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GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH



THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE. — Mark 16:15



# Thanksgiving



JT IS good to give thanks unto the Lord, and thanksgiving is truly acceptable to Him. We can never fully compensate Him for Calvary, but as we render unto Him our thanksgiving, the compensation goes on continually—the everlasting life of the saints will be a continual compensation to Him. The children of God have yet to learn that PRAISE is service in the highest form.

RAISE IS COMELY. One of the few things that He can say is comely. God has exalted Jesus to the highest throne to receive the noblest praise and deepest adoration. Continue to praise Him. This is acceptable service. The choruses of Heaven do not drown the praises of the humblest saint. God is listening for your praises.

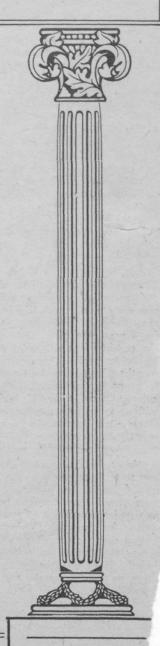
HE Psalmist said: "Why are thou cast down, oh, my soul? I will YET praise Him!" You may have been a failure at praises in the past, but you can say with the Psalmist, "I will YET praise Him," and start to do so now.

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## THE WORKS OF GOD

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.

#### A TESTIMONY TO HEALING FROM WALES.

I was delicate from birth, and as a baby, suffered from dischargement and displacement of the bowels, which resulted in ulceration. When I was seven years old I suffered from fits caused by fright. The slightest shock would send me off into a series of fits which would last sometimes for three months, coming on in turns day and night. I also suffered from anemia which caused great palpitation of the heart. As I grew older I grew weaker, the result of the ulceration weakening my whole system, and I could hardly keep anything down, my diet being only medicine and milk diet; mainly medicine.

At the age of twenty-one I ruptured the large bowel, and I was in fits on and off for four months. Through the inflammation the bowels became paralyzed and would not perform their function. I also suffered from spinal trouble which caused me to fall about very much. Some while after this, I had rheumatic fever, which brought about a crisis and left me utterly helpless. From this time the medicine failed me, and I had to use instruments. After this I went through four operations for various internal troubles. As I was going through these operations a blood vessel broke.

At the time of the Welsh revival I was born again, and I became acquainted with a sister in the Lord, Miss Annie Griffiths of Penydarren, whom the Lord had healed of hip disease, and she did her best to encourage me to trust the Lord for healing. I reasoned against her, thinking I was glorifying God in sickness and suffering, but she continued to tell me that I should glorify God more by being healed. Four doctors gave me up in four months. This turned my attention to the Lord, all earthly props having failed. The suffering caused through enlarged ovaries was so intense at this time that I was willing to go into the hospital again to be operated on. But the last doctor I had advised me not to undergo this operation, saying it would be too much for me to be even taken in a carriage to the hospital.

After this Sister Griffiths paid me a visit, and in that low state directed me to the Lord and encouraged me to trust Him for my healing. She told me that all things were possible to him that believeth. From that hour I was under conviction to trust the Lord for my body as well as for my soul. During the week the Lord was convicting me. I left off the quinine I was taking for my nerves at this time and also the instrument I was using, and the Lord brought me to a state of willingness to be either an invalid for the rest of my life or to be healed. was brought to the place of utter yieldedness to the ord and to where I could trust Him. For three days I ndured intense agony. One afternoon the dear Lord ave me a revelation of Himself as our High Priest, Himf bearing our infirmities, and I realized very conscioushat He was touched with the feeling of my infirmities. that day, Saturday, the Lord directed a number of ildren of the revival to our house, all unknown to one another, and none of them knowing the reason why they were directed, three coming from one house, one of them being Sister Griffiths. Like Mary, I was pondering all these things in my heart. I wanted to be careful—to be sure it was God. I then put a test to the Lord, and asked Him that if it was really He Himself who was striving with me, that He would show me the truth of divine healing from His own Word, and He caused me to open my Bible at random and my eyes to light on the words of James 5:14 to 16, and I was convinced.

I then confessed to the brethren what the Lord had been showing me, and then they understood why they had been drawn to the house. The Spirit of the Lord fell on all of us and filled every one with groans of prayer. During the prayer I received a vision, the Lord showing me two figures of myself, one figure being a diseased, corrupt body, and the other perfectly whole and very beautiful. This He subsequently showed me was myself in the old creation and the new, and that through the precious blood I was a new creation in Christ Jesus. I saw in the vision a divine hand anointing the new body, and as the drops fell from the hand all the pains in my body were soothed away. That night I slept better than I had for years, and the next day I was able to go three times to meeting, walking altogether about four miles.

On the Monday I had a great test of patience in which I failed, and, giving way to impatience, all my old pains came back. I looked up to the Lord for deliverance, and He then showed me the vision I had had again, and caused me to understand that only by abiding in Him could the life of Jesus be made manifest in my mortal body, and in Him there is no impatience or irritability. I was humbled and told the dear Lord I would, by His grace, abide in the new creation. He immediately restored the divine life to me. For twelve months I lived a wonderful life of joy, without a touch of any trouble whatever, and during this time the Lord gave me the full baptism of the Holy Ghost, speaking and singing through me in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

Then the Lord permitted me to have an attack of inflammation which led to pneumonia. I was apparently just passing away and the breadth was becoming very short, and my friends around my bedside believed that I was dying. The Lord suddenly spoke through me in other tongues and I realized it was a message to myself, and asked for the interpretation. He revealed it to me, and it was "According to your faith so shall it be unto vou." I had to remain in this low state for about half an hour, when the power of God came upon me from the crown of my head and swept through my whole being, mightily driving out all disease. I jumped out of bed immediately, praising the Lord with uplifted hands, and the next morning I was up and doing my washing, completely well and strong. Hallelujah! Glory to Jesus!-Edith Davis, Trealaw, South Wales.

# AN EXCELLENT NEW FEATURE FOR THE EVANGEL.

There are many who cannot afford the time or money to go to a Bible School or to take one of the advertized Correspondence Courses in Bible Study, who would like to study the Word with the help of a good Bible scholar. Our precious brother, A. P. Collins of Fort Worth, is taking his people through a systematic course of Bible study, and he has offered to let us have the same for the Weekly Evangel. These studies will undoubtedly be of great value, coming as they will from one who is not only an able student of the Word, but a deeply spiritual Pentecostal worker.

#### VICTORY IN EVERYTHING! A Thanksgiving Message.

In 1 Thess. 5:16-18 we have God's prescription for victory:

I. "Rejoice evermore." Be always joyful. Does not our God do all things well? Then why go about with a long face? Has He made a mistake in your case? Does not He say that all things work together for good to them that love God. Keep your eye on the promise. "All things for good!" Hallelujah! We are the most favored people in the universe. Our citizenship is in heaven. We are supernatural beings; no wonder that we get buffeted down here, we don't belong here. But we can say in the face of the devil: "You cannot do a thing but what Father permits." As we have faith that Father is working all things for good, victory is maintained. Faith is the victory.

We have need of patience, and when we pray for it, our Father may send along something in the way of tribulations, but he tells us to glory—not growl—in them, for they will work out the patience we need. When Paul was stoned down there at Lystra, and they drew him out of the city all mangled and mashed, you can see him getting up and shouting, "Glory to God! These light afflictions are but for a moment, and they are working out a far more exceeding weight of glory. I am not looking at things seen, or my bruises, they are temporary: I have got my eyes on things not seen, they are eternal. Praise God, I've got the victory!"

Those old worthies in Hebrews II saw Him who was invisible. He was their source of strength. And when we come together in His name, He says, "There am I in the midst." He says, "I have given you all power over the enemy." What more could He say to you to convey the truth to those who believe on Him that they are overcomers? We are more than conquerors through Him that strengtheneth us. In everything we are enriched by Him. Then surely we can rejoice evermore.

2. "Pray without ceasing." Intercession is the greatest occupation of the bride of Christ. Everything that comes along is an occasion for prayer. "In everything," not merely in some things, "by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God." We can get hundreds of prayers answered every day. Every failure in life comes through disobedience to this command. The little motto, "Talk less, pray more," needs to be engraven on the memory of every saint. Someone has well said, that we have as much of the Spirit of Christ in us as we have of the spirit of intercession. Measure yourself by this prayer gauge. If you have failed in the past, do not be discouraged. You can start right now and you will keep in victory as you "pray without ceasing." Do not forget that God's commands are God's enablings.

3. "In every thing give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." Some say that they would do the will of God if they knew it. Here it is. Learn to be content with whatever Father brings into your life. He will always supply just what you need, so be thankful. And as He purifies your heart, and you have no more desire for carnal things, He will give you all that you want. The purified heart of the Psalmist could sing, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want." All His wants supplied, and this included all the discipline he needed, many a hurried flight from his enemy Saul, many a cold night in the comfortless cave of Adulam. But in the midst of it all he sang again, "I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in

my mouth." David's Lord is our Shepherd too, and we have just as much reason as he had to give thanks, yea more, for we know more of the efficacy of the blood of the Lamb, and we are living in Pentecostal days when the Spirit of God is making the things of Christ so real to us. So whatever comes along say, "Thank you, Father." Some one says an unkind word about you. "Thank you, Father." Some one knocks over a cup of coffee on a nice clean table cloth. "Thank you, Father." This simple practice will save you all kinds of bad feelings. Those of us who practice it can testify it keeps us full of joy. So, start today giving thanks always for all things. It pays. (Eph. 5:20.)—A. W. S.

#### A REVELATION OF THE TRINITY.

Bro. J. M. L. Harrow of West Africa told recently of a young native girl who came to their compound to be married. She brought with her a sickly young man who apparently had not long to live, to whom she was betrothed. A dowry had been paid for her, but in the event of the young man's death before they were married, it would have to be returned, and her people were so poor that they could not do that. So she came to the Pentecostal Mission and asked if they would perform the marriage ceremony. At first the missionaries did not know what to do, as the natives were both heathen, but their hearts at last were touched by the pleas of the young girl, and after clothing her sufficiently to make her respectable, they granted her request, and the two were married.

The young bride stayed round the mission compound that night, and attended a prayer meeting that was being held. When the power of God fell on the assembled native Christians and they were worshipping the Lord, it was seen that the Spirit of God was dealing with this young heathen girl, and for quite a while she was lost in God. When she came to herself again, they asked her what she had seen, and in simple language she explained the revelation God had given her.

"I was taken to such a lovely place, and I saw a wonverful Person sitting on a great seat, and out from under the seat came lots of beautiful water; the water was so beautiful that you wanted to drink it and to bathe in it, oh so much. And then this great Person took me to see His Son, and He told me His Son had died for me; and when I saw His Son I saw the prints in His hands and His feet where cruel men had once driven nails into them, and a wound in His side where a sword had been thrust.

"After that, the Son took me down to another wonderful Person, and He said that He was going to be my Teacher, and everything I wanted to know He would teach me." Thus to a native African girl came the revelation of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Revealed unto babes!

#### THE WORD AS A SWORD.

The day is past for smooth things. It is only through the prayer of Him who ever liveth to make intercession that the salt is kept in savour. "Fit to be cast out upon the dunghill" is the verdict on some. The Blood only cleanses as you walk in the light. God has to be sever because He wants a pure people. It is written, "I vesmite the Shepherd," and if the Shepherd did not escaneither can the sheep. The Word of God is a two-ed sword and it cuts both ways, into the saint and into sinner. It has a point and it pierces even to the diviasunder of soul and spirit. But though the Word word He pours in oil, mollifies the wounds and binds the Blessed is he who comes under the judgment of the now.

# THE UNDYING MESSAGE OF PAUL BETTEX. The Need of Intercessory Prayer in Foreign Mission Work.

In the last issue of the Evangel we published some extracts from "Forward Steps in the Evangelization of China," by our beloved brother, Paul Bettex, who has recently gone to be with Jesus. It was a call to arms for all Christians. This week, we take further extracts from the same remarkable paper; this time it is a CALL TO KNEES. Let us read into it more than the evangelization of China, but the conquest of the whole world for Christ. What follows should not only be prayerfully read, but re-read, and read again, and then acted upon.

There seems to be a perfect frenzy of religious red tape organization and over-organization just now. Only one thing seems comparatively absent, the one thing most needful for the hour and work: I mean PRAYER. Redhot, living, agonizing, Holy Ghost prayer and intercession! Somehow, these two things, forms and life, ever seem to stand in inverse ratio to each other. Where the first abound, life cannot thrive. Where life flows, forms dwindle; no country has ever been evangelized by committees. Every country hitherto evangelized has been evangelized by agonizing prayer and intercession.

When the Church at Antioch sent forth Barnabas and Paul, they fasted and prayed till the Holy Ghost spake; "Set me apart Barnabas and Paul for the work for which I have called them." Then they fasted and prayed again, and laying hands on them, sent them forth on their missionary errand, the conquest of the West. Of course it is much more comfortable to the flesh and to self to have a long palaver of committees and board meetings than to fast and pray. But the latter method has ever produced the Pauls; and ever will.

There was in the days of Queen Mary of England a man in Scotland who used to pray all night and tell the Lord: "Give me Scotland or I die." For one man of this type we could spare hundreds of committees and sessions. Queen Mary used to say of him: "I fear his prayers more than all the standing armies of Europe." How much would she have feared one of our committee meetings?

Luther used to pray for hours each day. The more he was overwhelmed with work, the longer he used to pray. In the time of the Scotch worthies, a young preacher, Livingstone, was called to preach on a certain Sunday before a synod. Lady Abercrombie and some twelve saints spent the Saturday night in prayer on their knees, interceding on behalf of the preacher, and five hundred people were saved under the influence of that sermon. God give us such sermons out here. We shall get them when we shall have such Saturday nights preceding them.

A little later, in America, Jonathan Edwards gathered a company of saints to pray all night, and the next morning preached his sermon on "Refrain thy foot from their path." Some 500 people were saved under that sermon. The terror of sin lay on the audience in such an awful way that some "persons of quality" climbed the pillars of he sanctuary, fearing the bottom of the church might op out and they would sink into hell. That sermon was beginning of the "great awakening." What we need e is precisely this divinely wrought conviction for sin. it will not come with lectures, scientific organization deal of these new-fangled methods, which have of e a value in their place, if we had once in ten years on like that of Jonathan Edwards'. All the com-

mittees will not break through this awful hellish death and bondage that bind souls in China.

In order to conquer this influence we need a *supernatural church*. There is no other way out than that the Church of God should sweat blood, and agonize under the burden of intercession as if she herself was in Satan's thrall. You can fill a church book with names, they may even believe the doctrine very much as they formerly assented to Confucius doctrine. But do they know the resurrection power of a risen Christ? Have they received the Holy Ghost since they believed? Are they new men and women? There is no other way out. Prayer is the only way.

And if our missionaries and leaders will not take this burden of intercession on their own souls, if they prefer to do the work of committees rather than, like Jacob at Peniel, pray through and become "princes of God," having power with God and man, then God may call some humble Chinese peasant, give him a vision like Isaiah's, lay the fiery coal on his lips, and save the situation through him. It would be just like God.

We must pray through. We cannot talk through, we cannot sing through, we cannot teach through, we cannot write through, we cannot organize through, we cannot pay through, but we can PRAY THROUGH. Fifty or a hundred millions per year poured into mission treasuries would not do it. They would probably help to pay an army of unconsecrated hirelings, glad to get more jobs. All the education of America, England and Germany will not do it. That would create a host of driedout doubters and sceptics. We have too many of that ilk already. What we need is prayer, the spirit of prayer. Private prayer and wholesale prayer! Prayer and fasting!

In mining there is an initial stage, when you can pick up gold out of the ground. When Sutter struck it rich in '49, or when Stratton picked up, near Cripple Creek, rocks that proved solid nuggets, the lucky ones could take up gold "like dirt." The majority had yet to wash it out. Soon scarcely a hardy Chinaman could make a living with his washpan. Yet the real gold deposits had scarcely yet been touched. For the man with the drill and the dynamite cartridge the real work was just beginning.

See a train of sixty or seventy cars unload its treasure of gold ore in the smelters of El Paso or Denver. No amount of water, no washing, no washpan can do this work. But put on 2000 degrees of heat in the furnaces, hear the fires roar, and the blasts go up the chimneys like thunder, and soon the liquid transparent greenish gold flows in living streams through the channels. Rivers of gold!

When the "fountains of the deep," (our own hearts) are broken up, when each church is a roaring prayer furnace heated to white heat, and the blast fairly roars up to heaven, then the windows of heaven will open, and streams of heavenly gold, golden love, golden faith, and wisdom and holiness will flow from hearts of stone. A white heated furnace has done it. It has been done before. We are not talking wild fanaticism. There is not a name in the Westminster Abbey of missions of any who were not men of prayer. There is not a victory won on the farflung world-girdling battle line, but prayer had the lion's share in it. Committees can only harness, but prayer creates the rushing Hoanghos, Yantze-Kiangs or Pearl Rivers of divine life that are to nourish the millions of China.

Again, this grace of intercession is for the humble, for the poor, for the weak. Few men ever attain to the much coveted privilege of being leaders in church or school, But oh what wealth of heavenly love, what treasures of the unsearchable riches of the grace of God, have we not heard poured forth from the lips of some ignorant colored washerwoman, or some backwoods farmer whose soul has been immersed into God's fire ocean of love. We may truly leave "higher" criticism to colleges, missionary or otherwise, but the "higher" walks of the Christian life, the inner glories of the sanctuary will ever remain hidden from the wise and prudent, evermore anxious for their own good reputation and interests, but they are revealed unto babes.

Amongst American evangelists, Charles Finney easily holds first rank, both for the solidity as for the power and swoop of his work. During the six months of his work in and around Rochester, reporters who followed up his work reckoned that about 80,000 were converted. Where was the hiding of his power? He had had a blessed marked conversion; immediately afterwards he was baptized in the Holy Ghost and fire, and from thence drew his mighty power. To breathe for him was to pray. Moreover he had with him Bro. Knapp, the man that like his shadow went with him through the land, and prayed, and prayed, and prayed God's blessing down on Finney's sermons.

When Pandita Ramabai, following in the footsteps of Franke of Halle, and George Muller of Bristol, gave to the Christian world another example and impetus of mountain-moving faith, she built, right from the start of her work, a prayer tower, where day and night, during the twenty-four hours of the day, the prayer watch is being kept, and the constant incense of prayer ascends to the throne. One should have said that soon every mission, nay every station on the foreign field, would have seen the fitness, value and appropriateness of this prayer watch and imitated it.

This, however, is how interceding prayer was looked at in one of the missions in India. When the Lord laid the burden of intercession for India on Bro. Hunceasing supplications were only frowned at by his excellent fellow workers, and as Bro. H. would not be silenced, a petition was sent to the Home Board complaining about his excessive prayerfulness, and asking them to direct the brother to work more and pray less. The petition was received by a godly home secretary, himself a man of much prayer, who returned answer suggesting that Bro. H. might be permitted to pray as much and long as he felt led to. In due time (1906-1907) India, and this special mission, was flooded by showers from above, no doubt, owing in great part to Bro. H.'s fervent prayers. I mention this fact specially to show how in the midst of one of the deeper works of the foreign field, dull, blundering, unspiritual formality may try to gag the Spirit's voice of prayer and intercession.

One is often surprised to find in so many churches a quite fully developed machinery going, but what is lacking is the fire and the steam to drive the machinery. The breath of life from Jesus does not breathe through the body. The bones have come together, flesh and sinews have covered them, but the spirit of life has not fully entered the nostrils. O for some fiery Ezekiel to prophecy, for the baptism of fire to fall on the body! Prayer will call that Spirit of God, and the dead shall stand on their feet, an exceeding great army.

We fear that amongst all the departments of missionary work, the "Prayer Department" has played the part of Cinderella. We have set men apart for literary work, translations, educational, statistical, evangelistic work, why do we not set men and women apart for prayer? When prayer shall come to the place which in the divine

plan is due to it, then will be seen signs and wonders, and our churches will be what to a large extent they are not as yet, a supernatural church of Christ, according to the pattern laid down in Holy Writ. Then let us pray.

#### JESUS.

Thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins!" A Divine name, given in a Divine manner for a Divine purpose! Jesus! Do you know Him, or do you only know the name?

"When He, the Spirit of Truth, is come.... He shall glorify Me." Jesus glorified by the Spirit of Jesus! You cannot glorify Jesus yourself. No one can say Jesus is Lord but by the Holy Ghost. You may know about Him, but you need to know Him, possessing Him and He possessing you. He is the express image of the Father, and the Spirit conveys the express image into the heart of the saint. Jesus, hidden within and manifested without. He must be hidden first, before He can be manifested. He was hidden in the manger, and those in the inn knew nothing about Him, but He was manifested to those whom God had called.

"The Spirit . He shall glorify Me." Only in proportion as you have the Spirit can you glorify Jesus. You are dependant on your breath for life, and you are dependant upon the Spirit, the Breath, for your spiritual life. You fill your lungs with air, so fill yourself with the Spirit. The limitless God gives a limitless amount of the The Spirit wants to fill every part of the child Yes, and it is without money and without price. He sheds forth the sunlight, He sheds forth the rain, and He sheds forth His Spirit. There was not one feeble person in Israel of old, and since He sheds forth this, you should be filled, and not be feeble. The shedding forth of the Spirit was purchased by the Blood of Calvary's Lamb. He shed His Blood so as to shed His Spirit. Not one feeble person even though they were murmuring! He was faithful. And He is faithful today, He changeth not. And Jesus, the Advocate, the Intercessor, is shedding forth His gifts today, even for the rebellious

Are you tried, despondent, weak? Jesus is sufficient for all your difficulties, for the hardest case, for the most despondent. In Him is abundance. Jesus is the answer to every assault of the enemy. He met him in the wilderness and defeated him on every line. He defeated him as Son of man and now vanquishes Him as Son of God. "I saw Satan as lightning fall." That was before He was crucified. He saw Him fall through the faithfulness of His servants. How much more is his fall sure when Jesus vanquished him. He made a show of all the powers of darkness openly, triumphing over them in it. Wherefore God hath highly exalted Him and given Him a name above every name. And you hath He quickened and raised to sit together with Him in heavenly places. If you believed it you would act accordingly. You glorify Jesus by believing what He says.

If God be in you and with you, who can stand against you? "I will be in you." It is Jehovah Himself dwelling in you. If you look at yourself and your weakness, you fail, if you look at Him you can conquer everything.

Sudden destruction cometh. Lot was nearly in the sudden destruction that came to Sodom. Saved as fire! So near that he could smell it. God does not veryou to be so near. Abraham was saved with an abunsalvation; all his flocks as well. God wants you to an abundant salvation also.

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#### MESSAGES OF THE MOMENT.

When this copy of the Weekly Evangel comes into the hands of the majority of our readers they will be thinking of Thanksgiving Day. We have lots to praise God for. The Psalmist tells us to give thanks unto the Lord. There's a reason—"For He is good." How wonderfully good He is to us! But there is another reason—"His mercy endureth forever." There will never come a time when we shall not have an occasion to praise Him for His goodness and His wonderful works to the children of men. In Romans 1 Paul tells us of some who slid down a back stairway out of blessing. When they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful, but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Note the steps down, praiselessness, ingratitude, vanity, darkness. But some of us have found the stairway up to the place of blessing again, light, humility, thankfulness, praise. And we are learning to say with the Psalmist, "His praise shall continually be in my mouth."

Thanksgiving Day to many only suggests surfeiting and drunkenness, but to the child of God the Scripture comes, "Do not over-indulge in wine-a thing in which excess is so easy-but drink deeply of God's Spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, and hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and offer praise in your hearts to the Lord. Always and for everything let your thanks to God the Father be presented in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Eph. 5:19-20, Wey.) This is not an annual affair, but the privilege of every hour from the first day of the year the last. Ask the Lord to engrave the message deep n your heart, "Giving thanks always for all things."

When we read of what is taking place in Syria and er parts of the world at this time, it is a cause of progratitude that this nation has so far kept out of the war. In reference to our quotation of 1 Tim. 2:

1-2, and the note that we had under it, on the front page of our edition of November 11th, one brother writes, "This fearful war, in which sixteen foreign nations are engaged, is clearly God's judgment upon them for their national sins, as our civil war was God's judgment upon America for her sin of human slavery. We are as guilty as they, and no man, however richly endowed with wisdom can avert the stroke. The only way we may hope to escape is by a nation-wide turning unto the Lord and repenting in sack-cloth and ashes as did ancient Ninevah, that the just wrath and righteous indignation of Almighty God may be turned aside. A call for united prayer to this end would be most timely." We thank our brother for writing to us on this line. We have met many who have had visions of impending judgments who have been burdened with a message of the need of national repentance. We need to be much in prayer these days that the nation may repent, like Nineveh of old, that the judgments of God may be averted.

The soul that has faith in God finds occasions for thanksgiving at all times. He says with the Psalmist, "Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war should rise against me, even then would I be confident. For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion: in the secret of His tabernacle shall He hide me." He believes the promise of God, "Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation, there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling." Let us all see to it that our home is God Himself, for every other refuge will fail.

#### THINGS WHICH MUST SHORTLY COME TO PASS.

No book in the Bible is receiving more attention these days than the book of Revelation. All lovers of the Word of God, especially those who are looking for our Lord's appearing, are searching diligently the prophetical books, and especially the Book of Revelation. Sermons are being preached and books are being published on this Book of books beyond number. The Evangel office has been slow to recommend any special writing on this great theme, although there has been an endorsement in general of the writings of Myland, Seiss and others; but the Evangel is now in possession of a quantity of the lately published writings of C. W. M. Turner, entitled OUT-LINE STUDIES IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION AND KEY TO THE CHART OF THE AGES. This is an excellent book which makes the Book of Revelation easy to understand. We recommend it to our readers. In blue cloth binding, stamped in gold (ideal for a Christmas gift), \$1.00 postpaid; paper edition, 57 cents postpaid.

Speaking about gifts for Christmas, don't forget the little book of Pentecostal poetry, nicely bound in heavy brown covers and tied with a silk cord, by Mrs. A. R. Flower. There are over fifty of these spiritual poems in the book which have been made a blessing to many. The price is only 25 cts. each postpaid, \$2.25 per dozen.

Last year during the subscription campaign, several hundred took advantage of the offers and subscribed or renewed their subscriptions. These subscriptions will expire on January 1st. If you were one of these new subscribers, we will appreciate it if you do not wait until the end of the year before renewing, but renew now. Full credit will be given. Renew now for the year 1917.

#### NEW PENTECOSTAL SONG BOOK.

A new Pentecostal Song Book has just been published entitled "Songs of Calvary," compiled by Anna C. Reiff and Thoro Harris of Chicago. This is a good selection of songs and should find a wide ministry. The Gospel Publishing House has these books in stock. Send for a sample and then order a quantity for your assembly. Price in flexible cloth, 25 cts. postpaid, in cloth board covers, 35 cts. each postpaid.

What are you doing this year in the new subscription campaign? Yes, your intentions were good, but that new subscription has not yet come in. We are waiting for it. Sit down now and send it before you forget it. Use the offers on the back page of the Evangel and you will have no trouble in securing a number of new subscriptions.

#### NEW TESTAMENT IN MODERN SPEECH.

A Pentecostal preacher said to his audience not long ago, "If any of you have not got a copy of Dr. Weymouth's translation of the New Testament into Modern English you ought to get it, even though you have to sell your coats to get the price." We have the pocket edition for sale at 85 cents post paid, and the larger edition, with notes, for \$1.35, and we pay postage. The best edition on Indian paper, with Persian Morocco Divinity circuit binding, can be had from this office for \$3.35, post paid.

Christmas time is frequently a time of sending greetings on post cards. This year, instead of the usual greeting, send a Scripture Text Post Card. Four different for 5 cts., eight all different for 10 cts., twelve all different for 15 cts., twenty-five all different for 25 cts., postpaid, at the Evangel office, 2838 Easton Ave., St. Louis, Missouri.

#### GOOD BOOKS TO STUDY.

There are some who cannot conveniently go to a Bible School who are on the lookout for good books that will help them in the study of the Word of God at home. We know of no more helpful books than C. H. McIntosh's Notes on the first five books of the Bible. C. H. McIntosh finds the Gospel on every page of the writings of Moses. Moody and Whittle found them most helpful books in their evangelistic work. There are six books, Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy one, and Deuteronomy two. We can supply them at the reduced rate of 65 cents each, post paid, or the whole set of six, boxed complete, for \$3.25.

These are days of strenuous activity in the service of God. Those who have been inclined to withdraw themselves from active service are now seeing the error of this policy and are pushing out into active work for God. One feature of this activity is street work, and good workers realize that to do effective street work music is necessary. The Evangel office is prepared to supply you with the instruments at the lowest possible rates. Send for catalogue of the Bilhorn Folding Organ; we give you 50 per cent discount from the list prices.

A great general has his plans for the battle prepared; they are not known to the rank and file, but the officers close to him get to know them. Seek to be in the General's tent, in the counsel of the Captain of your salvation. Joshua had the plans revealed to him. God has His plans, His times, and they are not known to the enemy. All he knows is that his time is short.



#### MRS. A. R. FLOWER

Sunday. "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are his." 2 Tim. 2:19.

It is blessed to rest assured of the fact that He knows us; that He says of us, His children, "Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me." And He will never forget. Blessed be His holy name!

Monday. "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath pomised to them that love him." Ias. 1:12.

"If thou wouldst arrive at the sublime region of internal peace thou must pass through the rugged path, not only of outward trial, but of inward temptation. When temptation assaults thee, put on the weighty armor of resignation, of constancy, and of quietness; and thus purge, renew, and purify thyself in this burning furnace."—Madam Guyon.

Tuesday. "Whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage." Acts 28:15.

And so the very strongest among God's servants need comfort and encouragement at times. Many a strong man has failed because he lacked help and prayer at the needed time. We are to pray for those in authority, spiritually as well as temporally; and remember, if you cannot be a Moses, perhaps you can be an Aaron or Hur to hold up the hands of the one God pushes to the forefront.

Wednesday. "The king's daughter is all glorious within." Psa. 45:13.

How deeply expressive of that heart which has been cleansed and filled with the Holy Ghost! The glorious One abides, and every nook and corner of the yielded heart is flooded with His presence. They only know the fullest sweetness of these words who have given themselves in absolute abandon to God.

Thursday. "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name." Psa. 100:4.

How rich, how plenteous, how satisfying has been His provision in granting us all things that pertain unto life and godliness! And do we not also thank Him for those contrary things which have worked out for His glory and praise in our lives? We should make this the very fullest Thanksgiving Day of all our lives—"giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Friday. "I will not take anything that is thine, lest thou shouldst say, I have made Abram rich." Gen. 14:23.

And we should be as zealous as Abram for the glory of our God. It will require our refusal many times for help and benefit from questionable sources; it will mean that we studiously and carefully keep an eye single to God's glory; that having given ourselves to God we depend absolutely on Him for our deliverance and increase.

Saturday. "His mouth is most sweet: yea, he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved and this is my friend." Cant. 5:16.

"The bride eyes not her garments,
But her dear bridegroom's face;
I will not gaze at glory,
But on the King of Grace;
Not at the crown He giveth,
But on His pierced hand—
The Lamb is all the glory
In Immanuel's land!

# GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD.

J. W. WELCH, Chairman, Office: 1243 North Garrison Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

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

# STATEMENT OF ACCEPTATION. Brother E. N. Bell Gives Reasons for His Hearty Acceptance of a Place on the General Presbytery.

In sending in my written acceptance of a place on the General Presbytery, in order that we may the more heartily co-operate together, I feel that all concerned should know where I stood during the Council and where I stand now. To this end I make the following observations.

#### Christian Fellowship.

If the Council had made any man-made creed, however correct, a basis of Christian Fellowship, then, as a matter of conscientious principle, I could not have approved of such or have stayed with the Council. But, as the Council not only holds it did not do this, but specifically declares it intends to make no such sectarian use of its Statement of Fundamental Truths, only is approving of truth and Bible order as permitted by its Constitution, in both of which I believe, this then opens the way for our continued hearty co-operation together.

#### Regarding Fixed Forms.

If the Council had prescribed a fixed baptismal formula, with words not found in the Bible attached, as was once put before the house in a motion, and had required all our preachers to say this fixed formula in exactly the same way all the time, then I could not have remained with the Council, and would not, had the fixed form been on any other subject as well as on baptism, for by the grace of God, I am not going into forms and legalistic ceremonies. But the Council did no such thing; so on this point I am free to co-operate heartily.

#### Baptism and Re-Baptism.

I consider baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus as perfectly Scriptural, if performed on the basis of the truth and not on a false foundation. If a baptism is Scriptural on all other grounds, except the difference in the words the preacher said over the candidate, so long as these words are Scriptural, I cannot believe God is so technical and formal as to refuse to accept it merely because of some variation in the formula.

As I see it, I could never urge or encourage one's rebaptism merely on the ground of such variation in formula, be it Matt. 28:19 or Acts 2:38. But, if baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus is made wilfully or intentionally the basis for a denial of the truth as to the Trinity, a denial of the distinction between Father, Son and Holy Ghost the basis for a claim that Jesus is the Father, or that Jesus is the Trinity, then I am opposed to baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus on such erroneous basis or in connection with such unscriptural teaching. I am opposed to all rebaptizing on such grounds, as well as on the ground of the mere difference between two Scriptural verses or formulas.

I am not opposed to rebaptizing persons who have ace been dipped when the person was unconverted when oped, or when his baptism is lacking in the real essento Christian baptism. We have, all along, baptized such persons, no matter what the formula used was, and when I find such persons, coming to us from other denominations unsatisfied with their baptism on good grounds, I expect to go right on giving them a real Scriptural baptism just as we have been doing for ten or fifteen years. But I am opposed to all contention over baptism based on the mere difference between two Scriptural formulas, and opposed to such contention based on any false doctrines, such as above mentioned.

#### Heartily Accepts.

So I feel led thus publicly to announce my acceptance of the election by the Council as a General Presbyter, and to declare my intention of heartily co-operating with the General Council in its effort to spread the correct Pentecostal Truth around the globe, and for Bible order and a loving co-operation among all Pentecostal saints of God.

#### New Pastorate.

I have been unanimously called to the joint pastorate of the twin cities of Joplin, Mo., and Galena, Kans. I expect, the Lord willing, to take up the duties of this pastorate at once. Pray that God may use us to spread revival fires in these two cities to the salvation of many souls.—E. N. Bell, Genl. Del., Joplin, Mo.

#### We are glad to send out the Foreging Statement.

We are glad for every indication of a growth of unity and co-operation. These are days in which God is drawing together men for co-operation; not as an organized body with the avowed purpose of creating set lines of fellowship among God's children, but, seeking the truth (the only true grounds of unity) and coming together in accord with the truth, in hearty co-operation. The will of God is to be done in these the last days. Let no one suppose otherwise. God has a true people and He will ever have a remnant of faithful, unselfish, obedient people through all time. "Hallelujah!"—J. W. W.

#### SPECIAL NOTICE.

The new Credential Certificates provided for by the General Council, will be ready to send out in a few days. All credentials are to be renewed and a Certificate of Fellowship will accompany each Certificate of Ordination, which Fellowship Certificate will show that we are in good standing in the fellowship of The Assemblies of God, and also give your ministry as Pastor, Evangelist or Missionary, and where your field of labor is, so far as is known. If you are an evangelist and expect to work in a certain State, give that as your field. If you are expecting to go much over the country, say so in your application and your work will be assigned as in the General field. Missionaries should describe their present or intended Field. Pastors should give their present location and name of their assembly.

Application blanks will be sent to all on request. They will be accompanied by a Statement of Fundamental Truths agreed upon by the brethren in Council as a basis for a united ministry. Certificates of Ordination given in response to these applications will not need renewing: they will be yours permanently. They will enumerate the powers conferred upon one as a minister. The Fellowship Certificate is to be renewed each year. This Fellowship Certificate will indicate your standing with the Assemblies of God. All this is for the purpose of avoiding the inconvenience occasioned by the old form of Credentials and to determine who rightly belong in the official list of ministers. The old form Credentials will be declared void—no longer good—after a date which will be announced later.

All should get a copy of the minutes of the last Council and read carefully what was planned and agreed upon for the ministry. They can be had from the Publishing House for ten cents the copy, or five cents in lots of one dozen or more.

#### A WORD IN SEASON.

Possibly there has been considerable misunderstanding among us regarding the real thought and attitude of others during these last months, when the atmosphere has been so full of the opinions of men concerning God, some of which have passed current as revelation. One of the plainest indications of the presence of error and the working of deceitful spirits is seen in the questioning distrust that comes before the mind and very frequently into the hearts of men toward each other. With even a small matter upon which to base its work, a deceiving spirit may induce men to put away their confidence in each other; and to feel that they are justified in opposing one another in an unchristian way. The church has seen much of this in the past and probably will until Jesus comes. Difference of opinion in doctrinal matters has been the grounds of most distressing estrangements and bitter persecutions.

Disagreements, however, though they may concern serious matters—even the fundamentals of truth—afford no excuse for abuse or unkind treatment. I am mentioning this not in accusation of anyone, but to show how the enemy works. We are not to be ignorant of his devices. A very strange thing to me is that men of maturity yield in these times and places and lend themselves to strife and division. With the simple pretext of defending the truth, men hold to their own opinions and strive to make others agree. Their opinions may be correct or incorrect.

Strife, however, is always wrong. The world has never seen many converted through force of contentious argument. "A man convinced against his will is of the same opinion still," is an old saw with much truth in it. Much more good in every way may be done by avoiding strife and allowing the spirit of truth to reveal the truth through our lives. The best argument for the truth is a living example of it.

What we need as Christians, is a revelation of Christ, not an argument about Him. What the church needs is to have her Lord revealed in her and nothing will meet the urgent need of a lost world but a manifested Christ. St. Paul had the idea, as his word in Galatians I reveals, "But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood; neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus." He saw God's purpose to reveal Christ, first to Him as upon the Damascus road, later in him, as doubtless during his stay at Damascus and otherwhere previous to his going forth to preach, and finally through him, as was so marvellously done during his ministry among the nations.

It was a very important vision Paul had on his way to Damascus, but it did not prove sufficient to fit him for the ministry. He might have gone with a wonderful story, but it would have concerned himself very largely. He caught the thought of God, however, and avoided what many in our day of God's visitation have fallen into—a premature and unqualified ministry. Paul saw that if he was to preach Christ he was to be like Him. Nothing can strike the vision of souls that is not to be

seen. If men see Christ it will be when they confront Him. Men saw Him in St. Paul and believed on Him. Paul was able to present Christ, and you and I are able to present Christ only as He is revealed in us. We may have much to say that sounds well, but words of themselves win no souls from sin and death. Christ revealed, however, will draw men to Himself. Premature, unqualified message-bearing may be accredited to good intentions and may be helpful in a way, but the danger which accompanies it is too often realized, and, when unrestrained, if encouraged, will work disaster. How frequently it is seen nowadays, that some young and untaught person will withstand and oppose those who are of more mature years and experience in the truth.

"Apt to teach"—not anxious to teach—is the true qualification. Out of this "Anxious to teach," out of this immature ministry, comes much of the error that finds its way among the people. Misunderstanding and misuse of terms is a source of much evil. Good intentions do not prove a recompense. Men should seek to have Christ revealed to them and in them who would reveal Him to others, for much that may be said will fall to the ground without fruit if not accompanied by the vision of a revealed Christ. On the other hand, the simplest message of love and grace, the testimony expressed in poorly chosen words, the most menial service, even the giving of a cup of water in the name of the Master, will bear glorious fruit when He Himself is revealed in it. these things in mind, let us pray together that God may grant us to keep free from the power of seducing spirits, free from error and wrong teaching, free from strife and arguments, truly representing Christ.

J. W. W.

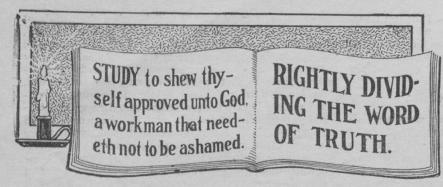
#### SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL PREACHERS.

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.

#### SONG BOOK CLOSING OUT SALE.



#### SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

December 3, 1916.

JESUS CHRIST THE FIRST AND THE LAST.

Lesson Text.—Rev. 1:1-8, 17-20.

Golden Text.—"Fear not; I am the first and the last; I am he that liveth and was dead, and behold I am alive forevermore." Rev. 1:17, 18.

Leading Thought.—"Priests unto God through our Lord Jesus Christ!"

The closing of the year's lessons brings us into that last sublime book of the New Testament-the Revelation of Jesus Christ to John the Beloved. It was - the latter was imprisoned on the desolate isle of Patmos that God so marvelously opened his spiritual vision to the significant unfoldings of God's purpose for the days to come. The book is God's in a peculiar sense; He is the Author, for John was simply the amanuensis to record what was dictated by the angel. "He sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John." Ch. 1:19. It is a sign book. And perhaps this is the reason it has been a book of mystery to many. And those who do interpret it very widely in their understanding thereof. It is being delved into now as never before and the Holy Ghost is making manifest to our hearts many of the hitherto misunderstood things. What does this mean but that we are in the closing days, and both this crowning book of the Bible and likewise the messages of the prophet Daniel are nigh unto their deepest fulfilment. Dan. 12:4-10. Surely, beloved watchers, it must be the breaking of the day!

1. The Greeting to the Seven Churches. Vs. 1-8. The beloved disciple greets these seven churches with whom he was personally acquainted in the customary manner,—"Grace to you and peace, from him who is and who was and who is to come." In other words from the Eternal God. There is evidently a direct allusion here to Ex. 3:14. John's mind was stored with the imagery of the old Testament and a careful study of the Revelation shows his frequent allusion to Old Testament forms. One commentator has listed 278 verses out of the 404 verses of the book

as containing such allusions. Fortyfive such references are from the book of Daniel alone. The whole revelation was written primarily for these seven representative churches of the Roman province known as Asia; but they allow a much broader application, seven being the number of completeness, and therefore standing for all. There was a message direct to each church at that time; then there is a dispensational meaning to each church's message; finally in every church of all time there may be found those who represent in their spiritual lives the state of each church described. Those blessed words in V. 5 sound like a holy chant of worship in every believer's heart. "Unto him that loveth us, and loosed us from our sins by his blood; and he made us to be a kingdom, to be priests unto his God and Father; to him be the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." (R. V.) It is the joyful song of the redeemed-"We love him, because he first loved us." "His blood" points to the sacrificial death which made possible all the glorious unfoldings of His grace in us and through us. Hallelujah for such a Saviour! We are freed and then made to be a "kingdom, priests unto God." We are "loosed," and then ennobled. What a wonderful picture of our high calling in Christ Jesus! Each of us with all of our brethren in those earlier days to have direct access to God.\* "A priest is one who has a well-trodden way to God, and who treads it in the interest of his brother." How then are we using our sacred office of priests unto God? Read carefully 1 Pet. 2:5, 9. Review the old anointing of the Aaronic priesthood and ask God to grant enlightened vision as to its spiritual application. We are to be just as truly anointed as was Aaron and kis sons. Lev. 8, 9. V. 7 gives us that strong picture of our Lord's return in power and glory. Com. Dan. 7:13; Zech. 12:10; Matt. 24:30; 26:64; Mk. 14:62. "The Alpha and Omega"—the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet—the figure of speech thus signifying His eternal existence as the beginning and the

2. The Voice and the Vision, Vs. 10-20. "In the spirit on the Lord's day." Such was the needful attitude "as of a trumpet," with the commission to write, and send the things about to be revealed, to the seven churches. It will be prof-

itable to look from outside sources as much as possible concerning these churches. Then came the vision as John turned to see the voice that spake. Seven golden candlesticks in the midst of which was one like unto the son of man. Thank God He still is walking in the midst of His churches! The very description of His likeness causes our hearts to melt and burn within us. "His eyes were as a flame of fire; and his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace, and his voice as the sound of many waters." Glory to our God forever! Can our finite minds grasp the full glory of such a vision? And some day we are to see Him as He is!

"Changed from glory into glory
Till in heaven we take our place;
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise."

No wonder John fell at His feet as dead. Such revelations of God's glory have ever brought prostration to mortals. Remember Moses and Daniel and Ezekiel and Isaiah. But God does not so reveal Himself to bring fear, for almost immediately He laid His right hand upon John with those significant words, "Fear not; I am the first and the last, and the living one; and I was dead, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of hell." Ponder then the fulness of these words, so wondrously inclusive, leaving us no room for fear, in life, in death, in that which follows after death. Our Lord has tasted death and its penalty for everyone and to us who believe He says, "Because I live, ye shall live also." Glorious hope of life eternal through our Lord Jesus Christ! V. 20 comes as an explanation in part of the vision.

Next Week's Lesson.
December 10, 1916.
FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH.
Lesson Text.—Rev. 2:1-17.
Golden Text.—Rev. 2:10.

-Alice R. Flower.

Brother E. J. Douglas of Tennessee sends us an interesting short sketch of the Lord's dealings with himself and wife. He was a church member but unsaved, but when he realized that unless he was freed from his burden of sin, hell was standing wide open for him, he began to call upon the Lord with all the earnestness of his soul, and received from Him a gracious pardon. Then he saw in the Word the promise of the Father, and that God was willing to baptize him as at Pentecost, so he began to tarry for the baptism. when some of them were gathered together, one of the enemy's agents placed a charge of dynamite close to the house, and when it exploded there was great excitement in the meeting, and the persecutors and ungodly jumped over the benches and left the building, but the saints lifted up their hands and praised God. Our brother lifted up his hands and began to say, "Glory!" and within three minutes he was filled with the Spirit and speaking in other tongues.

# 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.

#### A Cleansed Conscience.

The brethren at Salinas, California, have been greatly blessed of God in their jail work, and amongst those who have been saved is a Jap who murdered a woman, and hid her in the sand. He heard the Gospel message, believed it, and was saved. When he gave his testimony he told of the rest he had found in Christ, and remarked, 'I don't hear that woman shricking any more now!"

#### Whitefield and the Lady.

Whitefield, when in Edinburg, stepped into a stage-coach. A lady belonging to a prominent denomination entered the same coach, and recognizing Whitefield, said: "Are you not Mr. Whitefield?" "Yes, madam." "Oh, then, let me get out." "Surely, madam," was the calm reply, "but before you go let me ask you one question. Suppose you die and go to heaven, and then suppose I die and go there also, will you go out when I come in?"

#### A Search-Warrant.

A Roman Catholic priest discovered a peasant reading the Bible, and reproved him for daring to peruse a book forbidden. The peasant proceeded to justify himself by a reference to the contents of the book, and the holy doctrines which it taught. The priest replied that the doctrines could be understood only by the learned, and that ignorant men would wrest them to their own destruc-"But," said the peasant, "I am authorized to read the Bible; I have a search-warrant." "What do you mean, sir " said the priest in anger. "Why," replied the peasant, "Jesus Christ says, Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me." The argument was unanswerable.

#### Scarlet.

A minister was called to a house of shame to be with a dying girl in her last moments. He prayed and then looked at her face and saw no signs of hope or repentance. He was led to pray again, and this time he was led to put in a verse of Scripture, Isa. 1:18: now and let us reason together, saith the Lord: Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." "Is that what the Bible says?" the girl asked. He said it was. "Would you let me see it?" And the minister pointed it out to her. "Would you pray again and put in that verse?" the girl asked, and as he started she called "Stop! let me put my finger on that verse." The minister prayed

and when he looked again, he saw hope and pardon and peace in the girl's face. "I am so glad God made that 'scarlet," she said, "for that means me."—Billy Sunday.

#### There were too Many of You.

A preacher in Australia was sent for to see a dying man. The visit was made, and on his return through the lonely bush, he became fearful that he might be waylaid by robbers, for he carried in his saddle-bags a large sum of money, belonging to the dying man he had been to see. This fear of robbers grew upon him so that at one place in the road he dismounted, and stood by the side of his horse, and prayed for Becoming calmer faith and courage. and more assured, he mounted his horse and reached his destination in safety. Some time later he was again called to visit a sick man. This individual told him that he did not want to die without confessing that on a certain day he had followed him, intending to rob and murder him, but could get no opportunity. And this particular day was when the preacher was traveling with the money, and the particular time was when he stood in prayer by his horse. The preacher then wanted to know why the man did not kill him when he stood by his horse "I could not then, there was too many of you," was the reply. "What do you mean?" asked the preacher. was quite alone in the bush standing with my head resting against my horse's side for a long time. You could have killed me then." "You were not alone," "You were not alone," said the robber, "I saw you standing as you describe, but there was a man on each side of you." Certainly there had been no other men with the preacher when he cried to God, but it may be that God opened the robber's eyes to see protectors sent from the other world.

THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST, or the Eleventh Hour and Last Call Gospel. If our friends desire to get a good clear tract on the coming of the Lord, for distribution at this momentous time, when this light is so needed among the people, they can secure this eight-paged tract from the author. Price one cent each, ten cents per dozen, or fifty cents per hundred, postpaid. Address I. N. Watson, 423 East 7th St., Los Angeles, Cal

#### 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.

#### REVIVAL AT LAKE CHARLES, LA.

Bro. W. M. Harrison writes, "The dear Lord is blessing here, twenty-nine were baptized in the river yesterday, making fifty-five in all, and three received the baptism of the Holy Ghost last night, making sixty-eight in the last six weeks. Glory to God.

#### 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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#### SITUATION CRITICAL IN TURKEY.

#### Orphans turned out of their Home.

Sister Gerber writes, "I wish to call your attention to my change of address. Hereafter all communications will be addressed, 188 Hazelwood Ave., Detroit, Mich.

"The Lord has blessed my efforts to such an extent that it became impossible to carry on my work single handed, and after much prayer and thought, I saw that I had to have helpers, and I am sure the Master and Lord of our work has chosen the right party in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Aijian. Mr. Aijian is the pastor of Armenian Evangelical Church of Detroit, Mich. I have known him for the past nineteen years. He is fully consecrated to the Master and His work, and thirteen years of his Christian activity has been of continued success. The Lord brought many souls to Himself through his preaching. Mrs. Aijian also, a capable, consecrated American lady, is a wonderful help to her husband in this work, as she was used in the hands of God as a home missionary for some years. Their heart is in the work, and through correspondence and talks they will assist me. I am sure you will be blessed by hearing them, and hope many of our friends will take advantage of this opportunity. But make engagements as early as possible, as they are very busy.

"And a second thing I like to em- " phasize again, if possible more forcibly than ever, is the fact that reports reaching us are so heartrending, and we must pray more and more-give no rest until the Lord will answer our prayers in behalf of that martyred people. I had word just a few days ago that Turkish authorities claimed to have need of our beautiful buildings on the mountainside in Zinjidere, for their wounded soldiers, so that our children are sent to other buildings in Cesarea. I had the privilege of sending relief to other places besides our orphanage, and now the number of these needy fields is growing day after day.

"The condition of the orphans is awful—poor little, half-starved Armenian children—only a short time ago they were living in comfortable homes, just like your own children, but now! They are left on the roadside to wait for the wolf of starvation to devour them. There are thousands of them who are looking eagerly to kind and merciful hands of Christian people for food, and survive awful persecution. And, since the Turkish Government gave permission to feed them, let us continue to help them and 'be not weary in well doing.'

"A missionary tells the following stories. A little child asked, 'Mother, do you think the time shall ever come when once more we can eat all we want?' Another one said, 'Mother, here is the boiler, why don't you cook any more, when we are so, SO hungry?' They found children who had nothing to eat for three days. Thousands are lost by starvation and suffering.

"One of the relief workers went into a house with some bread. The child was near death, and the poor, half-starved mother put a few crumbs in his mouth. The boy drew his last breath—he was dead in her arms. Then she turned and said to the missionary, "If you only had come here sooner, my child might have lived. But now it is too late."

"Let us not be too late! Indeed, these trials are hard and heavy, but I am not discouraged at all. The Lord has bapized me lately, with a new zeal for this suffering nation And I am looking forward longing for the time to come when I can go back to that land which is covered with martyrs' blood, and once more tell the story of the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and His love.

"In whose name I beg of you, pray, PRAY, PRAY!"

#### FROM AN INDIAN MISSIONARY.

I wish to thank you for the contribution of ten dollars for the Basti, India, work. Miss Laura Gardner, who is attending to my work in India during my furlough, reports that she has received the same and applied it for use in the Basti work.

Please pray for a harvest of souls in Basti District. as the touring season is now on, and missionaries and Indian workers are earnestly laboring for souls among that hard, caste-bound people. My interests are there, though I must

be in the homeland for a season of rest. We trust for definite salvation and a stepping out for Christ on the part of many there.

Pray I may soon return to Basti to labor for Him who gives us the enabling and the yearning for those souls to get the light of the world—Jesus—into their hearts.

Yours for souls in India, Lillie E. Doll.

## HOW A NATIVE CHRISTIAN DIES IN CENTRAL AMERICA.

We again greet you from Nicaragua, having full assurance that we are not forgotten in your prayers, and that the dear ones in the homeland are standing with us in faith for these dark and benighted people under the bondage of Rome and superstition. Surely, without the prayers of the dear saints it would be impossible to go on with the work, as there are so many discouraging things to encounter, and there is great consolation in knowing that an army of intercessors are pleading for us before the throne of grace and for dark Nicaragua.

One of our believers, an old man almost ninety years old, left us the other day to be with Jesus. He was the first trophy that God had given us here From the time he left his life of sin and was baptized in water, he was a faithful witness for His Lord and Saviour. Though only a Christian for two years, he was a real overcomer. He was terribly addicted to tobacco; from the early age of five he had smoked unti it became a part of his life, and it was a veritable fight to give up; but God helped him to overcome, and he fell asleep in Jesus not only with a clean heart but mouth as well. Praise the Lord! He left a bright testimony. He never could see how God would heal a man without taking medicines. night, late, he called his son to him and said, 'Juan, I am going to die, I see it plainly; we must obey the book (Bible), we must not take medicines." He immediately threw away his remedies. A day before the end, he said, "Jesus is calling me; I see a straight road from here to heaven." We miss him much as he was beloved by all, but we are consoled knowing that he is safe and happy.-B. A. Schoeneich.

Bro. T. A. Snodgrass writes from Terrell, Texas, "We are still on the upward way; we are still standing on the firing line and never expect by the grace of God to give up until the last battle is fought, and victory through Jesus Christ our Lord is won. Meetings are well attended, a good interest shown, saints are all standing together with one mind, and in one accord. We had a baptismal service last Sunday evening according to Matthew 28:19. I praise God for His eternal Word, which is a light to our pathway. We want to ask special prayers for Terrell that by the grace of God we will keep climbing until Jesus comes.

#### SOULS BEING SAVED IN PORTO BICO.

Bro. Solomon Feliciano and wife and children arrived here on Thursday, rejoicing and praising God for the good journey. We held our street meeting on Saturday night, and about 400 souls gathered round us. We could see that the Spirit of God was working with them, and many tears flowed from their eyes. Preaching in the streets here is something new to the people; it is the first time they ever heard it, and they can stand and listen for hours and hours

After the street meeting, I called their attention and asked if any would like to read a tract. They came after the tracts as a hungry child after a piece of bread. I stood on a box and began to give them away, but they did not wait for me to pass them out; they snatched them from my hands. Hundreds and hundreds of tracts could be given away at every service.

After we were through, a man came to us and said, "My house is open for services," and without waiting, we went to his house, and nearly half of those who were in the street followed us. We started a meeting, God blessed us, and eleven souls were saved. Thank God for His saving power. The owner of the house and his wife were the first to give their hearts to the Lord.

The same man has a very good place for a mission, 16x36, and he said that if we want to rent it for a mission he will give it to us for \$6.00, and he will let us have a very nice house next to it for \$6.00 per month. The house and mission could be rented for at least \$40.00 per month, but because it is God's service, he will give them to us for \$12.00. I believe it is God's will to open up the place.

Many church members here are willing to receive the baptism. It is a new doctrine to them. We were invited to the M. E. Church last night, and after the service was over, we had nearly the whole congregation on their knees. People are hungry for more of God's truth.

You all know that Solomon's (Feliciano's) destination is Santo Domingo, but when he got to New York he only had \$90.00, and their through fare was \$180.00, so he came across to Porto Rico, and I believe it is surely God's will for him to help me here until we have a work started. I believe God can use him here and open the way for him to go by and by. The Lord knew that I wanted someone to help me, and He sent When the Lord called me, He him. called me to this town, and I believe that He is going to work here.

Porto Rico is very poor, and the people here are having a hard time. Many of them get a drink of black coffee in the morning, and they walk up and down the whole day looking for work and can find nothing. Others are eating boiled bananas because they cannot

get anything else. Jesus is coming soon. and we need to carry the Gospel to this people. Pray for us and the work .-John L. Lugo, Ponce, Porto Rico.

(The Missionary Treasurer will be pleased to forward any sums to help our brethren towards the rent of mission, and for chairs or benches that they may

#### A GREAT NEED IN JAPAN.

We are always rejoicing to hear of the success of the work in the homeland, and are often longing to be in some of the precious meetings. You cannot know the loneliness we feel at times; but last evening, after such a hard day, as we were praying together (our own family), the great Father God seemed to come down and enfold us all (and even our little humble home) in His great loving arms, and I thought to myself, "Well I never really knew the great love and tenderness in the heart of our Father God, until He revealed Himself to me in a foreign land, when my heart was lonely and sad." Oh, praises be to His holy name!

I have written how God has been laying it on my heart to open a home for orphan girls, and now will write you more about it. Since we took little Kinie into our home and I knew how her father tried to sell her to the geisha houses, I have thought more about it, and have heard and known of such pitiful cases. A few months ago the Lord began to speak to me about it, and it was laid on my heart to open a home and train a number for Bible women and Christian workers.

We all prayed, very earnestly, if this were the mind of the Lord He would show us a suitable place. We were impressed with the name of a town about two hours' ride from Tokyo, back towards the mountains. One lovely day, about three weeks ago, we went there, and the first man we enquired of, took us to the place which he owned. seemed to have been made to order. Tt was within easy walking distance from the station and on the outskirts of the town. Is a large lot on high ground, is all enclosed with a fence, and has two large gates. There is a spring of water, clear as crystal, and a pond about fifty feet long-steps leading down to the pond. The lot is all surrounded by fields, so that one could buy more land if the work enlarged. It is an ideal place for such a home. The owner will sell the lot for \$900, or he will put up buildings and rent to us, if we will lease for a term of years. The lot and buildings would cost about \$2,500. So now we are just looking to the Lord. If it is His will for us to have it, He is perfectly able to supply the means. Please pray with us.

As we left the place to return to the station, I looked back at the gate as the man was locking it, and I could see these "The Dorcas words over the gate: Home for Orphan Girls," and such a joy came in my heart. So many girlsmere children-are sold in this land,

and the price of their souls and bodies, which is often a mere pittance, goes to pay some debt which the family is too poor to pay. Often little orphans are sold by the relatives.

Our hearts ache because there is so much to do, and we are so helpless to do it. However, we can only look away to Him, who knows every heartache and marks every falling tear. "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." How blessed will be that glorious day. Oh, pray for me that I may be ready when He comes .- Estelle A. Bernauer, Kanda, Tokyo, Japan.

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## WORKMEN WHO NEED NOT BE ASHAMED.

By Florence L. Burpee.

The Lord has many workmen
In His harvest field to-day:
There are the zealous workers
Who have no time to play,
Who from the early morning
Until the setting sun,
Are sowing seed for harvest
When their work in life is done.

He has spasmodic workmen
Who shout and shout and shout;
In the midst of great camp meetings
They seem saved beyond a doubt:
But when meetings are all over
They sometimes turn and sin,
And do not get salvation
Until meeting time again.

Our Lord has certain workmen
Who just are goody good;
They do not do much labor
Nor do they think they should.
If the Lord has special service
He is just compelled to find
Some other sort of workmen
Than this goody, goody kind.

There are some who are always toiling Yet seeing little gain;
Just for the lack of wisdom
Their labor seems in vain.
There are the weakly workers
Whose motives seem the best,
But in the hour of trial
They fail to stand the test.

Our Lord has doubting workmen
Who try, but do not trust;
And He has other workers
Who work because they must.
Just from a sense of duty
They plod along life's way.
Yet expect at the hour of reckoning
They will receive full pay.

Our Lord has willing workmen
Who are not equipped with power.
To these He now is calling,
"Tarry with me yet an hour."
The harvest fields are many,
The laborers are few,
Ho, every honest workman
Our Lord has need of you.

# THE LATTER RAIN IN ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.

While quietly seated around the dining-room table reading the 9th chapter of Hebrews. on the evening of February 18, 1916, Bro. H. G. Kern, Mrs. Kern and a Pentecostal lady, the power of the Holy Ghost fell upon Mrs. Kern, and the presence of the Lord was so close, she exclaimed "O Lord let me not fear you." The other sister said, "Is it the Lord?" Sister Kern nodded her head, "Yes."

Brother Kern was at this time called out of the room by a young friend, and ¶ 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

on his return, his dear wife extended her hand and the power of the Holy Spirit fell upon him immediately. They were under the power of the Holy Ghost for ten days with stammering lips and other tongues, and visions and singing in the Spirit.

So, with gratitude to Almighty God for His great gift, prayer meetings have been held every Friday night since. The meetings grew in interest, and the attendance numbered twenty-three persons. So great was the power felt, the landlord requested us to close our meetings or quit the premises. As the Lord had led us all the way, we prayed for guidance and asked for a new place.

We moved to 28 North Vermont Avenue on the 10th of June, and our meetings have increased in interest and numbers, and many have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in tongues according to the second chapter of Acts. Sister Mary Rahter, Brother and Sister Evans, and Sister Powers have given us valuable assistance from time to time in our work.

We have organized a church and named it "APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF CHRIST." H. G. Kern, pastor, was ordained Friday evening, October 6, 1916, by Bro. C. P. Way, who is well-known in Pentecostal circles. Previous to the ordination, the pastor was baptized in the Baptist church. A cordial invitation is given to all to attend our services.

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#### REQUESTS FOR PRAYER.

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A sister in Sour Lake, Texas, requests prayer for her child who is sick with fever.

Please pray for a sister in Fort Towson, Okla. She has a wonderful experience, but is having a hard time.

A sister in Dixon, Miss., asks us to pray for the restoration of her boy, who has run away from home. She is so lonely without him.

A brother writes, "I desire the prayers of the Evangel family for the sale of a 320-acre ranch, so that we can lay it all down at the Master's feet."

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A brother in Brummitt, Ark., wants prayers for himself, his two little ones, and his mother. He requests prayer for healing and to be filled with the Spirit.

Evangelist H. Birmingham has started a revival campaign in Texarkana, Ark., a town of 23,000 inhabitants. He asks us to pray with him that God may give him and his workers a thousand souls this winter.

#### A GOOD REPORT.

Evangelist H. O. Hogan writes, "I went to Iona July 22nd, the Lord blessed and I think three found the light. We went from there to Hart, Okla., where the Lord wonderfully blessed in saving a few and healing the We came home for three days, then back to Dallberg, where Bro. Eason was in charge. The old time power fell and seven got the baptism as in Acts 2:4. From there to Bro. Murr at Lane Tree, and found many hungry souls getting to God, and several got their empty temples filled. Glory to God! We then went to Prairie Grove where the sinners fell at the altar at every service for three weeks. It was the most blessed meeting I was ever in. Went then to Chactaw with Bro. Martin, a Nazarene preacher, and we fell in and got hold of the wheel, and behold, one got the baptism. We then went to Stratford. Some workers from Cardell came and started a meeting at Sulphur, just closed. We have Bro. and Sister L. Banta for our neighbors; many of you know them."

#### FIELD NOTES.

Evangelist Burt McCafferty writes of the good work at Lamoni, Iowa, under Bro. Kelley Campbell, whom he has been assisting. They are looking for great things from God; several have been saved there.

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Bro. J. O. V. McCaffrey writes of the work at Cleburne, Texas. The saints there are striving to build a 40x60 tabernacle; they have the frame work up, but they need about \$200.00 to complete. Anyone wishing to help can send funds to Pastor Chas. Williamson, Cleburne, Texas, and such donations will be applied to the completion and equipping of the building.

Evangelist W. B. Oaks and wife write that they have opened up a revival meeting in Franklin, Neb., at the close of the Etter Camp meeting at Sydney, Iowa. The work was in a very bad condition spiritually because of the division that existed. The power of God has fallen during the past two weeks, saints are being blessed, souls have been receiving the baptism, and meetings last until two o'clock in the morning. They ask us to pray for a mighty revival in Franklin.

Evangelist J. E. Brooks of Abingdon, Iowa, writes that after being out of the ministry for six months, through sickness, he is praising the Lord for the blessed privilege of being in the work again. He has proved the Lord to be a good Physician for thirteen years, and He has been the family Doctor during the past nine years. Abingdon, Iowa, is a new field, the pure Gospel has never been preached there in its Pentecostal fulness, and the people are very cold towards him and the truth as yet. He needs help in singing, praying and preaching the Word, and would like any consecrated worker in reach of the place to ask the Lord about coming to help in this large needy field. Let them first write him before coming.

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#### THE GOSPEL FOR MEXICO.

There will be a Mexican Council meeting held at the Mission on Naco Road, about one block east of the depot, Bisbee, Arizona, Saturday, Nov. 25th, to Dec. 3rd. It will be a faith Council. We are trusting the Lord to meet with us, and supply all our needs.

The aim of the council is to get God's mind about the Mexican border work and also about the spread of the Gospel in Mexico. The Mexican people are hungry for the Word of God, and they are hearing and receiving it gladly. There will be different workers present who are interested in the Mexican work. Pray for us; come if you can, and learn from the testimonies the need of poor dark Mexico, right at our door, hungry for the Gospel, and oh, what a few workers in this great field. They are sending word to the saints to come and tell them of Jesus.

There is a very precious flock of saints here. The Mission has been open about a year and three months. Souls have been saved, and some have received the Holy Ghost, and some sick have been healed. Praise the Lord, who doeth all things well. There is a good assembly of saved and baptized saints at San Jose, Mexico, about seventy miles down in Mexico.

Anyone wishing to help in the Mexican work can send contributions to M. M. Pinson, General Delivery, Bisbee, Ariz., or to the writer of this letter.—Geo. M. Thomas, care William Eiting, box 941, Bisbee, Ariz.

Bro. J. W. Hudson of Lavaca, Ark., sends in an encouraging report of the blessing of the Lord on his labors at Spiro, Page and Oak Lodge, Okla., saving souls and baptizing believers. The last meeting he describes as one of the most convincing he was ever in. The second night the Lord gave faith to cast out a demon, and a man who had been seeking the baptism three years received the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4, and an afflicted Baptist sister was healed, and is now seeking the Holy Ghost.

Nearly four years ago I was saved from a life of sin, and baptized in the Holy Ghost, praise the Lord. This has been the best time of my life. By the help of the Lord I expect to be an overcomer and meet the Lord in the air.—Jno. P. Hendrick, Ark.

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Job 4. 21.

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35 And Jě-hôi'-ă-kim gave the silver and the gold to Phâr'-aoh; but he taxed the land to give the money according to the commandment of Phâr'-aoh: he exacted the silver and the gold of the people of

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