris the "Promise of the Father" has been freely given. In fact, in every part of the world, from the frozen north to the torrid south the good news and the Pentecostal missionaries have gone. In every one of the five Continents the Pentecostal message has become familiar. There is possibly not one of the Seven Seas but what has been voyaged by these missionaries. Some have circled the globe many times in the last few brief years "since the fire fell." The writer himself has been privileged to circle it once with the Pentecostal message. It is simply wonderful how the truth has spread. And who could have done it but God?

Every part of the Continent of "dark Africa" has its Pentecostal witnesses. South America is also represented. Central America is not left out in the message. Alaska, Persia, Siberia, Japan, all have been visited graciously. China has been honeycombed with 150 Pentecostal missionaries. Thibet has not been forgotten. Even old Jerusalem has heard again the sound of "speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance." Many have already laid down their lives in these foreign countries for the Pentecostal gospel. Among them Bro. Brelsford in Egypt, the land of the ancient Pharaohs and the birth place of Moses. Oh, hallelujah!

The "seven years of famine" seem to have already set in. "Wars, and rumors of wars." The "last days" are upon us. Soon the opportunity will be gone. I am so glad I got the "Pentecostal baptism" nine years ago in the first outpouring of the Spirit in Los Angeles. It set me going for God in the "Last Call," the last great battle. "Get oil within your vessels. 'Tis the Midnight Cry!"—F. Bartleman, Los Angeles, Cal.

DAILY PORTION FROM THE

KING'S BOUNTY

MRS. A. R. FLOWER

March 11. "Continue in prayer and watch in the same with thanksgiving." Col. 4:2.

The last half hour of the battle determines the victory. We need the persistency of prayer—the continuing instant therein—to the very end. We are satisfied and stop with a partial answer, when God intends us to have a perfect one. George Muller prayed sixty-two years for the salvation of two souls; one was saved just before, the other just after his death. Pray on! Believe on! And don't forget the thanksgiving.

March 12. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Tim. 2:15.

Surely then "the word of truth" has its two sides. For you to run off with a half of it makes you like a one-legged man. What a pity that so many precious believers are hopping around in this maimed condition. Before boasting of your advanced position in God, be sure you are standing on two good, sound, scriptural legs.

March 13. "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." Phil. 4:13.

Dare you confidently say it, precious child of God? You are plainly aware of your helplessness, your inability to meet the requirements upon you. You are tempted to cease your labors altogether, perhaps. You have no might in this battle; but, listen, God says, "To them that have no might He increaseth strength." Hallelujah, that certainly means you.

March 14. "And Manoah said, now let thy words come to pass. How shall we order the child, and how shall we do unto him?" Judg. 13:12.

There are two parents who appreciated the divine privilege of parenthood. That is why they sought God's guidance; and I fear they, living way back in the old dispensation, might put to shame some of our own Pentecostal parents for their indifference and slackness in rearing their children for God. We need to make our religion more practical.

March 15. "That ye might be filled with all the fulness of God." Eph. 3:19.

Surely here is something for which we may all reach out in desire and faith. Yes, yes, we have been filled clear to the overflowing! But that was not because His fulness was exhausted; rather because of our very limited capacity. "Be enlarged." O child of God, that you may receive more of the "fulness of Him that filleth all in all. We have but taken a drop from the ocean.

March 16. "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him: and he will show them his covenant." Psa. 25:14.

But you may rest assured they will not go around boasting of the thing God has shown them. Be careful of the people who tell you, "God has shown them they are among the Bride," and similar statements. If it were true, they would be too humble and close to God to indiscriminately reveal so sacred a secret.

March 17. "The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth." 1 Kings 17:14.

This was the direct promise of the Lord God of Israel. True, it primarily applied to the widow of Zarephath; but wait until God speaks its assuring words to your heart in some hard hour of testing, along most any line you can imagine, and forever afterward it will seem peculiarly your very own. I know whereof I speak, and—Hallelujah—"the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord."

A PROPHETIC CREED

The Late Bishop Ryle.

I believe that the world will never be completely converted to Christianity by any existing agency before the end comes. In spite of all that can be done by ministers, churches, schools, and missions, the wheat and the tares will grow together until the harvest. And when the end comes, it will find the earth in much the same state that it was when the flood came in the days of Noah (Matt. 13:24-30; 24:37-39).

I believe that the *widespread unbelief, indifference, formalism, and wickedness*, which are to be seen throughout Christendom, are only what we ought to expect in God's Word. *Troublous times, departures from the faith, evil men waxing worse and worse, love waxing cold, are things distinctly predicted.* So far from making me doubt the truth of Christianity, they help to confirm my faith. *Melancholy and sorrowful as the sight is, if I did not see it, I should think the Bible was not true* (Matt. 24:12; 1 Tim. 4:1; 11 Tim. 3:1, 13, 14).

I believe that the grand purpose of the present dispensation is to gather out of the world an elect people, and not convert all mankind. It does not surprise me at all to hear that the heathen are not *all converted* when missionaries preach, and that believers are a little flock in many a congregation in my own land. It is precisely the state of things which I expect to find. . . . This is a dispensation of election, and not of universal conversion (Acts 15:14; Matt. 24:13).

I believe that the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is the great event which will wind up the *present dispensation*, and for which we ought daily to long and pray: "*Thy kingdom come.*" "*Come, Lord Jesus, should be our daily prayer.*" We look backward, if we have faith, to Christ dying on the cross, and we ought to look forward no less, if we have hope, to Christ's coming again (John 14:13; 11 Tim. 4:8; 11 Peter 3:12).

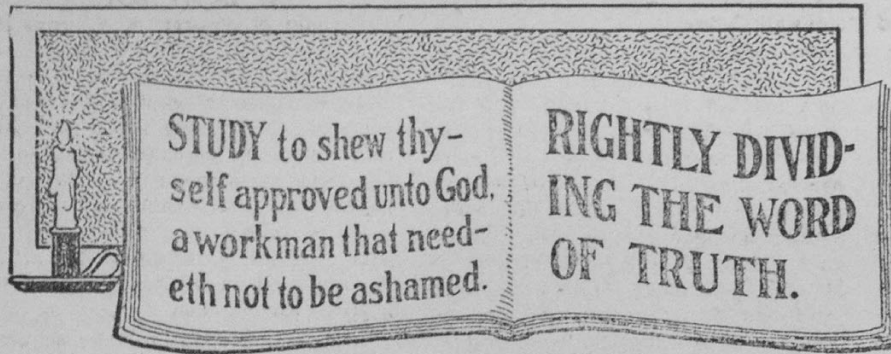
I believe that the Second Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ will be a real, literal, personal, bodily coming; and that as He went away in the clouds of heaven with His body, before the eyes of men, so in like manner He will return (Acts 1:11).

I believe that after our Lord Jesus Christ comes again the earth shall be renewed and the curse removed; the devil shall be bound; the godly shall be rewarded, the wicked shall be punished, and that before He comes there will be neither resurrection, judgment nor millennium, and that not till after He comes shall the earth be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord (Acts 3:21; Isa. 25:6-9; 1 Thess. 4:14-18; Rev. 20:1, etc.).

I believe that the Jews shall ultimately be gathered again as a separate nation, restored to their own land, and converted to the faith of Christ (Jer. 30:10, 11; 31:10; Rom. 11:25, 26).

Finally I believe that it is for the safety, happiness, and comfort of all true Christians to expect as little as possible from churches or governments under the present dispensation, to hold themselves ready for tremendous convulsions and changes of all things established, and to expect their good things only from Christ's Second Advent.

I am well aware that the views I have laid down appear to many persons very gloomy and discouraging. The only answer I make to that charge is this: *Are they Scriptural?*—Selected.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

March 19, 1916.

PHILIP AND THE ETHIOPIAN.

Lesson Text.—Acts 8:26-40.

Golden Text.—"Understandest thou what thou readest?" Acts 8:30.

Leading Thought.—A lesson in soul-winning.

1. A Ready Messenger. (Vs. 26-35.) We have finished with the first deacon, who after a short but remarkably useful and victorious ministry, became the first Christian martyr. Now we turn to the second deacon, to whom God like-wise imparted an anointing for ministry more in the line of an evangelist. It was after the death of Stephen that, along with the other Christians who were scattered abroad everywhere, Philip went down to Samaria with that same unpopular but very effectual message concerning the Lord Jesus Christ. Read the first part of the lesson chapter to see how marvelous the revival was that followed his preaching of the word. No wonder we read that "there was great joy in that city." But there was also another very interesting experience and God made use of the faithful Peter to uncover once more the slimy trail of the enemy. It was in the midst of this great revival which spread throughout many villages of the Samaritans that God spoke to Philip, directing him to go down by a desert way that ran from Jerusalem to Gaza. (V. 26.) What a lot of questioning the most of us would have done to such a leading as this. It was much more pleasant in the midst of the revival; furthermore Philip was needed there; and there were so many people to reach. But a part of the equipment of a true messenger of God is unquestioning and instant obedience, and Philip proved to be a true messenger. God make us all such!

"Not thine, nor mine, to question or reply,
When He commands us, asking
'How'? or 'Why'?"
He knows the cause, his ways are
wise and just,
Who serves the King must serve with
perfect trust."

Do you notice that in the command there is no reason whatsoever even hinted at as to why God was sending him? The most of us are very, very slow on this line of obedience, and the result of much of our labor only proves this. "To obey is better than sacrifice." 1 Sam. 15:22. As in the case of disobedient Saul God has had to reject more than one, whom He had anointed for special service, from the place He had designed for them. God would have us "obedient in all things." Philip "arose and went," and it wasn't very long before he began to know why God sent him. The most of us want to know too much ahead of time. "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him." God can't trust us with too much knowledge; we would run ahead of all reason or else refuse to run at all. As in the case of many captains of war vessels we are commanded to sail with sealed orders, the nature of which we are not permitted to know until well on our way, out of sight of land. "Go near and join thyself to this chariot." That was the next command. It is a great secret of soul-winning. We want the people to come to us; to seek us out and court our favor; then perhaps we will tell them something about this Saviour who Himself "came to seek and to save that which was lost." May God help us! And may the constraining power of the Gospel be so upon us that we may readily hear the Spirit's voice saying to us, "Go near and join thyself" to that soul. Notice "Philip ran thither to him." Then he grasped the situation and embracing the God-given opportunity, he asked the eunuch a very pertinent question, "Understandest

thou what thou readest?" God never sends his messenger to a soul who is unprepared for the message. There will be a response as in this case and a desire for more light. (V. 31.) God had even prepared the text; so "Philip opened his mouth and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus." (V. 35.) A true Holy Ghost witness can begin at most any scripture and preach Jesus. He is the hub of the wheel; the center of all scripture. Particularly is He revealed through this 53rd chapter of Isaiah. The unbelieving Jews, like some of our infidel thinkers to-day, had tried to explain away this passage as probably referring to the sufferings of the prophet himself, or else of God's people Israel. Philip left no doubt in the eunuch's mind as to whom it referred. He certainly was "rightly dividing the word of truth."

2. A Receptive Listener. (Vs. 36-40.) The eunuch was seeking light and searching the word to that end; so the words that Philip spoke were as good seed in good ground. He recognized the truth when he heard it, and unlike many other so-called "seekers after truth," he, without making any excuses, proceeded to obey and accept it. "What doth hinder me to be baptized?" And without any more delay, he stopped his chariot and Philip and the eunuch went down into the water which no doubt the Lord had arranged they should come to just at the proper time. "He baptized him." Would to God there was more such dispatch could be used in bringing souls to the light of God. Evidently Philip was thoroughly assured of the eunuch's sincerity. Too many preachers, however, today are a little too ready to baptize supposed converts and do so oftentimes before the person is ready. That was the case to some extent in Paul's time and made necessary his words to the Romans in chapter 6, acquainting them with the true significance of their baptism in water. "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death. * * * Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Vs. 3-11.) Philip's work is done and God quickly dispatches to other fields of service. (Vs. 39, 40.) As for the Ethiopian, "he went on his way rejoicing." What had been to him but the letter now became the living word and with spiritual eyes opened he returned to his own country trans- (Continued on page 11.)

KEEPS FOR CHILDREN.

Find these Keeps in the Bible and make them yours.

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."

"Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile."

"He that keepeth his mouth, keepeth his life."

"Take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently."

"Little children, keep yourselves from idols."

"My son, keep thy Father's commandments."

"My son, * * * keep sound wisdom and discretion."—Epworth Herald.

THE LORD'S PROTECTION OF HERBERT NEVE.

I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. * * * The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. Psalm 34:1-4, 7.

Truly the promises of God are precious, and how delightful to have such a deliverer; yes, one upon whom we can cast all our cares, knowing that he careth for us.

In the month of May, 1914, we were about to move our Mission to a new location, and the place chosen seemed to be a suitable one for our work. But there was one barrier that seemed to confront us; in our family were four small children, the building we were about to enter was a three-story brick, and not a foot of ground on which the little ones could play, and the traffic at this point very heavy during the day. We felt so impressed that the Lord wanted us in this building, for he had so wonderfully provided the way in sending along a brother who volunteered to pay the rent for one year. So there remained just one thing for us to do, and that was for us to seek God's face for the protection of our children. We held on to the ninety-first Psalm and found a refuge in it, and committed all to God.

We had not been in the building very long when our two youngest children went up to the third story to play. It was a little after six in the evening, the men were going home from their day's work; we were sitting in the study on the second floor, when suddenly we were startled by seeing the second youngest child pass

the window, on down to the cement sidewalk below.

We immediately hastened down, a few men and women had gathered; I took the lad from the man who had lifted him up, hastened back into the building, and some one phoned for the nearest doctor. The doctor, having arrived, stripped the child, and began a thorough examination, not a bruise on his body, save a small scratch on his chin. We made enquiry of the little fellow as to why he did not get hurt, and he persistently declared that a man held him up. The next morning we made enquiry of the man that picked him up, as to whether he caught him, but he said that he expected to find him smashed to a jelly, and no one was near him when he fell. We could not persuade the little boy of three and a half years, that no man held him up, in the fall of thirty-five feet, for he would cry if we said different. However, Herbie lost no play over the fall.

About a month passed by, and a Sister brought to us a picture of Jesus, which we now have framed, entitled "The Good Shepherd." When we opened the picture to look at it, the little boy was standing near, and the moment that his eyes fastened on the picture, he jumped up and down, clapped his little hands, and shouted "Papa, papa, that's the man that held me up when I falled out the winder." The tears came, we looked up, and in praising God, a voice seemed to speak so plain, "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, they shall bear thee up in their hands lest thou dash thy foot against a stone."

—Chas. M. Neve, Duluth, Minn.

P. S.—Last fall, during our convention in this city, our home was destroyed by fire, and little Herbie was imprisoned in the burning building. After three attempts, the flames were quenched, and the smoke cleared out. The little fellow was found under a bed, although nearly suffocated, yet he soon recovered and was not much the worse for his experience. Surely God has his hand upon him.

I live in an isolated place in the mountains and have not heard a sermon in over a year. The paper is a blessing to me. May God bless you.—Mrs. D. E. M., Ozone, Ark.

The paper in its new dress is fine. Have just had three back numbers forwarded from my old address.—Mrs. F. A. P., Seneca Falls, N. Y.

IT IS MY BOY.

Through Rochester, N. Y., runs the Genesee River, between steep and rocky banks. There are falls in the river, and dark recesses. One time a gentleman who lived in the city had just arrived on the train from a journey. He was anxious to go home and meet his wife and children. He was hurrying along the streets with a bright vision of home in his mind, when he saw on the bank of the river a lot of excited men.

"What is the matter?" he shouted.

They replied, "A boy is in the water."

"Why don't you save him?" he asked.

In a moment, throwing down his carpet bag and pulling off his coat, he jumped into the stream, grasped the boy in his arms, and struggled with him to the shore, and as he wiped the water from his dripping face, and brushed back the hair, he exclaimed, "O God, it is my boy!"

He plunged in for the boy of somebody else, and saved his own. So we plunge into the waters of Christian self-denial, labor, hardship, reproach, soul-travail, prayer, anxious entreaty; willing to spend and be spent, taking all risks, to save some other one from drowning in sin and death, and do not know what a reflective wave of blessing will come to our own souls.

In seeking to save others we save ourselves and those most dear to us, while others, too selfish to labor to save other people's children, often lose their own.—Sel.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

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formed, ready for service; and as history tells us, founded a church in Ethiopia. Truly there is no limit in time, place, or person to the powerful working of the Spirit of God. But how much depended after all on the obedience of the faithful Philip. God teach us all a lesson in soul-winning from this wonderful story. "He that winneth souls is wise"—wise in undertaking a work so pleasing to the heart of God; and wise as to how they approach the souls whom they would win. "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." (Dan. 12:3.)—Alice Reynolds Flower.

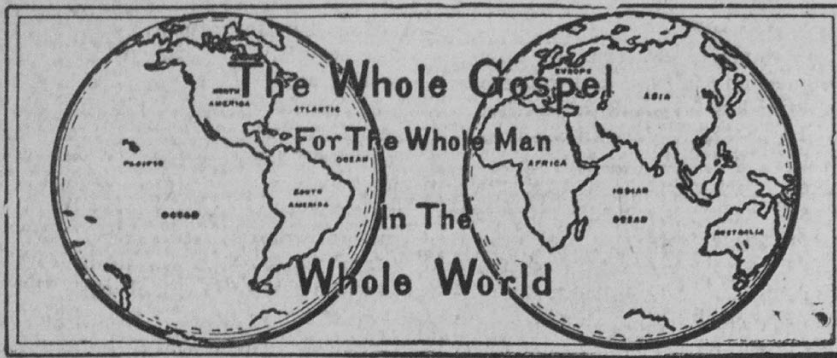
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Golden Text.—Rev. 7:16, 17.



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Please do not mix Publishing House and Missionary matter in the same letter. These belong to two different departments, and should be kept separate.—J. W. Welch, Treas.

SPECIAL REQUEST FOR PRAYER

Sister Kirschner has been severely persecuted by Mohammedans who have repeatedly tried to poison her to death and kill her in other ways, also to intimidate her and drive her from the post to which God has called her to labor. So far as we can learn, none of her friends in the United States have heard from her since early in October, 1915. Registered letters to her bring no reply. Do pray for her and Sister Baker who returned to labor with her early last fall. Both are so frail in body they could not endure such severe trials as in former years and live thru them.

Pray also for the young converts in that secluded field. They are in the mountains, 100 miles from the railroad. Will any one who reads this and knows anything about them and the work there since early in October, 1915, please write to S. A. Jamieson, 3508 Grand Ave., Dallas, Texas, and to J. W. Welch, Treas., 2838 Easton Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

CEYLON.

We have begun work in Colombo. This field is white for harvest. There are thousands who speak the English language and we have all we can do to preach the Gospel to the people in our mother tongue. Not all the missionaries have this privilege. We need co-workers very much. We are here all alone and request prayer for help. We have no public place to invite the people and anyone who will help us in getting a tent will do much for the Lord's work here.

—W. D. Grier and wife.

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY IN THE MEXICAN WORK.

Missionaries who have labored in Mexico for years say there never has been such an opportunity to work among the Mexicans as is afforded now in the towns along the border which are swarming with refugees. Providence has sent them to our doors for Gospel light, but very little is being done for them compared to what could be.

Many of them have left their homes and property and will return to Mexico as soon as conditions are so they can. Brother Ball is praying that God will provide for him to take his band of workers to each of these border towns and get the Gospel to them, while they are in a land where they will be permitted to listen unmolested, and while subdued by their suffering to where they feel their need of God and are open to receive His word. And so, when they return to their homes, they need not go as they came, in hopeless darkness, but as flames of light to illuminate and open the way for the work that we hope to do there later.

But we have never been able to support a band of workers except for a little while at a time, and then they would have to scatter and find work wherever they could, to support themselves. As many of the refugees are glad to work for only their board, and some cannot even get work at that, finding work for their support is no small problem.

God has answered prayer and raised up an excellent band of Mexican workers, and when we have been able to keep them together long enough, we have always had good meetings. They are willing to make any sacrifice and to live on much less than an American

THE PROMISE IS MINE.

Vache A. Hargis.

There are people who say that the Bible is true;
But the riches of its blessings are not for you.
Of course at Pentecost they had a wonderful time,
But the gifts of those days are left far behind;
And the record of those things are only to remind
We poor unfortunates of the Apostolic times.
But somehow in my heart I feel it's not right,
So I dig into the word for a little bit of light.
I open my book to Acts two-thirty-eight,
And my heart is soothed and my sorrows abate.
For right in the sermon where the Holy Ghost fell
The Apostle proceeds with Power to tell,
If I will only repent and acknowledge Jesus' name
The promise will always be just the same.
Oh Glory, Oh Glory! in verse thirty-nine
My heart is assured that this promise is mine;
For the promise is to you and your children too,
Even if afar off. Has the Lord called you?

could live on, in order to go on with the Lord's work and save their people. I have seen them live on cactus and starve until they were sick, and never complain. It would not take much to support a band of five or six Mexicans, if as many Assemblies would take the responsibility of supporting one worker (about \$7.00 a month) and the work of getting the Gospel to these neglected souls could go on.

As we see the great need, opportunities just now passing that may never come again, and realize how much their salvation may depend on us, our hearts cry to God in some way to undertake and lay this work on the hearts of His people in a way that will stir them until means are provided to support a band of workers until they have gone to everyone of these border towns with the full Gospel.

May we ask ourselves now what part the Lord wants us to have in keeping this work going, so that we may say in that day with a clear conscience, "we did what we could for them." Brother Ball's address is H. C. Ball, Ricardo, Texas.—John A. Preston.

ITALIANS RECEIVE THE SPIRIT IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. He is true to His word, we praise Him.

More than a year ago a dear Italian Sister, an evangelist from Brooklyn, N. Y., went to Rochester, N. Y., and began declaring the truth of God's Word among her own people in that city. Among those who listened was a young man named Felix, who God since has baptized. In speaking of the sister, he said she was wise in presenting the truth. She did not tell them they were wrong, she told them if they believed in Jesus they could come and wait on Him and He would pour out the Holy Spirit on them and they would speak in tongues as on the Day of Pentecost.

When he began to wait, God revealed the condition of his heart to him—he was saved and went on seeking his baptism.

He came to Baltimore and waited two months with some dear baptized Italian saints there, and then came on to Washington, D. C. After waiting four months here, the Lord met him and wonderfully baptized him.

They began to wait in a little room over a store which belongs to the brother of Felix, where the Lord has poured out His Spirit on sixteen of them, they speaking in tongues and showing forth the mighty work of our God.

Somehow the news came to the missionaries from the different churches who work among the Italians, and they have all visited them and all declare it is the mighty hand of God, although they do not like the speaking in tongues, which is natural. They have rented a store-room and started meetings open to the public, and have them every night.

Felix, while he has had very little education, yet the Lord is wonderfully blessing him in preaching the Gospel, and God gives him great wisdom to declare the truth.

Pray for them, also for us. We have started old time waiting meetings after every service and the Lord is beginning to work in our midst. It makes us think of the early days eight years ago when the Lord began this mighty out-pouring. Pray for a mighty revival in Washington for we surely need it here.

We believe the old Bible from cover to cover, and will not shun to declare all the truth. I believe in the Father because the book speaks of Him. I believe in the Son because God said,

"He gave His only begotten Son." I believe in the Holy Ghost because Jesus said in John 14:16, "And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever." And I have received the Comforter. Praise God! He is abiding, and when He came in He spoke for Himself in another tongue as Jesus said He would. John 15:26.

Pray for the Word of God which we are able to print and show daily before our Tabernacle, which was formerly a moving picture place. We have splendid glass front display places in which to put the Scripture signs. A man was saved Friday night who read this sign, "If you are nervous and cannot sleep, come." "Jesus said, I will give you rest."

Pray for us that the Lord may have His way in our life.—Pastor Earl W. Clark.

MARVELLOUSLY SAVED FROM LIFE OF SIN.

A Tennessee Brother writes of God's convicting and saving power as follows:

"We are in the work for our blessed Master and have been for three years. God has blessed our labor. When a sinner I was a drunkard, a gambler and a cigarette fiend. My body was diseased and the doctors of Nashville said they could not promise any cure. I knew I was a vile sinner and almost ready to perish and knew not what to do. I knew nothing about the Bible. It was a confusing book to me. I went down before God and repented and forsook my wicked ways. He sweetly saved me and took all desire for the sinful things out of my heart. I then thought of my poor, diseased body and I looked to Jesus and said, "O God, if you are able to save a sinner you are able to heal my body." So I took Jesus for my salvation and for my healing and, Glory to His name, He saved my soul and I am a living witness for Him. About nine days after that I received the blessed Holy Ghost. My wife has received the baptism and we are fully given over to the work.—B. H. Hite.

The above brother sent a report of a great meeting the Lord gave during November at Mont Eagle, Tenn., in which God gave a blessed revival. Many sinners' hearts were touched. Some rushed to the altar under deep conviction and wept their way through to God. We trust God will continue a blessed work among the mountain people.—Ed.

GLEANINGS FROM OUR MAIL-BAG.

We cannot do without the Evangel. It is so helpful to us.—W. A. P., Dallas, Texas.

Can't do without the paper. Very handy. It is food to my soul.—R. T. R., R. 1, Essex, Mo.

I don't see how I have got along as long as I have without your paper. Best wishes to you.—H. M., Longview, Texas.

I am praising God for the many blessings and the good teaching I find in the Evangel papers.—Mrs. J. W., R. 3, Golden City, Mo.

I herewith enclose a dollar bill to help finance the Evangel for it is a God-sent blessing to me. Praise the Lord!—J. R. R., Kennard, Texas.

I feel like Bro. Mabanks of Texas. That every subscriber should give one dollar to help bear the expenses of the paper, for it is blessed.—F. W. C., Ontario, Ore.

Enclosed please find check for three dollars to help your on your way. We like the paper fine and want to cast in our mite for its progress.—J. N. and M. E. B., Lamoni, Iowa.

I am very much pleased with the paper and wish I had more money to help it along. I consider the paper a great blessing as there are no Pentecostal meetings near me.—M. E. F., Elk Grove, California.

I am enclosing one dollar for the Weekly Evangel. I wish it were twenty-five dollars. The paper is so splendid and satisfactory in every way. Wish we could get out a million copies every week.—D. B. R., Indianapolis, Indiana.

We are truly delighted with the Weekly Evangel. We enclose one dollar for the work of printing the Evangel and you may expect a hearty support and co-operation from us so far as we are able.—Mrs. J. W. S., Riviera, Texas.

I want to say the Weekly Evangel is wonderful. I could not be comforted like I am without it. The very presence of the Lord seems to be in it. May the Lord help us all to keep our shoulder to the wheel and push forward by prayer and by the renewing of our subscription for God is in it of a truth.—L. H. T., Alto Pass, Ill.

That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have **Fellowship** with us, and truly our FELLOWSHIP is with the Father and His Son Jesus Christ.—1st John 1:13.

ARE YOU READY.

By Florence L. Burpee.

There are wise and foolish virgins
Who have left the paths of sin,
And are waiting for the bridegroom
Longing now to enter in.
Some have oil today in plenty
Others say there's time to buy:
To the waking and the sleeping
Soon will sound the midnight cry.

Have you sought for your baptism?
Waken, brother, from your sleep.
If a man loves me, says Jesus,
He my every word will keep.
Go and say to every nation,
Turn, oh turn, why will ye die;
But before you take the message
Tarry here for power on high.

Are you ready for redemption,
Dear ones, waiting here below?
Have you on the wedding garment,
Through the blood made white as snow?
Has the promise of the Father
Caused your soul to reach up
higher?
Has the Lord himself baptized you
With the Holy Ghost and fire?

Are you ready for translation,
Oh my brother, sister dear.
Strive to be an overcomer
In the short time given us here.
Soon will come the marriage supper
And the wedding in the sky;
Rejoice and shout for joy, ye wise
ones,
For your redemption draweth nigh.

OLD-TIME POWER AT MARTINSVILLE, IND.

God is blessing in our meetings. The old-time power is beginning to fall. Praise His name! Several have been saved recently and a large number are seeking the baptism of the Spirit. We are believing God for great things and I am sure He will honor our faith. God is opening doors and we expect to step in and our aim is that every soul in Morgan County shall hear the Gospel before Jesus comes. It would be a grand thing for all the Assemblies to do likewise. Am

planning to rent a hall in a close-by town and holding a two or four weeks' meeting. The way we do it is to hire a large auto truck that will hold thirty or forty people and take the place for God. After I get through speaking I have the personal workers go through the audience and give the people a personal invitation to come to Christ. Pray for us that God will bless our efforts.—Pastor Fred Vogler, Martinsville, Ind.

LARGE CROWDS AT MORRIS, OKLAHOMA.

The Lord is blessing in this place. The crowds are getting larger. We have been asking God to send someone here to preach the Word and surely He has answered prayer. The Mission has been built one year last May, but never witnessed such a crowd as last Sunday night. Bro. Nickelson is in charge. Anyone passing through who believes God and lives the life will be welcome to stop and be with us. We ask the saints everywhere to pray much for the lost souls of this place.
—S. A. Murrell, Morris, Okla.

SAN JOSE, CALIF.

We opened a new mission here October 1st, 1915, and, to date, (Feb. 20th) fifty-three have been saved and six have received the baptism. An even one hundred took communion Sunday night. Stanley Frodsham is Pastor. I am leaving here now to go into new fields, and hope to hold tent meetings this summer, God willing. I ask your prayers.—J. D. Wells, Evang.

WILBURTON, OKLA.

We are having fine meetings. The saints are getting into better working order. God is undertaking and we are expecting a wonderful time.

Pray for us here. The meeting was fine at Havana, Ark. Ten received the baptism and several were saved.—F. O. Burnett.

I have been receiving your paper and it is food to my soul to read the good testimonies.—Mrs. D. A. L. Cruce, Okla.

A REVIVAL AT ALTON, ILL.

"Before you call I will answer," has never been so real to me as this week in our blessed revival meetings. Ever since I came back from Galena, Kan., I have talked revival, and we prayed earnestly about arrangements and told God to send us the evangelist He wanted. I had announced that we would have prayer meetings beginning last Wednesday the rest of the week; but God moved in and baptized two that night, and the next night saved three and baptized three in the Holy Ghost. The power of God fell in such showers we were unable to preach. Hallelujah! It was just like the experience that Cornelius had. The next night it was the same way, souls getting through to God. It was God's time to work. Glory to His holy name!

Saturday night was the first time I got to preach any. We have a musician with us from Rankin, Ill., and the music is heavenly. Had a blessed service Sunday, the church was filled and the saints were free in the Lord, testifying of His wonderful works to the children of men. Hallelujah, Oh Glory! Two would be on their feet at the same time.

I never saw so many young folks getting through to God in a meeting as at this meeting. They become workers right away too. Several got through to the Lord and our two long altars are full at every service. Surely this is the Latter Rain.

Bro. Preston, our Missionary to the Mexicans, was with us in the meeting Sunday, telling us of the need in Mexico. May the Lord grant to send laborers to this needy field. Amen!

We expect to conduct these meetings about three weeks or longer as the Lord may lead. I desire all the saints everywhere to pray for us that God will give us abundant "Rain" and multitudes of souls for Jesus. Amen!

Elder Wm. F. Kirkpatrick,
Alton, Ill.

TOMBERLINS, ARK.

We are here in Tomberlins in a hard battle and we want the saints everywhere to join us in one spirit of prayer for this place. This is a new field. The Lord is blessing me in delivering the Word. The Lord is getting hold of some of the worst men in the country,—murderers, drunkards, infidels. Pray that God will send the spirit of conviction on the hearts of the people and give us a mighty out-pouring of His Holy Spirit.—Evang. Chas. Williamson.

"RENDER UNTO GOD THE THINGS THAT ARE GOD'S."

I fear sometimes we fail to realize the import of these words. Let us see what it is that really belongs to God, so that we may act intelligently.

Look at Lev. 27:30, here we see the tithe is the Lord's. Then if it is His, let us heed the above.

Someone says, how are we to pay God his tithe? Turn with me to Num. 18:21 and Heb. 7:5. Here we see God gave the tithe to the Levites, which is the ministry, for their service. Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, My Brethren, ye have done it unto Me." Look at Neh. 13:10, 11, and we see the people had failed to bring in their tithes to the Levites and as a result they had fled to their fields; in other words had to go to work to make a support, and as a result, the house of God was forsaken. You see then when we fail to obey God along these lines what the results are.

Now I imagine I hear some one say: "O well, that's all in the Old Testament, and we are not under law, but under grace." My, that's great consolation, isn't it. But, my friends, let us turn to the New Testament and see what we can find there along this line. Matt. 23:23. Jesus here said, "ye ought to pay tithes," but, says some one, He was talking to the Pharisees. Very well, so he was, but turn with me to Mat. 5:20 and we read, "except your righteousness exceed (go beyond) that of the Scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the Kingdom of Heaven." Let us read Luke 18:11, 12 and we will see that one thing that the righteousness of the Pharisees consisted of was paying tithes, and as we have already seen, our righteousness must come up to and go beyond this, if we are to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Turn again with me to Mal. 3:8-12 and here we see we are robbing God if we don't pay at least a tithe. No wonder we are so lean in our souls sometimes. We wonder why our crops fail, and we don't seem to prosper. Read the above again and you will see how it is. Many have tested the above and proven it to be true, every time. God will prosper us if we obey him along this line. Mal. 3:10-12; Prov. 11:24, 25; Acts 20:35. But, says someone, my income is so small I can't pay the tithe. O yes you can. Just try it awhile and see. God dares you to try, and prove him. Mal. 3:10-12.

In conclusion, let us hear what Paul says about it. Cor. 16:2. Paul says, "upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store as

God has prospered him." You see, if your income isn't but \$5.00 per week, you are as much under obligation to pay your 50 cents as if you made \$50.00 per week, to pay \$5.00 to God's ministry.

May God help us to obey Him along these lines, and receive the blessings he has promised. Mal. 3:10.

—Thos. J. O'Neal, Osborne, Kans. Published in tract form by the author, enclose postage when writing.

SPRING CONVENTION AT BETHEL CHAPEL.

2929 Montgomery St., St. Louis, Mo.

A Spring Convention from April 1st to 8th inclusive will be held with the Assembly of God at Bethel Chapel, 2929 Montgomery St., St. Louis, Mo., the Lord willing. It is planned to hold special preparatory meetings for a week preceding the convention, and to conduct a Revival meeting indefinitely, following the Convention.

It is expected that the four brethren comprising the Missouri State Presbytery will be present during this convention and Pastor Fred Vogler of Martinsville, Ind. Foreign missionaries, home on furlough, have been invited and are expected to be present. Come praying and believing for a gracious outpouring of the Spirit.

NOTICE

WANTED:—Good, clean salvation tracts to distribute in a city of almost 500,000, two-thirds Catholic. Any kind reader will be helping a good cause by sending as many as possible to Rev. J. W. Smith, 517 Swan St., Buffalo, N. Y.

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I will try to express my appreciation of the wonderful message of truth that has been coming to me each week in the past year through the columns of the precious paper, the Weekly Evangel. I thank the Lord for the inspiring testimonies of God's great truths. I feel we are bound with a strong tie of God's love. I thank the Lord from the depth of my soul for the little force at St. Louis who are working for our edification and comfort. May God's blessing rest upon them while doing such a work in sending the truth all over the world. Can hardly wait till the paper comes each week.—Mrs. D. O. S., Beardstown, Tenn.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER.

Pray for the healing from rheumatism of a brother in Sully, Iowa.

Pray for a brother in Kentucky who desires to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Pray for a brother in Patsburg, Ala., that he may receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

A sister in Mt. Vernon, Mo., requests prayer as she is very sick, and her health has been failing.

A sister in South Haven, Mich., desires prayer that God will work there and give them many souls for His glory.

A brother in Belleview, Texas, desires prayer for the healing of his body and that he may receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost. He is anxious to know more of God.

Pray for a brother in Retta, Ark., that he may receive the baptism of the Spirit, and that God will send an outpouring of the Spirit to his home town.

Pray that God will save many in the town of Warner, Alta, Canada. There are only a few children of God there who desire to see God work.

NOTICE.

Will some reader of the Evangel kindly inform us of the whereabouts of Henry C. Gaskell, formerly of Burlingame, Kansas, and greatly oblige.

W. B. Oaks,

423 S. 5th St., Osage City, Kans.

WANTED:—A consecrated young woman to help in the editorial office of the Gospel Publishing House. Must be able to operate a typewriter and to have had some literary training. This will be a good opportunity for someone who desires to work for the Lord. J. R. Flower, Office Editor, 2838 Easton Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

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On account of the increased cost of production since changing the Evangel from four to sixteen pages, Evangel Rolls will be sent out at 2 cts. per copy from now on instead of 11-2 cents as heretofore.

Old copies of The Weekly Evangel and the Word and Witness published in 1915 will be sent out for distribution for 5 cts. per pound.

CAMP-MEETING, CONROE, TEXAS, IN JUNE.

A Camp-meeting will be held at Conroe, Texas, about June 10th, 1916, the Lord willing. Everybody is invited to come. Bring bedding and toilet articles. The meeting will be conducted on faith lines and we desire all to come praying for we shall expect great things from God. For information, address Deacons T. J. Weaver and Harry Orr of this place.—Jannie Hewitt.

PENTECOSTAL AND MISSIONARY CONVOCAION.

Cincinnati, Ohio, April 14-23, 1916.

Will be held with the Assembly of God at 633 West Eighth St. We extend an invitation to faithful returned missionaries that may be in these parts to be with us at this date. Evangelist C. A. McKinney of Akron, Ohio.

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March 20 to 26.

The district includes Southern Missouri, Southern Illinois and Kentucky. The Council is called for the purpose of getting the preachers and workers of the District together for conference upon matters of interest to all. We hope for and expect a good attendance. Entertainment will be provided for all who come from a distance but all must be prepared to pay their own traveling expenses.

Matters to be discussed are ways and means for promoting unity and co-operation, especially among the ministers; Camp-meetings for 1916; How to reach the untouched fields in the District; Scriptural Church order; a clean ministry; means for promoting strength in the Assemblies and any other matter of interest which may be presented. It is expected that J. W. Welch, Chairman of the General Council, and other Presbyters will be present. For further information write Pastor M. V. Ferguson, Chaffee, Mo.

SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Topeka, Kans., Apr. 20-30, 1916.

Convention will be held in the new tabernacle, cor. State St. and Twiss Ave. For information address Pastor C. E. Foster, 219 Grattan St., Topeka, Kans.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT OF TEXAS CONVENTION.

A Convention of workers called for Texas. Time announced later. Let those who contemplate coming arrange beforehand for carfare for return trip. Entertainment will be free for the six days of the meeting.

Arch P. Collins,
Chairman Texas State Council.

HOUSTON PENTECOSTAL REVIVAL.

The Houston Pentecostal revival will begin March 11th. Place of meeting, 1122 Franklin Ave., cor. San Jacinto. Mrs. Woodworth-Etter and a band of Christian workers will be with us, and the greatest time of victory we have ever known is anticipated. Hundreds and thousands have been divinely healed through her ministry in the past thirty-five years. The meeting will be conducted on the "self entertainment" plan.—Pastor Wm. Morwood, 1122 Franklin Ave., Houston, Tex.

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