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THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE. - Mark 16:15



Christ is Kisen! Hallelujah!

"That like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." Rom. 6:4.

For blessed the holy certainty
That like as He rose, so also we
May rise in newness of life divine
To walk with Him. Arise and shine,
O child of God! To thy glad heart's home
God's spring-time of glory and beauty has come.

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LITTLE TALKS WITH THE OFFICE EDITOR

IT HAS BEEN DONE. The Lord has wonderfully answered prayer for which we give Him all the praise. It is just like

Him to do the seemingly impossible, when we get to the end of ourselves and LET GOD WORK. Praise His name forever. God is greatly desirous that His children trust Him more. Has he not said, "Ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you?" and "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." Of course there must be no selfish purpose in our asking, we must ask alone for God's

And such has been the case in the present circumstance. We were right up against a stone wall. We had planned on a certain course of procedure, which we believed to be indited by the Holy Ghost. We did not foresee that paper stock would advance in price, nor that there would be a corresponding advance in inks, metal, ink rollers, and in fact everything that goes in the makeup of a paper. But the advance came and we soon saw the utter impossibility in the human of coping with the situation without direct help from the Lord. What should we do, should we retrench and cut the paper to half size, or only publish it every other week, or should we raise the price to meet the increased cost of materials? could not feel free to do any of these things, but to present the whole matter before the Evangel Family and then hold on in faith, believing, that God would come to our rescue and help us over the difficulties. And praise His name, He has wonderfully done so up to this moment, and we trust that He will continue to do so.

Everyone who has so wonderously responded to the need has had a part in the plan of God to relieve the situation, and we encourage you to rejoice with us at the victory gained. When the bills were paid, the 10th of April, we found that we just had enough money on hand to meet the need, and with sufficient stock on hand to cover the balance of bills payable. This means so much to us who are right here on the ground floor, when we see so much looking us in the face, and then to see God undertake and lift over every obstruction, Praise His

But because the bills have been met up to the 10th of April does not give us liberty to settle down and say that it will always be so. Just as much sacrifice and faith is required of us to keep the plant running in an orderly manner now as heretofore, in fact the needs are growing stronger all the time. All the above named commodities are continuing to steadily advance in price, and we need just as much help from the Lord now as ever. However, the past victory encourages us to believe for future victories, and so we take all the Evangel Family into our confidence and give them an opportunity to rejoice with us over the victories of the past and to share with us in the conflicts of the future.

God's people will need to stand closer together during these coming days than ever before. We will need to pray and labor together for a continuance of existence as we never have done in the past. We will need to lay aside all petty differences of opinion about doctrines and practices and work to one end, striving together for the furtherance of the Gospel and the free course of the Pentecostal message to all people. As wars and rumors of wars increase, and the minds of the people will be turned aside to listen to these things, we must persistently bring this great message of Pentecost to the attention of the people. The best way to do it is to keep the paper going. Let us all lay hold together in prayer and action for a most glorious future ministry in Christ.

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EDITORIAL

WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.

(Continued from last week.)

Probably the most intense desire of every true heart that has felt the power of divine grace is for a better acquaintance with God, a better and fuller knowledge of Him. The desire is wholly in accord with the desire and purpose of God and is to be cultivated, not as a matter of present day experience only, but on and on through the countless ages to come; this same desire will lead us to a yet more perfect knowledge of the wonders of divine power, wisdom and grace. Eternal life will hold nothing more for us. All that is to be expected lies in God. All that we shall ever have or know of life and godliness are given us in a knowledge of Him who hath called us by virtue and by glory.

THE PRESENT BUT THE BEGINNING.

We are, at present, in the beginning of our eternal experience. We are but learning the simple rudiments of what will, finally, be an abundant store of wisdom and knowledge. Infinite wisdom has purposed and planned to a glorious end. Infinite love has reached a stage of white-hot intensity. Infinite mercy has resulted and is the portion of all mankind. Infinite grace has appeared to all men, is bestowed where accepted, and God, the high and holy one who inhabiteth eternity and occupieth immensity, has, and now is, and yet will, give of Himself to those who will accept His offered gift and receive His kindly care. Glorious beginning indeed; what will the fulness of it be? God is not only a benefactor, He is Himself the benefit; He is our portion, He is the gift of His grace. Most certainly, then, we can afford to give our attention to Him.

TO KNOW GOD.

Oh, that we may know Him in the fullest measure possible under the present circumstances. "His going forth is prepared as the morning" and we shall know indeed if we go on to know the Lord. If we improve our opportunities to know Him now, we may go on to know even as we are known. Wonders upon wonders await us that have not yet been revealed—Glories unheard of are in the future prospect—Hallelujah!

As we think of it all, our hearts swell within us and with great joy we await the satisfaction of our desires. Matters that pertain simply to this present natural life, seem of but little worth, in view of what we shall be and what we shall have to enjoy.

OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD GOD.

As we approach God in an attempt to derive a better light and understanding of Him, let us come with bowed hearts and open minds, lest we miss our vision and fail to get what we came for. Much depends upon this matter of attitude. Much depends upon our condition as well. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." The Lord knoweth the proud afar off and they who harbor uncleanliness in their lives will find a veil before their eyes as they attempt to see God.

THE FIRST GREAT TRUTH ABOUT GOD.

As we approach God, the first great truth that confronts us, is that God is a spirit. This at once lifts God out of the realm in which we dwell so largely and brings to mind His Word "As the heavens are high above the earth, so are my ways above thy ways and my thoughts above thy thoughts." This great truth about God will mean but little to us unless we have light upon what is here implied. What is a spirit? What does it mean that God is a spirit? How shall we find out? We would be wholly in the dark here if God had not given, in His Word, some light concerning the apparent differences between Himself and man. Man is not a spirit, although he has a spirit; and if we care to, we may see that the fact that we have a spirit feature in our make up, is a reason for our ability to know God in the measure which is possible to us. There are marked differences between God and us, which lie in the very nature of the case. The fact that God is a spirit is declared in John 4:24, and in Luke 24:39 we have a comparison in which some differences are mentioned. Here the question, "what is a spirit," is answered from the negative side, and we see that a spirit hath not flesh and bones as ye see men have, and shows that a spirit is not a physical and corporal being as is a man. I presume we may take the ground that God, as a spirit, although He be able to manifest himself in bodily form, is not dependent upon form or shape in which to exist. This will relieve God of the limitations which are upon us and afford the unlimited possibilities which are apparent in Him as to how, when, and where He may be manifested. Any true conception of God must include the idea of limitlessness, not simply in some things but in all: not in some respects only, but in all. God is not prescribed by form or shape; cannot be confined to place, or measured by distance. It is easily seen from this viewpoint that God, whose ways and whose thoughts are high above our thoughts and ways, may be expected to reveal in himself certain characteristics of manifestation that can be found in no other. Where others are limited, God is unlimited. Where others are unable, God can. With God all things are possible.

THE WORKS OF GOD

B. F. Lawrence

A DEPARTMENT OF RECORD

'Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name. Mal. 3:16.

ARTICLE I—The Severity of God.

"Behold therefore the goodness and the severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee goodness, if thou continue in His goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off." Romans 11:22.

In the writing to the Corinthians, Paul declares that the story of God's dealings with the Israelites was written for our admonition. In these evil days we need to exhort one another as we see the day approaching.

We are, of course, unable to give names and places in this account of the manifest judgments of God; but every one of the incidents are either known to me, or are vouched for by those who know whereof they speak.

THE PRICE OF SELF-WILL.

The following facts came to my notice several years ago while conducting a series of revival meetings in the state of Illinois.

A young man was saved, shortly before my arrival, in a great campaign, and had gone out with the man under whose ministry he had been saved. His sweetheart had not given her heart to the Lord at the time he was saved, and when he returned to his home, he found that she was still interested in the ways of the world. This distressed him and he endeavored to turn her thoughts and desires to better things. However, she flatly refused to go his way and told him that if he wanted to be her

friend and associate he must go her way.

After some struggle he gave in and sacrificed his soul to his desire. He was in this backslidden condition when the meetings I spoke of commenced. It was soon evident that the Spirit of the Lord was striving mightily with him. For several nights the combat continued, every night finding him one or two seats nearer the front. Bad weather set in and the attendance fell off, but he kept coming, and it seemed before the meeting was over that God had sent us there to bear witness to that one soul.

One night, when the altar call was made, he came as far as the front seat and dropped into it. We did our best to persuade him further, but though he admitted his need and sin, he refused to come. That was the end, God took him at his word and let loose his dreadful wrath.

A few weeks after the meeting closed, this young man met the girl, for whom he had denied his Lord, in the company of his drunken brother. Enraged at them, and at something his brother said, he drew a pistol and killed his brother, sending a drunken man's soul hot to

When he was tried his good character saved him from the gallows, but he was sentenced to serve twentyone years in state's prison. So he lost God, his sweetheart, his liberty, his brother, and gained bloody hands.

Wisdom cried to him and he would not hear; he little thought that night when the Spirit was grieved away that such a price would be paid for having his own way for a few short days. In the day that ye hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

THE DREADFUL END OF THE WICKED.

A few years ago the Missouri-Arkansas line about the center of the states was terrorized by a band of cattle thieves and murderers. At the time, I was serving a church on the line and in the neighborhood of the headquarters of these desperadoes.

In the spring of 1912 I went to a little town in Northern Arkansas to hold a tent meeting. While there this band of outlaws was broken up under the following circumstances.

Cattle stealing and smaller crimes had become too small for them and they determined to rob the bank. The arrangement was for one of them to go to the bank at noon when all were absent except a female cashier. One of the band, however, informed the authorities of what was planned, and a number of men were concealed in the rear room of the bank on the day the robbery was expected, while a number more hid themselves up and down the street in the various places of business.

Promptly at noon the man chosen for the act appeared. He was a young man of about twenty-one years, but had been hardened in sin. A few nights before this he had ridden his horse around our tent and, with a pistol in his hand, threatened to shoot any one who dared take our part. His blasphemy, I have been informed, was dreadful, though he did not go to the length of coming inside the tent.

The young man approached the bank on horseback, dismounted and went inside. Coming up to the window, he levelled a pistol at the cashier and demanded the money in her possession. She gave him a sack of iron washers which had been prepared, and at that instant the rear door was thrown open and he was commanded to surrender. He dropped the bag of washers and started for the front door. As he went through, the first bullet struck him, wounding him in the hand or arm. He leaped for his horse, but the animal was frightened by the shooting and broke away from him. He then leaped off the sidewalk and started to run up the street which was now full of men shooting at him. He fell in about thirty vards and died instantly. About thirty-seven rifle, pistol and shot gun missles found lodgment in his body.

We were just closing morning service when the trouble began and I got to the street and to him before he was cold. His body lay in the street for hours, in fact from noon till night; then was laid out in a blacksmith

No one could be found who wanted to preach his funeral, and at last one of our ministers volunteered. (I was compelled to leave town on the afternoon train on When they arrived at the cemetery, the grave was not yet prepared and they had to wait for that. After the service they went to the freshly dug grave, but found that a spreading viper had already crawled into it. The man and the viper were buried together.

This young man heard the Gospel story, carelessly and scornfully rejected it. Thought that these despised people were not to be tolerated, but presently found that he was despised of God and delivered over to awful judg-

"He that being often reproved, hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be cut off, and that without remedy. Pro. 29:1.

REJOICE AND BE GLAD. (Matt. 5:12.)

(Tune: Revive Us Again.)

Rejoice and be glad for the time is at hand To awake in His likeness and possess all the land. Hallelujah! Sing His praise, Hallelujah, Amen! Hallelujah, give Him glory, for He's coming again.

Rejoice and be glad, all ye children of light, Conformed to His image all glorious and bright. Hallelujah, sing His praise, Hallelujah, Amen. Hallelujah, give Him glory, for He's coming again.

Rejoice and be glad for His mercy so free
Hath broken the fetters and captives go free.
Hallelujah, sing His praise, Hallelujah, Amen!
Hallelujah, give Him glory, for He's coming again.

Rejoice and be glad for the Victor's in sight
Conquering and to conquer, riding forth in His might.
Hallelujah, sing His praise, Hallelujah, Amen!
Hallelujah, give Him glory, for He's coming again.

Rejoice and be glad for the glory ahead, When He cometh to open the graves of the dead. Hallelujah, sing His praise, Hallelujah, Amen! Hallelujah, give Him glory, for He's coming again.

Rejoice and be glad, for He'll empty the tomb, For He came to give life and rob death of its gloom. Hallelujah, sing His praise, Hallelujah, Amen! Hallelujah, give Him glory, for He's coming again.

Rejoice and be glad for the full latter-rain,
That is coming so quickly to ripen the grain.
Hallelujah, sing His praise, Hallelujah, Amen!
Hallelujah, give Him glory, for He's coming again.

Rejoice and be glad all ye angels of light,
For the faith of the ages is changing to sight.
Hallelujah, sing His praise, Hallelujah, Amen!
Hallelujah, give Him glory, for He's coming again.
—One of the Evangel Family.

Isa. 30:29. Psa. 40:3. (A song given in the Spirit, Feb. 20, 1916.)

A CHOICE CONFIRMED.

Several years ago in a town where God was wonderfully working in saving and baptizing souls, a woman said that she would rather have her children go to hell than to our altars.

Several years passed, and one of the children attended our meetings frequently, but without giving her heart to the Lord. Sin fastened upon her, and when it was discovered, she left the city in which she lived and went for a visit to another state. Presently the mother, who had made such a blasphemous choice, went to the child, and with her started home. Every thing went well until one night the train ran into a cloud burst, a bridge went out just in front of them and they plunged into the flood waters of a small river. The mother and the girl were drowned. Apparently God had taken no notice of the choice the woman had made, but when their iniquity was full He made it plain that He does not forget.

Do you think that these things are too horrible to write about? What do you think about the present state of those who have been ushered out of this world after this fashion? Is it not well to do all in our power to warn men and women to flee the wrath to come? I pray God that the narration of these three incidents will stir your hearts up to a greater urgency in prayer and labor for the souls of those who are perishing. It is a dreadful thing to think of men being eternally lost. What are you doing about it? Are your prayers, your testimonies standing in the way of sinners today, holding them back from an awful doom, turning them to paths of righteousness?

A STARTLING QUESTION.

A very searching question has appeared in some recent periodicals under the above caption. The question is, "If God were to guarantee you \$1000 in cash for every soul won into the kingdom, would you work harder to win souls to Him than you are working now?" Truly, this is a startling question and one that we may ask ourselves with great seriousness. The point is, are we putting the proper emphasis on soul winning? Does its immensity grasp us? Do we get an adequate conception of the value of a soul? Do we see this as God sees it? What about our sacrifice to save souls compared with his giving his life to make their salvation possible? What about our recognition of responsibility in the matter? God has entrusted it to us, and if we fail souls will be lost because of our negligence. Christ spoke in no uncertain note as to the great importance of the salvation of the soul.

We so often fail to have a proper realization of the need. William Carey meditated upon this need, as he sat at his cobler bench day after day, a Bible on one side and a map of the world on the other. He would read from the Book the portrayal of the condition of the lost, then he would look upon the map and think of the millions who had never heard of Jesus, and he was never able to get away from the vision. It haunted him day and night. Whether awake or asleep it never left him. He dreamed of these souls in the night time. Whatever he did he

of these souls in the night time. Whatever he did he saw this great multitude and heard their cries. This passion so burned in his soul that he cut loose from home and friends that he might give his life to soul saving in benighted India. It is the lack of the passion that causes so much lethargy in the church along this line; and we will never have this passion as we should till we have the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and then, like Carey, meditate upon the need till our souls catch aflame with this

holy zeal. Then there will be the going forth, heart aflame, with the message that will win men to God.—Selected.

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SPEAKING IN AN UNKOWN TONGUE

By Rev. John S. Mercer.

We quote as a text, I Cor. 14:2, "He that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God; for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries." This is not a gift of different languages as some have believed, but is an emotional or heavenly language, in which the speaker speaks only to God. He speaketh not unto men, but unto God. "No man understandeth him;" this part of the text shows that it is not an earthly, but a heavenly language, which is the reason that no man can understand it.

Montanus truly said that each human spirit is like a harp, which the Holy Spirit strikes as with a plectrum, and which yields itself to the mighty hand by which the cords are swept. We take the following from the Pulpit Commentary on 1 Cor. 14:5: "We have seen all along—and history has in various ages confirmed the impression on every occasion where the gift of tongues have been reproduced in seasons of great spiritual revivals—that the external symptoms may be imitated." And because there are some today, who live ungodly lives that imitate, and claim to have the gift of tongues, many have said, "The whole thing is of the devil."

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever."—(Heb. 13:8) Christ does not change, and history records the fact that all down through the ages, that in great spiritual revivals, some have spoken in unknown tongues. When the speaking in an unknown tongue is genuine, the force, melody, and penetrative quality generally produces an impression not to be forgotten. When we see the stuffed and stopped-up hearts and lives of thousands of frivolous and worldly worshippers, we might well echo St. Paul's wish. "I would that ye all spake with tongues."—(1 Cor. 14:5)

"For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. To whom he said, this is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing; yet they would not hear."—(Isa. 28:11-12.) Speaking in an unknown tongue, when it is genuine, is in itself a sign that the man is spiritually alive, and not dead; and thus he is an evidence of God's power both to himself and to others. St. Paul says in I Cor. 14:1, "Desire spiritual gifts." But many professors of religion go into the contrary extreme; they call gifts dangerous, ignore them, sneer at them, and say that they are of the devil.

"Tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not."—(1 Cor. 14:22.) On the day of Pentecost when the disciples were speaking in "tongues," the sinners said that they were drunk.—(Acts 2:13.) Every Christian must believe and accept the word of God. "He that believeth not shall be damned."—(Mark 16:16.) The man who does not believe one part of the Scriptures, cannot be called a Christian, for he is not like Christ.

"He that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men but unto God."—(1 Cor. 14:2.) The language of which the apostle is here speaking seems to have been of a very peculiar sort—an unintelligible vocal utterance, that which is often manifested at this present day, in great spiritual revivals. We are so constituted that when there rises up in our souls a strong rush of tender emotions we feel utterly incapable to put them into words. If expressed at all they can only be in the quivering lip, the gleaming eye and the convulsive chest. The groans, the sighs, the rapturous shouts cannot be interpreted.

While the unknown "tongue" cannot be interpreted, yet it is a "gift," a gift of a high type. Such has been manifested in all great spiritual revivals of religion. The Very Rev. H. D. M. Spence, D. D., says in the Pulpit Commentary, "In my younger days I have heard such untranslatable sounds under the mighty sermons of grand old Welch preachers. "The words imply that these 'tongues,' unintelligible vocal sounds, are valuable." "I would that ye spake with tongues."—(1 Cor. 14:5.) "In the spirit he speaketh mysteries." The mysteries are "things which are hidden from the hearers, and sometimes from the speaker himself." (Alford.) And the "mysteries," out of whose deep solitudes the voice comes, remain mysteries; neither word nor tone, neither look nor gesture, gives any solution of the meaning. The secrets have taken on sound, but the sense is concealed.

The Right Rev. Lord A. C. Hervey, D. D., Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells, says in his exposition on Acts 2:4 in the Pulpit Commentary, "The 'tongues' were sometimes tongues of men, foreign languages unknown to the speakers, and of course unintelligible to the hearers unless any were present as was the case on the day of Pentecost who knew the language; the 'tongues' were sometimes languages not of earth but of heaven, 'tongues of angels.'

"If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord. But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant (at his own peril). Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy and forbid not to speak with tongues."—(I Cor. 14:37-39.)

The same God who said, "Do not steal," also said, "Forbid not to speak with tongues."—(Matt. 19:18; 1 Cor. 14:39.) If one commandment is to be obeyed why not both?

SISTER GARR DEPARTS THIS LIFE.

We regret to announce that Sister Garr, wife of Bro. A. G. Garr, Presbyter and pastor of an assembly of God in Los Angeles, Calif., after a severe illness, has gone home to be with Jesus. While our sister is happy with our Lord, having laid down the cares and burdens of this life, yet we feel that the Pentecostal Movement has suffered a serious loss by the decease of this handmaiden of the Lord.

Sister Garr received the baptism in the Holy Spirit about ten years ago, and together with her husband, went to India as the first Pentecostal missionaries to a foreign land. The result of this visit was published in a recent number of the Evangel and will be republished in the booklet "Apostolic Faith Restored," which will soon be off our press. We are glad that this marvelous testimony, written by her own hand, was secured from her before her illness could have prevented its writing. The Evangel Family extend sincerest sympathies to her husband, and pray that God shall more than comfort him in this hour of trial.

DON'T FORGET these are days of special importance. DON'T FORGET that the coming of Jesus for His Bride is to be expected daily. DON'T FORGET that many signs and many events of the present point to the next great coming event. DON'T FORGET the war. DON'T FORGET that this is the time of the Latter Rain. DON'T FORGET that the purpose of the Latter Rain is to bring in the Harvest. DON'T FORGET that Jesus said. "The harvest is the end of the world." DON'T FORGET that you must be ready.

Deliverances from Death and Answers to Prayer in the War Zone.

In the March issue of Confidence, an English Pentecostal paper, the editor of which is Pastor A. A. Boddy, appeared a number of remarkable incidents of the protecting hand of God during the Zeppelin raids in England, also the account of a deliverance from death from a bursting shell at the Dardanelles. It will be of some interest to our readers to reproduce these incidents for the glory of God.

A tradesman in a town on the Northeast Coast one day was impelled to call together his eleven shop assistants for two minutes' prayer that the good hand of the Lord might be upon them for good. That night the Zeppelins visited that district, with sad results. Seven of the assistants living in different parts were wonderfully protected when homes nearby were wrecked, and not one of the eleven was harmed.

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In a town in Kent, a mechanic's wife, not knowing there was any danger, was burdened with prayer that no evil might come to her town, that the strong power of evil might be bound, and all the devices of the enemy thwarted. Before midnight the town was visited by German aircraft. Twenty-one bombs were dropped in the fields, and no damage done to life or property.

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During the air raid in August, 1915, a missionary was awakened from her first sleep as bomb after bomb exploded, and as she prayed she turned to her husband, saying, "Oh, praise the Lord! No evil shall come nigh thy dwelling," and in peace and confidence she sat by the cot of her sleeping little girl until the evil was overpassed.

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There had been a Zeppelin raid over a certain town, and two slum officers of the Salvation Army found themselves, at the moment when the bombs were falling, in a tram-car with a number of other people. The tram stopped, and everyone fled into the nearest houses. These two rushed into the nearest public-house, and immediately, with all the company who filled the bar, dropped upon their knees and engaged in prayer. Although in the neighborhood many windows were broken, this public-house escaped damage of any kind, and the publican attributed the fact to the prayer of the sisters, and thanked them accordingly.

As soon as the near coming of the Zeppelins was announced in a town in England, on the evening of January 31st, 1916, some sisters in the Lord, who were in a house, fell upon their knees and claimed the protection of the Blood for the people of their town, and also that no damage should be done to life or property. As far as we can learn, the Zeppelins passed over the town without dropping any bombs, so once more they proved that "Prayer changes things."

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"I must close with telling you of an incident which happened to me on Saturday last and which nearly cost me my life. Your prayers away in England no doubt were answered in a marvellous way. I had come down from the trenches on the Friday afternoon, and during our ten days up there I had three very narrow shaves. Once a piece of shrapnel came into the billy can I was cleaning. On Saturday morning I was on duty in the dugout which we call the sick-bay—a kind of consulting room for the doctor. I was just bandaging the hand of the last patient, and the Turks, who had been shelling us for about half-an-hour, dropped a high explosive shell right

through the tarpaulin roof. It caught the side of the dug-out and burst within three feet of where I was standing. Immediately we were blown to the earth, and all was confusion and darkness. When the dust and smoke cleared I was astonished to find myself able to run for the exit and into the open-air, the others doing the same. Seven out of the eight were wounded, but I escaped without injury, and was about the nearest to the exploding shell. I was terribly shaken, but I rendered first-aid to two of the injured ones. One was deaf, and shot in the face, another had head, neck, arm and ankle shot through. The doctor was pretty badly hurt. We packed them all off to the ambulance, and then I went for a quiet read of my Bible in the dug-out, When I pulled it out of my side pocket, I found a piece of shell an inch long embedded about half way through it. If it had not been in my pocket that piece of shell would undoubtedly have cost me my life. I could do nothing for a time but pour out thanks to God, and exclaim, 'Oh, Jesus thou art too good.' Afterwards I showed it to a good many, including one man who makes a point of scoffing at my faith in Christ. I told him that people in Lytham prayed for me and that was God's answer. Two officers to whom I showed it said it was remarkable. One of them said he wasn't religious, but it was enough to make him so. You can see in the shattered roof a place where a large piece of shell has gone through, which, considering where I stood, must have spun past my head, and I found another piece on the floor where I had stood. How good is the God we adore. Praise Him for His good-

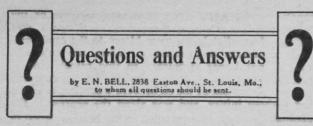
"IS ANY SICK AMONG YOU"

I want to help you so I am going to write a few thoughts that come to me. James says faith and works go together, and I believe prayers and works also. The man of God told Naaman to go and dip in Jordan seven times. He did not come out and pray for him but told him what to do. And after he got mad he came to his senses and acknowledged the truth and obeyed and was healed. When there was death in the pot of pottage the man of God said, "Then bring meal," and he cast it into the pottage and there was no more harm. After Paul told Timothy to take a little wine for his stomach and other troubles, I believe he obeyed and that he did not ask Paul to pray that his stomach might be healed. He obeyed the wisdom of God and went his way praising God.

Now if we do not have faith for something it is because there is some reason. We have not got the foundation on which faith rests. There is something on which we can stand with assurance, and the winds and waves cannot move, because we are conscious of standing on something that cannot be moved. Jesus gave the parable of the house on the rock and on the sand. We want the immovable rock foundation to stand on. With that ali else will come. So it would seem that before we do anything else or even pray we must get onto that sure foundation of assurance and understanding of our hope and faith and trust, Heb. II:I. We must get where we believe He is a rewarder, Heb. II:6, and to do this we go to His Word and see what He has promised, and the condition of His promises. His promises are given and they are sure.

Next is to believe them for myself. But try as hard as I will I cannot appropriate them to myself till I have met all the conditions of those promises to me. The conditions—"Thou shalt have no other gods before me."
"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,

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47. Is it wrong for a saved man to be Justice of the Peace, or to hold county office?

Ans. I see nothing in the Scriptures that prohibits a Christian from holding public office as a matter of business and a means of making a living, provided he does not do any wire-pulling to get the office, and provided he does not have to do anything that is against Christ and the Gospel. Any one who accepts such office should be careful not to become a professional politician and to keep a conscience void of offense. I would that all the offices of the whole country were administered by righteous God-fearing men rather than by the unrighteous.

48. If redemption means the giving back of all we lost when Adam fell, then will we not live forever in the body and our flesh never see corruption?

Ans. This question suggests both truth and error. It is true that Christ came to destroy all the works of the devil, including death itself, for every soul that accepts Him. 1 believe we shall get even more than Adam had. We shall have glorified bodies, and Adam never had this. But God does not promise that our bodies shall never die or never see corruption. This is the false teaching of the longhaired Israelites, who are dying and filling up grave yards just like all the rest of us, despite their claim that they never will die. All the apostles and early saints passed away, every one saw corruption as to their bodies. Of Christ only is it said, "He saw no corruption." "It is appointed unto men once to die." Heb. 9:27. "Death passed upon all men." Rom. 5:12, "even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression." Rom. 5:14. The translation of Enoch and Elijah does not set aside this general decree, as such translation is not promised to us, is only a special act of Divine Sovereignty. Everyone of us will die sometime unless Jesus comes so soon as to prevent it.

Yet, in God's own way and God's own time, even death shall be destroyed and our bodies redeemed, but God's way is to destroy all our other enemies before He does death, for the Word says, "The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." 1 Cor. 15:26. How and when? Through the resurrection when the last trump shall sound, for then Paul says, "The dead shall be raised incorruptible," (1 Cor. 15: 52) that is with glorified bodies no longer subject to death and corruption. He says, "So when this corruptible (body) shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal (body) shall have put on immortality, then (not before then-then) shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory." 1 Cor. 15:52-54.

Again he gives the Divine order of these things in telling when the body shall be "made alive," saying "But every man in his own order:

- (1) Christ the first fruits (from the dead);
- (2) Afterwards (nearly 2000 years afterwards) they that are Christ's at his coming;
- (3) Then (1000 years later at the end of the millenium) when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even to the Father." 1 Cor. 15:22-24.

But at the present time Paul says all creation is groaning with us for the coming of Christ when the whole creation will share in the liberty the Lord will bring when He comes and the sons of God are revealed. Not only so, but we "ourselves which have the first-fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to-wit, the redemption of our body." Rom. 8:23.

So while our redemption does include the whole man, spirit, soul and body, yet it is not in keeping with the wisdom of God to give all our redemption to us now while we live under the present evil world system. If he did let us all live on now when sin blasts the earth and the unrighteous hold the wealth of the world, the saints would so multiply on the earth that starvation, misery and woe would face us so that multitudes would starve to death. God knows best, and so we are to get our glorified bodies only when Jesus comes to wrench the earth out of the hands of Satan. All teaching that we can now by any system of teaching or dieting live forever in these present bodies is false. Even those alive and in health when Jesus comes "shall all be changed, in a moment, at the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump." 1 Cor. 15:51-52. The change from a mortal body to an immortal and glorified one is to be instantaneous, not by any long system, is to be by the power of God, not by any works of man. All we need to insure ourselves of it is to be found blameless in Christ.

49. Can a backslider get back to God?

Ans. Yes, see question 39 in Weekly Evangel of March 4, 1916, for a full answer to this question.

50. What does Paul mean in Col. 1:13 by our being translated into the kingdom?

Ans. There are two realms or kingdoms mentioned in this verse, one "the power of darkness" and the other "the kingdom of His Son." The apostle simply means that when He saves us, God, by His grace in Christ, takes us out from under the rule of Satan and puts us under the rule of Christ. When we are saved we change masters, throw off Satan our old lord, and put on Christ our new Lord. We come out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light. The kingdom in Col. 1:13 is the rule of Christ in our hearts and lives, not the full grown messianic kingdom as we shall have it on earth after Christ returns to earth.

ETTER MEETING IN ST. LOUIS CANCELLED.

Word has been received from Sister Etter, just before this issue of the Evangel goes to press, that she will not attempt to hold a meeting in St. Louis at this time, but will leave Friday morning, April 21st, for Indianapolis. She expects to spend the remaining weeks before commencing the camp meeting at Petoskey, Mich., in preparing material for a new edition of her book, "Acts of the Holy Ghost." She is rapidly recovering from the exhaustion of the past campaigns, but feels the need of a further rest before plunging into active service again.



AILY PORTION FROM THE KING'S BOUNTY

MRS. A. R. FLOWER

April 22. "All we like sheep have gone astray; we

have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." Isa. 53:6.

His very soul has been made "an offering for sin;" He has "made His grave with the wicked!" "He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin"—blameless, harmless, holy Mediator—there He lies in that new sepulcher vender testing death for every man heaving the avril ner yonder, tasting death for every man, bearing the awful penalty of sin. Not for you and I alone, but for every soul—for "all have sinned;" and thus making possible the glorious call, "Whosoever will let him come."

April 23. "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept." I Cor.

Resurrection morn! The grave has lost its dead. He is risen—Hallelujah!—He is risen as He said.

Hath risen indeed! Forever won The vict'ry is through God's dear Son; He lives! He lives! His mighty name Ye saints of light with joy proclaim Because He lives, so also ye Like to His glory changed shall be.

April 24. "For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection." Rom. 6:5.

Behind that resurrection morning was a Gethsemane, a forsaking by His dearest earthly friends, a betrayal, cruel mockings, contradiction of sinners, scourging and death. A heavy cross He bore! And they "who follow in His train" will meet similar suffering—"the disciple is not greater than his Lord"—but beyond the cross lies a crown, beyond the suffering unto death there is promise of life

April 25. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right

hand of God." Col. 3:1.

The extent of our being risen with Christ is shown by our attitude and walk. It is sad that there are so many fleshly minded Christians who apparently forget that "our conversation (manner of conduct) is in heaven, "f whence we look for our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ."

April 26. "Disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection." 2 Tim. 3:2, 3.

Need we look very far to see that this pre-eminently is of the marks of these last days. True, oftentimes the one of the marks of these last days. parents are responsible in their indifferent training and utter disregard for their children's spiritual welfare. But the atmosphere is rife with it; and the home-life—God's divinely appointed earthly institution—even of many good. Christian people is suffering therefrom.

April 27. "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your

requests be made known unto God." Phil. 4:6.

How full of care we constantly are for such very little things! The enemy of course magnifies them and we are content to bear the burden until nearly crushed by its weight; then we bethink ourselves of the Lord and finally weight; then we bethink ourselves of the Lord and thanly pour out our hearts to Him. God would have us make it the habit of our lives to fly to Him with every distressing circumstance, however trifling it might seem to others, and gladly, thankfully, lay the matter before Him, assured of His loving interest and concern even over our smallest vexations

April 28. "Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him." Gen. 5:24.

Day by day God and Enoch had walked together, until one day they took a walk from which Enoch never returned. Beautiful type, is it not, of the translated ones—those who are "looking for and hastening unto the coming of the Lord?" A daily walk with God beforehand, a constant abiding in Him; and then some glorious day—perhaps not far off either—we shall be caught away to meet our Lord in the air, "and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

IS ANY SICK AMONG YOU?

(Continued from page 7.) and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Jesus told us to ask God to forgive us as we forgive others. Can't hold a tiny bit of grudge towards anyone. If you bring your gift to the altar (go to prayer) and remember that thy brother hath ought against thee, leave thy gift before the altar and go first be reconciled to thy brother, then come and offer thy gift (pray.) If our heart condemn us not we have confidence towards God.

We are now on the foundation on which we can stand with both feet and look up to God with love and faith and trust, live or die, amen. Personally I can kneel at the feet of Jesus and look up into His face and say that I know of no habit or person or thing that I want more than His will, and I am praying to be shown anything that I do not see that is not in His will. The will of God in all things is what I desire more than to live. May you

be conscious of God's blessing today.

In the love of our Saviour Jesus, F. P. FISH.

ANDREW D. URSHAN RETURNS TO AMERICA.

Andrew D. Urshan, our Persian brother, who, after some years ministry in the United States and Canada, went home to his own people in Persia, where God mightily blessed his ministry and gave him many souls for his hire, is on his way back to America. At present he is in London, England, tarrying for a little season. His broth-

er has already returned to Chicago.

Bro. Urshan has been through some very trying experiences since he left this country. As the Holy Spirit was being outpoured upon his people, great persecution arose, which resulted in the death of some of the newly made Christians. His mother passed away to be with Jesus, and when the war broke out, he was compelled to flee to Russia for safety. Some of the brethren were put to death by the Turks, and it is a matter for great thanksgiving that our brother has been preserved through it all, unharmed. We are glad he is coming back to us and that we shall see his face once more.

The above information has been received from Bro. Paul Badell, the pastor of the Persian Mission, who has been spending some weeks with us at Bethel Chapel.

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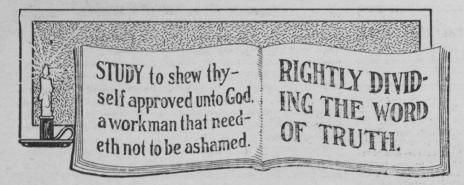
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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

April 30, 1916.

PETER DELIVERED FROM PRISON.

Lesson Text.—Acts 12:1-19.

Golden Text.—"The Angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him and delivereth them." Psa. 34:7.

Leading Thought. — Deliverance through believing prayer.

1. Herod renews the persecution of the Christians-Peter imprisoned. (Vs. 1-6.) For some years there has been a cessation in the persecution of the Christians. Herod Agrippa, grandson of Herod the Great, who ordered the slaying of all the male children in Bethlehem after the birth of Christ, now renewed the persecution with zeal simply to win favor with the Jewish officials, thus gaining their support. He had been made ruler of Palestine by the Roman emperor, Claudius Caesar, with cruel cunning-a striking characteristic of the family from which he sprang -he aimed at the heads of the church. He had successfully disposed of James, one of the three disciples most closely associated with Christ in His earthly ministry; now he purposed a like disposal of Peter. Vs. 2, 3. He had apprehended him, safely securing him in prison; but the Passover Feast coming at this very time caused a delay in the full accomplishing of his purpose. V. 4. This gave the church ample opportunity of pouring out their hearts "unto God for him," who up until this time has been the leading spirit amongst them. It was earnest, intense prayer that those consecrated united men and women sent up to God. Notice there is nothing said about their "appealing unto Herod." Their appeal was sent directly Godward. God help us as a people generally, and in our individual assembly needs, to get a fresh grasp of this thing. Our God is still rich unto all that call upon Him-"no respecter of persons;" but I fear we are allowing encroachments of the Adversary on

the territory which has been purchased for us with the precious blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We don't keep at our praying long enough or "intensely" enough; we are too easily diverted. The enemy is far from asleep, and we are to "resist him, steadfast in the faith." Settle it in your heart there is no other way for deliverances, for outpourings of God's spirit, save through continued, believing prayer. Many dear children of God are resorting to other methods to promote revivals and manifestations of God's glory, but I am deeply confident they have lost the trail. It was the heart-cry of hungry souls to God, not the preaching of new doctrines that brought the wide-spread outpouring of the Spirit nine years ago. A like condition amongst God's children will bring like blessing and unity and power with God. Brethren, let us continue in prayer. The church's prayer was united; it was intense; it was definite. "Lord teach us to pray." True they probably had prayed for James and God had seen fit to let him die a martyr's death. But that only caused them to go at this need with redoubled energy. We have but to fulfil our part and allow God the privilege of answering according to His fuller knowledge of the general need and condition. The Holy Spirit will direct us how to ask, and we can rest assured that no true prayer indited by the Spirit is unanswered. Thank God for the blessed assurance of this. Look at the two "strong men" of our lesson. Herod Agrippa on the throne, a favorite of Rome, the idol of the Jewish people, with all the resources of the great Roman empire back of him: Peter, the leader of the resolute Christians, now alone, helpless, guarded by two soldiers in an inner prison. What of the difference? Back of this last man is a loyal band of praying christians, and back of them all a God who hath promised never to leave or forsake His own. Do we need to wonder which one was defeated? There may be some modern Peters who need deliverances in more ways than one. May we stand behind any such with renewed faith and purpose that they may be set free for the glory of God!

2. Peter's release from prison. (Vs. 7-19.) "An Angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shined in the cell." V. 7., R. V. Banished was the gloomy darkness of that prison cell. The prayers of God's believing ones had prevailed and deliverance had come. Glory to God! Without any waste of time the Angel made known his errand by awaking the sleeping Peter. He raised him up saying, "Arise up quickly." Look through the Word and note God's dealing with His children at various times and you will mark this same directness of purpose and intent. We frequently lose the end of our purpose in regarding the means thereto. Some dear people would have wanted to stop and adm're that beautiful Angel and forgotten that on their instant obedience rested their deliverance and the greater glory of God. Not so with Peter. Note the words that express direct obedience on his part. He thought it was a vision, but he went ahead anyway. There were several places where he might have anticipated trouble, had he been inclined to do so. Many of us are constantly doing so today when God attempts to work out a plan of deliverance for us. How often we have worried about some iron gate that lies just ahead, and wonder how God is ever going to take us through! We forget that He has just miraculously severed the chains which held us bound to two sleeping guards. And still the guards sleep on. The story sounds wonderful to us; but God would do just as wonderful things for us if our faith were as simple and direct and our obedience as implicit and exact. Just remember the next time you are tempted to fear some obstacle in the way God is marking out for you that this great massive gate, no doubt made of wrought iron, "opened to them of his own accord."

"The two-leaved gates of brass,
The bars of iron yield
To let the faithful pass
Conquerors o'er every field."

Out into the street Peter's heavenly escort conducted him. Peter was free! Some of us whom God has freed from other bondage, can we not realize something of the joy and liberty Peter felt as he walked to where the faithful saints were still in prayer? He knew the thing was real, for he said "Now I know of a surety that the Lord hath sent his Angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews." V. 11. It generally seems rather amusing to us to read of the surprise and questioning of that praying band. God had fulfilled. Isa. 65:24. It was the damsel Rhoda who really believed, and she wouldn't give up. There are some Rhodas today but the vast majority of us, even after our most earnest in-

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WILL WORK AMONG THE SPANISH PEOPLE.

A letter recived from Bro. Frank D. Ortiz, Evangelist, states the following: "I am in Los Angeles now and expect to work among the Spanish-speaking people. Had a meeting last night and one young American was saved. Would like you to unite with us in prayer for the Spanish work in Los Angeles. There are about 20,000 of them and they need a mission in Spanish. Kindly let the saints know about it so they may hold us up in prayer. Bro. J. F. Lugo is with me. We ask you all to pray for us."—Evang. Frank D. Ortiz.

MEXICAN WORK, PASADENA, TEX.

Bro. J. A. Preston reports as follows: "The Lord is giving us a blessed revival here among the Mexicans. Several have been saved and one received the baptism. The altar has been full of seekers from the beginning and several have been healed. Bro. Ball was with us but has gone back to Ricardo now. There has been very little rain for the past four months. Hundreds are out of work and suffering on account of drouth. Please continue to pray for us."—J. A. Preston.

GOOD WORD FROM MARYLAND.

We closed our meetings at Kitzmiller, Maryland, and came here to Shaft, Md., for a series of meetings. At Kitzmiller 52 were saved and fifteen or twenty received the baptism in a seventeen-days meeting. Then we came to Shaft. Twelve have been saved and four have received the Holy Ghost and we have had the altar full of seekers. Some of the opposers have laid down their weapons and are at the altar. Praise God! We look for great things here. We are here in the place of Bro. A. B. Cox while he is at home with his mother who is ill. We desire all of God's children to hold us up to God for a wonderful time at this place. The Lord bless all of His dear children. I love them all, and, although some little foxes are nibbling at the vines, praise God it will all come out right if we watch and pray. Greeting to all the saints.-Elders D. R. Moreland and W. J. Sego.

A VICTORIOUS NOTE.

I am surely glad I can still report victory through the blood. I am just back home from a trip. Glad I can say the Lord is still working. Glory! It fills my soul with unspeakable praises to see the dear saints going on with the Lord and shouting the victory. I was at Hot Springs a few days. Some saved while there. Was at Benton a few days. Several were saved, some reclaimed, two received the baptism in the Spirit and on Sunday there were six buried with Him by baptism and the Lord gave us a blessed time. To Him be all the

glory and He is still blessing. I stopped a few days with Bro. Bell at Little Rock and the Lord gave us a few days of blessing there. Several were saved. Some were reclaimed and two received the baptism in the Spirit and six were baptized in water. Returning home I found the saints still rejoicing in Jesus and the Lord has refreshed our souls together. We are looking for great things.—E. Reed, Corning, Ark.

MEETINGS AT STANTON, MO.

We held meetings in Stanton, Mo., the first week of April. Although we did not see any one saved, yet God met us and manifested His power and He has already blessed us for casting our bread upon the waters in this needy little place. There were some wonderful testimonies given to God's mighty healing power. A Sister Jenny, who lives at Stanton, was healed of a serious disease in her feet. When six physicians had given her up and could do no more for her, God healed her in answer to prayer and she is now filled with the Holy Ghost and rejoicing in a Saviour's love. She was healed about two years ago and has had no signs of trouble in her feet since, and she sometimes walks two and one-half miles to meeting and back.

We have seen numbers of souls saved and receive the baptism in other places and in the surrounding country, but this is the hardest place we have ever found to work for God. Will all the Evangel readers please pray for this place and will some Spirit-filled man and wife with whom the signs do follow, please write us. We have a mission near here that needs a pastor. It must be a man and wife for this place. May the Lord bless His workers everywhere.

—R. O. Miller and wife, Stanton, Mo.

A CHEERING WORD.

A friend in Dallas, Texas, sends the following bit of encouragement: "Enclosed you will find three dollars for three subscriptions to your most valuable and soul-lifting paper. Also one dollar for postage or to be used where most needed. My sincere wish is that the Weekly Evangel shall continue to be published until Jesus comes.

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(Signed) One Whose Heart
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SUNDAY SCHOOL.

(Continued from page 10.) tercession, are almost surprised when the answer really comes. Not that we didn't expect it—we would have been sadly disappointed had it failed to come; but it almost seemed too good to be true. How often to many of us God must needs say, "O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?" Peter gives the glory to the Lord. V. 17. What a contrast again between his attitude and that of Herod, whose terrible decease—a judgment from God—is recorded in the closing verses of this chapter.—Alice Reynolds Flower.

Next Week's Lesson. May 7, 1916.

THE MISSIONARIES OF ANTIOCH.

Lesson Text.—Acts 11:19-30; 12:25-13:12.

Golden Text .- Matt. 28:19.

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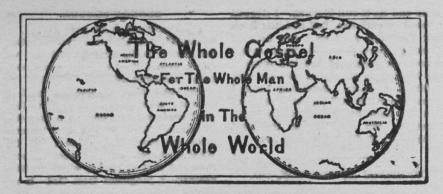
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THE WORK GROWING IN TAIANFU.

Bro. L. M. Anglin sends the following encouraging word: "Our meeting here in the city begins next Sunday and we are looking to the Lord to pour out His Spirit in a most wonderful way. We feel much encouraged to go forward in the name of Jesus. Pray for us daily. The work is growing and we will soon have to build a larger chapel to hold the people who come. May the blessings of God rest upon you.—L. M. Anglin.

FRESH BLESSING UPON THE OR-PHANAGE WORK, South China,

Sister Adell Harrison gives a splendid report of the Lord's blessing upon her work, as follows: "We all send thanks for the good offering sent. Praise God for it. Tested and tried we have a great Saviour. He has brought us through thus far safely and I know He will lead us on. We have much to praise the Lord for,-fresh anointing has been poured out upon our workers and some of the orphans, besides temporal blessing. We have been able now to seat our service and school room with benches, beside other things we were so much in need of. Praise God! We trust that means will continue to come in so as not to stop the work. For so long everything was at a standstill. We had nothing to do with it. The work could not progress. But through it all God had a lesson in it for us, for which we praise Him, and love Him better when we are crushed, for then we can say, "All of Thee and none of self." We have learned many sweet lessons of sacrifice and suffering since we came to China, but many of these poor Chinese do not seem to appreciate our coming and bringing this wonderful good news, "The Gospel" (the bread of life). If they could only taste and know how precious it is. Praise God for the few, the real saints, who are going on so faithfully. We have had a door open to us for services in a school of young men. We ask the Lord to bless the Word given to them, which is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believeth.

Macan is considered one of the wickedest places in China. We feel the power of the enemy, but our trust and abiding peace is in God, and we want people
to see Jesus in us, and if he be lifted up
He will draw all men unto Him. We
trust you will remember to pray for us.

—Mrs. Addell Harrison.

THE LORD BLESSING IN JAPAN.

C. F. Juergensen.

"Our work goes on. We have blessed meetings every night. Some raise their hands who want to follow Jesus. The Lord is blessing His work and is with us and we are looking steadfastly to Him for a revival and an outpouring of His Spirit in His own time. It surely will come. His promises cannot fail. Please pray with us as we pray for you all. How much we need to be in unity and in love and prayer one for another these days. I am so glad the Lord is drawing His children together more and more. Let us watch and pray for the time is drawing nigh and He is coming soon. We will understand things better then."-C. F. Juergensen and Fam-

PRAY FOR THE FLORIDA WORK.

Bro. O. C. Newsom of Panama, Florida, sends a little report of God's blessing in meetings in Florida. He writes: "I want to praise God and magnify the name of Jesus for His mercy endureth forever. He has blessed us here, for which we are glad. Bro. W. F. Hardwick was with us at West Bay, Florida, for a few days. The Lord was with us there. Bro. J. A. Cullefer is with us now at Millville, Fla., and God is still working. Souls are praying through and getting salvation in the old-fashioned way. Pray for us that utterance may be given in abundance to preach His word with power .- O. C. Newson.

OVER 300 BAPTIZED IN THE SPIRIT.

Bro. Daniel Berg Gives a Stirring Report from Brazil, South America.

The Lord is with us and blessing the people more and more with His own Word which we preach to them in Portuguese. I praise God for the wonderful baptism of the Holy Spirit and for the Bible evidence of "speaking in other tongues." I do also praise Him because we feel the wonderful power of God even in this dark land of superstition and ignorance. I thank God for the way He has manifested Himself. Over 300 have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Many have been wonderfully delivered from sickness and sin. Glory to Jesus!

I do find happiness in going outside the Camp, bearing the reproach of Christ. I just got back today from "Tajapurii," where we had some blessed times telling of the wonderful love of God to many people.

Three souls were baptized in water. Praise the Lord! Pray for me, dear friends, that God will continue leading me for His glory.—Daniel Berg.

THE LORD PRESENT TO HEAL. The Lord Blesses in Healing Several at Conneautville, Pa.

Bro. I. S. Calhoun, formerly of Buffalo, N. Y., has accepted a charge with the United Brethren in Christ, and is now in the Lord's work at Conneautville, Pa. He writes as follows: "The Lord is blessing us in our work. One lady was instantly healed of female trouble. One man had suffered from stomach trouble for years and he is healed and saved. One lady suffering from fits for thirty-seven years was healed and is giving God the glory. One brother was sick and the doctors gave him up to die. They had heard of our teaching about Divine healing, and his son came to the parsonage and asked my wife and myself to come and pray with him. He said the doctors had given him up to die and he could live only a few hours at the longest. We went and prayed with him and he began to be better and within a week he was up and could eat anything he wanted. People are sending for us to stay with them and are hungering for the truth. called the other day to the bedside of a sick lady, suffering from a severe pain in her side. It had baffled the skill of the physician. I prayed for her. The next day she got up and has been doing her house-work ever since. To God be all the glory and praise."-Rev. I. S. Calhoun.

The Evangel is surely a welcome and needed messenger to us as we have no other way of hearing the full Gospel.—A. L. T., Comstock, Neb.

A REVELATION OF CHRIST. Albert Norton.

Recently the Lord has been pleased to grant me an unusual meeting with Himself. My wife and self had left Dhond on a long journey, hoping to be of some help to the workers at Orai and Bahraich. Soon after arriving at Bahraich, I was taken very ill, and for a time was near the gates of death. And then came the revelation of the Lord, to which I have referred. I cannot better describe it than in the words of Paul-"whether in the body, I know not; or whether out of the body, I know not." But the Lord permitted me to stand by His side, and He made known to me His will on questions, about which I had been deeply exercised, in a way and manner that is impossible for me to make known to others.

Afterwards when I thought that I should share the experience with others, I found that all I could say gave no adequate nor correct idea of what had happened. I have been deeply humbled in the dust to think that our blessed Lord should so manifest Himself to one so altogether unworthy as myself. But I take it that it was not for myself, but for His children, to whom He has called me to minister.

When this experience was over, I found that I was very weak and feeble in body. But our heavenly Father gave loving hands to care for me, and in answer to prayer He has restored me to usual health and strength.

But we are hardly out of one trial till God allows us to come into another, on the principle that "whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth." So we have to record that on the evening of last Lord's day, while my son John was riding in an ox-cart, with five of the young men, going out to a village four miles away to hold a Gospel service, the cart was overturned and all thrown out. No one was very much hurt, except John, who struck his thigh, with his whole weight, on a rock, jutting out of the ground. No bone was broken, but a bad sprain was given. In answer to prayer he is steadily improving, though still confined to his bed. We shall be thankful if you will kindly remember him in prayer.

We all feel deeply that we are living in the closing days of the present dispensation, with its sorrows and severe judgments as foretold in the Word of God. But notwithstanding the awful slaughter of human life and the other dark clouds resting upon our sin-cursed earth, the heavens are radiant with the blessed hope of the soon-coming of the. "Prince of Peace," of whom God has said-"The government shall rest upon his shoulder."

Again, dear friend, we ask for a continued interest in your prayers, requesting to be daily remembered at the throne of grace, if it is not asking too much of you.

A NEEDY FIELD. Olney, Kentucky,

Elder J. L Franklin writes: "I am still trusting in Jesus. I desire all the dear Saints everywhere to pray for me. Also pray that God will send the right one to help me in this work for this is surely a needy field. I am the only Pentecostal man in this part of the state."-Elder J. L. Franklin, Olney, Kentucky.

WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS.

I am still on the battle-field for Jesus, fighting against the enemy We pitched our tent here in Waxahachie some weeks ago. The fight has been hard but the Lord blessed and baptized seven. The meeting is still going on. We do not know just how long we will be here. Would like to go to some new fields as the Lord may lead. We have a tent. Pray that we may do the sweet will of the Lord as we are looking for the King to come .- L. S. Perdue, Waxahachie, Texas.

My prayer is, God bless the Evangel, and may it ever continue the same or better.-D. S., Johnsonville, Ill.

PENTECOSTAL CONVENTION.

Troy, New York, May 14th to 21st, incl. The Apostolic Pentecostal Assembly of Troy, New York, announces that there will be an eight-day convention covering the above dates, which will be held in the Gospel Chapel, 54 Harrison We invite all saints, especially those of this vicinity who have no regular place of worship, to co-operate with Special workers have been invited and a time of refreshing is expected. We do not obligate ourselves financially for any but special workers. Rooms and board at reasonable rates in near neighborhood. For further information address Pastor Clinton E. Finch, 229 Eighth Street, Troy, New York.

PENTECOSTAL CONVENTION. At Tulsa, Okla., May 9th to 14th inc.

This convention is called for preachers and workers in Oklahoma and nearby states, and a cordial invitation is extended to all ministering brethren everywhere who desire unity and cooperation on like lines. Let us come and seek the Lord, and search the Scriptures together, to the end that we may be able to reach some agreement as touching the fundamentals of the "doctrine of Christ." Read the 13th chapter of 1 Cor. several times prayerfully, and come to Tulsa, May 9th, and we will ended to Tulsa, May 9th, and we will ended to Tulsa, May 9th, and the several times prayerfully. deavor to practice it together. Free entertainment will be provided for preachers and workers, but you will be expected to pay your own traveling expenses. A number of the leading preachers of the southwest are expected. Arrange to come .- Pastor W. T. Gas-

Conventions and Camp Meetings

CAMP-MEETING, NEWPORT, TEXAS.

The Camp-meeting will begin at Newport, Texas, July 20th, 1916, and will be run as long as the Lord directs. Everybody invited. The grounds will be prepared for camping. Bring bedding and toilet articles. For further information address Pastor Oscar Jones, Jacksboro, Texas, or Ed Baker, Newport, Texas.

SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Camp Meetings. Southwestern Section Camp to be held at Springfield, Mo., Aug. 4th to 13th,

Southeastern Section Camp, August 25th to September 3rd.

Watch papers for further and more definite announcement as to location and workers to be present.

PENTECOSTAL ENCAMPMENT AT MOUNTAIN LAKE PARK, MD.

June 9th to 25th, 1916. A great corps of Ministers will be present, including D. W. Kerr, C. A. McKinney, Andrew L. Fraser, D. H. McDowell, F. O. Price, etc. The Tabernacle seats 5000 and there is room for

you. Special reduced railroad fare. For detailed information address J. R. Reckley, 134 Elder St., Cumberland, Maryland.

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 arti-cles. 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.

SECOND ANNUAL CAMP MEETING OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN.

Petoskey, Mich., July 1st-30th. Mrs. Woodworth-Etter and band of pristian workers in charge. The Christian workers in charge. The saints are praying that this will be the greatest revival Northern Michigan has ever experienced. Come prepared to meet expenses. Rooms and board near by, also tents for rent, if notice is sent in by June 15th. Communications may be addressed to F. W. Jewell, Pastor, 901 Waukazoo Ave., Petoskey, Mich.

PENTECOSTAL CONVENTION. Ft. Smith, Ark.

A Pentecostal convention will be held in Ft. Smith, Ark., for one week or longer, beginning May 1. Everybody invited. As God is giving a wonderful spirit of revival in these parts let us come expecting great things from Him. Bro. M. M. Pinson, Bro. W. T. Gaston and others are expected to be present. we trust that every minister who can possibly come will be with us, especially those in Eastern Oklahoma and Western Arkansas. For further information address Charlie E. Ray, R. 1, Ft. Smith, Ark., or Fayette Romines, Hartford Ark ford, Ark.

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

SOLDIERS FOR THE LORD

(Tune—"Tramp, Tramp, Tramp.")
We are soldiers for the Lord;
Marching onward at His word,
And with shield of faith and love we onward go,
In God's armor we are dressed,
And through all the fiery test
We will stand, and overcome our every foe.

Chorus:

Tramp, tramp, tramp, we're marching onward,

"Ever onward" is our cry,
Through the Man of Calvary,
We shall gain the victory,
Then forever we shall reign w

Then forever we shall reign with Him on high.

At the battle front we stand,
List'ning for the least command, *
And though fierce may be the conflict we'll obey,
As we march toward the foe
Jesus will before us go,
And will give to us the victory every

And if faithful we are found,
At the final trumpet sound,
We shall rise to meet our Saviour in
the air;
Death our enemy will be,
Swallowed up in victory,
Then with Jesus Christ a crown of
life we'll wear.

-Burt McCafferty.

MONETTE, ARK.

I am praising God this morning for victory through the blood of Jesus. We want to thank the brethren, through the Evangel, for the many nice letters that we have received and for the willingness to help the needy. The Lord sent Bro. W. M. Harrison of Warren, Tex., and Bro. Sam Hall of St. Louis to us and we had nearly four weeks meeting. Not much visible result. About four saved, for which we truly praise the Lord, and we are still expecting God to bring forth fruit from the seed that was sown. Pray for this place and for those who were saved that they may receive the baptism. Only three of us have received the baptism and we are anxious to have more receive. If the Lord puts this place on the hearts of any of His servants we would be glad to have them come and help us lift up Jesus. This is truly a needy country and there are a few saints at every little place, but the enemy has sown so much discord among them that they are divided and will perish except they get some help. Let us be faithful a little longer for the promise is to those who overcome.—M. A Pike and wife, Monette, Ark.

SEVENTY-SIX YEARS YOUNG.

I am seventy-six years old March 5th. but sometimes say that I am seventysix years young, for God does bless me so much. I received the gift of the Holy Ghost the 18th day of February nine years ago and these have been the most blessed and happy years of my life. I am the only one here that has the baptism, but we have lived it and talked it and given out the Pentecostal papers until others are getting hungry for it. and we have started cottage meetings and expect to have a Pentecostal mission here. He just floods my soul with glory and praise when I talk, think or write about Him. I love Him with all my heart .- M. W. C., South Haven, Michigan.

REFRESHING TIMES AT OVERTON, TEXAS.

I want to praise God for the victory at this place. The Assembly is going on with God. The saints have been stirred and broken up through the Word given in Rev. 3rd chapter, and have been feeling the need of a revival of love in our hearts. On a recent Sunday evening the heavens were opened and we received a great refreshing from the presence of the Lord. The power of God fell upon us throughout the service, with a glorious praise meeting. I feel victory ahead. Pray with us that this may really be a life saving station.—T. P. Thompson, Pastor.

ESKDALE, WEST VA.

The Word has just begun to go forth in Eskdale and His promise has been given to eight precious souls. There are many hungry seekers and we request the prayers of all the saints. We are young in this cause and want to walk in all the light of God and retain the fellowship of our Lord and the brethren as well.—John H. Stroud, Eskdale, W. Va.

CLEBURNE, TEXAS.

Several have been saved in the last few weeks. The enemy is raging, but our God is more than a match for him. Hallelujah! Bro. U. M. Dobbs, of Erick, Okla., was with us for two weeks and the interest was fine. The devil fought and men opposed but God got the glory. The work here and in Alvarado is in better condition than for quite a while. We are not going as fast as some places, but have a steady pace Zionward, and as we go souls are being born into the family of God. I am glad this is no child's play and we have found it out. Many hungry people are coming to our services and God is meeting them with wonderful truth and many are receiving it. We ask the prayers of the saints everywhere that God may set His seal on many of them ere long. Pray much for us. We invite the saints to visit us and help us. We are located at 501 East Willingham St.-Lonnie Whitworth, Pastor.

GOD'S HEALING POWER.

I send a statement of how the dear Lord has healed me. Praise His name. My ankles became swollen and some said it was blood poison. I was trusting God for healing, but there was no one to pray for me here so I started out to find some one. I drove about 65 miles and found Bro. A. C. Croley running a revival meeting at Opine, Alabama. I got there on Monday night. Before I had time to ask for prayer the power fell. Four fell under the power like dead. The power struck me and I was healed. I walked about 15 miles the next morning and I am still well. Praise God .- G. M. Mastin, Patsburg, Alabama.

NOTE OF PRAISE.

I have often longed to tell my experience to the world that they might learn that there are deeper things of God than just moral or temporal. There is a sweetness, a blessedness, a glorious spirit deep down in the Christian heart that the world cannot have. Glory to His name. I long to be out in His service. I try to be content to keep house. but there is a higher calling for me. I want to go, and do His precious will. Since He has called me out I have wept and cried and prayed and have told Jesus I was not fit to go, but His call keeps coming to me, and His blessings call upon me as I am even thinking over these things. Then the Lord gave me the forty-fifth Psalm and He was speaking to me from those words. I want to go wherever He wants me to go. Please pray for me that the way will be opened up for me to go where He wants me to go.-Mrs. Lula Wilson.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER.

Pray for the healing of the daughter of one of the saints at St. Marys, Kansas.

Pray for two sisters in St. Marys, Kansas, that they may be saved.

We desire prayer for our two children who cannot see.—W. M. J. and wife, Slocomb, Ala

Pray for a brother in Oak Forest, Ill., who is paralyzed in the left side and suffers from a roaring in the head. He believes God can heal in answer to prayer.

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I sincerely request special prayer to be made of all the saints for the healing of a brother in Mt. Hope, West Va., who is given up by skilled physicians. Pray that God will save souls in this place and baptize with the Holy Ghost.—J. H. S., Mt. Hope, W. Va.

CODELL, KANSAS.

In the meeting at Codell, Kansas, four received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and spoke in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance, and several are seeking the baptism. The people are coming twenty-seven miles to meeting and are hungry to hear the Word. Pray for us.—Arthur S. Adams.

FT. PIERCE, FLORIDA.

Bro. C. W. Smith writes from Ft. Pierce as follows: "We can praise God for a good meeting here. All told, up to date, five have claimed salvation and three received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Three were baptized in Indian River. Two are seeking the baptism and we are looking for great things in this place. God has healed several in our meetings and the signs are following in the work here. We will work for the Lord until He says quit. Pray much for us."—C. W. Smith, Pastor in Charge.

JACKSBORO, TEXAS.

We are praising God for His goodness to us. The work is getting along nicely. The saints are all encouraged; also at Squaw Mountain it is moving on nicely. God is blessing. The Assembly has been set in order at that place. Bro. Fred Eiting helped me in the meeting here. Also the Assembly at Truce, Texas, is greatly encouraged. One more has received the Holy Ghost. We are expecting great blessing in our coming Camp-meeting. — Pastor Oscar Jones.

Yours for the success of the best paper that I have ever had on Bible doctrine.—A. C., Wimberly, Tex.

FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA.

I came to Lockwood from the Council and held three weeks meeting. The Lord led me from there to St. Joseph, Mo. The Lord blessed us while we were there and several hungry ones were seeking baptism, but the crowds were small. They are in need of a good Pentecostal man at St. Joseph. I am now at Falls City. The Lord has opened a hall and the interest is increasing. Good crowds Sunday night, with good interest. Brother Feick, who has lately been with Sister Etter is (temporarily at least) with me. In speaking about our preaching, it seems to have the greatest effect on the people when preaching on Matt. 24th chapter, namely, on "the signs of the times."-H. C. Gaskill, Falls City, Neb.

LANDING, MISS.

I am giving God the praise for sending the true Gospel here and sparing me long enough to accept it. I attended a meeting here in July and was baptized with the Holy Ghost and also in water. There is a small band of about twentyfive here. God has some dear children here. The enemy is seeking to scatter the flock. Pray that we may hold true until Jesus comes. We have no leader, but our Lord is with us and we are fighting for Him who never lost a battle. We have prayer-meetings twice a week and God is with us to own and to bless. There have been precious healings done here. Pray that God will send us a minister .- T. C. Anderson.

A LITTLE TESTIMONY.

I have much to praise God for. A short time ago I was called, with another brother, to hold some meetings about 120 miles from Duluth, Minn. For several days previous to the time for us to leave, I had been troubled with my teeth and thought I would have to go to see the dentist, but I had not the money to go, so I asked "Father" about it, and He gave me the promise that He would care for me. The more I trusted the more I suffered, until I could scarcely eat or drink. The time came for us to leave and I was no better, but I had the assurance that God was with me, so I started out trusting myself to His care, and before I got to my destination I was perfectly well. I shall never cease to praise Him. Glory to His name. -John Morcom, Duluth, Minnesota.

ECHO FROM CHAFFEE, MO.

Following the Council held in Chaffee, Bro. and Sister Childers continued with the saints and God blessed in the meetings. About eight received the baptism of the Spirit and about the same number were converted. There are many hungry hearts. Pray for the work.—M. V. Ferguson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For the convenience of the brethren who desire to make special announcement through these columns, we will accept **Want Ads** at the rate of one cent per word, with a minimum charge of 5 cts. for each insertion.

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ETTER MEETING POSTPONED.

Meeting will not be held as announced.
On account of the indisposition of Sister Etter, who has just completed many months of continuous meetings in many parts of the country, the meeting in St. Louis, Mo., will be postponed until further notice. It is not known at this time just where the meeting will be held. Announcement later.—August Feick, Sec.

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READY FOR MEETINGS.

We are open for meetings, such as conventions, old time revivals, camp meetings, etc. We are ministers of the Assemblies of God, ordained at Findlay, Ohio.—Moreland and Sego, 99 Highland St., Cumberland, Md.

NEED A PASTOR.

God is leading me out for evangelistic work and we need a pastor to take my place and look after the flock. Congregation is from thirty to forty and God is still adding to the church. The man who comes to Lethbridge will have to come with the full gospel, strong in faith, and humbly trusting the Lord for support. Address Charles Simmonett, Pastor, 1334 18th St. N., Lethbridge, Alta, Canada.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Scarbbor, who are now located at Hubbell, Nebraska, would like to correspond with any needy fields anywhere between the northern and southern lines of Kansas on a line with Belleville, Kansas and Newkirk, Okla., as they expect to pass that way en route to Newkirk, Okla. Any communication can be sent to General Delivery, Hubbell, Neb., and will be promptly answered.—Evang. J. D. Scarbor.

I do enjoy reading the Evangel so much. I keep all of my papers and love to read them again and again, for they are food for my soul. No matter how old the paper is in number, it is as refreshing as the sun on a clear spring morning.—Mrs. H. C. R., Camden, Ark.

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