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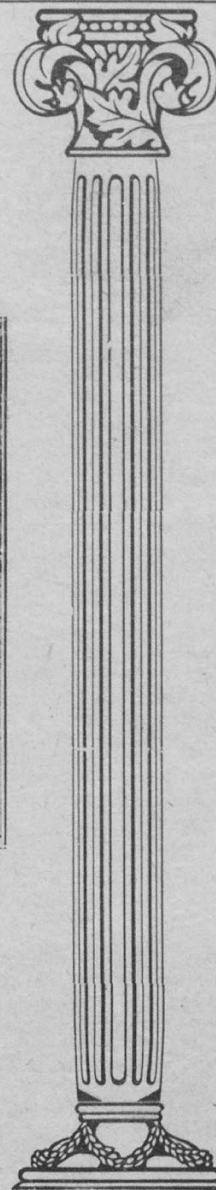
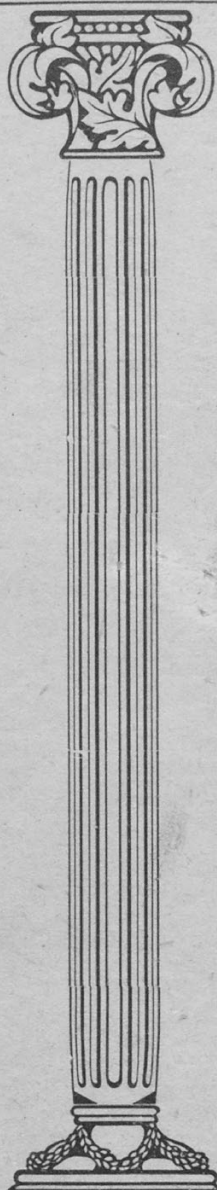
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LITTLE TALKS WITH THE OFFICE EDITOR

"THIS KNOW ALSO that in the last days perilous times shall come, for men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous."

There was no time in the history of the world when this Scripture seemed to be fulfilled as it is now being fulfilled in this present day and age. "Lovers of their own selves, covetous." Men have dreamed and hoped for that golden day when human hearts would be so perfected by the processes of human development, that the golden rule of "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" would be the prevailing maxim for the conduct of the world. But every day which passes confirms the Scriptures which testify that instead of men's hearts growing better in their attitude toward their fellow men, they are growing worse and worse, and that conditions will not be better, but perilous times shall come such as the world has never seen before in all its history.

As this paper goes to press, the air is vibrating with the sound of approaching conflict between the railroad employes and their chiefs. Four hundred thousand men propose to tie up the traffic of the United States and compel the railroads to give them better conditions at increased pay. If Congress cannot prevent the threatened trouble, untold suffering is liable to result all over the country. These men who call themselves a "Brotherhood," do not stop to consider that there is any spirit of brotherhood outside of themselves, willing to smash and ruin industry anywhere or everywhere in order to satisfy their covetousness. They are thinking of themselves only—they do not think of the widows, the orphans, the poor, the destitute; they do not think of the thousands and millions who are depending upon the railroads for their existence, and who will be thrown out of work should the strike be prolonged, there being no coal to keep furnaces and power machinery in operation. They think of nothing but themselves. Truly the Scriptures are being fulfilled and all men are compelled to see that we are living in the last days.

Human hearts are not developing into the likeness of God. The spirit of love is not growing in the earth as some false shepherds would have us to believe. The world is waxing worse and worse, and is fast hastening to the judgment which the Word of God declares must come, for every transgression shall receive its just recompense of reward. "Whatsoever ye sow ye shall also reap" is just as true of society as it is true of individuals. First the sowing and then the reaping. Sowing to the flesh means a reaping of corruption. Sowing to covetousness can mean nothing else than a reaping of judgment.

And the burden of this thing is not all on the side of the employes. The Word of God is just as explicit in its pronouncement of judgment upon the rich as it is upon the poor. Sin is sin no matter where it is found and they that oppress the hireling in his wages and heap up riches for the last days (Jas. 5:3) shall also come to their end and there shall be none to deliver.

As this paper is going to press, we do not know whether it will reach our readers on time or not. We will print the paper on time, but when mailing day comes, should the strike not be averted, the paper may be held up in the post office for sometime, and possibly some of the papers be destroyed if there is any violence to prevent the trains from running.

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Editorial

"I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you an expected end." Jer. 29:10.

The power of thought is one of the wonders of God's creation. Thought is not simply the secretion of the brain, but is the working of intelligent mind. Mind is a distinctive feature of personality. The power of thought is the essence of personality. The mind of man with its power of thought, occupies a central position in his being and is to be considered in relation to all that affect his interests. The possibilities of thought are wonderful indeed. The length to which man's mind has gone in study and research is remarkable. To think about thinking is to enter a wide field of unexplored investigation.

God thinks; and if man's mind with its power of thought is remarkable, how wonderful must be the power and scope of the INFINITE MIND. How perfect in its working, and how successful in all its planning. To what heights, depths, lengths and breadths does the mind of God reach. And God thinks of us. We are in the pathway of the divine mind. We are a feature of the divine vision. God considers His own thoughts of us. He is doubtless interested in a special way in His thoughts toward us. Viewed in the light of our own understanding, we see but little in ourselves to warrant such interest on God's part. "What is man that thou art mindful of him; or the son of man that thou visitest him." And yet God has made man the object of His thoughts.

THE NATURE OF GOD'S THOUGHT TOWARD US.

Next in order and of interest to us is the nature of God's thought toward us. The text at the head of this letter reads, "thoughts of peace and not of evil." PRAISE GOD FOR IT. God is not thinking of His people to consider evil for them, although they are unworthy in many things, but He thinks of us thoughts of peace. God is not planning an expression of His anger toward us, but rather an expression of His love. He knows all about our unworthiness and unlovableness, but thinks of us with compassion rather than anger, and considers how He may establish peace between Himself and His people. Men are estranged on account of what is in man and what he (man) has done. God desires reconciliation. God wants peace. There is something beyond that in the thought of God, but peace is of first im-

portance, so God thinks of peace. God would be "the God of peace" to us and all others if they will it so. Peace makes us peaceful. To be peaceful is to be restful, quiet, comforted, secure and happy as we look toward God, toward ourselves, and toward the world of men and affairs about us. Peace is the point of release from that which disturbs. The settlement of differences and the removal of conflicts. Looking toward God, it brings the required reconciliation and confidence which were lacking. Looking toward ourselves it brings the sweet assurance of divine favor and fatherly care. Looking toward the world it brings a feeling of compassion rather than opposition, and patient endurance rather than contention.

A GLORIOUS PROSPECT IN THE THOUGHT OF GOD.

"To bring you to an expected end." There is in the thought of God a glorious prospect for His people. The end, or consummation of God's purpose is ever prominent in His thought. In great wisdom and with much care, He is working toward that which represents His high thought for His people. God has it all planned out. He knows just how it is to be. It is all to be as He expects. From the beginning it has been clear in the thought of God and the purpose has never changed; neither has He revised His plan. It is God's thought to redeem His people; and to make that redemption complete. The HIGH thought of God is not seen until it is revealed in redemption. Creation was crowned with man in his progenator Adam; but creation, even when it brought in man in the likeness of God, did not express God's complete thought. Not without redemption, not without Christ, nowhere but in Christ is God's high thought revealed. We are in Christ and therefore God's thought sees us in relation to that eternal, wonderful purpose, that expected end, which end is the exaltation of His Son Jesus Christ, and His reward forever.

That which God has planned will be fully accomplished in due time. That is settled in the fact that it is God who is working. From our side there are some interesting things to note. We are involved in the plan and we have an intelligent part to play. We have an intention in the matter and we have an expected end in view. While there is no chance to question matters from God's side, there is reason for and the need of question on our part. Purposing with God, intending to do His will, expecting the end for ourselves that God expects to bring in, is all possible and wholly within our reach. God help us all to do that and then let God work with us as well as think toward us, and He will bring it to pass in our case, that we shall not fail of our hope and God's expectation.

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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 XVII.—The Martyred Six of Persia.

An address given by Andrew D. Urshan on July 14, 1916, in the Persian Mission, 707 Wells St., Chicago, Ill., which will be published on this page each week until completion of article.

(Continued from last week.)

When God works with apostolic power, apostolic persecution is sure to result. Following close upon the mighty signs and wonders wrought in Jerusalem in the first century was the martyrdom of Stephen and James, and ere the second century dawned all the apostles had laid down their lives for the Gospel with the exception of John. When we stand for the full Gospel of the Lord Jesus and preach in the power of the Holy Ghost, our lives are in danger, but though we shed our blood in preaching a crucified Lord we have naught to fear for we shall be alive forevermore.

While I was in Persia I was in danger of death five times, but God preserved my life. While some of these martyrs were killed because they were faithful Christians, yet that was not the case with a large number. Some people think that the Armenians and the Assyrians were punished because of their loyalty to Christ, but not so. They were punished like the Jews of old who were the people of God but they turned their backs on their God and compromised with the Gentiles, and God left them, nationally, in the hands of their enemies. Our people, the Armenians and the Persians, are suffering as nations.

I was praying very much one day, and asking God what it meant that our dear brethren were killed and why they were not protected, and this Scripture came to me in Lamentations 4:13, "For the sins of her prophets, and the iniquities of her priests, that have shed the blood of the just in the midst of her." For this reason these nations are suffering, and the just suffer also, that we with them may be witnesses in the judgment day that their sin was so great and their iniquity so terrible; those brethren will judge that nation which turned against God. In the final day those dear brethren will be just in saying that God is just but the people were not just and needed the massacre. So they were taken away as witnesses against that nation; they were killed and their blood mixed with the nation's blood.

THE FIRST PERSIAN MARTYR.

Now I want to tell you of the first martyr. She was a young girl about seventeen named Sophia, a Russian Catholic girl. I was not acquainted with her at all, but she came to one of our street meetings and became converted among a number of others. The following Sunday, while in her own home sitting at the dinner table, the power of God fell upon her and she began to shake

and say in her own language, "Glory to Jesus." Then, looking up, she burst forth into a new tongue and glorified God. The home was a Russian Catholic and the parents of this young girl knew she had been to our meetings and said that happened because I had hypnotized her, but I wasn't there at the time. They sent for the Russian priest who came and threw water upon her, but she just lifted up her hands and praised the Lord. He commenced to rebuke the devil, but she looked into his face and told him to get right with God and that he needed to pray for himself. She was filled with the glory of God and became a wonderful missionary in that place and the Lord blessed because of her faithfulness.

But she had terrible persecution in her home. They didn't want her to leave the house or attend the meetings, though she worked for God at every opportunity. She would go on the streets and speak to the women and the Lord would reveal to her the hearts of the women, and in the power of the Spirit she would say to them, "This is your sin." "You have this and that in your life," and they knew that it was God as she bared the secrets of their lives. There was great confession among the women through her simple ministry and the enemy was angry at her and wanted to kill her, and he did; but she is alive forevermore.

The young girls in that village were so happy they used to go in bands in the eventime; they sang on the streets and knelt down in the fields. One night a crowd of them were taking their evening walk; it was on a Sunday evening and they were returning from the fields, singing as they came. Near the village a little boy of eight years was instructed by the enemy to stand behind a building with a rifle. That boy was holding his gun and he said to this young girl, "Shut your mouth. I will kill you." Suddenly he fired at her and the shots entered her abdomen. She lived about a week after she was shot, and in that week many came to see her. Although they did not believe in what God had done for her, they said her face shone like an angel's. The power of God would rest upon her, and many were brought to Jesus through her. The mother said to Sophia, "I will arrest the parents of that boy and he shall be killed," but oh how she wept and pleaded with her mother. "Mother forgive him. He didn't know what he did. The older folks taught him and they don't know what they did. Jesus was killed too." The power of God was on her until the last. She went to the heavenly world praising and glorifying God, our first martyr.

THE PREACHER IMPRISONED.

It is a very serious thing for a man to be killed under Persian rule, but because she was a Russian and the ruling government being in the hands of Russia, they didn't do anything, but instead they took a dear Brother, Andrew, a tailor by trade, and put him in prison. They held him responsible and said if he hadn't held meetings in that town the girl would not have been killed. God showed him that a terrible massacre would come upon that nation because of their unrighteousness. Three brethren who were killed later lost their lives through Mohammedans, but this sister was killed by professing Christians.

When the Russian army fled the Turkish army came in and the Mohammedans commenced to massacre all the Persian nominal Christians. They were crying "Holy war" in the streets, and if they could get hold of a Christian they would butcher him. The American flag was lifted up in the American mission and one of the American missionaries was a representative of the consul in another city so he had a right to act. He unfurled the American flag and thirty thousand people found a refuge. Those who ran into this refuge were not killed by the

Mohammedans, but our brethren did not go and I will tell you the reason. The first, Brother Andrew, who was the first fruits, had taken refuge with the family of a Mohammedan friend, but he heard that many poor people were left in his village comfortless, and in great fear, and that they had nothing to eat, so his soul was stirred and he said to his wife and his children, "I am going back to be with those people who are left. I will preach to them, pray to them and give them comfort, and if necessary I will die with them. So he left his wife and children in the home of the Mohammedan friend and went to live with those who were unfortunate.

THE FIRST FRUITS OF THE MASSACRE.

He helped them in their work and exhorted and encouraged them that possibly God would deliver them, and if not they would stand for Jesus when the test came. The Mohammedans gave a challenge that if he took the name of Mohammed he would not be killed, but if he would be true to Jesus he would die. He told them he would stay with them and die with them. Suddenly the wild Kurds and the other Mohammedans around that village came and commenced to massacre. They took the girls and women and insulted them and commenced to kill every young man, and they found our Brother Andrew in the midst of them. First they stripped him of his clothes and then they asked him about his faith. He joyfully said he was a child of God. There was another young man with him at the time, but they didn't kill him then. They thought they had better go back and they got down under some leaves of the trees and prayed, and while there two Kurds came and shot them. They died joyfully. The most of the people were delivered, but he and that young man died for Jesus' sake.

I want to tell you something remarkable before that massacre took place. While in prison, God showed him all those wars that were coming to the earth. Then he commenced missionary work in his own town, to prepare the people, as it were, for the awful things that were before them. One day he suddenly said, "I am going away. After two weeks you will never see me any more." The brethren and the sisters said, "Brother Andrew, are you going to meet Christ? Do you mean to tell us you are ready and we are not?" "I don't know," he said, "but God tells me that after two weeks I am going somewhere. You will never see me until we see each other up yonder." A number of people told me this who heard him say it, and that was two weeks before the massacre took place. God showed him he was going to be taken, and two weeks later his spirit went into paradise where the spirits of the just are waiting for the first resurrection.

THE THIRD PERSIAN MARTYR.

The other brother who laid down his life was Jeremiah Eshoo, and a wonderfully useful man of God was he. He helped me in the mission. When the trouble began many people were running away, but the poor people said, "Jeremiah, your God will deliver us. We will not run away." There were many poor women and children around him. He said to them, "Let us go to the Mohammedan village? We have some friends there. We will go there and pray and see what the Lord will do." So he went to the home of a Mohammedan friend and into that home came two wild Kurds. One of the men of that village came and said to these Kurds, "Every one of these people would turn to be Mohammedans if he would let them, but he is such a religious Christian they will all be cut to pieces before they give up their religion, and furthermore," they said, "he has a good friend in America who has many golden pieces of money, and he is at

the head of a religious movement, and he ought to be trained to be a Mohammedan. If he turns, he is a strong character and every one with him will turn to be a Mohammedan, so we will put him to the test."

Some of the friends hid him in a barn under the hay, but the other man knew the place and came with the Kurds and broke the door of the barn and seized Jeremiah. They slapped him in the face and said, "Are you the head of these people?" "Will you be a Mohammedan and work for our prophet?" "Are you going to keep these people?" He didn't say anything, and they took him away, his wife and children screaming and crying. They said to him, "Now give us the pocket of golden money that you have." He took his New Testament from his pocket. "Here is what is in my pocket." They were very angry at him, and said, "Do you mean that you are not going to be a Mohammedan?" He lifted up his Testament and said, "Jesus Christ is Lord and King." Some of them were on horseback and he was put in the front, and as they pointed their guns at him they said, "Are you going to be a Mohammedan?" He said nothing, and they shot him in his heart. He fell there and a sister came and put his New Testament under his head as he died.

(To be continued next week.)



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IN THE HOUSE OF GOD

How Thou Oughtest to Behave Thyself in the House of God which Is the Church of the Living God.

1 Tim. 3:15.

ARTICLE FOUR IN A SERIES OF SIX.

Will appear in this column next week. D. V.

THE LAST COMMISSION.

The last commission of our Lord and Saviour to those who followed Him was, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." When Jehovah commissioned David to go and fight Goliath his equipment was very simple, a sling and five small stones that he found in the river. It was amply sufficient. And when Jesus sent His disciples out to defeat a greater enemy than Goliath, He gave them the baptism of the Holy Ghost as a sling, and the five small stones that are found in Mark 16:17 and 18, the signs that are to follow them that believe. When David found his five small stones, he did not take them around to his friends in the Camp of Israel to be admired; he used them for the purpose given. The past few years the Lord has been renewing the Pentecostal power and the Pentecostal signs, but some of us have been inclined to forget the specific purpose for which they have been given. It is well to go back to the last two paragraphs in Mark's Gospel; it will there be seen that these signs are part of a missionary equipment given to those who have a missionary commission; and as those first missionaries obeyed and went out, the Lord went with them, and confirmed the Word with signs following. Many who have received the baptism of the Spirit feel that they have to tarry for more power, but those early disciples found all the power they needed was manifested as they obeyed the divine commission. It was all in Him who accompanied them, in Him who had told them, "Lo, I am with you alway." Our own spiritual condition depends on our obedience to this command.

In 2 Kings 7 is described a time of great famine in Samaria; the hosts of Syria were besieging the city, and within its walls were terrible scenes of poverty and desolation. Outside the gate were four lepers, who, like the rest of the people, were very hungry, and they began to reason that if they entered the city they would die because of the famine; if they stayed where they were, they would die; but if they fell out to the Syrians they might possibly be kept alive; and at any rate if they killed them they would but die: so they rose up at twilight to go to the Camp of the Syrians, and, to their great surprise, they found no one there, for the Lord had made the hosts of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and they had arisen and fled in the twilight and left everything behind. Those four lepers had a good time eating and drinking and plundering those tents, but suddenly the thought of the hungry crowds in Samaria came to them, and they said, "We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now, therefore, come, that we may go and tell the king's household." So they went and told the good tidings to the city, and soon all the people there had all they needed.

Are we not living in the times of a great famine, a famine, not of bread, but of the Word of God? But some of us poor ones, outcasts from the ecclesiastical camp, have come upon some rich spoil in the Word, and have been delighting ourselves in the fatness of the Pentecostal experience. But have we all thought of the hungry ones

in India and Japan and China, in Africa and in the islands of the sea? Because we have not obeyed more fully the divine commission, has not mischief already come upon us? Instead of going and telling others, we have gorged ourselves round the camp, and drunk with the wonders of our own great wisdom of words, we have begun to fight one another, and in consequence there has been schism and division, hard words and harsh feelings. It is due time to hang our heads with shame and ask the forgiveness of Him who has commissioned us. Yea, and He will probably show us to ask the forgiveness of those we have been fighting against. Finney used to say, "There can be no prosperity in religion where the spirit of controversy prevails." Our part is to endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit until we come to the unity of the faith. We shall yet see eye to eye when the Lord shall bring again Zion, and in the meantime we can love heart to heart. Let us forget our bickering, and remember afresh the words of our Lord, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

There are three things this commission demands, our persons, our prayers, and our purses.

1. Our Persons "Who will go for us?" is the question that our great Jehovah is still asking. From off the brazen altar, the blood-besprinkled coal has touched the lips of many of us, and our lips are burning with a living message. Shall we not reply, "Here am I, send me!" Let us not be always counting the cost. Let us rather count the gain. I recently heard a returned missionary from Liberia (Bro. Harrow) say, "Africa has cost me everything." And he told us of a few of the sacrifices made. "But," he added, in a sweet tone which showed that he was fully compensated, "I've got Jesus!" The winning of Christ eclipsed every other loss. A missionary recently wrote from West Africa that she too had suffered the loss of all things, but she was learning to count all the things that were lost as mere refuse.

2. Our prayers. Did not the Divine Commissioner command us to pray the Lord of the harvest to thrust forth laborers into the great harvest field? These instructions are as clear as "Let him that stole, steal no more:" and we cannot afford to neglect the one command more than the other. When once one gets into a habit of visiting all the mission stations every day upon ones knees, he enters into fellowship with Him who is concerned about every field alike, that a narrow heart, that only remembers its own immediate circle, never knows. Dear reader, if you have neglected to make the thrusting forth of more laborers your daily petition, start right now. Human reasonings and blind unbelief would say that in these perilous times no more missionaries should be sent, but it is better to obey God than to follow the reasonings of our own mentality. Are we not told that this Gospel shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come? Then let us pray and work for the thrusting forth of the last witnesses, to hasten on this glorious consummation. A newly formed missionary society has for its object, "The evangelization of every part of the unevangelized world in the shortest possible time." Let us hold this end in view in our prayers.

3. Our Purses. Pentecostal salvation should save a man right down to his pocket book. The first Pentecostal movement caused those who came within its scope to sell their lands and lay the proceeds at the apostle's feet. They laid their treasures up in heaven far beyond the reach of the Roman legions which were so soon to devastate their country. And he who does likewise today invests his funds far beyond the reach of the armies of Antichrist, who is so soon to be revealed.

I know there are many Pentecostal assemblies where they especially cultivate the missionary spirit. Such an one is found in Halifax, England. This was started as a holiness assembly, and not very long ago they were about to celebrate their 25th anniversary, and some of the members were talking of making some little present to their leaders, Bro. and Sister Walshaw, in appreciation of their twenty-five years of faithful service. Sister Walshaw got to hear a little about this, and she said to the people, "I hear you are thinking of making us a little present, and I am afraid you may want to give us a silver teapot or something like that, and we have already too many things in our house to dust and I don't want any more; especially as we are told in the Word to set our affection on *things above* and not on *things* of the earth. Now the Lord tells us in Romans 12:1, what kind of present is acceptable unto Him, and I'm going to tell you what kind of present would be acceptable to us. On the day we celebrate our 25th anniversary we will all come together and have a time of praising the Lord for all His benefits during the past twenty-five years, and then at the close, all who feel grateful to God can place a thank-offering in a hat or box we will have ready; and with the money we get we will buy Bibles and send them to the different fields where they need them most." The Anniversary day came, and although the saints that attend the Halifax mission are mostly poor people, the offering was considerably over \$500, and as Sister Walshaw says, they expect to see souls in heaven with their anniversary Bibles under their arms.

There is one thing I want to suggest in these columns, and that is that every Pentecostal Assembly should have a monthly missionary collection. Some may think this unpractical, but we have proved in San Jose that it is the most practical thing possible. When my wife and I were asked to take charge of the work here, no missionary offerings were ever taken, but there was a weekly collection made for the workers. The hall was donated, and a house was provided rent free for the workers. The collections were so small that we should often have had to go hungry had not the Lord sent us help from time to time outside the city. After a short while the owners of the hall decided to close it, and to cease paying our rent, and the saints had to find other quarters. They took a hall which cost them \$30 per month, and for saints who were most of them quite poor this seemed quite a lot.

It was at this time that the Lord spoke to our hearts and told us to seek first the interests of His Kingdom in the regions beyond, and all the rest would be added unto us, and so, on the first Sunday of every month we have a missionary offering, and every month it is my privilege to send from \$15 to \$25 to needy missionaries on the foreign field. Every month the rent has come in on time. The Lord showed us also to quit taking up collections for ourselves and launch out fully into a life of faith, and we can praise Him that since we took this step we have never lacked a thing. And best of all, God has set His seal to the work and given quite a spiritual awakening, and He Himself has added not a few souls to our company. But we are convicted of this one thing, that if we had put ourselves first and the missionaries last, God could not have blessed the work in the way He has. So I recommend this course to Pentecostal pastors who are having a struggle to make expenses meet in their assemblies. Put the Master's missionary commission first and be concerned first in getting this Gospel to the uttermost ends of the earth, and God will look after your assembly and your personal needs in a way that will surprise you.—Stanley H. Frodsham, 334½ N. 2nd St., San Jose, Cal.

GULF STORM DESTROYS PENTECOSTAL PROPERTY.

Bro. H. C. Ball in Dire Need.

Greetings in Jesus name:

I suppose that you have heard of the terrible gulf storm that swept over this country the 18th inst., and I would have written earlier but I have been busy trying to save what I could from the wreck.

I had just returned home from our meeting in Riviera in the morning at 10 o'clock, and the storm started at 12 and lasted until 10 that night. I have never been in such a great storm before and I do hope I never will be again.

This year has been a very strange year for us—over six months of drouth and now this storm. It is making us realize that the last days are surely upon us and that God is truly proving His Word.

I cannot write you the particulars of the storm, but just give you a small idea of the extent of the damage that pertains to our Pentecostal work.

The little Mexican Tabernacle (the one that was pictured in the Evangel sometime ago) was blown down and carried and scattered for over 300 yards. In the tabernacle I had several hundred hymn books and they were blown into the mud and water and a good many entirely ruined. Also other books and tracts were destroyed.

Then the water entered the house through a broken window and damaged a good number of the Testaments that the Chicago brother gave me. I have been working three days now and not all are dry yet. These damaged books can be given away as very few have lost leaves, but they cannot be sold as the backs are warped and crooked.

In Kingsville, I have a room in a large two-story, cement building. The room of that was blown off and large blocks of cement were blown into my room and added to the wind and water which most certainly destroyed much. My little folding organ, costing \$27.80, was completely ruined and many hymn books, books and testaments were well wet and soaked. Other articles, such as clothing, were badly stained, etc. In all, I believe I have lost about \$200.00 in this storm. The hymn books will have to be sold for publishers' price, or even less.

None of our Mexican brethren were hurt; several had their homes go down on them, but not bruised or injured. The estimate for this county is \$500,000 lost in buildings, but it may be more.

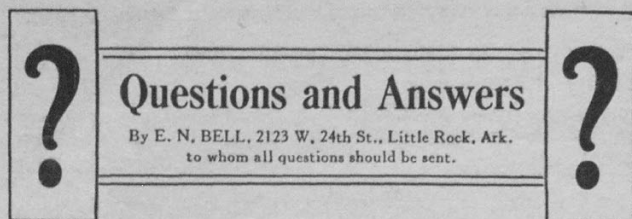
We are much in need of financial aid just now, and if you feel like printing any parts of this personal letter you are free to do so. Never have I known a time when the Mexican work offered better prospects than now, and never has so little come in. I am afraid that we will yet fail God in sending the message to every nation.

Bro. Jose Garza and I started meetings in Riviera, Tex., last Monday, the 14th. We secured the Mexican School-house for these services. I have never seen such a strong Roman Catholic element among the Mexicans as we have in Riviera. We had good meetings, a goodly number are interested and seem open for the Gospel. Pray much for Riviera as opposition there is very keen and the powers of darkness rule the people. We came back the 18th, the day of the storm. I have since learned that Riviera suffered more than any other place.—H. C. Ball.

(Our brother is in dire need and help should be sent him. He has labored in this Mexican work in the face of fearful difficulties, the work being not fully understood by our people as being missionary and wholly dependent upon support from outside sources to keep it going. Any moneys sent to J. W. Welch, Treasurer, will be promptly forwarded to Brother Ball to relieve him in this hour of his distress.—Ed.)

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The concluding thought concerns what we may expect of God in these days of preparation. With peace established, with agreement of purpose between God and us, with hope made alive in us, we can expect God to treat us in a way to make His plan successful. This means divinely provided grace, light, strength, comfort, encouragement, to endure chastenings, scourgings and every feature of discipline that will work a transformation in us. Amen! God is thinking thoughts of peace toward us and of the expected end. **Let us think about what God is thinking.**



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6. Don't expect an answer in next issue of the paper after you ask it. Look in every issue until you find it printed under this department.

93. Do you think we are living in the times prophesied in the book of Revelation? If so, what part are we now in?

Ans. Most certainly we are living in the times foretold in this book. As I see it, we are in the times just before the appearance of the anti-christ and the coming of Jesus to meet the saints in the air, at the "beginning of sorrows." Matt. 24:8.

Men differ as to just what chapter and verse we are now at, and this makes little difference just so long as there is a general agreement on the great outlines, and so long as there is a certainty that we need to be ready every day to meet Him any day. Christ may start towards the earth now, at any time, and call up the saints to meet him in the air; but if I at all understand the Scriptures, His personal reign on the earth after the great tribulation, after destroying the anti-christ, etc., must necessarily be some years off to give time for the rise and reign of the anti-christ as well as to fulfill prophecies concerning the return of the Jews and the pouring out of the spirit of supplication on them, so they will cry for His coming to their deliverance from the oppression of the personal anti-christ beast. As no preparation to meet Jesus can be made after death, and as we may die any moment, every soul should be ready every moment to die or to meet Jesus. Yet our death is not the second coming of the Lord, as thousands falsely teach.

94. Did all who were filled with the Spirit (Acts 2:4) on the day of Pentecost speak with tongues, or did only part of them so speak?

Ans. The word says, "THEY were ALL filled and began to speak with other tongues." Notice the verb "began to speak" has for its subject "They all." Two things are positively asserted in this passage of "they all," namely, the FILLING with the Holy Ghost and the speaking with other tongues. Anybody who understands English grammar can see and understand this. It doesn't read in Acts 2:4 that "They all were filled and SOME began to speak with tongues, as many wrongly teach. If I say John took a gun and killed Jim, everybody knows two things were done by John, though I use the name John but once, namely, he took the gun and he killed Jim. Just so in Acts 2:4, "They all were filled and they all began to speak with tongues," though "they all" is mentioned only once; no need to repeat the subject in the same sentence.

OBEDIENCE

Albert Norton—India.

We cannot make too much of obedience to God. Neither can we be on our guard too much against disobedience to God. From 2 Pet. 2:4 and Jude 6 we gather that the fallen angels plunged to their doom through disobedience. The word describing their action also means "missing-the-mark." And no one ever disobeys God without playing the fool. To the rich man who, instead of helping the poor, tore down his barns to build greater, God says—"thou fool."

It was owing to the disobedience of the men and women of Noah's time that they were drowned in the flood. And the same sin brought the fires of heaven upon the cities of the plain. Disobedience brought sin and all its woe into the human family. We read in Gen. 2:16, "And the Lord God *commanded* the man," and in Gen. 3:11 God says to Adam—"Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I *commanded* thee that thou shouldest not eat?" As has been said—"Note how obedience to the command is the one virtue of Paradise, the one condition of man's abiding there, the one thing His Creator asks of him. Nothing is said of faith, or humility, or love: obedience includes all. As supreme as is the claim and authority of God is the demand for obedience as the one thing that is to decide his destiny.

Look now at the close of the Bible. "Blessed are they that *do His commandments*, that they may have a right to the tree of life." Rev. 22:14. "And the dragon waxed wroth with the woman and went away to make war with the rest of her seed, *which keep the commandments of God*, and hold the testimony of Jesus." Rev. 12:17. "Here is the patience of the saints, *they that keep the commandments of God*, and the faith of Jesus." Rev. 14:12. From beginning to end, from Paradise lost to Paradise regained, the law is unchangeable—it is only obedience that gives access to the tree of life and the favor of God.

As to how the change was effected out of the disobedience at the beginning that closed the way to the tree of life, to the obedience at the end that again gained entrance to it, we see in statements of the New Testament similar to the following:—"Through the *obedience of the one* shall the many be made righteous;" Rom. 5:19; "He *became obedient unto death*, therefore God hath highly exalted Him;" Phil. 2:8; and "He *learned obedience and became the author of salvation to them that obey Him*." Heb. 5:8, 9.

Paradise, Calvary, Heaven, all proclaim with one voice: "Child of God, the first and last thing thy God asks of thee is simple, universal, unchangeable obedience."

And in conclusion, may we ask, what are we doing to obey our Lord's farewell command? He made this command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," as solemn and emphatic as He possibly could. Professing Christians everywhere are making all sorts of excuses for disobeying this command. What is to be the result? Undoubtedly one result is to be the eternal loss (so great that it cannot be reckoned) of those who choose to ignore and disobey this command. If the great loss was only for a million ages, it might be borne; but when a million ages have passed, the period of suffering and loss, caused by this disobedience, will only just have begun.

In Revelation it is written, "And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof; for Thou wast slain, and hast purchased us to God by Thy blood, out of every kindred and tongue and people and nation, and hast made us unto our

God kings and priests, and we shall reign on the earth" (V. 9, 10.)

The greatest and most essential quality for being kings, or for sustaining kingly power and authority is that we ourselves be obedient to the laws of the kingdom. And now is being decided the momentous question as to who are to have the power and authority in the coming "kingdom of heaven," and the "kingdom of God" as connected with this planet. It certainly will not go to those who are paying as little attention to our Lord's great command and commission, to "go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," as they would to a last year's almanac. And the reward of Christ's obedient servants will not be limited by the results seen in the number of professed conversions in their lifetime. No, in these things God looketh on the heart and not on the outward appearance.

Henry Martyn died when he was thirty-one years of age, practically as a martyr, and after only a few years' residence in India; and he did not know that he had been the means of the conversion of one person in India. But there is no doubt that he has been mightily used of the Holy Spirit in reaching India and the world, and in turning many to righteousness, and that he will eternally be among those who shall shine as the stars forever and ever, and that chiefly because there was a Christ-like obedience in his life to all of God's commands, not excepting the great command, which was not to forget to give the good news to the "millions dying" of heathendom.

Oh, brothers, what are you and I doing to show to God, to show to the angels and to show to our fellow-men, that we mean business, and that we are in earnest to be obedient to all of Christ's commands, including the commission of Mark 16:15 and Matt. 28: 19?

GOD HEARS YOU.

A man was at work at a city depot handling baggage. Some of it was very heavy, and difficult to manage alone. He lost his patience at last, and began to swear and curse terribly. A little girl had been watching him, and when she heard his wicked oaths she seemed shocked and frightened. She became excited presently, and cried out:

"Oh, please, don't talk like that! Don't you know God hears you?"

The man was startled by her earnestness, and looked about, as if half-expecting to find himself face to face with a listening God. The child's words brought a conviction of his wickedness home to him. "Don't you know God hears you?" kept ringing in his ears as he went on with his work. But he did not swear again that day. He could not rid himself of the sense of God's nearness which the little girl's question had given him. He went home in a sober, thoughtful mood. He seemed so unlike himself that his wife thought he must be sick.

"No, I'm not sick," he told her, "but I'm thinking out something."

All that night a voice kept saying over and over to him, "God hears you." It was the turning point in his life. He kept on thinking until he "thought out" his salvation. The words of the child had done more than all the sermons he had ever listened to, for they made him think of God as he had never thought of him before.—Selected.

A clean, capable ministry, an efficient company of Foreign Missionaries, regulation and conservation of funds for home and foreign mission work; these are some of the things that the next council will stand for. If you believe in these things, we expect to see you and enjoy your fellowship at the October Council in St. Louis.

DAILY PORTION FROM THE KING'S BOUNTY

MRS. A. R. FLOWER

September 9. "Let the righteous smite me; it shall be a kindness; and let him reprove me; it shall be an excellent oil, which shall not break my head." Psa. 141:5.

Those who shun and disregard reproof injure themselves and shorten their growth and usefulness. However the blow may sting, take it gracefully, asking God to make plain to you all the why and wherefore of its coming. "Faithful are the wounds of a friend;" and as someone says, "better is a little chiding than a great deal of heart-break." How many have had reason to say in the midst of an awful failure, "If only I had listened to reproof!"

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September 10. "But the miry places thereof and the marshes thereof shall not be healed: they shall be given to salt." Ezek. 47:11.

Stagnant water is no use whatever, only to breed mosquitoes and they carry sickness and malaria amongst the people. The manna that was held over until the morning—"it bred worms, and stank." What a description of the sluggish, self-centered life! Contrast with that life which flows out amongst the thirsty fields. The more it gives the more it receives from the springs of eternal blessing and power.

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September 11. "Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught." Luke 5:4.

What a play many make of fishing! They fear to launch into the deep water themselves and hence they never can let down their nets for a real draught of fishes. Cease skirting the edges of the water. Launch out yourself into the deep, then you may expect results in your fishing for souls. Oh for such multitudes of fishes that some of our nets will brake, and we shall be compelled to call for our partners to come and help us land them.

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September 12. "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." 2 Tim. 3:16.

You will find a message for your need in every part of God's Holy Word. Christ is revealed from the beginning to the end, if your eyes are but open to behold Him. The Old Testament is the lock; the New Testament the key thereto. They are inseparably related—God's great love-letter to your heart, worthy of your fondest regard and closest attention.

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September 13. "Of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto Thee." Gen. 28:22.

This was long before the law was instituted, remember. So you need not fear getting under the law in paying one-tenth to God. And let it be the first tenth, not what is left after you have spent all you desire. The first-fruits always belong to God. Are you withholding them? Then do not wonder that God withholds His blessing from you. You can far better afford to give the tenth than not to, however hardpressed you may be.

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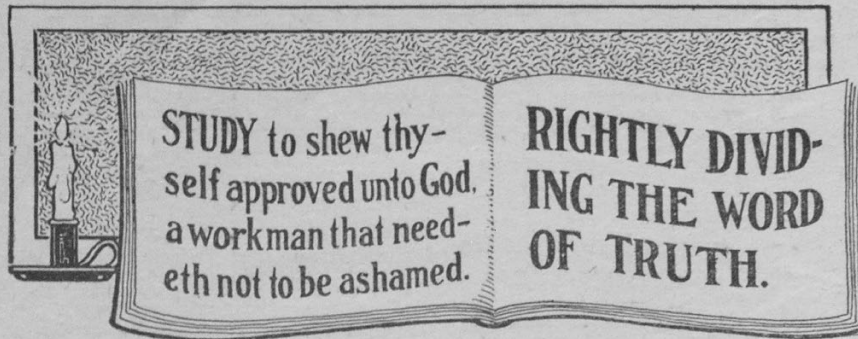
September 14. "But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end." Psa. 102:27.

Thou art the same—I joy me in that thought.
However rough my way, varied my lot,
Unchanging is Thy grace. So fear I not.

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September 15. "That he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier." 2 Tim. 2:4.

Whatever the duty God grants to be done—humble or exalted—do it with that one thought of pleasing Him. The work will be well done, and you will have holy joy in the doing thereof. This is the joy that makes duty a delight.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

September 17, 1916.

A PRISONER IN THE CASTLE.

Lesson Text.—Acts 22:1-30.

Golden Text.—“He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust.” Psa. 91:2.

Leading Thought.—“Kept by the power of God.”

1. Paul's Defense. Vs. 1-21. What an impressive scene that must have been! The uproar ended, and the people standing there in great silence. God can quiet any mob, and history gives instances innumerable where God's power has stilled raging masses of humanity that they might hear God's message from one of His servants. So it was here in Jerusalem. And Paul embracing his God-given opportunity, spoke to them in the Hebrew tongue. This fact only intensified the silence, gaining for Paul a certain amount of respect from the people. What could Paul hope for in addressing this angry mob of people? Certainly his motive was deeper than mere self-defense. He desired to impress them to some degree at least with the importance and power of this Jesus who could transform a bigoted Pharisee into an earnest Christian, and all in a moment's time. Paul addresses the people respectfully, “Men, brethren, and fathers.” He might justly have called them by much harder names: but Christlike courtesy was ever a marked characteristic of Paul's ministry. This is the first of the five recorded defenses made by Paul. We can divide it into three parts: (1) He declares himself to be a Jew. His Hebrew speech, his Jewish attitude and upbringing, his quiet unruffled spirit must have left its impress on his hearers. He states the facts exactly as they are, without ostentation or egotism. Paul had nothing to be ashamed of in his past. It is unfortunate that there are not many more such ones. The grace of God abounds where sin hath

abounded; but how often the effects of sin are left to impair the highest usefulness. (2) He relates his experience of conversion. It was conversion in its truest sense with Paul; he was completely turned around. Perhaps some of his very listeners had not forgotten his zeal in persecuting the Christians; now that same zeal was directed toward making more Christians. Wonderful transforming power of the Gospel! With beautiful simplicity Paul tells the story of the journey to Damascus, the vision on the roadside, the voice from heaven which resulted in his absolute surrender. A strong man Paul ever was, but that was one of his strongest moments when with childlike humility he cried out, “What shall I do, Lord?” How Paul's heart must have warmed as he recounted those wonderful moments upon which hung the whole trend of his after life. He forgot the chains which bound him; forgot that he was under arrest; forgot everything save the reality of God's coming into his heart and life. Paul was free within, even though chains, uncounted bound him hands and feet. (3) He declares his unmistakable call to preach the Gospel to the Gentiles. While it was true that some of those Jews could never comprehend the vast scope of the Gospel message, Paul sought to make plain to them something of God's purpose in sending him to preach the Gospel to the Gentiles. But the very mention of the fact aroused the multitude to wild declarations, and violent denunciation. Their rage knew no bounds. In their estimation, a man who preached such doctrine ought not to live. So the angry mob renewed their uproar.

2. Paul Saved from Scourging. Vs. 24-29. Now the chief captian takes hold of matters again, commanding that Paul be examined by scourging. That something must be done to bring peace and order the chief captain well knew; but how to go about it was not clear to him. Evidently he did not understand Hebrew or he would have better known the causes of the difficulty. He was a Roman and fancying Paul to be some poor vagabond Jew thought to punish him thus with impunity. Back there

at Philippi Paul stood such treatment without a question. Now apparently he feels justified in declaring himself. “Is it lawful for you to scourge a man that is a Roman, and uncondemned?” This, Paul said to the centurion that was about to execute the captain's orders. It brought those Roman officials to time, for they realized as well as Paul that there was a penalty against those who punished a Roman without a legal trial. It would seem as though this were an inspiration of the Holy Spirit, insuring Paul protection in the place of punishment. And yet there was certainly no fear or shrinking in Paul to have caused him to act thus. It was just, it was reasonable, and Paul took advantage of his opportunity. Heathen Rome was thus a means of defending one of God's servants. What strange means God has frequently used in defending others of his trusting ones from time immemorial. Back of Roman authority Paul saw the God of his trust, of whom he had so confidently written, “I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.” John Brentz, a friend of Martin Luther, was an object of hatred to Chas. V. and the Catholics. Being warned that an attempt was to be made to arrest him, he went to prayer. He was directed to take a loaf of bread and hide in the garret of a certain house. He did so, hiding behind some lumber and straw in the place indicated. The imperial troops began a search the next day that continued for fourteen days. Brentz could hear them, and on the last day searched the very house in which he was hiding, but did not discover him. The first day a hen came into the garret and laid an egg without cackling. This she did for thirteen days. These with his loaf kept him from hunger. When the hen failed to come on the fourteenth day, Brentz left his hiding place with renewed confidence in God. “The name of the Lord is a high tower; the righteous runneth into it and is safe.”

Next Week's Lesson.

September 24, 1916.

THE THINGS WHICH ARE NOT SEEN—(Review.)

Reading Lesson.—2 Cor. 4:1-5:4.

Golden Text.—2 Cor. 4:18.

A. R. F.

Most of us live away from home. We are hiding as Adam did in the bushes of Eden. There was a time when God's voice thrilled Adam's soul with joy and gladness, and he thrilled God's heart with joy. They lived in sweet fellowship with each other.—Dwight L. Moody.

WORKING AMONG THE SOLDIERS.

Dear Evangel Family:

The Lord hath done great things, whereof we are glad. As this paper has helped us and stood by in the great enterprise of winning souls, we feel it our duty to report the great victory won in this vicinity the past two months.

Since last we wrote, asking the prayers of all our brothers and sisters, God has marvelously undertaken, so that beside having an official pass, or free permit, to go to Camp Whitman and work personally among the soldiers (which work proved a tremendous blessing), our little "borrowed" chapel, seating perhaps 150 to 200, was filled every night of our "special meetings."

As we have not the time to inform our many friends personally of God's goodness to us, we take this blessed privilege of sounding a note of praise to our King, through this precious paper; that He has again won a great victory and answered the faithful prayers of His saints, in the face of a crooked and perverse generation.

We found most of the soldiers open and receptive, some in a very serious mood. Many fine characters among them, boys from good Christian homes. Yet the great majority coming to our meetings knew nothing of the blessed experience of having a real change of heart. God marvelously supplied the seed for the sowing, that, beside papers and tracts, we distributed over (500) five hundred New Testaments and Gospels to them gratis. The great harvest was ripe for the reaping. We take no glory, to God alone be all the glory forever and ever. Amen.

During our special meetings, held particularly for the soldiers, God saved over seventy (70) souls. Of this great number, sixty-eight (68) were precious young men from Camp Whitman, i. e., United States soldiers.

Last Sunday three men were baptized among them, one soldier. Another one is to be immersed this week, as he is soon to leave for the border. This last one had been a member of the High Episcopal church all his life, but now rejoices in full salvation. One night, with many others, he heard a sermon preached by the pastor on hell and hell's fire, and the end of all those whose names are not found written in the Lamb's Book of Life, which so convicted him, with seventeen (17) others, he came forward, crying out before the audience that he must be saved that night. What a transformation has taken place in that young man. Such earnestness and hunger on the part of some has been well worth all the time, money and labors spent in this wicked little place.

There was another remarkable con-

version, that of a strict Lutheran who now eagerly testifies, with his face aglow, to all the saving power of Jesus Christ. How the praises and testimonies rang forth with songs of real thanksgiving from the hearts and lips of many soldier boys, and they could not refrain from telling how Jesus saved them and set them free from all their sins. Hallelujah!

The entire vicinity is stirred. Some earnestly for, others fighting hard against, the great truths of God. There is a great conflict in the heavenlies, yet, praise God, Jesus has and always shall victor be. Pray for us.

We trust D. V. to soon open the campaign God so earnestly put on our hearts; through great pressure, persecutions and testings He made it possible that all will soon be in readiness, that we might reach out for poor lost souls groping blindly in dense darkness. There are still from 1,000 to 1,500 soldiers at camp.

Pray that many souls might be saved in this campaign, as there are many hungry and needy people.

Trust with us, pray with us and help us that Jesus might some way give us a house of God large enough for the crowds, and also a dwelling for the pastor.

Anyone desiring to come or give any financial aid might kindly inform and send to Pastor C. T. Stroh, Stormville, N. Y.

God bless you all.

A Member of the Evangel Family.

(P. S.—The announcement of the Special Meeting at Stormville appeared in No. 155 of the Weekly Evangel—last week.)

EVANGEL HOME NOTES.

Bro. G. F. Bender, associated with Gerard A. Bailey in the Pentecostal Missionary work at Caracas, Venezuela, South America, passed through St. Louis and spent the night of Aug. 29th with us at the home. Brother Bender suffered a nervous breakdown under the trying tropical conditions prevailing in Venezuela and was compelled to come home for a rest. Brother Bailey, who is now alone on the field also needs a rest badly, having served the Lord between twenty and thirty years in his field of labor and prayer is asked for him that God will sustain him until Brother Bender returns to the field, or some other way is opened for him to return to the homeland. We found Brother Bender to be a precious, spirit-filled child of the Lord, and we felt quite refreshed by his brief sojourn with us.

Brother Mark John Levy, an English converted Jew, also has paid us a visit of a few days. He is in St. Louis in the

interest of his Jewish brethren and hopes to be present in behalf of the Jews at the coming General Council, Oct. 1st.

DEAF AND DUMB WONDERFULLY HEALED.

First News from Parma Camp.

Meetings good. Wonderful healing of young woman who was deaf and dumb today, also case of the same nature yesterday. Meeting is progressing nicely. Large crowds at night with good interest.—J. W. Welch.

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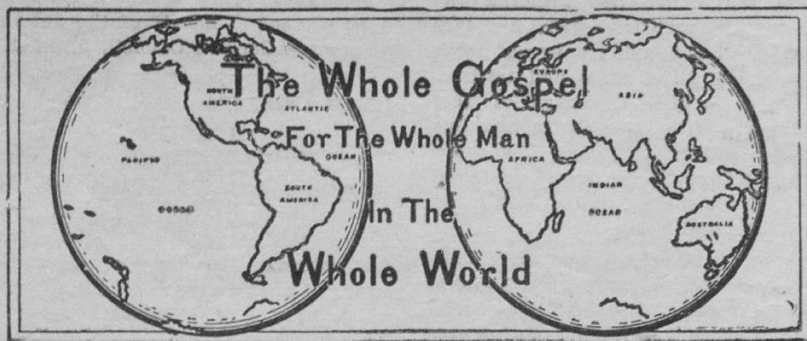
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Pray for the entire removal of a cancer from a missionary who is now on the field.

—:O:—

Pray for God's choice of an efficient Spirit-filled, English-speaking co-laborer for a missionary who is standing practically alone in a very hard field.

—:O:—

Pray for the protection and support of missionaries and native Christians in and near Sai Nam, South China, where 20,000 soldiers are stationed because of the troublesome times.

—:O:—

Pray for Spirit-filled laborers to enter Korea and preach the baptism of the Holy Spirit with Bible evidence of speaking in tongues. Also that many open hearts may be found to welcome the truth.

THE RESCUE OF A NATIVE BOY AND A PENTECOSTAL CONVENTION IN INDIA.

W. S. Norwood.

Beloved Friends:

"O taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed is the man that trusteth in Him." We have been proving this is true. We are in the warm weather now. The past months' work has been mostly confined to the station. In the early part of the season we had made all preparation for itinerating, and just the day before starting all our plans had to be altered. A poor little boy came to us begging for food. Some very filthy ragged thick cloth, like felt, which we call "puttoo" out here, was thrown over his naked body. His face was pinched with hunger and cold, but

it was a taking one notwithstanding. His eyes were large, soft and appealing, that made you feel you must help him. But they clearly told one he had spirit enough to enjoy any boy's pranks, and so it proved afterwards, for he nearly strangled a boy at school for teasing him. We set him in the warm sunshine and gave him some milk and bread. The little kindness so touched his impressionable heart that he soon declared he would never leave us! "Loaves and fishes" have a potent effect on young as well as old. It is too long a story to give in all its detail in this interim letter, but I must give you the outline.

We felt this was a lamb out in the cold that the Shepherd wanted to save. We took him in and gave him some of our Harold's clothes, and then, when we found the Mohammedans would not let him stay with us here, I took him away to a friend in the Punjab. On the way we talked about Jesus. He could not understand much, but I showed him some picture tracts and he soon learned to recognize the picture of Jesus; and then before I left him with the friend, I had the opportunity of showing him through a beautifully illustrated New Testament. As we went on he became more and more interested and gently stroked the picture of Jesus and became more and more angry with His enemies, and at last he took a tract with the picture of a pharisee on it and blacked it all over. That was his first lesson. He soon learned to repeat verses of Scripture which told him all the Lord's love and work, as, e. g., John 3:16, and professed to believe on Jesus.

But he longed to see me again, and at last became so impatient and restless that it was thought it would be good to let him come along for a few days. What I feared, happened. He was kidnapped one evening when we were out, and we have not heard of him since. But we shall. The seed has been sown. It has begun to blossom sweetly, the fruit will yet be seen in that little life. The "lawful captive" shall be delivered. He is a "lawful captive" I'm sorry to say, for we had no legal right to him. Pray for him, and call him Nikka; that's

what we called him, it means "Little one."

Taking Nikka away changed all my itinerating plans. Just notice how the Lord orders things. I had expected to return to Abbottabad almost at once, and pick up my interrupted plans, but it was thought that enquiries might be made for Nikka, and that it would be best to avoid them for a time. I wondered where I could stay for any length of time in the Punjab, when I remembered a small convention was to be held at sister Herron's station in Saharanpur, and determined to go there and trust the Lord to give me room there for a few days. When I arrived I found I was a week before the time, but that it was really of the Lord I went, as the dear ones there were meeting beforehand for prayer, and needed help. I stayed not only this week but for the convention also. The Lord gave us beautiful harmony of spirit and wonderful messages from Himself, and the convention closed (after I left) with conversions and many water baptisms. But it was not only me God wanted at the convention. He had planned for my whole family to come. I do not know whether one little deed of kindness which came my way was the key which set God's plan agoing or not, but it seemed to have some relation to it, and I therefore mention it. It may be an encouragement to others to obey the voice of the Lord and to trust Him wholly.

I went out one day and found a poor family—father and five children, mother dead—utterly destitute. They had a bundle of rags for clothes and bedding, and were without house or shelter of any kind, and the man professed to be a Christian—indeed a Mohammedan chief had turned him out of his village because he would not become a Mohammedan, nor give one of his girls to a Mohammedan. He wanted to take his children to a Christian orphanage some distance away, but had no money. I bought them their tickets and gave a little for the road—it was only a matter of ten rupees, but at the time it was a large sum to me. Now note the sequence, if it can be so called, and I think it can. The very next day the Lord caused a lady who was seeking her Pentecostal baptism to send my wife one hundred and fifty rupees for her and all the family to come to the convention. No mention or hint of this had been made before, and of course she knew nothing of the poor family of the day before. How full of surpassing love is our dear Lord! Although we anticipated the Lord meant to baptize my wife on this occasion our hopes were not fully realized, so do not cease to pray that this blessing may be given. The work needs it.

If I lengthen this letter I shall defeat its purpose I'm afraid. I must summarize.

We have had constant waiting meetings. At one, Dadh was wonderfully anointed, if not baptized. Some of us are assured the Spirit of God spoke in Him. It was a privilege to see this dark-skinned face shining with the joy of fellowship with God. He was oblivious of those around him and conscious only of the Lord. He spoke to Him in such ecstasy that at last speech failed him and there was simply the inarticulate language of divine joy alone. Hallelujah!

This brother is much regarded, although he cannot read a letter. He once prayed for my little girl who was ill. As he prayed you could forget easily what he was naturally. He thundered rebuke at the devil. There was no mistaking the power. There was not an atom of fear. He was facing a real personal enemy, and he used the weapon God's love has given, the Blood of Jesus—"They overcame by the Blood of the Lamb." Of course my little one got better, not a month or so after, but from that time.

Some of our Sunday services have been times of great refreshing from the Lord. The Spirit of God has spoken to us through the "unknown tongue" and interpretation. I will pass on one message, you will observe its appropriateness, being from the Lord it could not be otherwise: "I am among you my people. I want you to come unto Me. I am longing to do for you more than even you yourselves want. Come to Me. Again I am the holy God, the holy God, and I require holiness in My people. I am the God who gave the law on Mount Sinai, but also the God who gave Jesus to fulfill the law, and all your sin I placed upon Him." Hallelujah!

We are having but the droppings of the showers for which we are waiting, but the Lord will answer your loving, faithful prayers for us. The time is near, very near, when the floods of latter rain must fall before Jesus comes.

Yours in His service,
W. S. Norwood.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE IN INDIA.

May God bless you and keep you—His coming is near.

The rains have come a week earlier than due. Such a happy relief from the intense heat, the hottest season the papers state in forty-five years. It will not go over 110 now, and if it was not for the prickly heat, there would be nothing to complain of, but my health is good and I am happy in my work. My little boys are saved and I have fixed Friday evening, the 16th inst., for

the time of our baptismal service. We expect a big crowd at the river and are praying God will open hearts to step out. Many are not worshipping idols and only go to bathe on their big days, but are afraid to openly renounce all. God is working.—Mrs. D. L. McCarty.

(Mrs. McCarty is planning on leaving India for a rest about the first of October after seven years of continuous service. If anyone has any of the Lord's money to help her on her way, send it to the missionary treasurer at once and it will be promptly forwarded to her. She needs this rest very much.)

A WORK OPENED IN MADRAS, INDIA.

I have been privileged to read the Weekly Evangel since coming to India till the present. I have enjoyed it much, especially the Scripture expositions.

I have been at a hill for about two months with fifteen other Pentecostal missionaries, that is that many on the hill at different cottages, and we met together almost daily for prayer and once a week all day of prayer. God met us very precious and worked out some blessed things. We are praying for another mighty outpouring in India before Jesus comes.

I felt very clearly led to come to Madras and open a little mission station. Have been here nearly two weeks. There is a company of men and women, all Indian, who have been led into the baptism of the Spirit. They have meetings regularly, and there are now a number of seekers, perhaps ten or a dozen; two young men, church men, seeking evidence of sins forgiven, one accepted. So many such in India. Educated, speak English, in church work, some preaching, but no witness of the Spirit to pardon. While we were at Katagori a number of such came to the feet of Jesus and rejoiced in sins forgiven.

There is a great work to do here in Madras. Sister Rodebaugh is with me for a time, but feels she must go back to her station at Bangalore, and at present there is no one to be with me; but I have a good corps of Indian helpers, and am trusting God to send along whom He will.

I have rented a house among the people of India, and can preach the Gospel and give out tracts from my front door step. We have had some good tarrying meetings, but have been so busy getting settled have not been able to push out much. We do want to improve every moment. Pray for us much.

Madras is a very hot place, not a place one would choose for pleasant residence. Thank God for the open door, for the hungry hearts, for the work waiting for us.—Mary W. Chapman, No. 63 Mowbrays Rd., Royapella, Madras, India.

Conventions and Camp Meetings

LOCAL CAMP MEETING AT HARTFORD, ARK.

September 9th to 24th.

We have a splendid camp ground. Bring your own toilet articles. Table will be run on the free-will offering plan. The great theme of the meeting will be to win the lost to Christ. Come prepared to stay till over. Come praying, come believing God for a real harvest of souls.
For further information write Fayette Romines, pastor, Hartford, Ark., box 272.

LOCAL CAMP MEETING AT CAMP, ARK.

September 22nd to October 1st.

Entertainment will be provided as far as possible. Camp is fifteen miles from Mammoth Springs, Ark., but a mail car makes the trip every day. We are expecting a large crowd and many workers. The work is practically new and only a few have the baptism, but we are expecting many to find God in that way. All workers and ministers will be welcomed if they are straight in life and stand for the Pentecostal doctrine as it was taught originally. No new fads or isms will be tolerated. Workers known so far are Mrs. John Sloan of Thayer and R. T. and Zella Johnson of Neelyville, Mo. For further information write R. T. Johnson, Neelyville, Mo.

PENTECOSTAL CONVENTION, TROY, NEW YORK.

Sept. 27th to Oct. 8th Inclusive.

The Apostolic Pentecostal Assembly of Troy, New York, announces that there will be a twelve-day convention covering the above dates, which will be held in the Gospel Chapel, 54 Harrison Place. We invite all saints, especially those of this vicinity who have no regular place of worship, to co-operate with us. Special workers to be with us (D. V.) are, Evangelists R. B. Jackson, of Falcon, N. C., and B. L. Todd, of Columbia, S. C. A time of refreshing is expected. Any desiring water baptism by immersion, come prepared. (Matthew 28: 19, 20). 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, N. Y.

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CAMP MEETING AT BOISE, IDAHO.

Aug. 25th to Sept. 25th.

F. A. Hale and wife, evangelists, will be in charge, and we are looking for a glorious time. We hope every Pentecostal person in the Northwest will arrange to come. For further information, address Geo. Hanson, Route 2, Boise, Idaho.

A GENERAL CAMP-MEETING.

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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.

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That which we have seen and heard declare
we unto
you, that
ye also
may have
the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ—1 Jno. 1:3

Fellowship

with us:
and truly
our Fellow-
ship is with

WHEN WE MEET OVER YONDER.

(Tune: "Meet Me in Heaven.")

When the days of our childhood are
over,
And no longer we're tossed to and
fro
By the doctrines of wicked seducers,
In the grace of our Saviour we'll
grow.

Chorus:

When we meet over yonder the faithful
and true
In that home where no schism is known,
With the saints of all ages—the Gentile
and Jew—
We will worship our King on the
throne.

When the Lord brings to earth in its
beauty
That fair city from Heaven above,
"We shall see eye to eye," Hallelujah!
And be one in the doctrine of love.

When the long, weary battle is ended,
And true love in each heart reigns
supreme,
We shall then stand together united,
On the banks of that beautiful stream.

Yes the day will soon dawn in its glory,
When no longer asunder we're torn.
We shall all be as one over yonder,
When we meet on that beautiful morn.
—Burt McCafferty, Lineville, Iowa.

VICTORY AT MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA.

We praise God that we can report
victory at Minot. After a hard battle
against delusions of every sort, and
heresies that were brought into the As-
sembly, scattering the flock and bring-
ing reproach upon the work, God deliv-
ered by sending Bro. Neve from Min-
nesota to help us. During his short
stay with us the work has been revived.
Souls have been saved, baptized with
the Spirit, and sick bodies healed, and
a deluge of fanaticism swept away, the
church being restored to order.

While holding Sunday morning meet-
ing in the tent a sister rushed in with a
baby that she found in a German

Lutheran home near by, where much
sorrow was in evidence on account of the
baby's death. Bro. Neve was preaching
at the time but stopped, gathered the
saints for prayer, anointed the baby and
instantly God restored to health. Glory
to God for the signs that do follow in
these last days. We are looking for-
ward to His glorious appearing.

We wish to make known that after
the way Satan has destroyed the work
of this Assembly in the past, through
the agency of false teachers of heresies,
no preacher will be received here un-
less he can give a good account of his
doctrine or is in good standing with the
General Council of the Assemblies of
God.—W. E. Lackey, an Elder.

Brother W. B. Jessup, of Enterprise,
Ala., writes that a good revival is going
on in the country under a 60 by 90 tent.
Large crowds. Souls are being saved.

At Cabasa, Texas (a new field), Bro.
S. D. Mosaly of San Antonio writes that
some forty or fifty received the baptism
of the Spirit, the meeting being held by
Bro. Wesley Edwards and wife of Kings-
ville, Texas. Bro. Mosaly helped to set
the Assembly in order, with officers
scripturally appointed.

W. H. Whelchel of Calhoun, Okla.,
sends in his first report since being in
the Lord's work. He writes of a good
meeting, closed in the latter part of
July, at Howe, Okla., where nine re-
ceived the baptism of the Holy Ghost
and some wonderful healings took place,
the town being stirred. He speaks of
being in two meetings last year where
about ninety received the baptism of
the Spirit. He and his family (five in
number) are out in the work and are
desirous of the prayers of the saints.

LIBERTY HILL, TEXAS.

God is still blessing us here. We
trust God for healing. My baby has
just been healed of a bad case of sore
eyes. Also a brother was healed of a
break in his arm. We expect, by God's
grace and help to still be trusting Him
when He comes.—Oma Brown.

GOOD CAMP MEETING AT CREAL SPRINGS, ILL.

I had a fine time at Creal Springs—
one of the best camp meetings that I
ever attended. Several were saved and
received the baptism and some healed.
Brothers Cunningham, Bailey, Rogers,
Arthur Bell, Southerland, Morgan and
Kinnie were there. Brother Bailey
preached one of the best sermons on the
second coming of the Lord, under the
anointing of the Spirit, that I have ever
heard. I preached four or five times—
the Lord wonderfully blessed me in two
of the messages.

We are now on the firing line for the
Lord here at Martinsville. We are hav-
ing three services each day and having
large crowds every night. The tent is
47x87 feet and it is well filled every
night and the interest is growing, and
there is the best of attention during the
entire services. Several have stood up
for prayer each night, but, so far, no
one has come to the altar. We are look-
ing for the break to come tonight.
Please continue to pray for us.—A. T.
Rape.

I like very much to read your paper.
I find more joy and peace in this way
than I ever found before.—Mrs. O. S.,
Bellwood, Alabama.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER.

Pray for a sister in Georgiana, Ala.,
who is sick of fever and is trusting God
to deliver. Pray earnestly.

—:o:—

Pray for the son of a sister in Colum-
bus, Ohio, that he may be restored and
baptized with the Spirit. He is a back-
slider.

—:o:—

Pray for a young brother who is con-
fined to jail at Santa Fe, New Mexico.
He expects to be free soon and says he
desires the prayers of the saints during
this trying time.

Pray for a family in New Caney, Tex.,
that they may be restored from a back-
slidden condition. The mother desires
healing of rheumatism and stomach
trouble, and prayer also for her sister
that she may be healed and find peace
with God.

—:o:—

An aged sister in Ioné, Ark., desires
prayer that she may be healed of sore-
ness in feet and hands and in the back
of the neck and shoulders; also that
someone may be led to visit this place
who will preach the truth and minister
to the saints who need building up.

As there are no meetings here in
Aurora, the Evangel is such a help to
us in coming every week. God bless
and help us to trust in Him.—Mrs. H.
L., Aurora, Ill.

BEFORE THEY CALL I WILL ANSWER.

I feel more like praising God than ever before, as I saw the request for prayer for myself in the Weekly Evangel last night. I can praise God that He healed me two weeks ago yesterday evening between five and six o'clock, between Sunday-school and evening meeting. I was so sick that I could hardly stay up through Sunday-school, and when we came home my husband went to help a neighbor do his chores before meeting time. When he was gone the power of God came upon me and I walked the floor back and forth for nearly half an hour, speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance, and when I came from under the power of God I was healed and have not had an attack with my head since then. My body has not been sore since that time either. Oh I do praise God.—Mrs. Sarah Storey, Belmont, Man.

Pastor J. W. Gary writes from Omaha, Texas, as follows: "God is showing His power here. Large crowds—some praying through to salvation, others seeking for the Holy Ghost. God is convicting some so that they get out of bed after going home, and pray through. I never saw as hungry a crowd in my life. About twelve came forward for prayer last night. People who had not been speaking are now coming together and I am looking for a great revival. Pray. This is a new field."

Sister J. Frank House of Bridgeport, Texas, who is in charge of the Young People's work, sends us a picture of twenty-eight young people in their assembly. Of the number shown in the picture, fifteen have received the baptism. Ten are absent, of which number seven have also been baptized. The children meet every Sunday evening at four o'clock. They also have a Young People's Prayer Meeting every Tuesday night. They are doing a good work for the Lord. We would that God would lay the young people upon the hearts of the older people in every assembly and that they may be built up on the Word and strengthened with the power of the Holy Spirit in their earlier years, the years of the formation of character and the growth of ideals. (We did not publish the picture because it was not sufficiently distinct to make a good half tone for publication, but we appreciate the thought of these young people in sending the picture.—Ed.)

GOOD WORK, NASHVILLE, ARK.

I want to praise God for what He has done here. Through prayer and fasting God has opened up a good work here. Many people come for miles to hear the

Word preached. People who have not been in church for years have come to our meetings and God has touched their hearts. Church-members who thought they were all right have seen more in store for them and have gone down and sought God and come up from the altar with a shine on their faces. Several have been saved. Eleven have been baptized in the Holy Ghost. We ask the prayers of the saints as the enemy is stirred.—Mrs. Alice Ledbetter.

Bro. R. M. Thomas and wife of Royce City, Texas, with the help of J. B. Smith, held a meeting between Quinland and Royce City, where God wonderfully blessed. A number were saved and sixteen received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Brother and Sister Thomas are now engaged in a meeting at Union Valley, the first full Gospel meeting ever held there and the crowds are large and much interest shown. Four have been saved there. They desire prayer for the work.

WARDELL, ARK.

I want to report victory at this place through Jesus' name. Just closed a meeting here and God mightily blessed souls. Twenty-one were saved and eighteen received the blessed Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4. Also, in a meeting held in Lepanto, Ark., eleven were saved and eight received the blessing. I ask the prayers of all God's saints that He will have His way with me.—Edw. McKevitt, Evang.

STOLEN GOODS RETURNED.

God still convicts the sinner. We have a letter from a brother in Dallas, Texas, which gives the following story: "On August 13th there was stolen from me a watch and chain and a gold-handled knife, a little money and other small valuables. On the night of the 14th I told Jesus about it and asked Him to convict the one who did the stealing so that he would have to bring the goods back before he could rest or sleep. The next morning (the 15th) at 8 o'clock the thief brought back everything and told me he was sorry he did it. Jesus says, 'If ye abide in Me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you,' and I take Him at His word."—E. M. Simmons, Dallas, Texas.

URBANA, OHIO.

Bro. Floyd Edwards writes: We have a mission hall here now and the Lord is wonderfully blessing us. Praise His name. One dear old sister, who has not walked a step for eight years without crutches, has been healed and put her crutches to one side. Several have laid aside their glasses. One

healed of rupture and many other healings. A number have received the Holy Ghost. The Lord is doing a wonderful work here, praise His dear name forever.

When God speaks, He likes no other voice to break the stillness but His own, and hence the place that has always been given to solitude in all true religious life. It can be overdone, but it can be grossly underdone. And there is no lesson more worth insisting on in days like ours than this: When God wants to speak with a man, He wants that man to be alone.—Henry Drummond.

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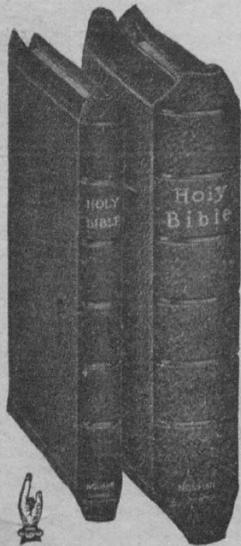
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A. D. 31.
f Is. 9, 1, 2.
f Is. 42, 7.
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m Mark 1, 14.

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