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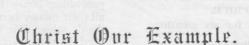
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He is our example in love (John 13:34.)

In Humility (Phil. 2:5-8.)

In self-denial

(Rom. 15:2.)

In suffering wrongfully (1 Pet. 2:21.)

In serving earh other (John 13:15.)

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"Iesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever".

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LITTLE TALKS WITH THE OFFICE EDITOR

FOR THE PAST FEW WEEKS we have been letting the Evangel Family in on some family secrets, and we are sure

that everyone of you who have been reading the Little Talks with the Office Editor, are deeply interested in the wonderful working of God with the publishing house. It has been impossible for us to open our hearts much while passing through the deep tests of the past. Many of you have known that there were tests, but the Lord kept us silent as to the details, and now that the crisis has largely passed, we feel more free to unburden our hearts and tell of the dangers which have been passed through.

The Weekly Evangel has been steadily growing in circulation and in blessing. Its influence is reaching unto the uttermost parts of the earth. Its current bills have all been paid to date, and its credit is very good. There is now only one thing standing in the way of definite progress, and that is the amount of money loaned to the publishing house in January of 1915, which was the foundation stone on which the publishing house was built. These brethren have now been without their money for over a year and a half, and this must be entirely paid off before the publishing house can take the next forward step. The brethren have been very patient, and, had the publishing house failed, would have been resigned had all their money been lost, counting it all joy for the kingdom's sake. But the house did not fail, and they now need their money.

Ever since the publishing house was established, those who have worked in affiliation with it and for it, have sacrificed much for the work's sake. None of us have expected as much as we might have earned elsewhere, but have taken out only about enough to cover our actual expenses and left all profits on our labor in the concern. This has been true from the beginning and is still the policy followed. The work has been unusually hard and trying on account of doing with less help than was really needed, that resources might be conserved and the work established. This has all been done through love of the cause, and in faith that the publishing house might be established for the glory of God. And now besides the continued sacrifice of the Evangel office force there remains just one thing more—the entire wiping away of the last obligation of \$1,800.00 loaned in the beginning to purchase and install certain machinery which was necessary to print the Evangel which goes into your home every week. When this is entirely wiped away(which we trust will be before October 1st through your prayers and co-operation), then the door will be open for the greatest forward move along the lines of publishing literature for the Pentecostal Movement which the movement has ever known.

This forward move embraces a number of things. First, the publishing of Pentecostal Sunday School literature—quarterlies, lesson leaflets, cards, etc. There is a great need for this class of work in the movement just now, and this is occupying a large place in our outlook for the future, as soon as the way is open for it. Second, the publishing of papers for the children and young peo-There is no class of work more neglected at the present time than work among the children and young people. This is part of the vision-may God hasten the day when it can be taken up successfully. Third, the publishing of Pentecostal books by Pentecostal authors. There is a great scarcity of books of this character. There is an unlimited field before us. As soon as all our obligations are met and God grants a little capital for investment in materials, the publishing of good books can be taken up.

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Editorial

ENDURANCE.

As we look upon this word, we realize its significence as applied to our life and remember that the Scripture says, "He that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved." What we do is not the basis of our salvation; but there is a continuance in the things which pertain to our salvation that is very necessary. It is not simply the idea of bearing hard things, but more especially the thought of proving true under testings. Of continuing in well doing. Of faithfulness in matters of duty. Of obedience to commandments. Of diligence in the affairs of the kingdom. There is a definite earnestness, that is very much needed in all our lives, to furnish the motive for endurance. The man or woman who is not in dead earnest concerning the things that pertain to his or her experience, who is not wholly alive to the possibility of failure, and who does not fear lest he fall short of what he may be for God, is not going to appreciate the worth of this word as applied to his life, and is not likely to be an overcomer. Many things which try us to the breaking point are sure to come. If we are indifferent and careless rather than earnest and careful, we will find ourselves overcome instead of overcoming.

A FIXED PURPOSE,-

a purpose that involves the whole will as well as the desire of the heart, is essential as a true beginning. We must have such a purpose. We must strongly intend to live all our life in accord with that purpose. Such purpose must agree with God's purpose for us. Having such purpose and having God's approval and co-operation, we can depend upon divine help to endure—even to the end. The way we look at things is important. Doubtless the very best way to look, is to do as Moses did, and not look so much at things at all, but look to the pattern, who is Jesus. Moses "endured as seeing Him who is invisible." If we would endure, we may well keep our eyes on Him.

Looking to Him we shall be able to "endure hardness" as good soldiers of his (2 Tim. 2:3), for we shall see him as our great Captain, leading on to victory. There is much of "hardness" in the life of a true soldier of Jesus Christ. The battle wages fiercely many times and the struggles against the enemy are often bitter, and unless we have the inspiration of Christ's example, we are more than likely to fail somewhere. The example of perfect obedience and utter faithfulness is to be seen; but we are responsible for keeping that example ever before us. We must do the looking. There are two points of advantage in looking to Him. One

is the inspiration we get to be as He was and to come off conquerors as He did, and the other is the advantage of losing sight of the enemy. To have the enemy occupy our vision is to behold his power and see his work till we become fearful and weak. When Jesus occupies the vision, we are made strong by the vision and press the battle for His sake and in His name.

Looking to Him, we shall be able to "endure afflictions" (2 Tim. 4:5), for we shall see Him as our healer, the great physician, who, having endured the breaking of His body on the cross, has earned for us redemption from the curse, the source of our afflictions in the body.

Looking to Him, we shall be able to "endure chastening" (Heb. 12:7), for we shall see His hand of love in the corrections and learn to appreciate the experiences as they come, knowing our need of them and the profit there is in them for us. Our Father is not only a tender, loving father, but He is a wise and practical parent, who knows what we most need and when and how to chasten us for our profit. We need great confidence in Him to pass cheerfully under the correcting rod and praise Him for the scourgings that He brings.

Looking to Him, we shall be able to "endure persecutions" (Heb. 12: 2, 3), for we shall see that He suffered a like "contradiction of sinners against himself," and we shall be able to endure, walking in His steps. One of the hard things for us is this persecution that comes as the result of our living "Godly in Christ Jesus." It has its profitable side, however, as it helps wonderfully in keeping the line of division between us and the world, plainly drawn. It represents the world's rejection of Christ and we are included in their scorn and abuse of our Lord. If we look to Him and catch the inspiration of His example, we shall rejoice that we are counted worthy to suffer for His name. If we lose the vision of His example we shall suffer and be defeated.

Looking to Him, we shall be able to "endure grief," for here we see Him before us. He was a man of grief. He endured, suffering wrongfully, and left us an example that we should follow in His steps. (1 Pet. 2:21.) Sorrows and grief bear the wholesome fruit of tenderness, and make us better fitted to comfort others who suffer. Grief always crushes our natural reserve and opens our hearts for divine sympathy and condolence.

Looking to Him, we shall be able to "endure temptations," (Jas. 1:12) for we may see him in the fire with us as the Hebrew children did; and knowing He has been tempted in all points like as we are, we may endure, knowing that he is able to succor all them that are tempted.

"He that endureth unto the end, the same shall be saved."

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 XIV.—God Leads to Perfect Victory and Rest.

The Lord has laid it upon my heart to write an account of His dealings with me and the way in which He led me to the light of the baptism in the Holy Ghost, and the rest it brought.

In the fall of 1905 I was converted in a Methodist Church in Granite City, Ill. My husband and I were both saved at the same time, and the Lord wonderfully dealt with me along the line of giving up all and wholly following Him. At that time I had a definite call to the foreign field.

At the time of my conversion I was afflicted in body until I was almost an invalid. Had been in this condition ever since I was a child. Had tried all kinds of doctors and medicines, without help, and indeed grew steadily worse until I was nineteen. My parents were very worldly people and I mingled very little with Christian people up to the time I was saved and had never heard any one teach or testify to divine healing. However, after I was saved, I asked the Lord to heal me. He did so and made it plain that He had healed me to go as a missionary. I testified to my healing in the church and the people who knew me knew that I was actually healed. This led others into the light and they were healed.

Step by step God led and I saw a deeper experience than was taught in my church. We presently left and joined the Missionary Baptists but found that they did not believe in the giving up of all to follow Jesus. I cried and prayed to God to lead to a people that did believe and teach His word. Three years had passed since I was saved and I was getting so hungry for the Lord. The hunger increased until I went from church to church hunting God's presence, but found no one who could tell me of a deeper life in Him.

One day a tent-meeting was started near our house. We did not know what kind of people they were, but I went. I heard all manner of evil spoken against them and my friends warned me not to have anything to do with them. However, they taught a clean life and divine healing. So I went to their meetings. They were Holiness people. They taught the experience of sanctification by faith as a second work of grace. I could not understand it, but my soul was hungry. So I sought this experience. As I consecrated myself to God and sought Him he wonderfully blessed me and I claimed to have the second work. After these people went away, husband and I started a Holiness Mission and quite a number came from the churches and worshipped with us. We preached that they must receive the experience of sanctification by a second work of grace and we had some blessed meetings and many found Jesus as their Saviour.

But one day while praying in my home in preparation

for the meeting that night, God spoke to me about our teaching concerning the second work of grace and forbade my preaching it further. About this time, or a little before, some Pentecostal people started a mission in the I could not understand the speaking in other tongues and the shaking under the power of God, but some wonderful things happened in that little mission. People were healed in a wonderful way. About this time I was stricken with an attack of appendicitis and was given up to die unless there was an immediate operation. I prayed to know God's will and He instructed me to have these people come and pray for me. The others who believed in divine healing had prayed but with no success. We sent for them and one brother came about six o'clock in the evening. I was healed and at once got up and dressed and ate supper. Went to the prayer-meeting that night and told the people what the Lord had done for me. I am well to-day. After this experience I went on in fellowship with the Holiness people until 1913.

I went over one time to the Holiness Camp-meeting in Indiana. At every Camp-meeting and Convention we all had to get sanctified over again. At this Camp-meeting preachers and all were going to the altar and seeking to be sanctified again, but this time I did not go. Some said to me "Do you feel all right under such sermons as we have here?" (Some new preacher was always coming along who would preach us all to the altar, but this became old to me). I said "I feel my need of the altar but will not go there." I felt I must know more about the matter. Why could we not get settled down to the place where we would not have to go to the altar every time some new preacher came along? I went to my tent and prayed mightily unto the Lord about this. While talking to a brother who, as I believe, had the Holy Ghost, he said to me, "Sister, if you are called as a missionary you need the Holy Ghost." That went to my heart and I came home from the Camp-meeting seeking God to find my whereabouts.

About two months later the Lord took me to Los Angeles, California. There in Victoria Hall Mission, where Brother Fisher is pastor, I met dear Sister Hagg, who took this light to Ft. Worth, Texas, a good while ago. She helped me so much to see the light and for three months I sought the Lord for the baptism in the Holy Ghost

God emptied me of everything. My doctrines went, my preaching and everything—all went. Then God filled me with the sweet Holy Ghost. Glory to His name! He spoke through me in other tongues and sang through me songs of His praise. The rivers of living water flowed through my soul. Then the Lord made plain to me what I had never known before, viz: the field in which I should serve as a missionary. Never since that time has anyone been able to preach me to the altar, but I have had peace like a river flowing through my soul and I "know of the doctrine." Hallelujah!

Mrs. Mattie Crawford.

DWELLING IN STILLNESS.

God loves patience! Souls that dwell in stillness,
Doing life's little things, or resting quite;
May just as perfectly fulfill their mission,
Be just as pleasing in the Master's sight,
As they who grapple with some giant evil,
Doing great things that all around may see.
Our Saviour cares for cheerful acquiescence,
Rather than for a busy ministry.

—Selected.

THE LAST GREAT SPIRITUAL CONFICT.

A Vision.

Evangelist Fred Eiting sends us the account of a vision which he had some time ago, as follows:

"I was in deep earnest prayer and had been searching the Word of God and the coming of the Lord was made very real to me. I was made to see that we are in the last days and that perilous times are upon us, and that 'because iniquity shall abound the love of many shall wax cold.' A holy longing and determination filled my heart that I might not fail the Master, but be true to Jesus at all cost. One night the Spirit of the Lord was heavily upon me and during prayer the following vision was given to me:—

I saw myself with a vast army, mounted upon large white horses. We followed a captain who was also mounted upon a very beautiful white horse. My attention was first drawn to our apparel. All were clothed with white robes. "What can this mean?" I thought. Immediately I saw all were warriors and had on full armor underneath their white robes. I could see their swords and shields. We were riding through a desert country but all seemed to be filled with joy to be counted worthy to follow so great a leader. All were in perfect harmony. We felt so secure and peaceful and courageous as we followed in close line. Every man knew his orders. but the principal command seemed to be to follow our captain and to keep our whole attention upon Him. Presently in the distance I saw a great army of horsemen coming toward us, and as they drew nearer I observed that instead of being clothed in white robes they were clothed in black and were riding black horses. They were coming toward us at full speed. Their faces were very fierce and they presented a frightful aspect, but I observed they had no armor on and carried no shields, as did our army. Their only weapon was a long spear.

All realized that a battle was imminent and felt it was a decisive and final one. We looked at each other and I could see some in our ranks turn pale. Others were so frightened they seemed ready to turn back. Suddenly our great captain looked back and as we looked into His glorious face all fear left us and strength and courage came in its place. His very countenance seemed to express His will and desire for us. We were filled with the consciousness that our mighty leader was facing the foe and that the brunt of the battle was against Him. The thought that the enemy must first overcome Him gave us great courage.

The two vast hosts met and it seemed at first we would be trampled under their feet. But just here a wonderful thing happened. Our leader pierced the ranks of the enemy and we were led victoriously through the center of that great dark host. The enemy was dismayed, frightened, utterly confounded at their being suddenly repulsed and at the bold victory of our Captain. Realizing their utter defeat they turned and rode alongside of our army seeking to overcome us in a different manner. Our soldiers, seeming to understand the change in their tactics, refused to make friends with them, fought with their swords and defeated the enemy on every hand, as they were without shield and were exposed to our attacks. After a time the conflict seemed to turn into a battle of words and strife. Again and again I heard the black riders say, "If you will not follow us or become one with us, please don't fight us. We want to make friends with But I noticed many of our soldiers refusing to make friends with them and continuing to wield their swords with great courage and indignation, cutting right and left into the ranks of the enemy. Others left off fighting and listened to their cunning and deceptive

speech. I could see these begin to weaken and lose courage. The arm that had wielded the sword against the enemy became powerless and their shields became heavy and began to lower, their swords finally falling to the ground, and, in this condition, I saw the awful attack of the enemy upon them as they pierced them as with a dart and they would fall helpless from their horses. Often we would surround a helpless brother and try to assist him to mount again and join the ranks and some were able to gather courage and take their places again, while others were so weak and sickened they fainted by the way never to rise again.

Our time was limited. We could not tarry long in assisting the fallen, for our great Commander's orders were to move forward and keep our eyes upon Him. However, as a fallen brother would rise and again take his place there was real rejoicing. We seemed now to understand the plan of the enemy better and with a greater determination gave no place for him in our ranks, but seemed to feel we were each other's keepers and were bound together by cords of love, perfectly confident that our great Captain was able to take us through more than conquerors. "Behold I have given him for a commander to the people." Isa, 55:4. See Rev. 19:11 to 20.

"In conclusion, strengthen yourselves in the Lord and in the power which His supreme might imparts. Put on the complete armor of God, so as to be able to stand firm against all the strategems of the devil. For ours is not a conflict with mere flesh and blood but with despotisms, the empires, the forces that control and govern this dark world—the spiritual hosts of evil arrayed against us in the heavenly warfare."—Weymouth.

ASHAMED TO BE FOUND IN A BALLROOM.

Sir Robert Anderson (who was one of the speakers at the Prophetical Society Conference on May 24), before he was converted, frequented the ballroom. After he was converted he thought he could still be a Christian and attend the dance, imagining that as a Christian he could use his influence for Christ in the ballroom. So he made the experiment. During the interval between the dances, he asked the young lady with whom he was waltzing, about her soul. At once she left him, and went and told the others to come and see the funny man. Then, before the others, the young lady said, "Mr. Anderson, this is no place to talk religion." Sir Robert left the ballroom never to return, for he proved that no man can successfully serve two masters. No true Christian would like to be found in a ballroom at Christ's coming; rather would we "abide in Him, that when He shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before Him at His coming." (1 John 2:28.)—The Prophetic News.

READY FOR THE MASTER'S UP-CALL.

A little child was playing with her mother, and they were talking about heaven. The mother had been telling of the joy and glories of that happy world—the beauty of the angels, the golden streets and pearly gates, and the joyful songs "There is no sickness in those bright realms, no pain, no death, no sorrow, no sighing, no tears, no sin; for all will be good and happy." "Oh, dear mother!" exclaimed the little child, in her amazement and delight, "let us all go now." "We must wait a little." said the mother, "wait until God shall send for us." "Well, dear mother," responded the child, in a tone of disappointment, "if we can't start now, at any rate let us pack up and be ready." There is a whole sermon in that one sentence: "Let us pack up and be ready." Is your house in order, and all your affairs so arranged that you are ready and waiting for the Master's up-call?

—Selected.

WATCHMAN, WHAT OF THE NIGHT?

Florence L. Burpee.

That the world is at an important crisis is believed by the majority of thinking people today. Each has his opinion of what this may be. The prohibitionists believe it is to come through their party; that liquor, one of the greatest curses in the country, will soon be voted out and that it will not even be made. They show the great progress made in this line within even the past few years.

Socialism is sounding her trumpet trying to awaken the people to what can be done if the country will vote her ticket. She holds out equal rights to all, putting down the mighty men in the country who possess large capital, while millions of poor are living on starvation wages. She, through her plan, offers peace instead of war, and plenty to take the place of want.

The other political parties are also seeking, through various methods, ways to rule our government and bring prosperous times to the people.

All Europe is practically at war with each other, determining to settle, by the implements of war, difficulties they could not or would not settle any other way.

Where we, as a Christian nation, had at one time only two political parties, now we have several. Where the world at one time had just a few sects, now there are many hundreds. Truly it is almost impossible these days to find two people who agree exactly on all points of doctrine. Even Roman Catholicism that at one time was in mighty power, has, through the influence of the pulpit and press, lost its influence with many to a great extent. Yet, after all that has been done toward the right, we can but acknowledge more evil exists to-day, perhaps, than was ever known. While many states have closed saloons, blind tigers are plentiful. Liquor is manufactured on the sly even in country and mountainous districts, and of such poor quality as to cause great harm to those who use it.

Our brothels and dens of vice are over loaded, no attempt being made in most places to stop them. Mrs. Ballington Booth estimated, on the basis of abundant information, that there were in this country 230,000 professional prostitutes, spreading their degrading and polluting diseases to men, and ruined girls, more than 50,000 deaths each year.

In the city of New Orleans, just off from Canal, the principal street, our young men and women have only to turn the corner from the large depot to walk into these dens of vice. The houses are boldly marked with the professional names of the occupants or prostitutes who dwell there. No attempt practically is made to rescue or punish them, the mayor declaring he can do nothing.

"Divorces in the United States have increased three times as fast as the population—on an average of 250 per day or 70,000 a year." We, as a nation, have sent the Gospel to foreign lands. Yet, at "every breath we draw four souls perish, never having heard of Christ."

"Christians are giving at the rate of one-tenth of a cent a day." "We give one cent a year for each heathen soul." We, as a nation, have sent the Gospel to foreign lands, our missionaries have gone out and, praise God, thousands of souls have been saved. But the prohibition people claim, as a whole, we have done the heathen more harm than good. Our soldiers have gone there teaching the natives prostitution—their women were pure before civilized America stepped in. We, as a nation, first carried them liquor and tobacco, teaching them to be drunkards also. We, peaceful America, land of liberty and prosperity, are furnishing weapons of war to keep Europe fighting, and we stand ready with open neutral arms

to send all the guns and ammunition we can manufacture to any heathen country who will send us enough money in exchange. In the meantime we will pray for their peace and safety, for we as a nation are not so good after all. We want money irrespective of the souls of our less fortunate brothers.

Our labor unions are strong throughout the land, and capital still holds her power—her trusts still exist, and will while there are thousands of millionaires in the country. Our wives, sisters and daughters can not safely walk the streets in the large towns and cities today unprotected, as all kinds of devices are used to lead them on to ruin—men and women of the vilest characters are liable to assail them, some of them even clothed in religious garbs. The electric needle, that renders its victims unconscious in a few moments, is but one of the many traps they are likely to come across.

While tract and Bible societies are publishing and sending out more books and literature than ever, in how many so-called Christian families do we see the Bible read? It is a sad fact that only a few read their Bibles, excepting, perhaps, upon the Sabbath. The family altar is practically a thing of the past, and in only a few homes is God's blessing asked upon the daily food. Looking into our modern churches we find lack of the old time piety among its members. At one time a church was a place of worship and sound doctrine was preached; now, suppers, fairs and festivals are used as a means of attracting the people. While Satan is busy and, in many places, theatres and moving picture shows are plentiful, some churches close their doors entirely through the summer months, and others find it hard to run them as the god of pleasure reigns everywhere.

At a meeting where one hundred and fifty ministers were present, a vote was taken as to how many spend one-half an hour a day in prayer. Only a very few responded More responded that they spent fifteen minutes, and a still larger number ten. Where are our praying Daniels today? Surely not among our modern church members.

Poverty is rapidly increasing through the land. 1 suppose millions of people, taking the world as a whole, are starving, while there are millions more who find it a struggle to get proper food and clothing.

Our Pentecostal people are sounding the trumpet to a dying world, and, although divided in points of doctrine, (there are said to be 40 or more divisions, where only a few years ago we were all one) however, on one point we all agree, and the most spiritual people of other beliefs also, that our Lord's coming is near at hand, even at the door. Man has tried through thousands of years to bring about peace and prosperity, and has sadly failed. Soon Christ will come to set up an everlasting kingdom.

Bible students differ as to what is just before us. Terrible calamities have been predicted to take place within a few months. Others believe this country will soon be engaged in war with Europe and that she will conquer. The time of the catching away of the bride no one has yet been able to determine. Personally I am looking for Him at any hour. He has commanded us to watch, and we have no excuse that that day should come upon us unawares, for we are children of the light. We are told in spite of all ominous signs in the heavens and earth to lift up our heads and rejoice for "our redemption draweth nigh."

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FROM WHENCE THOU ART FALLEN.

TO THOSE WHO HAVE LEFT THEIR FIRST LOVE.

Unto the Assemblies of God who have lost their first Love: Grace unto you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We thank God always for you, brethren, because your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations which you endure worketh to the glory of God. A manifest token of the righteous judgment of God is, you have a good opportunity to be counted worthy of the kingdom of God. It is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; and to you who are troubled rest with us, for the Lord Jesus will soon be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels to be glorified in us and be admired in all them that believe, wherefore we pray always for you that God would count you worthy of this calling and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness, and the work of faith and power; that the name of our Lord may be glorified in you, and ye in

He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. "I know thy works, and labors, and thy patience, nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first LOVE!" You remember in the days of thy youth how that God granted His promise unto you, that is the Holy Ghost; what great love, behold what zeal, yea what vehement desire it worked within you, for those that were lost! Yea, and for those that had not the Holy Ghost in abundance. How that when you met together you let not the opinion of persons slacken your submission unto the Spirit, but He had His perfect way. O, what blessed messages and interpretations, what edifying prophesying, what humbleness, yieldedness, simplicity, and childlike faith and prayers, and with such God was well pleased, for He poured out His Spirit and blessings that, even until now, is far incomprehensible.

You remember how you used to pray for hours for the unsaved to come to God, and how He answered the real travail of the soul. And, when at the altar, you would pray through the Spirit for hours for them to receive the Holy Ghost. Behold what zeal and vehement desire! Now you pray but very little for the lost, become weary at the altar, do not spend nearly as much time in prayer; your faith is weakening, the work is going down; very few, if any, weeping their way through to God, and none receiving their baptism. What is the matter? You have lost your FIRST LOVE! For this I have somewhat against you.

And in the days of your youth remember how you reared your children who are now moulding themselves into men and women by the teaching that they are receiving. They used to be in Sunday-school every Sunday, having the same teacher, learning rapidly of the Word of God that will never leave them; however, now having greater light to be taught in, they do not receive the more teaching, and many times, not as much. How many times have you taken your boys and girls to Sunday-school this Winter and Spring? Where they can be taught the life of their dear souls. If these Sunday-schools are not in reach, why not make one? For this I have somewhat against thee. He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches! Yea, thou rememberest how thou gavest attention unto the children's meetings and God set His seal upon it, granting salvation unto many and pouring out His Holy Ghost upon them, causing them to magnify God, turning the

worst skeptic and infidel unto God. Is this continuing? Is this so with older people of your Assembly? Who has been saved? Who has received the baptism? Who has been confounded because of the power of God? Is this your condition, father? mother? brother? sister? For the absence of this I have somewhat against thee! O! Continue in thy first LOVE!

Remember, therefore, how thou hast received and heard; and hold fast and repent. Be watchful and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember, therefore, from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do thy first works; or else I will come quickly, and will remove thy candelstick out of his place, except thou repent.

If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in faith and good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.

Yours in Christian fellowship, S. H. Patterson.

God will show Himself in signs, wonders and miracles that will shake unbelief as it has not been shaken in ages.

If God performed the miracles recorded in the Bible, He can reproduce them again if the need arise, and the need has come.

Unbelief has the pulpit under indictment, and she dares not speak out, for fear of the grand jury of public opinion, who loves the world and hates the truth as revealed in Christ.

Give yourself to prayer, that our God, long dishonored, may have His place among us.

A Word to Beginners.

Listen young convert, when you pick up your Bible to read, bear these seven points in mind:
Who wrote this Book?

Who wrote this Book?
To whom did He write it?
Where did He write it?
What was the occasion of His writing?
What was the purpose for which He wrote?
What are the leading ideas of the Book?
What is the central truth of the Book?

Sow a thought and reap an action. Sow an action and reap a deed. Sow a deed and reap a habit. Sow a habit and reap a character. Sow a character and reap a destiny. Watch how you think.

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"FOR THE LORD HATH A CONTRO-VERSY WITH THE NATIONS.—JER. 25:31.

R. B. Swan.

One is led to ask what is the dispute or debate about, as mentioned in this chapter, and that involves all nations? It is explained in verse six as being "idolatry."

It is a matter of history that God had a controversy with ancient Babylon for their iniquity as well as their endeavor to make Israel bow down to other gods during their captivity; and the controversy ended with their punishment and overthrow (Jer. 25:12, 13) and this was to continue for all time with all nations who follow this idolatrous worship.

There is not a country in the world but what is given to idolatry in some form more or less; and we believe this chapter is a prophecy concerning the nations near the close of the Gospel dispensation. Many nations are mentioned, beginning with Jerusalem and stating that "Sheshack shall drink after them."

Sheshack was an ancient king of Babylon, who was deified after his death, hence the Sheshack of this prophecy evidently refers to mystic Babylon of modern times; she has many saints who are deified; she is spoken of in Rev. 14:8, and it is because of this that God has a controversy with, not only papal Babylon, but all nations who worship other gods, for there are gods many at the present time.

The point of God's dispute is given in verse six: "Andgo not after other gods to serve them, and provoke me to anger." The God of heaven and earth expects and demands that all peoples should "worship Him in Spirit and in truth" and He is not satisfied with anything short of that, and why not? for He is the Creator of all. The apostle Paul makes this very clear in his sermon at Athens: "I found an altar with this inscription, 'to the unknown god,' whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. God that made the world and all—things therein, seeing that He is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, seeing He giveth to all life, and breath, and all things." Acts 17:23.

The conditions that existed in Athens in Paul's day, now exist in all countries, and although America makes claims of being a Christian country, yet the virgin Mary is worshipped in thousands of churches, the prayer beads are counted and the sins of many people are confessed to, and pardoned by men. All the nations of the old world are doing this. And not only so, but we now have what is called the "heathen invasion of idolatry." We now cite the reader to an article published in the Hampton Columbian Magazine some time since, from which we make extracts.

"Yoga," that eastern philosophy, the emblem of which is the coiled serpent, is being widely disseminated here. And before a charm that seemingly they cannot resist, thousands of converts are yielding to the temptation to embrace its teachings of strange mysteries.

Literally "yoga" means the "path" that leads to wisdom. Actually it is proving the way to domestic infelicity and insanity and death.

Today the tinkling temple bells ring out with a derisive, jarring note in a Christian land. Seattle has its Buddhist temple; San Francisco had its Hindu temple; Los Angeles has its Krishna temple.

The Vedanta of New York has laid at West Cornwall, Conn., the corner stone of a greater temple than these. It is marked as are stones and trees set apart for worship in India, with red paint, the sacred vermillion.

And graved deep in New England granite is set the most holy word of the Vedantist-Om.

Chicago, Ill., Lowell, Mass., have their Zoroastrian temples to the sun; at Chicago also the Bahais, a modern Mohammedan cult, are building their great Mashrakel-Azkar to represent their sect in the West. Branch societies with Swamis in charge are maintained in Boston, Pittsburgh, Washington, Denver, St. Louis, San Francisco and Los Angeles, to say nothing of the circles in many towns. At least fourteen thousand Americans are joining with them in the worship of the Lord God Mazda and the daily adoration of the sun.

It would appear as though the time had come when God sees that "Ephraim is joined to his idols; let him alone." The anti-type of the golden calf is being repeated today. In the case of Israel, they left the living and true God and worshipped a calf made by hands; God's anger was kindled and to save them from being consumed, Moses burned it and ground it to powder and threw the powder upon the water and made the people drink of it.

And now because of idolatry in many forms among all nations, God is angry. He is having a controversy with the nations; they are being ground to powder until they become "like the chaff of the summer threshing floors," by the "stone cut out of the mountain without hands," and they are now being made to drink of it; the winds of war will blow them away, that no place be found for them, and the stone kingdom will become a great mountain and fill the whole earth; soon will be heard "great voices in heaven" (church) saying "the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever." —Word and Work.

The servant of God who has the spirit of prayer has power with God and man. Men who pray are the men who stir things. The man of prayer gets his sermons down instead of up, and red hot sermons will soon warm and fill a cold church. Preaching which brings results is preaching that is born of prayer. Preaching which is saturated with prayer will hit the mark. Men of the past, who have moved things for God, whose memories are fresh, and have left their mark in Christendom, were all men of prayer. After all, it is prayer that makes the preacher. Prayer will do what money, culture, learning, genius or college cannot—Selected.

"Like priests, like people." The need of the hour is prayer, intelligent, definite, persistent prayer, that will bring results. Prayer which will constrain the divine Hand to our aid. Every child of God who has spiritual vision can see the necessity. Oh, for ministers who will put God's people to praying. Oh, for leaders to teach the saints how to pray. Oh, for servants of God who can wrestle in the closet. A revival will only come as a result of persistent prayer. Praying preachers will have praying saints. Praying leaders will have praying followers. Praying pulpits will have praying pews.—Selected.

Man in the Garden walked by sight, but after the expulsion had to walk by faith, hence the necessity of prayer as the means of communication. Prayer is a man on earth talking to God in Heaven. God does nothing, but in answer to prayer. If this be true, what a tremendous responsibility rests on the ministry. The Church will only rise with faith and power as the ministry rises. The present situation is a result of the condition of the ministry.—Selected.

THE BEST KIND OF REVENGE.

"Dearly Beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath, for it is written, Vengeance is Mine; I will Repay, saith the Lord.

Some years ago a warehouseman in Manchester, England, published a scurrilous pamphlet, in which he endeavored to hold up the house of Grant Brothers to ridicule. William Grant remarked upon the occurrence, that the man would live to repent of what he had done; and this was conveyed by some tale-bearer to the libeler, who said, "O, I suppose he thinks I shall some time or other be in his debt, but I will take good care of that." It happens, however, that a man in business cannot always choose who shall be his creditors. The pamphleteer became a bankrupt, and the brothers held an acceptance of his which had been endorsed to them by the drawer who had also become a bankrupt. The wantonly-libeled men had thus become creditors of the libeler. They now had it in their power to make him repent of his audacity. He could not obtain his certificate without their signature and, without it, he could not enter into business again. He had obtained the number of signatures required by the bankrupt law, except one. It seemed folly to hope that the firm of the "Brothers" would supply the deficiency. What! they, who had been cruelly made the laughing-stock of the public, forget the wrong and favor the wrong-doer? He despaired. But the claims of a wife and children forced him at last to make the application. Humbled by misery, he presented himself at the counting-house of the wronged.

Mr. William Grant was there alone, and his first words to the man were "Shut the door, Sir," sternly uttered. The door was shut, and the libeler stood trembling before the libeled. He told his tale and produced his certificate, which was instantly clutched by the injured merchant. "You wrote a pamphlet against us once!" exclaimed Mr. Grant. The supplicant expected to see his parchment thrown into the fire. But this was not its destination. Mr. Grant took a pen and, writing something on the parchment, handed it back to the bankrupt. He expected to see "rogue, scoundrel, libeler" inscribed, but there was, in fair, round characters, the signature of the

firm.

"We make it a rule," said Mr Grant, "never to refuse signing the certificate of an honest tradesman, and we have never heard that you were anything else." The tears started in the poor man's eyes. "Oh," said Mr. Grant, "my saying was true. I said you would live to repent writing that pamphlet. I did not mean it as a threat. I only meant that some day you would know us better and be sorry you had tried to injure us. I see you repent of it now." "I do, I do!" said the grateful man; "I bitterly repent of it." "Well, well, my dear fellow, you know us now. How do you get on? What are you going to do?" The poor man stated he had friends who would assist him when his certificate was obtained. "But how are you off in the meantime?" The answer was that, having given up every farthing to his creditors, he had been compelled to stint his family of even common necessaries that he might be enabled to pay the cost of his certificate. "My dear fellow, this will not do; your family must not suffer. Be kind enough to take this ten-pound note to your wife from me. There, there, my dear fellow! Nay do not cry; it will all be well with you yet. Keep up your spirits. Set to work like a man and you will raise up your head amongst us yet." The overpowered man endeavored in vain to express his thanks. The swelling in his throat forbade words. He put his handkerchief to his face and went out of the door crying like a child.

—Selected.



MRS. A. R. FLOWER

July 29. "It shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." Gen. 3:15.

Satan can still retard and hinder the progress of God's people. He is a "serpent by the way, an adder in the path, that biteth the horse's heels, so that his rider shall fall backward." But his head was bruised at Calvary, and his complete overthrow is near. "The God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly." Rom. 16:20.

July 30. "I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified." 1 Cor. 2:2.

This is the day of specialization. Everyone is specializing; everyone has his hobby to ride. This is true throughout the world in general, spiritual as well as temporal. Spiritual hobbies! Do we ever hear of them? Paul certainly had one, and a good, safe, profitable one—Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

July 31. "The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven." I Thess. 4:16.

Not the inauguration of some new religion or cult; not the route designed by some church denominations; not the advent of some cultured prophet; nor the gradual oncoming of the millenial day: but the Lord Himself shall descend. Hallelujah! The One who suffered, who bled, who died, who rose, who ascended,—the living, personal Saviour.

Aug. 1. "Be established in the present truth." 2 Pet.

A child must master the alphabet before it can be put to spelling words of three or four syllables. Before crowding too much deep and advanced teaching on young converts, see that they have mastered well some of the primary fundamentals of salvation. Otherwise you need not be surprised if they are easily swept off their feet.

Aug. 2. "Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise." Jer. 17:14.

God's work in us, both soul and body, is always most satisfactory and abiding. His arm is stretched out still—His ear is not heavy—His love is tender—His word is sure. "They cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and He saveth them out of their distresses. He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions."

Aug. 3. "He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out; they ran in the dry places like a river." Psa. 105:41.

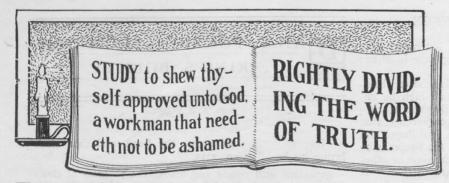
You have been passing through a dry desert land? And now even your dry, barren path is blocked with that unsurmountable barrier—that unscalable rock. Look up, dear child of God. God is still with you; and out of that very difficulty—that last overwhelming obstacle He will command rich blessing. He will open the rock, and there shall be such an out-gushing of living water that all the desert way shall be flooded. Glory to His name! "Rivers of living water!"

Aug. 4. "But I will sing of thy power; yea I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning." Psa. 59:16.

There's a song of great delight that is singing in my soul Unto Jesus, my Redeemer, who hath cleansed and made me whole;

For the brightness of His presence now illumines all my way

And I shout glad hallelujahs through the livelong night and day.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

August 6, 1916.

THE GREATEST THING IN THE WORLD.

Lesson Text.—1 Cor. 13.

Golden Text.—"Now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; and the greatest of these is love." 1 Cor. 13:13.

Leading Thought .-- "The more excel-

We have another lesson from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. Paul dwelt at length on the question of divisions, then on moral, social, and church disorders that had come to exist. The twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth chapters have been called the Pentecostal sandwich,-power, love, and a sound mind. The love is the filling, the meat, without which the power and sound mind would only be as two slices of dry bread. The whole three are necessary for a perfect sandwich. It is on this "meat," or "Hymn of love," that our lesson is today. It has been called an argument, a treatise, and a poem combined. The chapter comes as a beautiful surprise between the weighty discussions of the twelfth and fourteenth chapters. There is no equal to it either in beauty or thought in all the world's literature. The words flow so smoothly that the chapter fairly sings itself to the reader's heart. But it is more than beautiful, more than musical; it is intensely practical, and capable of being applied to the life and walk of every professed follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. If possible read over the chapter in Weymouth's rendering. You will find a very pointed, directly personal meaning in every word. Let us consider the chapter from three standpoints:

1. Love is Essential. Vs. 1-3. "If I speak." Paul's very first words illustrate that lesson he is seeking to teach. Most of us would have said, "If you speak." We know most really what Paul means by "speak with the tongues of men and of angels." Thank God he has granted to some of us the indescribable joy of being so possessed by the Holy

Spirit that we are enabled to "speak as the Spirit gives utterance" the glorious rapture of our souls. Have some made this gift too common? It is true, no doubt. And yet that does not detract from its power and blessing when combined with a consistent, upright life, a heart of love-not human love, but divine love shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost. Without this same love however freely one may speak forth ecstatic, supernatural utterances, they are absolutely void of profit or blessing. This is what Paul meant; and we may very safely take his admonition today. Emotional gifts are valueless without love. A step further, Paul goes, when he shows that intellectual gifts are likewise valueless without love. Prophecy, knowledge, faith in nowise can atone for the absence of that one essential, love. And practical gifts, deeds of charity, accompanied by great selfsacrifice, lose their sweetness and value in God's sight when unaccompanied by love. "It profiteth me nothing." 'Tis true others may profit materially by loveless gifts, but the giver himself, never. To every gift, to every attainment, to every sacrifice the one principle of love is indispensable.

2. The Characteristics of Love. Vs. 4-7. We love, because He first loved us. The manifestation of true love in our lives is in accordance with the measure we have seen of God's love. We know love only as we see it manifest in Jesus, as He identified Himself with God's interest in us. "God so loved that He gave." "Christ so loved that He gave." The Father gave His Son; the Son gave Himself. Wonderful mystery of divine love!

"Twas love, love,

Love that moved the mighty God."

Apart from God the marvelous precepts of this chapter are absolutely impossible. It would only pain our hearts to read and realize our hopeless inability to fulfill. But it is the privilege of every baptized soul to have wrought out in his life the truth of every line through the indwelling power and presence of the Holy Spirit. Assured of this we may read the deep words with courage and even joy, knowing so long as we

keep trustful and yielded, He who hath begun the good work will finish it until the day of Christ. "Suffereth long and is kind." Some of us suffer, but how about being kind along with it? Longsuffering is one of the fruits of the Spirit. Gal. 5:22. "Envieth not." The certain cure for jealousy and strife. "Vaunteth not itself." Love means death to self-conceit, self-seeking, self-praise, self-exaltation in all its varied forms. "Doth not behave unseemly." teous at all times, for "courtesy is love in little things." "Seeketh not its own." Its own advantage or aggrandizement. Phil. 2:3, 4. "Taketh not account of evil"-much less repeats it. "Rejoiceth not in unrighteousness." This is the eighth negative statement concerning love: how much love consists in not doing things! "Beareth, believeth, hopeth, and endureth all things." Could there be a more inclusive statement of the nature of divine love put to practice in the every day life of an individual?

3. The Imperishableness of Love. Vs. 8-13. "Love never faileth." Then Paul proceeds to show that the special gifts of tongues, prophecy, knowledge are only temporary gifts, while love is eternal. For all these gifts we hold in but an imperfect state. There is no human perfection either in gifts or attainments. The visible is but a ladder up to the invisible, the temporal is but the scaffolding of the eternal, V. 9, 10. Then V. 11 gives us the concrete example of the truth expressed in the two foregoing verses. Let us not forget that we are seeing as in a dim mirror; someday we shall see the King in all His beauty and perfection. And wonder of wonders we shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is. Cherish continually this glorious hope. It will purify and transform your life. As a final conclusion Paul refers to those three things which are eternal, with that final burst of triumph, "And the greatest of these is love."

Next Week's Lesson.
August 13, 1916.
THE GRACE OF GIVING.

Lesson Text.—2 Cor. 9. Golden Text.—Acts 20:35.

Alice Reynolds Flower.

THE POWER OF PRAYER.

There are wonderful examples in Scripture of the power of prayer. Nothing seems to be too great, too hard, or too difficult for prayer to do. It has obtained things that seemed impossible and out of reach. It has won victories over fire, air, earth and water. Prayer opened the Red Sea. Prayer brought water from the rock, and bread from heaven. Prayer made the sun stand still. Prayer brought fire from the sky on Eli-

jah's sacrifice. Prayer turned the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness. Prayen overthrew the army of Sennacherib. Well might Mary, Queen of Scots, say: "I fear John Knox's prayers more than an army of ten thousand men." Prayer has procured the conversion of souls.

"The child of many prayers," said an old Christian to Augustine's mother, "shall never perish." Prayer, pains and faith can do anything. Nothing seems impossible when a man has the spirit of adoption. "Let me alone," is the remarkable saying of God to Moses, when Moses was about to intercede for the children of Israel, Exodus 32:10. The Chaldee paraphrase has it, "Leave off praying." So long as Abraham asked mercy for Sodom, the Lord went on giving .- Selected.

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In order that we may more easily believe, we must resist our natural and strong proclivity to doubt. Some people do everything to encourage unbelief, to which they are already prone. We should however employ our will force in this most important business. There is good theology in the words we often sing, "I can, I will, I do believe." An interest of so much consequence demands consideration and determination. A vacillating policy ought not for a moment to be indulged. Every ransomed energy of our nature ought to be aroused, and with the greatest promptness and vigor we should give ourselves to God and trust He receives us.

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the Holy Spirit.

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Missionary.

MISSIONARY NOTES

From Johannesburg, South Africa.

A letter from Brother W. F. Dugmore of Johannesburg, South Africa, gives some incidents of the work and of God's blessing in that field, as follows:—

"On Wednesday, May 10th, 1916, I received a letter from Sister Malie Booysen, Louis Trichardt, in which she informed us that her mother, Mrs. Booysen, was seriously ill with dropsy and the fight was an uphill one. They begged for help. She further told of a blessed company of natives who were with them, having journeyed more than 200 miles. They came to be baptized. She said 'Come and see the blessed work of God.'

This appeal, coming from those who had been instrumental in bringing rich blessing to me and building me up after a stormy "coming into port" went straight to my heart and the Spirit bade me go. I arrived at Louis Trichardt on Friday afternoon and the journey to "Newgate" on the mountain-top (some six miles) was undertaken on horseback. We arrived after nightfall and could hear praying and singing as we approached. So we dropped right into the service. This is typical of Newgate, for your greeting is always, "Let us kneel and thank God". Partings are the same committing one another to God. Yes, and praises are continually ascending to God. Thanking God for things great, for things small, for dry bread and black, bitter coffee, and for better fare if He has graciously provided. The dear native brethren had been standing with Mother Booysen in the fight and she was already on the road to victory, for the dropsy and swelling had gone from the limbs and

only the stomach and heart were affected. We joined in prayer and the third day after our arrival the work was completed and great joy filled every heart when Mother Booysen came into the evening service and testified to complete healing. To God be the praise.

I was curious to become better acquainted with the native brother, God's humble instrument in initiating and carrying on this mighty work in Rhodesia. I found him to be a simple old man about sixty years of age with barely enough education to read and write. He had left home and gone forth in the name of the Master. Two things are characteristic of him. He is humble and full of the Holy Ghost. Usually when giving a message he would rise up, speaking in tongues. This would merge into a chant and then the message would come brief, clear and simple. A portion of one message was a lesson on true humility.

Twenty-six natives from Rhodesia were baptized in water during my short stay. With one exception they were direct converts from heathenism. The number who have journeyed so far in order to be baptized now exceeds fifty. I saw none who were not full of the Holy Ghost and speaking in tongues. I asked the native leader how many would be baptized should Bro. Booysen go to Rhodesia. He just said "Thousands and thousands." You may accept that estimate with reserve but we praise our God who is able to bring 3000 to repentance at one place in one day.

India's Darkness.

A clipping from the Bombay Guardian has been sent to us, from which we can see the sad effect of superstitious heathenism. In these days of enlightenment we have become accustomed to think of these superstitions as having gone forever. Satan is a wily foe, but we are glad to know that his day is short and that soon the morning light will break upon this darkened world. Lord haste the day! The clipping follows:

The following sad announcement appeared recently in the daily papers. "Hindu society in Bangalore has been much shocked by the suicide, during the early hours on Saturday morning, of the wife of Mr. Y. Srinivasa Row, retired Superintendent of the Mysore Survey, a lady aged 60. After a long illness, her husband became unconscious and was dying, when she saturated her clothes with kerosene oil, set fire to and was practically cremated rather than become a widow." Similar notices reach the public from time to time. It is difficult to know whether they speak more of the power of deeprooted superstition, or of the frightful lot of the Indian widow; so terrible indeed that a woman, at times, prefers rather to die a violent and agonizing death, than to face existence under such conditions. We are told that during the last twelve months half a dozen cases of Sati have taken place in Calcutta in spite of that rite's being forbidden by law. It seems intensely sad that in spite of all efforts to promote education such tragedies should continue. A recent case of ritual murder in the Azamgarh district reveals a spiritual darkness which is almost inconceivable. A girl was born with one tooth. A calf died, some village pigs also were found dead; then a house in the village was burned down. A Brahman soothsayer pronounced the baby with the tooth to be the cause of all these disasters, and, as the baby's father next fell ill, prompt action was taken: the innocent child was buried alive, and the whole matter only came to light because the thanadar happened to visit the burial ground just as the crime was being committed. The child could not, however, be saved. Such hidden tragedies go on, all about, much oftener than we suspect. The knowledge of them, whenever they come to our knowledge should spur us on to spare no endeavor to bring light into the darkness, and education to ignorance and superstition.

Sister McCarty of India writes: "After a bad attack with sore eyes I am quite myself again. The weather is simply dreadful. One is tired at night and tired in the morning. Breathing is an effort. The papers state that the weather is the hottest in 45 years. The rains are due in 20 days and we look forward to the time as we looked forward to Christmas when a child.

"I live right in the village with the people and so I hear and see all their superstitious ways. They listen to us very nicely when we show them that this superstition is all written about in the Bible and is not because they wish it so, but is a curse because they forsook God. God is blessing and we are press-

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Conventions and Camp Meetings

ANNUAL CAMP-MEETING.

For the State of Arkansas.

Will be held at Little Rock, beginning August 17th and continuing over the 27th. Elder E. N. Bell in charge. The usual arrangements for State Camp will apply to this meeting. Come prepared to meet God and have a part in true worship and evangelism.

The District Council for Arkansas will meet during the Camp for business. Council will open August 23rd. It is expected that all the Arkansas brethren will take hold in making the annual camp-meeting a success for God's glory. For information write E. N. Bell, 2123 West 24th St.

FIRST ANNUAL PENTECOSTAL CAMP MEETING

To be held at what is known as Cunningham's Woods, or City Park, New Castle, Pennsylvania, August 11th to 27th, 1916, inclusive.

Directions: Take street car marked East Side, at New Castle; get off at Arlington avenue, walk down to Wilson avenue, on which Camp is located.

A good corps of workers will be present. All orders for tents and cots should be in by August 5, 1916.

Send your orders and requests for further information to Pastor T. E. Float, 1700 Maplewood Avenue, Wilkinsburg, Pa.

CAMP AT PILOT POINT, TEXAS.

Beginning July 28th and lasting fifteen days. Conducted by Evangelists Thomas J. O'Neal of Osborne, Kansas, Ralph H. Crane of New York, Prof. H. M. Sandlin of Alabama and Clarence Erickson of Kansas City. Plan to attend. A great time is expected. For further information address; T. G. Irick, or J. E. Price, Pilot Point, Texas.

GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE AS-SEMBLIES OF GOD

Will be held at St. Louis, Mo., beginning October 1st and lasting until all matters of importance are concluded. All preachers, workers, evangelists should plan to attend

Great Open Bible Council.

IOWA AND NORTH MISSOURI CAMP. Lineville, August 18 to 27.

There will be a general camp for Iowa and North Missouri, at Lineville, Iowa, from August 18th to 27th. Spirit-filled workers will be with us and everybody is invited to come. The workers from this district are especially requested to come. Bring your bedding and tollet articles and write us a few days before coming. Tents and cots \$1.50. For further information address: John Goben, 815 N. Main St., Chariton, Iowa, or Roy E. Scott, Lineville, Iowa.

CAMP-MEETING AT BOREING, KY.

A Pentecostal Camp-meeting will be held here on the old Kentucky camp ground. A gust 12th to 27th. The camp is on the and N. road, five miles from Lily, the ne est station. We are trusting the Lord: Spirit-filled workers. Write before coing. Anna O'Nan Harrod.

CAMP-MEETING, FRANKSTON, TEX. Beginning July 21st.

All in East Texas are invited. Bro. A. P. Collins of Fort Worth, Texas, and a number of other brethren will be present. Let us not forget to assemble ourselves together. Several bands will be here. Come prepared to camp. For particulars address: W. A. Winkels, Pastor, Box 176, Frankston, Texas.

CAMP-MEETING, HURLEY, MISS.

The annual Pentecostal Camp-meeting will be held at Magnolia Springs Campground, Hurley, Miss., beginning August 23rd and continuing ten days or longer. Everybody is invited to come. For particulars address W. G. Mizelle, secretary.

LOCAL CAMP-MEETING, EVANGE-LINE, LA.

There will be a local Camp-meeting at Ellis Camp-ground July 28th to August 15th. Charley Smith will have charge of the evangelistic services and W. T. Hemphill will give Bible lessons.—S. R. Henderson, Pastor.

SOUTHWESTERN IOWA DISTRICT CAMP-MEETING.

Sidney, Iowa, Beginning September 2.

The Southwestern Iowa District Campmeeting at Sidney, Iowa, will be held from Sept. 2nd to Oct. 1st, or longer if the Lord leads. Mrs. M. B. W. Etter will be in charge. For further information address Hugh M. Cadwalder, Pastor, L. B. 63, Sidney Iowa.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., CAMP-MEETING.

Third Annual Apostolic Christian Campmeeting to be held at 70th and Lansdowne Ave., from July 30th to September 1st, or longer, the Lord willing.

Those desiring tents or other information, write to William Anderson, 6003 Larchwood Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

PENTECOSTAL CAMP MEETING.

Portland, Ore., July 9th to Aug. 9th.

The Pentecostal Assemblies of Portland, Oregon, will hold their 4th annual camp meeting on the same beautiful grounds located at Anabel Station, beginning Sunday, July 9th (D. V.) and continuing about two months, or as the Lord leads. Address all letters of inquiry to—Pastor Will C. Trotter, 51 East 13th St. North, Portland, Ore.

PENTECOSTAL CAMP-MEETING. Huntington, L. I., July 21st to Aug. 13th, 1916.

Second Annual Pentecostal Camp-Meeting for Long Island, New York and vicinity will be held D. V., at Huntington, Long Island, beginning Friday, July 21st, and continuing until August 13th, inclusive. For further particulars address Jesse B. Pullen, Jr., Huntington, Long Island, Lock Box 244.

SECOND ANNUAL CAMP MEETING. Glen Rose, Tex., Aug. 25 to Sept. 11.

A beautiful location with nice shade trees and plenty of flowing sulphur water. Expecting preachers whom God may send. For any information write J. E. Osborn, Walnut Springs, Texas.

DUBLIN, TEXAS, DISTRICT CAMP-MEETING.

The District Camp-meeting to be held at Dublin, Texas, will begin August first and continue as long as the Lord may lead. For further information write Pastor Henry A. Smith, Box 11, Dublin, Texas.

A GENERAL CAMP-MEETING.

At Hot Springs, Ark., September 20th to 30th.

The Lord willing, we expect a great time in the Lord. Meals on free-will offering plan. Rooms can be secured at reasonable rates and we will have some room for preachers free of charge. For further information address: H. A. Goss, 222 East Grand Ave.

SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Camp Meetings.

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Southwestern Section Camp to be held at Springfield, Mo., Aug. 4th to 13th, 1916. Tents will rent for \$3 each. Cots 60 cents each for ten days. All those coming must order tents before July 15th. Two meals a day on free-will offering plan. Lunch stand also on grounds. J. W. Welch, chairman of the General Council, and other special workers expected. For full information write B. F. Lawrence, 1001 N. Main St. Springfield, Mo.

Southeastern Section Camp, August 25th to September 3rd, at Parma, Mo. This is the 5th annual Tri-State Camp Meeting which will be conducted on faith lines. The slogan of the meeting—"Souls for God." J. W. Welch, chairman of the General Council, and other workers expected. For information address: W. W. Childers, Morehouse, Mo., or M. V. Ferguson, Chaffee, Mo.

ENCAMPMENT AT SEMMES, ALA.

The encampment of the Assemblies of God will be held from Sept. 15th to Oct. 1st at the beautiful old camp-grounds two miles southwest of Semmes on the N. O. M. and C. R. R., where there is an abundance of good spring water and good air. The meeting will be managed on the free-will offering plan. Come and be with us. For information address: H. A. Waltman, Semmes, Ala. Semmes, Ala.

MOUNTAINAIR, NEW MEXICO CAMP-MEETING.

We are expecting to hold a camp-meeting, if Providence favors it, at Mountainair, New Mexico, some time in August. The date will be given later.

Preachers especially invited. For further information address: James A. Perkins, Box 225, Mountainair, New Mexico. (We are expecting a glorious time.)

NORTHWEST TEXAS CAMP-MEET-ING.

Wichita Falls, Texas.

The Northwest Texas Camp-meeting and local convention will be at Wichita Falls, Texas, August 3rd to 13th, or longer, D. V. All ministers and workers entertained free. For further information write Pastor W. W. Hall, 309 Travis St., Wichita Falls,

OKLAHOMA STATE CAMPMEETING. Tulsa, Okla., Aug. 18-28.

Elder T. K. Leonard of Findlay, Ohio A. P. Collins of Fort Worth, Tex., Fred Lohman, Malvern, Ark., and others. Send all offerings to S. L. Shockey, Treas., Pawhuska, Okla. For further information write W. H. Pope, Pawhuska, Okla.

LOUISIANA STATE CAMP MEETING.

Kinder, La., August 24th to Sept. 3rd.

Let all the workers and saints every-where come. We expect some of the lead-ing brethren. Send all offerings for State Camp and Bible School to Lee Floyd, Kin-

HUMESTON, IOWA, CAMP-MEETING NOTICE.

The Camp-meeting to be held at Humeston, Iowa, will begin August 10th and last until the 20th. Offerings and communications should be directed to **Hubert Nicolls**, Humeston, Iowa.

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 with His Son Jesus Christ=1 Jno. 1:3

GOOD MEETING AT BRIDGEPORT, TEXAS.

Just Closed.

Bro. Fred Eiting and Sister Myers just closed a meeting here and several were saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit. Fourteen were baptized in water and the baptismal services were accompanied with much praise to the Lord.

Bro. Eiting gave us some good teaching on God's Word in connection with preaching and all were strengthened in the Lord.

J. Frank House.

Note: Bro. House desires us to announce that they have a Mexican preacher (a Methodist), who desires some Spirit-filled man who can preach in Spanish to come and help at the above place. He will be well provided for.

FOURTH OF JULY SERVICE.

Koshkonong, Mo.

The Assembly here held their Fourth of July celebration praising and worshipping God. It was a happy time in the Lord. One received her baptism. The Assembly met on the lawn of Brother Morton's house. Those who came brought a feast of material good things with them and took a feast of spiritual good things away with them.

Most of the day was spent in testimony as to the things the Lord had done for them through Jesus. When the altar call was made by Bro. Mc-Kimm, who took charge of the service for us, there was a good response from the saints seeking to worship Him in Spirit and in truth. In the afternoon the power came on several while testifying and there was such a time of praise and worship that no room was left for preaching. There seems to have been a real spirit of unity.—David Ed. Whitnall.

REQUEST FOR PRAYER.

Pray for a sister in Pittsfield, Ill., whose eyes are failing. She also has a knot or tumor in the side and at times is troubled with her heart. She earnestly desires united prayer of the Evangel family.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING, MUNSON, FLORIDA

Praise the Lord! We have just closed a meeting here that was a success in many ways. This is, to some extent, a new field but we have a large tent and many times we had hundreds of people present to hear the Word. The Lord helped us to give the messages in His power. The leading citizens and the majority of the people seemed to become interested and convinced of the truth of holiness and some came to the altar and were blessed. Three followed the Lord in water baptism and God poured out His Spirit upon us while at the creek. We all had a shout in our The Lord placed His approval upon the work and His presence was greatly felt. This town and community seems to be stirred up and God is dealing with hearts. We feel the meeting just closed will result in good. Please pray to that end.—Evangelist L. Wooten and wife.

A PRISONER'S WARNING AND TESTIMONY.

We have an earnest letter from a brother who is a prisoner. May the Lord bless him. He writes: "I have a few words I wish to say to all. I was raised by honest parents and was taught right from wrong. I strayed away from home at the age of fifteen and began to drink and keep bad company, just for a good time. I wish all young boys would keep from bad company. It brought me within the prison walls and has separated me from true friends and loved ones. I am now sad and gloomy in my cell thinking of the ones I love. The jury sentenced me for eight years behind prison walls, but, thank God! I can praise Him for the free salvation that has reached me. Since I have been here our warden has opened a night school and I have learned to read and write and I can read the dear old Bible and live for my Jesus. I want the prayers of all the Christian people. We have organized a Sunday-school here among us prisoners and literature here is very scarce, but I am glad to say I believe Jesus will help us to go on .- F. M. Suduth, care of Warden, Speigner, Alabama.

REVIVAL AT MALVERN, ARK.

Some days ago we received a good report from Bro. Lohman of the Malvern work as follows:

"The revival continues here. Bro. M. M. Pinson was with us for two weeks and God used him in giving the Word and then honored His Word as He has promised to do, by saving, baptizing and reclaiming souls. Some were healed also. Bro. Pinson returned to his home at Broken Arrow, Okla., and the writer continued the meeting. The Hughes sisters from Ft. Worth and a young sister from California are here at this time and God is still working in a blessed way. Praise His holy name forever.

The Hughes sisters will be with us all summer. Watch for the announcement of our local camp-meeting. Pray with us that God will give us a mighty revival all summer and that many souls will be saved and filled with the Holy Spirit.—Fred Lohmann, Pastor.

MANY BAPTIZED IN THE SPIRIT.

Good Réport of Last Winter's Work in Riverside, California.

Bro. Wm. Medema has closed his meetings in Riverside and removed his tent to Downey, California. He remained in Riverside all winter up to May, preaching in a tent and in an old garage, according to the weather. There was no mission in Riverside and the work was slow and hard, but Bro. Medema pounded away all winter with a faithful Gospel against sin and God answered by fire. Forty-two have received Pentecost according to Acts 2:4, and nearly all of them were young people. The older ones sat back and looked hungry, while the young folks plunged in and got to God. Bro. Medema is a raw Hollander. He could not be understood by the audience when he tried to talk in the Camp-meeting at Los Angeles in May, 1913, but God has given him the use of the printed English language since then, and he preached in the demonstration of the Spirit and power.

There is now a precious, delightful mission in Riverside, Cal. Bro Medema left Bro. Dodds in charge of the new mission at Riverside. I have rarely heard a preacher who spends so much time in secret prayer as this Hollander. To God be all the glory.—Mrs. E. Millicent Hill, Los Angeles.

MRS. ETTER IN PETOS-KEY, MICH.

The Woodworth-Etter meetings in Petoskey, Michigan, have begun with wonderful interest and power. The interest and attendance are rapidly increasing. People have come and are coming from far and near. A minister from the State of New Work writes, "I am coming to get Pentecostal power in my life." We are looking for an unusual outpouring of God's Spirit in these meetings. The "Signs of the Times," as they are being manifested among the warring nations this summer, almost demand that God's people have corresponding signs and demonstrations of His power in their camps. Let us pray that this may be so.

Last night, the third night of the meeting, the power of God fell like large drops of rain all over the tent. Saints were praying, weeping, shouting all over the congregation as the power fell upon them. A woman back in the audience came hastily forward with her friend to the altar and began to weep and pray her way through to God. In just a few minutes the power fell on her. She rose and almost ran up onto the platform to Sister Etter and asked her to forgive her for speaking evil against her and of the power of God, saying that she thought it was hypnotic power, and that she prayed for God to smite her if it was not His power. God's smiting power came but it fell on her so that with heavy tears and prayer she asked God to forgive her for speaking evil of His power.

Already quite a number have been saved, healed and baptized with the Spirit, having the evidence of tongues. Some wonderful testimonies on healing of two years ago are being given. These souls do demonstrate that the work that the Spirit wrought in their bodies two years ago has been permanent. The shout of victory is all over the camp. Let all the saints pray that this whole northern peninsula may become enlightened with Pentecostal truth and power.

. August Feick, Secretary. Note: Mrs. Etter's address while in Petoskey is 214 Washington Street.

I praise my blessed Saviour for what He has done for me. A few weeks ago my eyes were so sore that I was blind; could hardly see anything at all. Sister Loughry and Sister Minnie Barnhart came and stayed with me all day and we had prayer. The Lord wonderfully healed my eyes and now I can see and my eyes are as well as they ever were. Praise Jesus! I ask the prayers of all the saints that I may grow stronger in this blessed work.—Mrs. Lottie McKenzie, Hiram, Mo.

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ing the battle, and believe those who openly confess Jesus as their Saviour will soon have courage to step out and be baptized. They are high caste and it means giving up all.

The sick are still being healed and His promises are true. We are having a revival. My four orphans are at home for their month's vacation. They wish to be baptized before they return to school. I am praying that the dear Lord will soon make it possible to have a place at home for them where I can also take in more. Please continue to remember me in prayer.—D. L. McCarty.

SISTER GERBER'S ORPHANAGE WORK,

Turkey.

Sister Gerber reports added need and suffering among the orphans in the cities and towns around the orphanage, large numbers dying every day of starvation. The Lord has led her to open the home to fifty more orphans, in spite of financial shortage. The last letter from the home reports that everything is going on nicely and God is with them. All are well and the money sent is reaching them. Food can be obtained from the surrounding villages. There is room for one hundred more children to be taken in. Fifty are coming in now. Who will help to care for these fifty? Who will help to care for the others who will come? \$40.00 supports a child for a year. This will pay for shelter, food, clothing, schooling and the opportunity of receiving the Gospel. Those who are left in charge of the orphanage are true children of God, working with faith and much prayer. They are realizing God's presence and help and feel the prayers of God's people in other lands. Let us do all we can for this great work. The opportunity will soon be gone. They are dying very fast. Quick response is needed. Offerings can be sent to Miss Maria Gerber, 575 West 172nd St., New York, or the Gospel Publishing House, 2838 Easton Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

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Announcement.

Another booklet, a pamphlet of 24 pages, is just off the press of The Gospel Publishing House. The title of the book is "The Gift of Tongues and The Pentecostal Movement," by W. Bernard. It is a reprint of a letter written by the author to an inquiring friend concerning the truth of speaking in tongués and other manifestations of the Holy Spirit seen in what is known as the Pentecostal Movement. The article was originally printed for the Free Literature Series of the "Confidence" Press of Sunderland, England, and is reproduced by the Gospel Publishing House for the benefit of honest, inquiring and interested persons in the United States and Canada. The price is ten cents per copy, one dollar per_dozen, postpaid, and the books are ready for immediate shipment.

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