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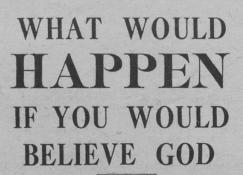
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GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH



THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE. — Mark 16:15





"And He did not many works there because of their unbelief." Matth. 13:58.

"These signs SHALL follow them that BELIEVE." Mark 16:17.

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THE WORKS OF GOD

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"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.

SNATCHED FROM DEATH IN THE CAUCASUS.

A very encouraging testimony of healing is published in the Sunday School Times from the pen of a medical missionary, Dr. Ussher of Van, who was in the very heart of the recent Armenian atrocities.

When we escaped from Van in the spring of last year, all but dead from the dread typhus fever I was carried in the only horse litter the carayan boasted. Pneumonia followed typhus, and parotid abscess succeeded that. When our journey out of the ravaged city began, I had fallen off from 186 pounds to 95.

On our perilous trip through the Turkish lines to the southern part of Russia we came to a spring that was poisoned with the bacillus of dysentery. Forty thousand people were said to have died of dysentery as a result of this. I and other missionaries were infected.

In the old Turkish custom house at the foot of Mt. Ararat we found a Red Cross hospital, and the student who was acting as surgeon operated on my parotid abscess as best he could. At Igdir I was taken to the officers' hospital and treated with every courtesy, and I shall never cease to be grateful for the kindness of the Russian doctor and his lovely wife, who spoke French and interpreted for me. After the agony I had suffered at the hands of the surgeon on Ararat, his gentle touch and sympathy were greatly appreciated. I regret having lost their names.

Only military telegrams could go through, so the doctor very kindly telegraphed the American Consul, Mr. Willoughby Smith, in Tiflis, to secure me a bed and the best surgical attention in Tiflis.

When I arrived in the military ambulance train, I found an automobile awaiting me and was taken at once to the city hospital, where I had the best of care. In spite of the efforts of several physicians, my fever and dysentery continued, and I suffered agony twenty times a day. I was unable to take nourishment for four days and was a mere skeleton, spanning my biceps with my thumb and forefinger, and the calf of my leg with thumb and second finger.

The doctors became discouraged at the lack of results from their remedies, and told the nurses they need not insist on my taking them if they distressed me, as I was too far gone to be helped. They had told my sister that I might die at any day and she would better be prepared for it.

My pocket Bible (American Revised Version) was one of the five things we had saved. At my request it was brought to me, and before opening it, I prayed that God would guide me to the message he wished me to have. Almost too weak to lift the little book, I let it fall open on my chest and putting my finger on it turned it up to see the message. I found I had put my finger on the eighth verse of the twenty-eighth chapter of Acts, and read "And it was so, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever

and dysentery: unto whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laying his hands on him healed him."

I did not know that the word "dysentery" was in the English translation of the Scriptures. I said to myself, "What does this mean? I asked God to guide me to the message he wanted me to have and must believe that he has done so." Did it mean that he wanted me to claim my healing for him? I replied, "Lord, I can't; I am too weak; I haven't faith to lay hold."

The answer came to me as clearly and distinctly as if some one spoke, "It is not your faith, but the faith of Jesus Christ." Like a flash came the picture of the seminary room when I was studying Greek under Professor William Max Mueller, and came upon that phrase, "The faith of Jesus Christ," which Professor Mueller said could only be translated that way. I did not remember whether it was Romans 3:22, or Galatians 2:20 (I think the thought occurs in both), but it was so clear to me that I replied, "Then Lord Jesus, thou must do it all. The faith must be thine, and the works thine. I can do nothing. I leave it to thee."

A few minutes later a severe spasm of pain made me want to call the nurse; but I said to myself, "You said you would leave it to Jesus. Why don't you?" I didn't call the nurse. Nor did I need another dose of medicine.

From that hour I was healed. Appetite returned, and I regained seventy-eight pounds in a strange land among a people of strange tongue. God knew all about an individual and spoke to him in the twentieth century. Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever, wrought as he did on the shores of Galilee, and fulfilled his promise, "Lo, I am with you all the days even unto the end of the age."

A LETTER FROM A BRITISH SOLDIER.

"I will relate a personal experience which set my soul at rest for all time, deciding me that all is planned for us, and nothing left to chance: that death and wounds are not calamity: that till the Christian's task is over, he is invulnerable—then the glory.

"I had decided on taking a rest in my dugout one afternoon when off-duty for awhile. Then as I was lying down, it struck me that I would rest better further from the guns. I had just settled down in the new place, when a heavy shell smashed my dug-out up completely! My kit, etc., left there was destroyed, all except my dear little Bible. Even the case I kept it in was smashed, but the book itself hadn't been scratched. With a thankful heart I opened it, and read without selection, "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not."

"In the midst of my heart's fulness, an evil power sought to rob me of my God's assurance, and to hinder His praise by suggesting—'that's only luck! Every man out here escapes like that every day. To-morrow your luck may be out.' I looked again, and read on—'They are new every morning, great is Thy faithfulness' (Lam. 2:22, 23). That settled it. The escape hadn't moved me; but I could have cried for joy when the devil was overcome."—From the London "Christian,"

I need a Divine Omnipotence to work in me. The whole of Christianity is the work of God's omnipotence. The cause of our weakness in the Christian life is that we want to work it out partly ourselves with the help of God. This cannot be. We must come to be utterly helpless to let God work, and God will work gloriously.—Andrew Murray.

PREPARING FOR THE GREATER EXODUS.

It is not good for us to have our eyes on difficulties, but it is good to have them on the Lord. The Word of the Lord came to the prophet Zechariah, "Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain." Have the prophet's eye, and you will see the mountains go. At the rebuke of the Lord the mountains flee. So with every difficulty, before the presence of our King.

When the children of Israel left Egypt, Pharoah was pursuing behind and the Red Sea lay in front. There was apparently no way of escape. Then came the word to the fearful multitude, "Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord!" And the Lord prepared a strong wind that dried up the sea and prepared a way for the children of Israel to pass over dryshod. And when the Spirit of God blows, there is a way made. The children of Israel could not see how the relief could come. It came invisibly. They could not see the wind, but they saw the result.

In the same way the Lord is preparing a way for His ransomed ones to step over into the promised land. And a greater than Moses is behind them giving the word of command and cheer. The wind that kept back the waters of the Red Sea withdrew and brought destruction to the enemy. And now "He who now hinders, will hinder until He be taken out of the way, and then shall the wicked one be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the Spirit of His mouth." 2 Thess. 2:7, 8. The same Holy Ghost who is making a way of deliverance for the children of God will be the agent in the ultimate destruction of the enemy.

The songs of Moses and of Miriam by the shores of the Red Sea are but a prelude to the songs of the redeemed. And as sure as He has taken you out of the hand of Pharaoh, so sure will He take you through the Red Sea. Miriam can take her timbrel and sing, "the horse and the rider hath He thrown into the sea," but that refrain can be eclipsed by the song, "Unto Him that hath loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."

When the children of Israel saw the Red Sea before them they were fearful, but when the Lord dried it up, no hurt came to any of them. The most timid one went through as safely as the most bold. And when Jesus comes back, that which appears to be a great sea will become a plain path. There is no cause to fear. He says, "Let not your heart be troubled. If I go, I will come again." There is no need for any trouble or fear at the thought of His coming. His promise holds good today, "There shall not an hoof be left behind."

They had their loins girt about, their staff in hand, everything packed and ready. They were prepared beforehand for the exodus by the word of the Lord through His prophet Moses. And if He warned His people in that day, do you think He will not warn us of the greater exodus? Some were worthy, some were unworthy, some were rich, and some were poor; it made no difference so long as they were under the blood of the lamb on that memorable passover night. The blood spelt the exodus. They were loosed by the blood. Do you know the shelter of the precious blood of Christ today? Do you know its cleansing efficacy? Do you know its loosening power? The blood of Christ will prove amply sufficient in this greater exodus. Nothing less will do.

The children of Israel did not come away empty; they came away wealthy, with gold and jewels and ornaments they had gotten from the Egyptians. And there is no need of any child of God being impoverished these days;

we can be spiritually enriched, buying of Him who has counselled us, to secure the gold tried in the fire that we may be rich, having all things and abounding.

In the morning watch the Lord looked down on the hosts of the Egyptians and troubled them, their chariot wheels came off, and there was confusion in their hearts. So today upon the earth there is distress of nations, and men's hearts are failing them for fear, for looking after those things which are coming on the earth. For those in Christ there is infinite joy ahead; to those outside, appalling disaster. "But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day shall overtake you as a thief."

What was a mighty deliverance to the one was an overwhelming destruction to the other. The Egyptians they saw no more forever. Of His own it is written, "In His love and in His pity, He redeemed them: and He bare them and carried them all the days of old." The Rock that followed them was Christ. He followed and led, tended and protected them. And He does no less for us today. The weak ones He is going to carry. The lambs He will carry in His bosom.

Even Lot was brought out (or rather thrust out) of Sodom before the destruction came. Saved as by fire! Abraham was out already. Abraham could have visited Lot and stayed with him for a time, but he was so in touch with God that he had the mind of God and not the mind of the men of the city. And God is looking for a separated people in these days who have not the mind of the world, but who have the mind of Christ, a people dead to the world, a people risen with Christ, a people whose affections are set on things above, a people whose treasure and whose hearts are in heaven.

IN THE SERVICE OF THE KING.

Jesus shall thrust through His enemies, and send them back to the place where they belong. Their setback commenced at Calvary. They that are with Him are called, chosen and faithful. You are now enlisted in the army of Christ Jesus and He gives you all power. The preliminary skirmishes of the spiritual Armageddon are commenced now.

He is to be crowned with many crowns, many diadems. The crowns are manufactured here. Are they not brands plucked from the burning? He wants the stars now, and you can make them by turning many to righteousness. Every soul saved and baptized is a diadem for Him.

The Temple building was put together without the sound of a hammer. All the materials were prepared beforehand and brought together. He wants willing workmen to prepare the materials for the New Jerusalem. The chipping of the stone may seem tedious, may seem useless. You cannot understand the pattern. He is fitting the stone. Your work is not in vain in the Lord! The transportation of the stones to the Temple will soon take place. He will make a short work of it. All the building will be dovetailed. Wherefore lift up the hands that hang down and the feeble knees. The stones will soon be fixed. Then the glory of the Lord will fill the Temple.

Millions of angels are waiting to carry out His requests, yet He has need of you. They cannot do what He wants you to do. They do His work perfectly, and He wants His people in the day of His power to offer themselves willingly and learn to do His will perfectly. Say not, "I am a child." He takes up the isles as a very little thing, and He takes up the little thing. Get into His hands for fitting and equipment. Receive the fitting from above. Jesus longs to pronounce the sentence,

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PAUL BETTEX AND HIS GREAT MESSAGE.

Our hearts are much saddened as we learn, in a letter from Sister Lowther, that we have lost our dear brother Paul Bettex from the ranks of our faithful Pentecostal missionaries. There is a mystery concerning his disappearance and death which we may not be able to solve until we meet him in the Kingdom, and then we may find that he has the crown of a martyr on his brow. Bro. Paul Bettex was not only a blessed man of faith, but of great spiritual vision. We have before us one of his last communications, a call to a forward move in the evangelization of China, and as one who read it remarked, "It is the vision of a great Christian statesman." For our own part, we treasure this paper as one of the most valuable documents that has been produced in this Pentecostal movement, and so make no apologies in making some extracts from it at this time. Let each one read into it more than the conquest of China for Christ, but the evangelization of the whole world. These extracts follow:

The Call of the King.

Every sincere Christian must deplore the present world war in Europe which has involved some seven hundred millions of the race in war and bloodshed. But one lesson the church ought to learn from the world; that of terrible earnestness. They are not playing at war as some of us are playing at religion. They are in for business all right.

Seven hundred millions at war! Twenty million men in the flower of youth and manhood, having no other aim but to kill, slaughter and destroy. Those at home eagerly scanning the papers. How many enemies killed? How many wounded? How many prisoners? How many dreadnoughts, cruisers or merchantmen sunk? How many flyers? How many cities bombarded? How many enemy regiments destroyed? And so on. And the more blood shed, the happier they are. They rejoice, and revel, and wallow in blood as the cavesmen of yore, and all in the name of patriotism.

When King George, Emperor William or the Czar called for men, twenty million soldiers deliberately, nay with enthusiasm, left their wives and children to starve, their homes and farms to go to ruin, their fields and crops to lie waste, their business going to smash. They have shouldered their Mausers to kill, and really reckon not their own lives dear unto themselves for country, flag and sovereign. How terribly earnest are the devil, the world and many Christians too, in this frenzy of war.

If you asked one hundred of these Christians who are now engaged in the Christian occupation of killing their neighbors, and are willingly suffering horrors in this game, to go out and preach the Gospel for nothing, just trusting in the Word of God, ninety-nine of them would take you for mad. Just as if the Christian had no kingdom for which to live and die! No flag of Calvary to uphold! No sovereign's call to obey! No war to wage! No countries to conquer! Just as if Jesus never called for volunteers! Just as if war with hell had never been declared! Just as if we had no aim to fight for, no empire to uphold, no imperial policy to carry out! Just as if Jesus and His Kingdom were placed on Mars or Jupiter!

What benefits has the Czar ever conferred upon his people but knout, Cossacks, Siberia, grand-dukes, oppression and pogroms? Yet when he calls his men, the enthusiasm is as intense as if he had died a sacrificial death for his mujiks. The spirit of sacrifice is so wonderful.

What has our sovereign, He of the crown of thorns, done that His people heed not His call? Has He and His subjects fattened on the blood of His subjects, thriven on their misery, made money out of their famine, lived like an Asiatic despot or a Bourbon king, on the tears and sobs of the poor and wretched? Has He, like Charles of England, broken His pledged word? Has He, like he of France permitted his courtiers, harnessed the peasantry in carts? Has He, like Leopold of Belgium, pampered his own vices on profits from Congo atrocities?

Why then this silence, this refusal, this contempt for their Sovereign? Why in a conclave of sovereigns of whom He is the Sovereign, must He hide His face for shame because His people know Him not? Tonight, thousands of soldiers, fathers, husbands, brothers, sons, are lying bleeding in agony and torture on the battle fields of Europe, and glory in it.

But if one man of Christ's own hears the call, shoulders not the mauser to kill, but the cross to bless; girds not the sword to slay, but the word to save; and goes forth at the Sovereign's call, facing not wounds and death, but only hardships and a little reproach for the Master's sake, without a fixed stipend or salary to insure his own or his families' comfort, what does the world, what does the church say? We have seen whole churches bubble up in righteous indignation against such a "deluded fanatic."

It is because in two thousand years we have not learned Jesus, nor the A. B. C. of His Gospel. May this war in its terrible earnestness drive the blush of shame over the child's play we have made out of the fight that has been committed to us. On the one hand we have the sovereigns of Europe surrounded by their millions of subjects drunk with hatred, murder and bloodshed. On the other side we have Christ standing in the midst of the 425 millions of China, their farmers, coolies, scholars, gentry, merchants, mandarins, blind, lepers, beggars, in the midst of the sea of life; hungry, thirsty, strangers, naked, sick and in prison, and says: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." And again, "Inasmuch as ye did it not unto the least of these, ye did it not unto me." And again: "These into everlasting punishment; but the righteous into life eternal."

The Church has a living Sovereign, of our own flesh and blood, who is sitting at the right hand of God till His enemies be made His footstool. This sovereign claims world-wide dominion. His empire will grind to powder every other empire. His crown, the crown of thorns. His throne, the throne of David. His title, King of kings and Lord of lords. His empire, the world. We, as His subjects, owe him the same practical allegiance even unto death, that any worldly subject owes his sovereign, only a hundred thousand times more. Has He not bought us with His blood?

He has laid down the extent of His claims in the Gospels. He has given us our marching orders in Matthew 28:18, 19. "All power is given me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore, disciple all nations. Lo I am with you alway, even unto the end."

If the Church wakes up and will begin to do what she has so long been dreaming about, the evangelization of the world can be effected in from three to five years. And no blood shed, no dead, no wounded, no mangling, no horrors; all done in the peace of God.

(In subsequent editions, we trust to publish some of Bro. Bettex's practical suggestions for evangelization.)

The spirit that knows aught of communion with him who quickens the dead is not afraid of anything.

HE TOOK GOD AS HIS LAWYER.

By Elizabeth Sisson.

We read of Jesus in Isaiah 9:6—"His name shall be called COUNSELLOR," and so the subject of this brief sketch proved Him. For the encouragement of othersprisoners and those who by their sins have gotten themselves in tight corners—we give the little story

A Christian worker in a jail which shall be nameless, says: As we commenced meeting one Sabbath morning, a terribly rough looking man slid in among others to the open court, where we were allowed to hold our service. As I glanced at his fierce, sullen face I thought I would not like to meet that man in the dark. When near the close of the Gospel meeting those, who desired an interest in our prayers, were asked to lift their hand, this man's hand went up. Later, I saw a lady worker had got him on his knees-shall I confess the unbelief that was in my heart? I doubted if anything could be done with him! But the worker was full of faith in God for him. Oh, how God shames our unbelief!

The next Sunday, after he got saved, while others were testifying, she asked him to speak. To my surprise and joy he gave a ringing testimony to how "God for Christ's sake" had saved him, and this testimony he kept up from Sabbath to Sabbath.

After some weeks I found him one morning looking

dull. "What is the matter, Maloney?" I asked. "Och, my trial comes off this week. (He was in for burglary). I have got to take my medicine-eight or ten years in state prison.'

"Well," I said, "put your trust in Jesus. He will bring you out all right.'

Never was I more astonished than with his reply, to see how God had taught him the deep lesson of faith, so that he took God into all his affairs. He said, "Och, shure, I've done that. I had two lawyers for council; they were to prove an alibi. When I was converted I dismissed them and put my trust in the Almighty.'

He now had the best lawyer in the world—the heavenly Counsellor. When he appeared before the judge he was asked: "Where is your lawyer?" He said: "On the 7th of November last, in the county jail, the Lord Jesus Christ converted my soul, and I dismissed my lawyers and put my trust in the Almighty God.'

The judge looked to see what dodge this was. A consultation followed with the officers, after which the judge said: "It is not the question of whether you are converted or not, but whether you are guilty or not guilty.

"Your honor, I committed the crime."

Another consultation and they gave him sixty days in the city prison instead of eight or ten years in the state penitentiary.

When he returned to the county jail, from thence to be transferred to city prison, one of the lady workers was there with her fine Bagster's Bible. She said: "Maloney, have you a Bible?" He replied: "I never had a Bible or read a Bible till I came to the county jail." So she gave him hers, told him to read it and remember it was God speaking to him and be sure and obey God's Word, and whatever he told him to do, to do it.

When he arrived at the city prison he was taken into a room to be searched. The Bible fell out of his coat. It was a surprise to the officers to find him with a beautiful new Bagster's Bible. They asked him how he came to get it, thinking he had been at his old tricks. He said: "Captain, the 7th of November last, God for Christ's sake, converted my soul. Before that I niver had a Bible or

read a Bible. The lady that's got her name to the back of the book said to me-she gave it to me this morning--she said to me, 'take it, read it and remember it was God speaking to me, and be sure to mind whativer God's Word said to me."

Then these officers also held a consultation and sent him out to sweep the sidewalk in front of the city hall, no doubt having some one on the watch to see what he would do. He swept it well and returned with the broom. They immediately made a trusty of him and he had the liberty of the prison. By this time he began to realize the value of making God his lawyer, and the significance of the promise, "His name shall be called Counsellor."

Oh, how true is that word of Holy Writ—"the grace of God that bringeth salvation." No sooner had our poor burglar received by faith the grace of God in the forgiveness of his sins than God began to work salvation in his heart and life. His conduct changed. He was a "new man in Tesus Christ."

He was released from prison on a bright Sabbath morning. As he walked away he spied a church steeple and thought to himself: "I was niver in a Protestant Wonder what it's like?" Seeing people going in a side door he thought he would steal in and see. He soon found himself in a red hot testimony meeting. his turn he gave a ringing testimony. His appearance was pretty rough and threadbare, and after he had taken his seat the leader of the meeting said: "Brother, when and where were you converted?" The converted burglar arose and said: "I cannot tell a lie. The 7th of November last, God, for Christ's sake, converted my soul in the county jail and this is my first day out.'

The leader of that meeting was an evangelist. He was so impressed by the ex-prisoner's honesty and sincerity that he later asked him to assist him in a revival meeting. God richly blessed his efforts and the evangelist said he never had a better helper in a meeting. Truly, wonderful are the ways of God with even the chief of sinners who put their trust in Him. Who but God could have saved this man from a long imprisonment, taken the wickedness out of his heart and the crook out of his life and made him a loving, lowly disciple of Jesus and a successful Christian worker?

After four years, the prison worker, who relates these incidents, was met by Maloney. While yet a long way down the street, Maloney, with his hands forming a trumpet to his mouth, was shouting, "Hulloo! Halle-lujah! Praise the Lord!" The worker shouted back: "What's the matter?" He shouts in reply, "Haven't I a right to praise the Lord? Glory to God! The man that gave me the bottle of whiskey that sent me to the county jail has got converted!"

Seven years have passed and the converted burglar is still joyfully walking with Jesus, and winning souls for Christ.

This true story is written for you, dear reader, whoever you are, who have not found yet the Pearl of Great Price. You also are shut up in the great prison house of sin. Only Jesus can liberate you. You will need him for your Attorney when you come before the judgment bar of God. At the door of your heart He stands knocking. If you will let Him in, He will open the door to your prison and set you free. "Whom the Son makes free shall be free indeed."

No one ever found God who sought Him half-heartedly. God never adopts a man who says, "I have no objection to becoming a Christian."

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MESSAGES OF THE MOMENT.

The Love of God.

Many waters cannot quench love. It is the one indestructible quality that neither fire nor water can quench. It will not wear out in time or in eternity. Heaven and earth will pass away, but the love of God never will. Do you think you can know the heart of God? Do you think that you can fathom His love? Can you fathom the depth of the ocean? Can you measure the height of heaven? You may do these easier than you can fathom the love of God. The love of Christ passeth knowledge.

Heaven is one great expression of love. Sin in all its attributes is an ugly parenthesis, tolerated for a time, to be banished for eternity, so that there can be no spot in the Kingdom of God that can jar or mar the perfect handiwork of love. For this purpose was the Son of Man manifested that He might destroy, and put away, and perpetually banish the works of the devil, and there will be no resurrection, except it be a resurrection downwards to the lake of fire, which will forever settle the question. The harmony of heaven will nevermore hear any discordant note, because the Son hath settled it forever. He, by the sacrifice of Himself has put away sin. The remedy was greater than the disease. Point man to God's remedy for man's failure.

There is a divine communication for the divine love. The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost. You cannot buy it, all the gold of Ophir could not purchase it, but you can receive it.

The Value of the Blood.

"We are come..... to the blood of sprinkling that speaketh." Heb. 12:24. Since the Spirit has been poured out in Pentecostal fulness we are learning a little of the real value of the precious Bood of Christ. We need to be filled with the Spirit in order to understand, at least in a measure, God's estimate of the Blood of His Son. It is not a mere thing of the past, but it is a real living is-

sue today, washing, cleansing, purging, sanctifying, and speaking; and it is a good thing to have the ear attuned to hear the message of the Blood. It speaks victory, the victory that has been purchased on the cross of Calvary. Through it we can sing our song of praise, "Thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!" We cannot purchase it, but He giveth us the victory. Jesus purchased the victory for us with His own precious blood and He presents it to us. There is victory at all times, and under all circumstances, for those who trust fully in the Blood of the Son of God.

Satan tries to cheat us out of our inheritance, and all the resources of hell are brought to bear to endeavor to limit and take from the power of the Blood. The subtle sophistries that everywhere abound, endeavoring to explain it away, count it of no avail, ignore it, abuse it, are products of the pit. But God is more than a match for all the devices of the enemy, and He is causing us to realize the wondrous power of the Blood.

"They overcame him—the devil—by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony." (Rev. 12:11.) They overcame him who tried to overcome Jesus. Satan will have to acknowledge that he is defeated by the power of the Blood. As sure as the Blood is shed, so sure is his doom sealed. Whenever the enemy comes to try you, take him to the Word where it speaks about the Blood.

There is no limit to the blessings that can come to the child of God, because there is no limit to the preciousness and power of the Blood. Shall we not be a praiseful people, and shall we not unite in the song of praise that has already started in the heavenlies, "Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own Blood..... to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever?" Let us take up the heavenly strain, the song that magnifies, that which is our life, and strength and power, and safety, and victory. Let us keep the song going until it obliterates all the songs of hell.

A brother not long since had a vision of the rapture of the children of God, and as he saw the saints of God caught up to meet their Lord they seemed to be enmantled in something of a red hue. He asked, "What is the meaning of that, Lord?" The answer came back, "It is the Blood, nothing else is needed, nothing less will do." This is God's estimate of the Blood of His Son.

Divine Fire.

Can you gauge the fire in the sun? Have you ever known it lose its power or its strength? The sun is the hottest thing we know of, yet it will cool and vanish away, but the love of God will never cool, nor will it ever vanish away. Men study the sun, they try to measure its rays that reach through the universe, and they are dumbfounded; figures fail them. But there is something incomparably greater, the love of Christ, that passeth knowledge.

The fire of God was in the burning bush, and the bush burned, but was not consumed; but the fire that fell on Sodom consumed it utterly. Receive the first fire, the fire of His love and you will not have to receive the second, the fire of His judgment. The first is promised to those who believe on Him, "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." The second is promised to all those who believe not the record that God gave of His Son, "whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

If the fire of God is burning in you, you need fear no other fire. The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all nations that forget God, all those who have lost sight of the other fire. There is a fire for the redeemed, and a fire for the lost. The one purifies, the other punishes. Fire penetrates everything, even the deepest recesses of the heart.

The mighty fire that fell on the day of Pentecost has not exhausted itself yet, and God is pouring out the Holy Ghost and fire in a special manner in these last days. The fire in the burning bush was manifested prior to the Exodus, and the fresh outpouring of the Holy Ghost and fire is manifested prior to the exodus of His people, the rapture of the saints of God.

The place to get most fire is to remain at the feet of Jesus. John saw His feet. "Like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace." That is the place to receive the fire.

An Inspiration to Faith.

We have received a copy of Sister Etter's latest book, "Signs and Wonders," and are very pleased with it. There is quite a freshness with it. The greater part of it is given up to account of the meetings that have been held during the past four years since her last book was written at Dallas, Texas. A full account is given of her trial at Montwait, Mass., and the testimonies of healing that were given on the witness stand, before the judge dismissed the case. It is full of good testimonies, and there are a number of new sermons.

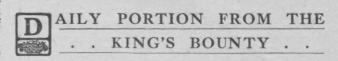
Sister Etter writes in the preface: "Our God is moving on, and in displays of His power is showing that the end of this age, with its world-form of governments, is drawing nigh. The rightful King will come soon, and our Lord Jesus will take His kingdom. Preparing to meet God is true 'preparedness.'"

This book should prove a real encouragement to Christian workers. It proves how wonderfully God can use one who has real faith in himself, and who has grace enough to wait for the Spirit of God to come forth, for Sister Etter always realizes that of herself she can do nothing. But, like the apostle, she believes that she can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth her.

All Things Shall be Added.

The Lord promises His people that walk righteously, and speak uprightly, that their bread shall be given them, and their water shall be sure, but He frequently goes beyond His promise and adds a number of other good things. This is our experience at the Evangel Home. On Saturday last, a huge salmon, packed securely in ice, arrived as an offering from a brother in Tacoma, Wash. On Sunday, a large bouquet of beautiful crysanthemums arrived from a sister in Palo Alto, California. On Monday, a barrel of potatoes, with some walnuts and apples packed on top of it came from Osgood, Ind. As we had these good things on our table we did not forget to ask the Lord to bless the donors. We were certainly blessed in receiving, and seeing that the Word declares that it is more blessed to give than to receive, we know our Father will not forget to add a suitable blessing to those who sent these good things. The administration of this service not only supplied the want of the saints, but proved the abundant occasion of many thanksgivings ascending to God.

Two weeks ago the Lord showed me something. I knew I had it, but I did not know that He had it. I said, "Lord, all that I have is thine. If there is anything in my life I don't give, I give Thee permission to take it." When I said a big "yes" to the Lord some years ago, that includes all the little yeses.—Sister Baer.



MRS. A. R. FLOWER

Sunday. "And their eyes were opened and they knew him." Luke 24:31.

God grant to us the opened eyes to see and know Him as He so often desires to reveal Himself to us. God breathes upon us in some service; some catch the sweetness of His perfume, others sit utterly oblivious of His nearness. He passes by as we tarry at His feet; some sense His presence and reach forth to touch the hem of His garment; others fail to know the day of their visitation, and miss the opportunity to lay hold upon Him. How needful, then, to have anointed eyes!

Monday. "And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us." Psa. 90:17.

The finished productions of God's hand are always beautiful. And God will not have finished with us until we are beautiful, until we shine in the beauty of His well-beloved Son. All the twisted, unnatural, unholy marks of the fall obliterated forever, as we are clothed upon with His holy purity and glory, that shall make us divinely beautiful.

Tuesday. "If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? Follow thou me." Jno. 21:22.

God has such different ways in directing His children. And we will have learned one all-important lesson of our lives when we cease to compare ourselves one with another. They tell us there are no two leaves on a tree identically the same. And cannot we allow God the same liberty in the development of His children—a task so infinitly more vital and precious to His heart?

Wednesday. "Judge not that ye be not judged." Mat. 7:1.

Look not so much on other men's faults as on thine own. Thou knowest thine own-faults, but it is difficult to know the true nature and degree of the faults of others. A disposition to judge others turns the soul from its true center in God, brings it outward, and takes away its repose.—Madam Guyon.

Thursday. "Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection." Heb. 11:35.

It comes so natural for us to choose the easiest way. Most Christian lives flow along the stream of least resistance. But God's greatest glory and praise does not come through that kind of living. It is those brave hearts that enter the lion's den and the fiery furnace rather than fail their God who know for themselves, and who manifest to the world the grace and power of the God whom they trust and serve.

Friday. "And they called Rebekah and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go." Gen. 24:58.

"I will go." But those simple words meant so very much—a forsaking of her dear ones as she left forever her father's house; the entrusting of herself to Eliezer as he took her the long weary way across the desert; and finally the consent to give herself for life to one whom she had never seen. Ah verily, that was a consecration; but no greater than God expects of those who will be the Bride of His Holy Isaac.

Saturday. "To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him?" Isa. 40:18.

How satisfying to our finite minds is the realization of an infinite God! That He is, we well know; that He works for those who wait for Him we have proven. What He is, and why He works as He does, we shall some day know in all the truth of its reality as we stand before Him in the glory of His presence. Only then will faith be lost in sight. Till then "Blessed are they that have believed and have not seen."

GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD.

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"Where no Counsel is the people fall: but in the multitude of Counsel there is safety." Prov. 11:14.

"FAITH THAT WORKS BY LOVE." Gal. 5:6.

Paul in writing to the Galatians, emphasizes the difference between being in Christ and not being in Him. Some things that were of real importance before, are not essential here. Such matters as Circumcision may have had their place and blessed significance, but now they are to no longer depend upon them as the seal of a life of obedience and separation unto God; but to see in them that which was provided in the past, leading up to Christ and their place in Him. IN CHRIST, certain conditions are to prevail, certain things are true, certain grounds are to be held, certain requirements are to be met, certain results are to follow; all consequent upon our being in Him. On the whole and in part, our life in Christ is a distinctive life. Those things so often found in those who are not in Christ-in which they delight-have no place in our lives who abide in Him. Even the good things that are in the lives of men who are not really in Christ do not meet the standard of a life in Him. That which is noticeably mentioned as essential, is faith.

The Life in Christ is Essentially a Faith Life.

Our entrance upon this life is a matter of faith. Our very life itself, in this respect, is obtained by faith. Here, all that is not of faith, misses the mark. Here is the walk of faith and the work of faith; the trial of faith and the overcoming of faith; the obedience of faith and the fruit of faith; the patience of faith and the hope of faith. Without faith we cannot please God. Faith in us must be of the working sort. Faith without works is dead. It takes a living faith to produce a faith life. It is not only a working faith, but a faith that works by LOVE.

Possibly, faith might work by something else. might be personal desire or personal interest or a principle of right or truth; but the faith that bears the fruit, wins the victory and glorifies God, is faith that works by love. Love is the underlying foundation, the main-spring of incentive energy, the very principle upon which faith rests, and is responsible for both the desire and purpose of faith. Love pervades the whole matter; Love induces the desire; Love provides the purpose; Love incites the effort, and love claims the result for love's sake.

How essential is the true spirit of love among us who are in Christ. How utterly shall we fail if it be lacking. We may endeavor to exercise faith upon any other basis only to find no real results. Without the definite works of faith, we have no claim upon recognition as what we profess to be. How flat and tasteless is the life that pretends only to be a faith life and does not produce the

fruits of faith.

The Motive Behind Faith.

In all our life, both as we look out toward God and as we face our relations to other men and women, we shall do well if we carefully search out the motive back of our attitude and our acts. We may look to God and desire a thing which in itself may be commendable and yet the purpose back of our attitude may not be born of true love. We may even come to God for the salvation of men with a desire born of an interest in the success of our own ministry. We may desire and pray for unity among the saints and find, if we search for it, that the desire is tainted with personal feeling and personal opinion. Such is not of love. Love is of God. Love is divine. Love is the opposite of selfishness and is foreign to all self-born desires and opinions.

We see so clearly, these days, the need of unity, that it seems a very important matter for consideration. Faith is an important factor in bringing unity. Faith, when rooted in DIVINE LOVE, can bring down the power and glory of God into the midst of the saints. Where these are, there is no lack of unity. Under the melting power and glory that proceeds from God at the instigation of a living faith which works by love, all spirits that work against unity hide their unholy heads and cease from hindering.

Lack of Contact with God.

If we will trace back to its source, every division, every disunion, every disruption among Christians, we will find that it all began in a lack of contact with God. Men lose the ground of faith and miss the spirit of love only to fall into the ways of self-desire, self-opinion, self-effort. These always bear the fruit of disunion. These exclude the personal presence and drawing power of Christ who is alone the true center around which real unity evolves. It just requires the sweet, tender, compassionate, melting, subduing, soullifting, inspiring power and glory of the divine presence to make us one. We must have Christ in the midst. We must have Him set always before our faces. We must allow the blessed Spirit—who is the very spirit of love to fill us with unselfish love if we would escape the pitfalls of disunion and defeat.

In all our associations as children of God, in all our efforts to have unity, in all our service for God, let us remember, all that is not of faith will miss the mark; and the only faith that succeeds is the faith that is born of love for God and for each other. "Love suffereth long and is kind; love envieth not, * * * seeketh not her own. is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil, * eth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things." And brethren, "LOVE NEVER FAILETH!" HALLELUJAH!—J. W. W.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL PREACHERS.

The following resolution was unanimously passed at the last General Council.

RESOLVED, That the Chairman and the Secretary of the Executive Presbytery constitute a Credential Committee, and that the Council hereby authorizes them to bring out a NEW FORM OF CREDENTIAL certificate in keeping with the Constitution and fundamental principles of the Council, and also to issue annual CERTIFICATES OF FELLOWSHIP to all in good standing, and that all ministers holding credentials with the General Council be requested to send in their old credentials at once to be exchanged for the newform; and on account of the increased expenditure incurred, and for the upkeep of the General Office, they are requested to send in an offering of one dollar each, and that each year hereafter, an annual fee of fifty cents be asked for to cover the cost of the fellowship certificate.

The Credential Committee respectfully urges all ministers to comply with this resolution as early as possible. Send all Credential matters to J. W. Welch, Chairman, 1243 North Garrison Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

I used to preach that God was behind the sinner with a double-edged sword ready to hew him down. I have got done with that; I preach now that God is behind him with love, and that he is running away from the God of love.-D. L. Moody.

THE NORTH WIND CHANGED INTO A SOUTH WIND.

The story of the five orphanages founded by the late George Muller of Bristol, England, is always an inspiration to faith, and so we make no apology for quoting the following incident. During the past eighty years these orphan homes have housed and trained over 14,000 orphan and over ten million dollars has been sent in, without a single advertisement, or any appeal for help save to God Himself.

"It was towards the end of November of 1857, when I was most unexpectedly informed that the boiler of our heating apparatus at No. 1 leaked very considerably, so that it was impossible to go through the winter with such a leak.—Our heating apparatus consists of a large cylinder boiler, inside of which the fire is kept, and with which boiler the water pipes, that warm the rooms, are connected. Hot air is also connected with this apparatus. The boiler had been considered suited for the work of the winter. To suspect that it was worn out, and not to do anything towards replacing it by a new one, and to have said, I will trust in God regarding it, would be careless presumption, but not faith in God. It would be the counterfeit of faith.

"The boiler is entirely surrounded by brickwork; its state, therefore, could not be known without taking down the brickwork; this, if needless, would be rather injurious to the boiler, than otherwise; and as for eight winters we had had no difficulty in this way, we had not anticipated it now. But suddenly, and most unexpectedly, at the commencement of the winter, this difficulty occurred. What then was to be done? For the children, especially the younger infants, I felt deeply concerned that they might not suffer through want of warmth. But how were we to obtain warmth? The introduction of a new boiler would, in all probability, take many weeks. The repairing of the boiler was a questionable matter, on account of the greatness of the leak; but, if not, nothing could be said of it, till the brick-chamber in which it is enclosed, was, at least in part, removed; but that would, at least, as far as we could judge, take days; and what was to be done in the meantime, to find warm rooms for 300 children? It naturally occurred to me, to introduce temporary gasstoves; but on further weighing the matter, it was found, that we should be unable to heat our very large rooms with gas, except we had many stoves, which we could not introduce, as we had not a sufficient quantity of gas to spare from our lighting apparatus. Moreover, for each of these stoves we needed a small chimney, to carry off the impure air. This mode of heating, therefore, though applicable to a hall, a staircase, or a shop, would not suit our purpose. I also thought of the temporary introduction of Arnott's stoves; but they would have been unsuitable, requiring long chimneys (as they would have been of a temporary kind) to go out of the windows. On this account, the uncertainty of their answering in our case, and the disfigurement of the rooms, led me to give up this plan also. But what was to be done? Gladly would I have paid £100, if thereby the difficulty could have been overcome, and the children not be exposed to suffer for many days from being in cold rooms. At last I determined on falling entirely into the hands of God, who is very merciful and of tender compassion, and I decided on having the brick-chamber opened, to see the extent of the damage, and whether the boiler might be repaired, so as to carry us through the winter.

"The day was fixed, when the workmen were to come, and all the necessary arrangements were made. The fire, of course, had to be let out while the repairs were going

on. But now see. After the day was fixed for the repairs a bleak north wind set in. It began to blow either on Thursday or Friday before the Wednesday afternoon, when the fire was to be let out. Now came the first really cold weather, which we had in the beginning of that winter, during the first days of December. What was to be done? The repairs could not be put off. I now asked the Lord for two things, viz., that He would be pleased to change the north wind into a south wind; and that He would give to the workmen 'a mind to work;' for I remembered how much Nehemiah accomplished in fiftytwo days, whilst building the walls of Jerusalem, because 'the people had a mind to work.' Well, the memorable day came. The evening before, the bleak north wind blew still; but, on the Wednesday, the south wind blew; exactly as I prayed. The weather was so mild that no fire was needed. The brickwork is removed, the leak is found out very soon, the boiler makers begin to repair in good earnest. About half-past eight in the evening, when I was going home, I was informed at the lodge, that the acting principal of the firm, whence the boiler makers came, had arrived to see how the work was going on, and whether he could in any way speed the matter. immediately, therefore, into the cellar, to see him with the men, to seek to expedite the business. In speaking to the principal of this, he said in their hearing, 'the men will work late this evening, and come very early again to-morrow.

"'We would rather, sir,' said the leader, 'work all night.' Then remembered I the second part of my prayer, that God would give the men 'a mind to work.' Thus it was: by the morning the repair was accomplished, the leak was stopped, though with great difficulty, and within about thirty hours the brickwork was up again, and the fire in the boiler; and all the time the south wind blew so mildly, that there was not the least need of a fire.

"Here, then, is one of our difficulties which was overcome by prayer and faith."—From George Muller's Nar-

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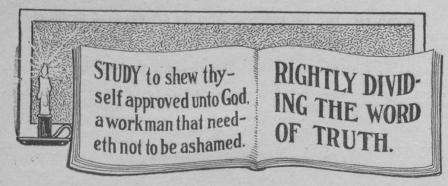
IN THE SERVICE OF THE KING. (Continued from page 3.)

"Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." And He giveth more grace, to fulfill His service and do His will. He needed His disciples in the hour of Gethsemane and they failed Him. He needs you now in a fight of faith against the powers of darkness. Fail Him not. Fear not, they that are for us are greater than they that are against us.

SONG BOOK CLOSING OUT SALE.

One cannot be more right with God than with one's brother man; one's position with the saints is the guage and indicator of one's position before God.—Meyer.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

November 26, 1916. A LIVING SACRIFICE.

Lesson Text.-Rom. 12.

Golden Text.—"Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Rom. 12:1.

Leading Thought.—A consecrated life for God.

The book of Romans may well be divided into two parts: the first part up to the twelfth chapter is doctrinal; from the twelfth chapter on is practical. Yet the very first sentence, "I beseech you therefore," indicates how close the relation of the whole is. God would have us sound in doctrine, and consistent and true in practice. Dr. Jowett has force-fully put it thus, "Every precept in the twelfth chapter sends its roots right down through all the previous chapters, through the rich, fat soil of santification and justification, and the mysterious energies of redeeming grace." They form the rich bed in which may be grown these strong and winsome graces which we have portrayed in the lesson today.

1. Consecrated Lives. Vs. 1, 2. This may be considered God's picture of true consecration. It is not dealing with the mere theory and experience of sanctification, but it makes most plain its outworking in us and then through us in our daily contact with one another. We are brought before God in complete surrender; we are separated from the world and all its vanities; we are brought into the place where we may truly say, "It is no longer I that live but Christ that liveth in me." Praise God for the blessed possibility of such a life in Such a life as this can be naught else but a holy life, for as we put on Christ we find that "He of God is made unto us, wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption." "God's purpose in our redemption was our entire consecration. Christians too often look upon it as something extra added to salvation, not an essential part; therefore it is optional to them to enter into it as they please. Whereas the Bible declares that salvation is nothing if

it does not ultimately lead to holiness; for salvation in God's thought is holiness." Luke 1:74, 75; Tit. 2:11-14. The motive of our consecration is "the tender mercies of God." Every fresh realization of God's unlimited mercies brings to the heart a deeper desire to some way respond; and there is nothing we can give God more pleasing than ourselves. That is our "reasonable service." "Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ."

"Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small; Love so amazing, so divine,

Demands my soul, my life, my all."

The manner of our consecration is to "present our bodies a living sacrifice." God never compels; He constrains. Chron. 29:5. This word "present" was used in olden times of bringing the offering to the altar. And so are we to lay ourselves just as willingly, as completely, at the feet of Jesus. It is us God wants-our bodies, alive, strong, and fresh; a "living sacrifice," dead indeed unto sin, but "alive unto God." Though the whole burnt offering was a type of Christ, yet we can give ourselves in that same complete sense as a whole burnt offering unto God. And thenceforth our lives, in word and deed, may give forth unto God a sweet-smelling savour. Oh for more such lives in Pentecost today. The meaning of our consecration-"transformed by the renewing of your mind to prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." Such a consecration means separation unto God; and this involves separation from all that grieves Him and hinders our spiritual advancement. But it further means a life of active service for Him and under His direction.

2. Consecrated Service, Vs. 3-8. The natural outcome of such a life cannot help but be service, and Paul marks some features of such service. It is humble service. V. 3. The holy life is a humble life, and all its gifts and achievements are solely God-given. There will be the constant recognition of this fact and however great we may become we will ever remember it is God that made us so, and we are no more precious or important than any other of His redeemed ones. It is co-operative service. Vs. 4, 5. Or might we not as truly call it united service. "We are mem-

bers one of another." The figure of the natural body is used as most fitly expressive of the body of Christ. It is one mind that directs the exercise of all the functions of each physical body; it is Christ who directs the operations of His body, which is the church. How indispensable that we watch for His direction; and that we each faithfully and diligently perform our individual part. Thus we "may grow up into Him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: from whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body to the edifying of itself in love." Read in this connection 1 Cor. 12:13, 14. It is faithful service. To the extent we receive God expects us to give; and every truly consecrated Christian is entrusted with some gift to use for God. Remember the man with the one talent and what became of him on account of his unfaithfulness. Settle it then that each of us are responsible to God for the exercise of at least one talent; then see to it that you become a faithful and wise steward who at your Lord's appearing may give back to Him His own with Run the word 'faithful" through the Bible and see how much importance God places on this feature

3. Consecrated Love. 9-20. We can sum up the remaining verses of this chapter under this heading. From the service in the church of God we are taken to the home and family circle, where we are to be "kindly affectioned one toward another." Paul then touches our social and business conduct, and finally brings us to that consummation of the truly consecrated life where we conquer suffering, wrong and hate with that love which "overcomes evil with good." This is the life of consecration that counts anywhere and everywhere for God.

Next-Week's Lesson.
December 3, 1916.

JESUS CHRIST THE FIRST AND
THE LAST.

Lesson Text.—Rev. 1.

Golden Text.—Rev. 1:17, 18.

Alice Reynolds Flower.

UNITY OF THE SAINTS IN LOS ANGELES. Elder W. N. D. MacCullough writes

Elder W. N. D. MacCullough writes on behalf of the Pentecostal Ministerial Association of Los Angeles City and County, "The cry amongst the Spiritbaptized saints in Los Angeles City is, 'Unity—Let us unite together on the Word.'

"There has not been such a fellowship and co-operation among the saints in the past two years as there is now. Missions are working in harmony, and many dear ones are returning from error. The revival spirit is on, and the old time power is falling. Souls are being saved, the sick are being healed, and precious ones are receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost."

ILLUSTRATIONS OF GOSPEL THEMES.

We invite the co-operation of all the Evangel family in sending in illustrations that will be helpful in setting forth the truths expressed in the Gospel.

The Strong Arm.

A life-boat was pitching and rolling in a fearful storm, when the old captain cried aloud to all, "Hold on! Hold on!" The respone came, "Ay, ay." But one little voice answered, "I can't hold on." Instantly the strong arm of the captain was thrown around the trembling child and he was safe. That is how God holds us, when we let him.-From Golden Hours.

The Difficulty.

A brilliant lawyer in New York City some time ago spoke to a prominent minister of that city asking him if he really believed that Christ rose from the dead. The minister replied that he did, and asked the privilege of presenting the proof to the lawyer. The lawyer took the material offered in proof away and studied it. He returned to the minister and said: "I am convinced that Jesus really did rise from the dead. But-" he then added, "I'm no nearer being a Christian than I was before. thought the difficulty was with my head. I find that it is really with my heart." -From the Fundamentals.

A Good Omen.

Some missionaries in South Africa were about to build a new station, and they went to the intended site and held a prayer meeting there to ask the blessing of the Lord on their new venture. Just as they were leaving, one of the party stooped down to pick a bunch of immortelles or everlasting flowers, when suddenly a venomous snake darted out, which they immediately killed.

They were much encouraged by the object lesson they felt the Lord had given them; they were there to pluck immortal souls out of the clutches of the enemy, and they took it as an omen that Satan would shortly be bruised under their feet.

More Like Jesus.

When the grand old missionary, Judson, was one day laid aside from work his wife thought to divert him by reading some newspaper sketches of himself.

One compared him to Paul, another to John, and so on.

The modest old hero was amazed, and exclaimed, "I do not want to be like Paul or Apollos or any other man. I want to be like Christ. We have only one who was tried in all points like as we are, yet without sin. I want to drink in His spirit, to place my feet in His footprints and to measure their smallness and shortcomings by Christ's footsteps only. Oh! if I could only be more like Jesus!"

Resurrection.

Some years ago there lived a woman in Germany who was the Countess of Hanover. She did not believe the Bible or that there is to be any resurrection. Before she died she gave orders that her grave should be covered with a granite slab, fastened by irons to other stones; and she wanted this inscription to be cut in the granite: - "This burial place, purchased to all eternity, must never be opened."

Everything in human power was done to keep the grave from being opened. But a little seed fell into the crevice of the stone and began to grow. The little rootlet made its way into the slab, and as it grew it lifted the heavy stones and pulled the gravestone apart. So the grave was laid open as by a miracle, and there a large tree is growing today.

An Exchange.

Mrs. G. N. Eldridge of Los Angeles was at one time holding some special services for children. At the close of her address, she invited those who wanted to be saved to come to the altar, and quite a number of the children responded to the call. She noticed one little fellow, he was very much in earnest, and as the tears ran down his cheeks, he cried, "Oh Jesus, won't you trade hearts?" For a while it seemed as if no response came from heaven, but presently the assurance of forgiveness of sins crept into his heart, and with it came the joy of the Lord. The promise had been fulfilled, "A new heart also will I give you," and the little fellow cried out, "He's traded hearts, He's traded hearts."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For the convenience of the brethren who desire to make special announcement through these columns, we will accept want Ads at the rate of one cent per word, no advertisement accepted for less than 25 cents for each insertion.

We reserve the right to reject and return objectionable announcements.

Lessons in Shorthand taught by mail, a Christian course, but a Court Reporting style which implies accuracy, but especially speed. For information write Gertrude Parisho Nicolls, Humeston, Ia.

MIDWINTER PENTECOSTAL CON-VENTION.

Oklahoma District Council, Pawhuska, Okla., Nov. 26th to Dec. 2nd.

A great time is expected in the Lord. Every minister and worker in the State is urged to make it a point to attend this second annual convention. Evang. F. F. Bosworth and workers will have the evangelistic services in charge. Elder J. W. Welch, chairman of the General Council also expects to be with us. See full announcement in No. 163 of the Weekly Evangel. For information. address W. H. Pope, 400 Osage Ave., Pawhuska, Okla.

WANTS A FIELD OF LABOR.

Brother W. H. Whelchel of Greenwood, Ark., writes, "I am thinking of going to Texas for the winter and I would love to hear from some one in that part. I have a Mexican brother who will go with me, who can be a blessing to his own people."

NEW SUBSCRIPTION CAM-PAIGN SPECIAL GIFT OFFER

We expect to add a number of new and interesting features to the Weekly Evangel during the next few months. We want the Evangel Family to co-operate with us in an endeavor to greatly increase our subscription list.

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DISTRESS IN INDIA.

Sister D. L. McCarty writes from Bhagalpur, "On receipt of your good letter with draft, I made out the receipt expecting to write the following Monday, but was taken down with fever the next day, and had a chill every other day with high fever—had five chills—am all right again but feel weak.

"I expect you have heard about the awful floods. Thirty-six villages between here and Benares have been washed out; they are just mud. The people lost all they could not carry away in their hands. The heat between the rains is dreadful, and such high winds. We pray for the rains to start and then give thanks when they stay. It will soon be clearer. Plague has come into the village. Many of the people are living under the trees in grass booths.

"God is with us. Another young man, a Brahmin, says he will be a Christian. The young Mahommedan who was sent by his people from here, wanted to become a preacher. I am trying to get him a position where he can work as well as study, but have not succeeded yet.

"I am so broken down that, if the Lord leads, I will come home in the Spring."

NEWS FROM SOUTH CHINA.

Bro. Paul Bettex gone to be with Jesus.

Sister Willa B. Lowther writes from Sai Nam, South China, "I have just returned today from a trip to Canton for provisions and mail. The trains have just commenced running again to Canton, and we certainly are glad. It was a little hard on us when we could not get anywhere to buy foreign food, or to cash checks. The trouble in South China seems to be about settled now, and the province is to have a new governor in a few days.

"Before I left Canton today, I met Bro. Burkwall and others on their way to the American Consul's office. They have been searching these few days for Bro. Bettex, so this morning they opened a grave in the neighborhood of Canton, and recognized some of the clothes therein as those of Bro. Paul Bettex. So arrangements are being made to take the remains to Canton for a proper burial. He disappeared about three months ago, and evidently was either killed during the fighting in that section, or else by robbers, nobody knows.

"Miss Maw and I have been in the fire more since we came back from the coast a month ago than at any other time since we have been in China. It has been one of those times when "the enemy comes in like a flood," but these few days we have had the blessed privilege of standing aside and glorifying God while we watched Him, 'lift up a standard against him.'

"We had about five days of special meetings before opening school this fall. Quite a number of native Christians came from other places. We cannot report anything 'marvelous,' but during some of the services we did see numbers all melted down and weeping before the Lord, while in other services waves of glory swept over us, and this means quite a lot amongst the proud Cantonese."

NATIVE WORK IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Bro. W. F. Dugmore of Johannesburg sends us a very encouraging report from a native brother, E. M. Letwaba, which tells of a great blessing amongst the natives at various points. Writing of the work at Buffelsfontein, where there are some 500 members under the charge of Bro. Lazarus R. Mmotte, he says, "During June and July, while I was with him, it was a time of schooling for me, and I was taught by that old man how to bring the heathen in. He would never hold a service at home on Sunday, but at the riverside. At the close of the service you would see the poor heathen jumping into the water with tears in their eyes, saying: "We believe that Jesus is the Son of God." Then he would baptize them. While I was with him he baptized forty-three converts and consecrated 175 children. Bless God!

Since my return he has baptized sixtyfour in water. Glory to our King! It is beautiful to hear these people prophesying and speaking in tongues. Beloved, the natives are rising and LEAP-ING into the kingdom of God.

A WORD FROM CHILE, SOUTH AMERICA.

Bro. W. C. Hoover writes from Valparaiso, "Our work is beginning to show signs of a real reviving in the cities. In the outer fields I have no such news just at present, but we are praying for the Spirit's power to be manifested in all parts.

"I do not want to close without saying how much I enjoy the Weekly Evangel. I do not know whom I have to thank for its visits, perhaps you do. If so, I beg to express my thankfulness to the proper persons."

In 1808 there was an Imperial edict published in Japan, "So long as the sun shall continue to warm the earth, let no Christian be so bold as to come to Japan. In 1905 the Y. M. C. A. of Japan received a letter from the Imperial Household Department, "Having heard of your good work for the comforting of the soldiers on the field, their Majesties, the Emperor and Empress are pleased to grant you the sum of 10,000 yen."

FRUIT BEARING.

Jesus warned His disciples that without the bringing forth of fruit they were none of His. "Every branch in Me that beareth not fruit, He taketh away, and every branch that beareth fruit, He purgeth it that it may bring forth more fruit."

The Lord once brought a greenhouse before my eyes, a framework of glass. Inside there was lots of light, and an abundance of fruit-bearing plants. There were hot water pipes, and water pipes fitted through all the house to water the plants, and a man within nurturing, watering and dressing the plants, that they might bring forth fruit at all seasons.

Now we are heavenly greenhouses, and may we not allow the man, Christ Jesus, who dwells within to do the nurturing, the watering and the dressing, and to keep the windows of the house clean that it may be all light within, and that God may shine the rays of His glorious sunshine within, that the plants in the house of the Lord shall flourish, and that we may still bring forth fruit, even in old age —Charles Simmonett, Alta, Canada.

I greatly enjoy reading the Weekly Evangel and I would like to see it continue in the same line. God bless the workers.—M. L., Tacoma, Wash.

VICTORY ON A NEW FIELD.

Evangelist W. A. Jackson writes, "Just closed a meeting of over three weeks at Lone Elm near Mildrel, Mo. Praise God for victory in a new field, eleven saved, one baptized in the Holy Ghost, thirteen baptized in water. Lots convicted of sin. I ask the prayers of the saints that I may be more like the Lord every day."

A MACEDONIAN CRY FROM CHINA.

The day Bro. Hammond was buried, I took sick with chills and fever which lasted over two months, when God showed forth His healing power. definitely healed, for which I praise His worthy name. During this time I could not always see the hand of God, especially when I was seemingly burning up with fever, but now I cheerfully embrace it, How patiently God was dealing with me. I can say, too, that I have learned obedience through the things which I suffered.

Some way I feel this coming year's work is going to mean much to souls in dark China. My inmost soul cries out dark China. My inmost soul cries out for God's will, and nothing short of it I am determined by the help of God to stand at my post of duty. The time is growing shorter, and seemingly so little is being done.

We feel sure there are men and women in America that are disobeying God. Our work is being hindered much because of the lack of men on the field. Woe be to any one who tries to become an intercessor missionary while God is calling him to go in person. I do pray that God will arouse those that are sleeping to the sense of their responsibility, that souls are perishing because the salvation prepared for them by Christ has never been offered to them by men.

We are standing together as one body crying out for real laborers for China. Those that are set apart by God and can go through the fiery trials. The gap must be filled. Who is ready to obey God?

I also feel to encourage the intercessor. For the body of Christ does not consist of each one of us individually, but all together, and if a missionary is left without sufficient aid in prayer, he suffers, limps, and sometimes falls by the wayside. Why not be faithful to the call God has given you? For we know when the intercessor's hands fall, Amalek prevails on the mission field. "For lek prevails on the mission field. we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Eph. 6:12.

Jesus refused to bow down to Satan, but the heathen bow and worship, therefore the blackness of darkness broods over those lands, sometimes with the stifling choking power of death. Prayer based on God's word is the only weapon man can use to overcome this foe. Friends, be faithful to the call God has given you. The reward is given at the end of the race.

During my illness there were times I could feel that prayers were being of-fered up in the homeland. It took your prayers to help balance the scales. How I praised God for your faithfulness. I was able to come back to Waang Kong the first of September and renew the work. God has been blessing our labors here. The Sunday-school children are becoming better acquainted with us and we are now putting them in classes. Heretofore they have been almost like wild animals that had to be tamed. How grateful we are for this step.

Yesterday Miss Myer, Miss Aikenhead, myself and Chinese workers made a trip to several villages. Several hundreds

heard the Gospel. The children were eager for the Gospels. We trust to have many more such opportunities this coming fall and winter. Pray for us that God's will may be wrought out in us in our endeavor to spread this Gospel.— Sarah G. Kugler, Canton, South China.

Bro. Geo, W. Lawson writes, "We are having a good meeting here at Bloomfield, Mo., eleven have received the baptism. Bro. Banta is with us this week."

TENT WANTED.

Bro. R. E. Taylor of Graceville, Fla. writes, "I want a good second-hand tent and it may be someone has one they want to sell." If you have a tent to sell write direct to this brother.

GONE TO FINDLAY, OHIO.

Please announce that I have taken charge of the Music Department of the Gospel School conducted by Elder T. K. Leonard, 404 E. Sandusky St., Findlay, Ohio .- Mrs. Sarah L. Squire.

REPORT FROM NORRIS CITY, ILL.

Bro. W. B. Story writes, "We are praising Jesus for great success here. Nine have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2.4. There is great interest. Pray much for this place."

BLESSING AT BEN WHEELER, TEX.

The Lord is still blessing at Ben Wheeler, where we held meeting in the summer. Twenty-six have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. Six were baptized in the Holy Ghost last night. Just before they were baptized, several saw a light pass over having seven stars in it, one being a very large One sister said she saw Jesus look down upon us and smile just before the mighty power fell. Praise be unto God for it all! We will soon have a house built for worship. Help us to pray that God will continue to bless and save many precious souls and baptize them with the Holy Ghost .- N. R. Lewis, Pastor.

HEART PURITY.

I would lay down my life before I would give up my religion. I do praise God for a religion that keeps a man 365 days in a year. The people you come in contact with say that you cannot live a pure life in the sight of God, but the Word of God says you car, and I know you can. When I consecrated my life to God. He took all the desires out of my heart to do wrong. I am living a pure life in His sight. I ask God every day of my life to help me live a perfect life in His sight this day. I know I am not perfect in my head, but I am perfect in my heart, for God dwells there. Your brother, saved, sanctified, and kept by the power of God .- W. Ingram, Missouri.

A WORD FROM WINNIPEG.

We are having grand meetings here in Liberal Hall. Brother A. H. Argue is in charge under the power of the Holy Spirit, and there is a wonderful awaken-Some are getting saved, some the baptism, the attendance is good, also the unity, and signs are following the believers in every meeting. We also have a fine Sunday-school, and the interest in it is deepening. It has been running now five weeks, and the attendance was 108. It looks good to see the scholars at the altar getting saved. Praise the Lord.

We expect Bro. Urshan here at the convention which begins Nov. 24th. We had Brother and Sister D W Kerr from Cleveland with us a few weeks back, and we were all glad to have him with us. Also Brother Denney from China. He seems to have grown a lot spiritually, and his visit did us all good .-E. Lockhart.

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him. Psa. 126:5, 6.

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Dark mountain paths of sin,
For Jesus waits at mercy's gates
To lead the wand'rer in.

I pass along without a song, No soothing voice I hear, I long to be forever free From this enslaving fear.

My will is weak, I cannot speak,
My message long has fled,
Sweet saving grace has fled apace,
And left me cold and dead.

The lure of sin has led me in
The ways of dark despair,
I've missed the gate—the way so
straight
That leads to mansions fair.

Christ's love I spurned and from Him turned,

No peace have I within,
I long to be forever free
From shackling chains of sin.
—Burt McCafferty.

OVERLOOKED REPORTS.

During the days we were preparing for the Council, a number of reports were received from different centers, but owing to the pressure of work they were laid on one side. We ask the forgiveness of those who were kind enough to send them, and trust not to repeat this mistake. Following, we give them in brief:

Bro. R. F. Smith tells of a good meeting in Shawnee, Okla.; two saved and four received the Holy Ghost.

Sister Dollie Drain reports a good meeting at Harrisburg, Okla., fifteen prayed through to victory and were saved, and seven received the baptism.

Bro. Ira Harper writes from Texas of the difficulties they have had during the past two years and how the Lord is overcoming them. He would like the prayers of the Evangel readers for their district.

Sister Lillie Howland writes from Sylvan, Wis., of two receiving the baptism

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

and seven being baptized in water, and much grace and glory being manifested in their midst.

Bro. J. C. Helms writes of great blessing in Boyd, Texas; twelve saved and twenty received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, one man whilst he was picking cotton.

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Bro. Willie T. Millsaps tells of a meeting he attended at Copeland, Ark., where twenty-five were saved and one received the baptism, and mentions that the Lord has called six Gospel workers out of the Copeland assembly during the past five years. He also speaks of great blessing at the Alton Camp meeting. In this meeting about twenty-five were converted.

Bro. Arthur S. Adams reports from thirty to forty saved, twenty-two baptized in the Holy Ghost, and twenty-three buried with Christ in a watery grave at Campbell Springs, and in the first week of his meeting at Wesson, Ark., five were saved and three received the baptism.

Bro. J. E. Chamless reports victory at Hazel Valley, Ark.; sixteen saved and twenty received the baptism.

Bro. W. W. Hall tells us that the Lord gave them a wonderful Camp meeting at Wichita Falls. The whole town was stirred. Eleven received the baptism of the Spirit one day and night. Many souls were saved and baptized.

Brothers T. S. Burch and H. B. Lows send a report of a good meeting they had near Nickelsville, Virginia; some saved, and some reclaimed, and many seekers.

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Bro. J. H. David writes of a good meeting at Big Creek, Ark.; many healings, thirteen baptized in the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4, and thirteen baptized in water.

Bro. H. O. Hogan writes from Sulphur, Okla., of the wonderful way the Lord has blessed him since starting Gospel work in July, souls being saved and receiving the baptism at many points where he has been.

Bro. W. V. Kneisley writes of a red hot battle near Beech Grove, Ark.; there were eight conversions, and five baptized (Acts 2:4).

Bro. Charles Henry writes of a visit they had from Bro. Stansburg at Coffeeville, which was the occasion of a good deal of opposition from some of the church people. The people at the Baptist Church wanted to know why Bro. Stansburg, who was once the pastor of a Baptist Church near Coffeeville, had left their denomination to join with the Apostolic Faith people. He told them that he had been deaf in one ear and dying with diabetes, but he heard of God healing the sick at Dallas, so he went there and was cured of them both in a few minutes, and shortly afterwards he received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gave him utterance. At one night at the meeting in Coffeeville six came through to salvation including one wife-beater, and a murderer who thought he had committed the unpardonable sin.

-:0:-Sister Zola Taylor writes from Huttig, Ark .: Before she closed her meeting at Black Rock, eight received the baptism of the Spirit and seventeen were baptized in water. One old lady, 72 years of age, was wonderfully saved, and baptized in water and was shouting the victory. At Lucky, Ark., one man who had a terrible case of pellagra was healed, and one young man who had been shot and had to walk on crutches was healed and left his crutches at the altar. He later received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. In a day or so a piece of tin worked out of his hip. He had had a tobacco box in his pocket and he was shot there. This young man's father first greatly opposed, but afterwards came to the altar and received the baptism. There were forty-six baptized in the Spirit and twenty in water. At Huttig, the Lord baptized a young Greek who was a Catholic. He wants to preach the Gospel and desires to go to a Bible School.

Bro. Andrew Urshan writes, "We had a glorious time with dear Bro. Kerr at Cleveland. The weight of God's glory was upon us all. Hallelujah! How the Lord was working in that never-to-beforgotten convention! Please request the Evangel family to pray for us in Canada, where we expect to spend a few weeks in Revival services, beginning at Winnipeg. My address will be care of Brother A. H. Argue, 102 Bannerman Avenue, Winnipeg, Man., for a while."

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER.

A sister writing from Texas, who has been in bed three months, asks us to pray for her healing. -:0:

A brother writes from Nebraska, "Pray fervently for Bro. W. H. Daw-

son, the enemy has taken a new hold on his body.

A brother in Corsicana, Texas, requests prayers that he may receive the Holy Ghost, and that God may send a messenger to that place.

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A sister in Iowa requests prayer for spinal trouble. She sent in a request before, and in response the trouble vanished, but she is being attacked again. -:0:

A sister in Lansford, Minn., writes. "Ask the Evangel family to pray for our daughter who is sick with tuberculosis, that she may be healed and filled with the Spirit."

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A sister in Mill Creek, Mo., desires prayer for her seven children, and for an afflicted daughter especially, and that she herself may be as clay in the potter's hands.

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Bro. Chas. Williamson asks for the prayers of the saints for Cleburne, Tex., where he and his wife are now laboring. Pray for the sinners and saints there, and the money for building a tabernacle there may be forthcoming. -:0:-

A brother writes requesting prayer for his wife, that the Lord may raise her up physically, and incline her heart more favorably towards the Pentecostal movement; also for himself that he may have an opening for teaching or pastoral work.

The Secretary-Treasurer of the work in Lethbridge, Canada, writes, "Please pray for the saints at Lethbridge that they may be brought into that unity and oneness that Jesus speaks of in John 17. Cut out this request, and pray each day for us."

A brother, who is a locomotive engineer running between Atlanta, Ga., and Greenville, S. C., asks for our prayers that he may be kept true to the Lord, that he may receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and that he might be preserved from wrecks. -:0:-

A sister in Seneca Falls, N. Y., requests prayer for a neighbor in trouble. This neighbor's husband was a good husband, and father, had no had habits, kept a grocery store, and he came out in a revival meeting last winter, but he has suddenly disappeared, and the evidences are that he has gone West. It is believed that his mind must be affected. His name is George Lamson. Prayer is requested for his restoration.

CONCERNING THE REQUESTS FOR PRAYER.

I have been greatly blessed in getting alone with God in my room. Taking the Weekly Evangel with me, I turn to the requests for prayer. I start praying, and then the Holy Ghost starts praying, and after praying through for each request, the blessed assurance comes that God has heard and answered. During the time I am praying for these requests how sweetly Jesus draws near and listens to each word, and how the tears flow as I pray through for each one. As I am praying, how much sweeter He becomes, yea sweeter than honey. The taste has been so delicious. I have often wondered if any passed by these requests for prayer. The Father loves to hear us bear one another up to Him, and He richly repays. It is just like Him! Praise His precious name.-F. A. Denton, Alberta, Canada.

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Bro. W. W. Olive of Montgomery, Ala., writes of the work in that city, and says they would like anyone passing through to stop off there and help them.

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nion over them in the morning; and the grave from their dwelling.

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16 Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased; 14 0 and ipi 15 Ar of trou thou sl 16 Bu What l

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