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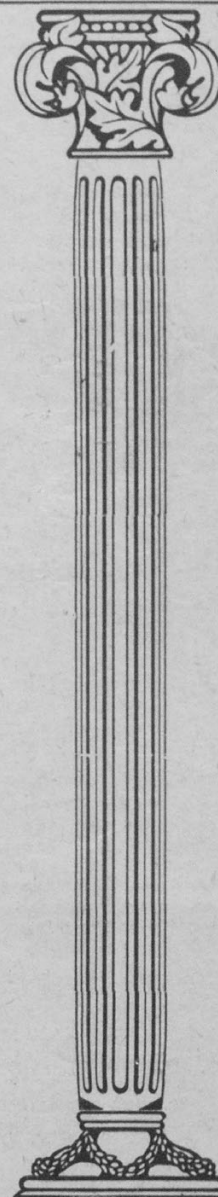
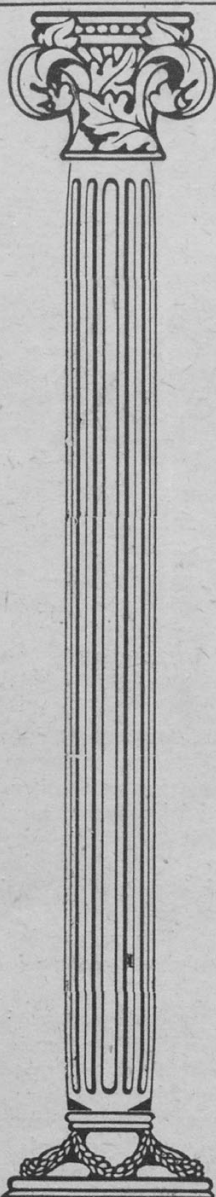


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THE GOSPEL TO EVERY
CREATURE. — Mark 16:15



BELIEVEST THOU THIS?

“The potency of prayer hath subdued the strength of fire; it hath bridled the rage of lions, hushed anarchy to rest, extinguished wars, appeased the elements, expelled demons, burst the chains of death, expanded the gates of heaven, assuaged diseases, repelled frauds, rescued cities from destruction, stayed the sun in its course, and arrested the progress of the thunderbolt. Prayer is an all-efficient panoply, a treasure undiminished, a mine which is never exhausted, a sky unobscured by clouds, a heaven unruffled by the storm. It is the root, the fountain, the mother of a thousand blessings.”

—LORD I BELIEVE.—

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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.

JESUS HEALS THE HEATHEN.

Sister Alice E. Luce, who has been staying with us recently in the Evangel Home, gives us the following extract from a letter received from a missionary in India, who has not stood for the truth of divine healing. "One day we entered a little courtyard and found an old woman, her face hidden in her hands, moaning with pain in her eyes. Sitting down beside her, we told her of the Great Physician, of His love and power, and the Bible-woman sang and explained a little song, telling her how her heart could get to know Him. Before we left, without any prompting, she put up her hands, asking Him to give her relief for her eyes, and for spiritual sight for her heart.

"Two days later we went again, taking some eye lotion, but it was not needed; the woman's simple faith had been abundantly answered. No longer was she sitting in sadness and pain, she was up and doing her housework. Coming towards us quickly, she called out, 'It is all true, He has made my eyes well, and I know Him here (pointing to her heart). He has given me the spiritual sight.'

"It was indeed His work; eyes as bad as hers could never have got well so quickly, and without medicine. It made her neighbors think. A woman in the next house said, 'I am not going to call on Ram (her Hindu god) any more. I know now that your Jesus Christ can do what our gods cannot. I have turned my back on Ram, and my face to Jesus Christ.'"

WAR'S DREAD REALITIES.

In the midst of the news of the horrors of war that come to us day by day from Europe and Asia, there are many indications that whilst God's judgments are in the earth, many are learning righteousness. That many soldiers are hungry to know the way of salvation is indicated from the following extract from the "Morning Star."

"After a recent concert given for the entertainment of a number of soldiers, one of them was asked to propose a vote of thanks. He rose and said 'we are all very grateful for the amusement afforded to us tonight, and we appreciate all the musical talent brought for our enjoyment, but we are off to the front tomorrow and I do not know how to die; I am not prepared to meet God, I only wish there had been something for our souls tonight.'"

The following story shows how some are hearing and yielding to the Gospel in the last few minutes of their lives.

"A soldier in the trenches, a little while back, was badly wounded in the head and his life was fast ebbing. He said to the man next him 'can you tell me anything about how I can get to heaven?' 'Can't tell you nothing about it,' he replied. But a man a little further on heard and threw across a little Gospel, 'Read him John 3,' he called out. So he began to read, and as the dying man heard those wonderful words of verse 16, he said with his last breath, 'Thank God—that's done it!'"

Private James Wallace, 1st King's Own (Royal Lancs. Regt.) writes the following letter:

"I write you a line lying on my back at—a little behind the firing line. I have been hit in the stomach by a

bullet. How peaceful I am, and yet only a short distance away tens of thousands are fighting for their lives. How sweet to know that nothing happens by chance—that all things work together for good to those who love God. As I jumped over the parapet when advancing to the attack I could not help but sing:

'Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly.'

How calm I was, knowing He never fails, no matter what surrounds us. 'I can praise Him for all that is past, and trust Him for all that's to come.' Truly God is good, a very present help in trouble. I can say, like the Psalmist, 'For Thou, Lord, hast made me glad through Thy work; I will triumph in the works of Thy hands' (Psalm xcii:4)."

That God answers the prayers of those who plead with Him for exemption, is proved by the following extract from a Christian brother who writes us from England: "On October 26th, the military 'warned' me to 'rejoin the colors within fourteen days,' failing such, etc., etc. I had the right of appeal as a 'Derby recruit,' and promptly put in my appeal on the grounds that I represented a 'certified trade.' I made it an urgent matter of prayer, and so did S., and you will doubtless rejoice with us our prayers were answered. Doris, my little girl, who has been singularly attached to me of late, cried bitterly the night before, and on the day of the appeal, she told me afterwards, unknown to anyone, she got up early, and going into another room, knelt and prayed earnestly that 'my daddy' might get an exemption." Our Father in heaven could not refuse that little one's prayers.

EDITOR OF THIS DEPARTMENT RESIGNS.

It is with the keenest regret that we are compelled to announce the resignation of Brother B. F. Lawrence from the editorship of this department, The Works of God, which he has edited so ably during the past ten months. Brother Lawrence feels that his work on this line is finished and circumstances have come into his life which would prevent his keeping up the department regularly. We trust, however, to have frequent articles from his pen in the future, which will prove a blessing as have his articles of the past. Brother Lawrence writes as follows:

To the Members of the Evangel Family, Greeting:—

For the past ten months, as many of you know, I have been engaged in searching out details of the Lord's past and present work. I have been blest and helped thereby myself, and have had numerous letters and statements to the effect that many of the Lord's children have been helped in reading what has been written.

I have, I think, collected and written or edited everything which has appeared in the department except the series on the work in Persia and Russia by Brother Urshan. The Publishing House obtained that and ran it in the department as properly belonging to it. The time has now come when I feel that my ministry with you in this way is at an end. I have exhausted those readily obtained facts and have no time under the present conditions to apply myself to more strenuous efforts. The reason for this will be apparent in a little while in some announcements which, I think, will be made.

May the Lord of all glory and truth bless each of you and help you to live history which will be written in the books of God, from which it will be read in the Great Day to your eternal joy. I have collected scraps here and there; God's recording angel will have a complete account when we meet him and have time to read his records.

Yours in Him,

B. F. Lawrence.

The Word is a knife, it is always in the oil, so that it heals when it cuts.—D. W. Kerr.

THE BIBLE.

This is the first in a Special Series of Articles on the Statement of Fundamental Truths, adopted at the 1916 General Council. These articles by Elder D. W. Kerr will be found to be of special interest to all, and each will be complete in itself. Send 10 cents to the Evangel Office for a copy of the minutes containing complete Statement.

The Bible is the written word of God. Holy men, whom God had made ready, spake and wrote as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. They were not able of their own wisdom, or power, or holiness, to find out by searching, the exact truth of all the things that were taught by men and believed by the people. No doubt they searched some, if not all, of the many books which the wise men of the world had written about God, and Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost, and creation, the devil, good and bad angels, demons and wicked spirits, the earth and sea and sky and all the things in them, the sun, moon, and stars, the first man and woman, the serpent, and sin, hell and heaven, the place of torment and the future state. Yes, no doubt, most, if not all, of these holy men were more or less acquainted with the stories, fables, and fairy tales which these wise men had put in books for people to read. But they were so weak that they could not, by all their searching, get at the real truth; neither could they find out what God knew about these things; neither were they able to choose the right kind of words by which to tell us what God told them; nor could they (they were so very weak), take the words which God gave them and put them together, each word in its right place, so that we could read them and get the right meaning and thus come to know the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, of some of the things that God knows. But the Holy Ghost began to move these holy men in such a wonderful way, that they were able to do what the other men who wrote books, could not do; for they became so strong that they could see things just as God sees them, and speak and write the things that God told them, so exactly that they made no mistake of any kind, neither did they write anything but what God told them, nor did they miss anything God gave them to speak and write.

The Bible is made up of many books or tracts, as we would call them now, some large and some small. Any one of them can be read through in less time than it takes to eat three meals a day. God knew that people would be very busy, so he made the books of a size to suit busy folks.

The books of the Bible were at first kept in many places far from each other. This was so, because the men who wrote them did not all live in the same place nor at the same time. The oldest book was written in the land of Uz some forty years before Moses, who was then on his journey with Israel through the wilderness, wrote the first five books; while the last book of the Old Testament was written some 1150 years later. John wrote the last book of the Bible about 450 years after Malachi had finished his book. Thus it took all the men, about thirty of them, 1600 years to write the sixty-six books of which our Bible is now made up. God had his eye on all these little books or tracts, which were scattered in different places. In due time some men brought them all together in one place and began to look into them to see if they could find anything in any of them that did not come from God. After a long time and very careful study, they all said that these books or tracts "came not by the will of man, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost," and they bound them all together into one great book and called it "The Bible."

The Bible is called "The Book of books," because, as we have seen it is made up of many books written by holy

men through the Spirit. But it is also the Book of books not found in the Bible. For when a man gets an idea in his mind, and he feels to write a book, he goes to the Bible in search for something that looks like his thought. When he has found what he thinks will fit, he dresses up his notion with the words of God until it looks so like the Word of God, that the people who do not know the Word of God very well, will take the new book in place of the Bible. And so it comes to pass that the Bible is used by some men much in the same way as a tailor uses a bolt of cloth from which to cut as much as will serve him in making a suit of clothes. But, on the other hand, there are some folks who are so poor in spirit that they do not have any ideas, or thoughts, or notions, or ways of their own, and so they too go to the Bible. And since they are not full of their own power and wisdom like the others, they soon find so many things in the Bible that God has told them, and they get so very happy that they feel to write, not one, but many books. And so it comes to pass, that "of making many (good and bad) books (outside of the Bible) there is no end."

The Bible is the only Book that fits into the need of man. For "man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God." There are very many things we need to know for the sake of our own health and happiness, and for the sake of the creatures, and the good of the people with whom we live, and the powers which are over us, and for the glory of God. There are many other places where we can get knowledge beside the Bible. For there are men who wrote many books and large, in which they tell us how the world was made and how man came into it; they tell us about bad spirits and good spirits; about the flood, and the nations, and the time when the world will be full of happiness, and every thing will be pure and sweet and right, and every body will be full of love, and all people on the earth will be kind to every thing and every body. They tell us of a time when all men will have outgrown sin and selfishness, and all badness and hatred will be forgotten in the bonds of a great brotherhood dwelling on earth as in heaven, and every body will do that which is right in his own eyes. Now such kind of wisdom looks good to many and so they read and search in these man-made books until they are so full of the ideas and notions and ways of the men who wrote them, that the Bible, which is the Word of God, the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth about all these matters, and many more, seems to them like a fairy tale out of date. The people who do not have the Bible, have all these notions; and they also have their ideas about God, heaven and hell, the future state and judgment. But their notions are so warped and twisted by sin and the lies of the devil, that they are only like the dark shadows of the truth and the dim flicker of a smoky candle. Man needs the Bible, and the Bible fits into the needs of man. Job wished that his adversary had written a book; for he did not know God as well as he wanted to know him, and so had a great desire in his heart to get better acquainted with him. Job was well acquainted with the book of nature, for he could tell many things about the earth and the heavens, and the things that are in them, but when God began to chasten him, he had an idea that God was his adversary, and if he only had written a book in which he had explained some of his strange ways, he would be perfectly satisfied with anything God might do. Let us thank God that he has written a book in which he has made known to us some things we never could have found out in any other way.

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"I FELL IN LOVE WITH THE NAZARENE."

The Birth of a Wonderful Sacred Song.

By Sarah Haggard Payne.

(Editorial Note:—It has been our great pleasure on several occasions to hear Sister Payne sing her wonderful song, "I Fell in Love with the Nazarene," and it is at our special request she has written out the story of how the song came to her.)

From 1895 to 1901 I was composing and publishing worldly songs. I had a comic negro song printed in 1901, and I received an offer to handle it on the minstrel stage. The songs, five hundred in number, were printed in an attractive form, ready for sale, and I intended signing the contract with the minstrel singer the next day, but went to hear F. B. Meyer, the noted evangelist from England, preach at the First Baptist Church of Chattanooga, Tenn., and among other things, I noticed particularly this remark, "Be careful what birds you let go, or you might want to catch them and not be able to do so." I felt greatly alarmed and spent the night on my knees debating whether I should sign the contract or not. God won, although I was not Spirit-born then; but God knew before I came into the world what He wanted to do through me. The next morning I sat down on the floor beside the stove with a box of matches and piles of those songs all around me, and weeping bitter tears of disappointment over these faded hopes, I burned songs all day, until the whole neighborhood was filled with burning paper. My husband thought me demented when he came home and found no dinner, and scolded me for such foolish extravagance. "You are just burning up my hard earned money," he said.

This was my last vaudeville song, but not my last worldly song. From 1901 to 1904, I wrote love songs and lullabies for church entertainments and benefit socials, but God was disappointed, and in order to work out His plan through me, He broke my heart and brought me to the foot of the cross.

It was in 1904 at a Holiness camp-meeting in Beebe, Ark., one of the preachers asked me to pray for a fallen girl. I prayed, "Oh God, for Jesus' sake, try and clean up this filthy creature's life." The girl cried out, "Mr. Preacher, please send some one to pray for me who has God, for I am lost!" God spoke in thunder tones to my heart, "Thou art unclean!"

I was thrown upon the sawdust in the deepest agony, screaming out, "Lord Save!" I lay there while God dealt with me from 8 P. M. to 1 A. M., and what a fight Jesus had with Satan to gain possession, but praise God, I arose from that altar with my arms around the now saved fallen girl, singing my first sacred song, "I'll Never Go Back." I remained awake all night for fear my joy would be gone in the morning, but when morning came the joy remained, and has to this blessed day. In the morning I was blind, totally or partially, and remained so for one week after this wonderful experience.

At the end of two weeks I was invited by Bro. F. W. Bromley under whose preaching I was given over to God, to attend a Holiness Convention to be held at the city of Memphis, Tenn., and I went, taking with me the music for this first song for God. Bro. Bromley said he would give me a chance to sing it, and then he would have it published, which he did. So I carried this music around with me awaiting an opportunity to meet him.

The second morning one of the leaders of the convention called me by name, and introduced me to the great convention of preachers, telling them of my wonderful redemption from self and the world, and asked me con-

cerning the mss. I had in my hand. Well, I told him it was the music of my first song for God. He told me to throw the song away and go to the altar and reconsecrate, that this idol would ruin my soul. I was surprised and grieved beyond expression, but I did as commanded, and went to the altar, but I could not thwart God's holy will in giving a message from *Himself* to His people in song through a *broken vessel*.

Some of the saints and I went to the hotel and spent a night in tears. They prayed at my bedside right through the entire night, and begged me to give up this idol of song composition. *Little did they know about it!* They did not know that not a song could come forth but by an invisible help, be it of Satan or God, and Satan would not inspire a song that would lift up Jesus.

When morning came we all arose, bathed our swollen eyes and faces, and I dressed and packed my grip and went home to Little Rock, Ark., to settle this thing with God. I seated my husband to a warm supper, telling him to retire after supper, that I did not intend to eat or sleep again until God answered me about this matter. For hours I lay on the floor and cried out to God, "Give me a sign, Oh God, give me a sign that I may *know* that I am under thy perfect will in allowing the songs to come forth that are rolling through my new-born soul!" At last, about 1 A. M., God spoke, "Come, my daughter, let us reason together!" I lay on my couch, but not to sleep. The lights, all over the city, at least around in our neighborhood, were all out, and darkness reigned supreme.

As I lay there waiting, a picture came before me of the dead Christ, and I said, "Yes, from childhood I have worshipped a dead Christ." Then another picture of the dear Mother Prindle, who led me to God, (a mother of fallen girls) came up before me and I saw the lesson: I must be guided by the Holy Ghost, not any human being.

Next came my own face all covered with dark spots and running sores, and in despair I cried out, "Oh cleanse me with Thy blood," and immediately my face was as white as the driven snow. Still I knew He had not given the sign I asked for. Suddenly a rainbow formed just over my head, a three circled rainbow of fire, and God spoke three times these words, "Fear thou not, Oh my child. The songs you get will come straight from Me, and I will find the money to publish them and scatter them to the uttermost parts of the earth. Fear thou not, be not dismayed, for I am with thee, my rod and my staff will comfort thee." Then the rainbow filled the room with glorious, golden light, and the flowers, painted on the wall, stood out and quivered like real flowers, and my soul rejoiced with a joy deeper than I had ever known before. Then slowly the beauteous rainbow swiftly and silently slipped away and I lay as one stunned.

Suddenly in the dark and gloom, Jesus stood, as before Pilate, and I looked. *Lo! Jesus!* Oh, how fair of face and manly of form! As He stood, all clothed in white, His hands tied together, He spoke to Pilate, "Do unto me as thou wilt; for my great love, I will die for my people;" and as I gazed on His wondrous loveliness and humility and discovered His fathomless love for us, I fell in love with Him as never before, and in an instant this sweet, spirit-inspired song was born, to go forth and woo souls unto Him.

I sang it the next Sunday at the mission in the slums of the city, and a reformed gambler and drunkard, Chas. R. Robertson, who was so marred from drunken brawls and gambling quarrels that he would allow no woman to see his once beautiful face, heard it as he hid out in the darkness near a window. He sent a boy in to learn my

name and phone number. The next night the phone rang, and this man, who was night watchman at a large cotton compress, asked me to sing the song over the line, and I did, although against the telephone company's rules. Afterward my husband, being on the telephone company's force, got permission for me to sing it. Night after night I sang to this lonely, discouraged man as he trod his lonely way, sometimes in fearful storms and exposed to danger. I never refused to sing to him when he asked, and more and more he fell in love with the Nazarene.

At last he got courage to ask me the price of publishing it. I told him \$25.00 and he mailed a check and I published it, and the number of reprints has gone into thousands, one thousand lying now in the office of the printer, M. D. Swisher, of Philadelphia, for money from headquarters to take them out, that they may go on their sweet way lifting up our Lord who died for us and is coming soon.

Oh, how glad I am now that God gave me this wonderful vision and that it is *true* and that *God kept His word, proving* that it was a vision from *God*. The song is going all over the world, even to the frozen North and the Tropics, and the Oriental world.

Now God has called: "Come, my love, with me to the isles of the sea, even to the isles of the sea (Jer. 21: 10), for this shall be thy last port, before my coming." I have answered, "Here am I, send me, even to the leper colony island, Molokai, if this be Thy desire, for *anywhere* I'll go with Jesus."

The report comes from every quarter of the earth, "Surely God is in these songs, and especially in *this* one. The power of God falls on the people when it is sung." Glory to God, to God alone, who gave and took away! The song came, but I had to suffer and be hidden away, and the white winged birds of God's love winged their way and left me sad, yet glad, to commune with God, and wait His sweet will in fulfilling His promise that wonderful night when He sent the rainbow of fire.

God gave more wonderful songs after the Spirit baptism in 1907; many, many songs to replace the hundreds of worldly songs I burned in the bonfire in 1904, but none so sweet and *drawing-toward-Christ* as this one, given me just after my consecration.

I heard the 22nd chapter of Revelation chanted by a legion of voices, and then God gave me, "Behold I come Quickly." Others came in quite as marvelous a manner, but nothing so undid me as the sight of our blessed Shepherd standing so silently, with His dear hands tied together, before Pilate. I saw these things, *seemingly* with my natural eyes, but of course it was in the Spirit. All glory to God!

Ed. Note.—"I Fell in Love with the Nazarene," "Behold, I Come Quickly," "The 144,000," "Go Ye Out to Meet Him," "The Bridal Song," and many others can be obtained for 25 cent per copy from Sister Payne, box 44, Ocean Park, Cal. She has another very blessed song, "Spiritual Israel," which she expects to publish as soon as funds are forthcoming.

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 Then walk in the light, and obey;
 And when trials begin and you're tempted to sin—
 His grace is sufficient for thee.

If your valley seems deep, and the mountain looks steep
 Tho' weary of trav'ling you be,
 By faith pressing on, climb upward, dear one;
 His grace is sufficient for thee.

In the hardships of life, in its tests and its strife,
 And when doubts flood your soul like a sea,
 Stand true to your calling, there's no danger of falling—
 His grace is sufficient for thee.

You'll find it will pay, so start in to-day
 And strive a true Christian to be.
 Let this be your song, as you journey along,
 His grace is sufficient for thee.

When your race is run, when you lay your life down,
 And face to face, Jesus you see,
 Then Him you can praise thru eternity's days—
 His grace is sufficient for thee.

—By Mabel M. E. Younger, Boise, Idaho.

PREPARATION FOR THE COMING OF JESUS.

Very few have a longing hope for our Lord's return. Ninety per cent of professing Christians would be afraid to meet Jesus at this very minute. They would want to pray a little more, or *do* something more. At the bottom of this there is a fear that the blood of Jesus does not fully atone for the soul. The blood of Jesus, plus a few of our good works, might, we think, prepare us for His coming. The Lord has sometimes said to me, "Would you go into eternity trusting alone in what I have done for you at Calvary?" The cross of Calvary is an end of all self-righteousness. By endeavoring to augment what Christ has done for us, we prove that we have no faith in the all-availingness of the blood of the Son of God. Let us be freed from this blasphemous unbelief, and get back to simple faith in the blood again. It is sufficient.
 —A. W. S.

Let us praise Jesus continually, it is the least that we can do for all that He has done for us.

THE BIBLE.

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The Bible has in it many things very plain and simple and easy to understand. But there are some things of which the written word of God speaks, which are, and always will be too deep and high for us to understand. God has revealed a few things about himself, that he alone can understand. For, he has told us that he is a Father; and that he has a Son; and that the Holy Spirit is from Himself and the Son. But he has not told us in the Bible, how He can be a Father without beginning, nor how He can have a Son without beginning; nor how there can be a Holy Ghost without beginning to be Holy Ghost. In other words, the Bible does not tell us how there can be a Father, a Son, and a Holy Ghost, who always was, is now and ever shall be, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. The Bible tells us that these things are facts without beginning and without end; but it does not tell us how these facts can be. We therefore believe these facts without understanding them, just because God has testified them of himself.

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MESSAGES OF THE MOMENT.

The Army for the King.

The present disturbances on the earth cannot disturb heaven. He that sitteth in the heavens is above the storm. Though the kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, He that sitteth in the heavens can afford to laugh. But in His own time He will have to interfere, for the sake of those on the earth, for the sake of the elect, and to rescue His beloved out of the turmoil and trouble. If He can roll up the heavens as a scroll, cannot He overthrow His enemies? If He can take up the isles as a very little thing, cannot He take up men?

All flesh is as grass, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field. And the wind of Him that sitteth in the heavens shall blow upon it, and the place thereof shall know it no more. The wind separates the chaff from the wheat, the wheat goes into the garner, but the chaff is blown away. John saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth holding the four winds, waiting for the command of God. He can hold back the wind, He can command it to blow. He has the winds as His servants. There is the wind, His servant, that brings destruction, and the south wind that brings blessing. The wind of God came down from above, and took Elijah, the servant of God, up to heaven. The winds of earth bring blessings, though they bring destruction at the same time. Oh, get into the wind of God! Get into the whirlwind of the Spirit, it will raise you above the dust and turmoil of the world. It comes down from the throne, to encircle you and take you back to the throne. Get into its circle, and be lifted up above that which is round about.

The prophet was commanded to call and prophesy to the winds to come and breathe upon the slain, and he prophesied, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceeding great army. God gave this privilege to the prophet of commanding the wind to come and breathe on dead souls, and He gives you the same privilege. You have the power of calling

forth the very breath of God from heaven, in order that dead souls may live. You cry in prayer, and think because you see nothing, nothing happens. Do you think that the prophet could see the wind coming into the dead souls? He obeyed the divine command to prophesy. He did his part, and God did His part, and the army came to life. You may not see the army, you may only see a section, one here and one there, but as sure as you call, so sure will you have the answer. The command is to pray for all men everywhere. That is a greater army than Ezekiel saw in that valley.

Blessed are they that wait, watching at His gates, praying, supplicating, interceding for those in death, and for those who have a form of godliness and no power, no breath. One is as bad as the other, being dead in trespasses and sins, or being devoid of the power, the breath, the living Spirit of the living God in them. An army of skeletons is not much use for the King of kings. They must be clothed with flesh, and have the breath of life in them. It is the privilege of God's saints to pray for those who have an appearance of life, but no life. It was good to see bone come to bone, and to see sinew and flesh come upon them, but Ezekiel did not stop till he had finished the command, and saw the coming forth of a living army. God's people must not stop until they see that that which is sham and unreal is real and full of life.

Have you heard the rattling of the bones, the bones of Israel coming together? The Lord is causing the bones to move. If you can see the bones beginning to move, the Israel of God is going to move later on. God has promised to bring the whole house of Israel into the land. When you see the fig tree begin to bud, when you see the bones begin to shake, then you may know the Lord of Israel is beginning to work in earnest. Do not forget, when you pray for the church, to pray also for His people Israel. And remember too, that God wants his Ezekiels, not only for His people Israel, but for His church as well.

That Which Never Faleth.

Love is co-existent with God. The love of God was shown forth in Jesus, and this love is inexhaustible. It is God's nature to love. His love is ever flowing out like the rays of the sun, and the radiance of His love will illuminate the eternities. The knowledge of love is limited in man, his capacity is too small to receive it—it passeth understanding.

The love of God is gauged by Calvary. Calvary will be the sign of eternity, the wonder of the angels, the everlasting song of the redeemed, and the despair of the lost. Rejected love will be the agony of hell. The place of the lost will be destitute of love. Man must not trifle with God's love. Rejected love is unpardonable. It can never be repented of.

The enemy knows not love, it is nothing more than a recollection to him, and so it will be with his children. He hates everything that has love in it, it is gall and wormwood to him; and so he has to be kept outside of heaven. He is seeking to destroy, but he is being limited by the Holy One of Israel. But when he who hindereth is taken out of the way, and he follows his unrestrained course, woe be to the inhabitants of the earth. But the Son will cut off his power, or his hatred would utterly annihilate the works of God, and He will consign him to the bottomless pit, so that love may again dominate the earth. It would be impossible for this to be as long as the enemy is free. The new earth and the new heavens will pulsate with the everlasting love that God has for His own, the love that never fails, and will be to the eternal praise of its Creator.

A LITTLE TALK CONCERNING OURSELVES.

At the October Council meeting, the brethren were reminded once more that the Gospel Publishing House belonged to no man, nor to one or two of the brethren, but to the Pentecostal brethren as a whole, and especially to that company who unite for Christian fellowship under the name of the Assemblies of God, to which all the brethren who are living holy lives are cordially welcome. The Executive Presbytery, who are responsible for the work at the General Office, opened for the convenience of the ministry and for the bringing out of the Evangel and other Christian literature, are elected by the brethren, and gladly give their services to minister to others in what they know is the work of their precious Lord.

The brethren at the Council felt that it was not right for one or two to bear the whole burden, especially that of the indebtedness incurred under the former management for the heavy cost of repairing the machinery that had been donated, and the placing in the plant of a linotype typesetting machine, the money for which had been advanced by those then in control, and so many of them promised to do their best to subscribe a dollar a month to lift this indebtedness, and to keep the Council office and Publishing House going. On the blank forms sent to the applicants for credentials, the brethren are reminded of their own recommendations at the Council meeting, and a space is given for them to turn their verbal pledges into written ones, but this is shown to be purely optional, and not compulsory. After the General Office expenses are met, every cent of this money will go to the Publishing House to help pay off its obligations. We believe that many of the readers of the Evangel who are not in the ministry might like to share in this matter of clearing the Publishing House of all indebtedness, and placing it on a firm faith basis, and we invite the loving cooperation of them all in this matter.

We believe that many of our dear readers want to stand with us in intelligent prayer that every need may be supplied, so that they may be able to unite with us in praise when we are completely freed from debt. Two thousand dollars is all that is necessary, and we believe that our gracious Heavenly Father will put it on the hearts of some of His faithful stewards to pay this off. It may come in in one sum, or it may come in nickles, but we are assured that as we walk in His will, and seek only His kingdom, He will abundantly supply.

There is also another matter of great importance. We are being sued for alleged libel by a man named A. A. Rice, and the case has to come before the court on January 2nd. Brethren, pray for us.

Those who send in applications for credentials and are refused will have the fee they remit refunded.

NINE DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS.

The date of this issue is December 16th. Nine days from today Christmas will be here, and it comes on Monday. If you have not placed your order for Text Calendars, Books, Testaments, Scripture Text Postal Cards, Bibles, etc., don't fail to do so at once. Just before Christmas the mails will be flooded with packages and greetings. Get your orders in now or else we will not be able to guarantee that your mail will be received in time for Christmas. Send your orders early.

If you cannot afford to subscribe for the Evangel yourself, club with a friend, or even two friends, and get the paper between you.

DAILY PORTION FROM THE KING'S BOUNTY

MRS. A. R. FLOWER

Sunday. "Strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness." Col. 1:11.

To suffer joyfully—how pleasing is such a life to God. How often instead we pity ourselves and grieve as a peevish infant over the crosses God sees fit to let us bear. We need all the suffering God brings into our lives, and sometime we shall learn to bless the hand that bruises us.

Monday. "Let us therefore fear, lest a promise being left us of entering into His rest, any of you should seem to come short of it." Heb. 4:1.

It was unbelief that kept Israel from the rest God planned for them. It is unbelief that keeps us today from that spiritual rest which God desires His every redeemed child should know. Someone has said that **hurry** and **worry** are the twin-daughters of unbelief. So long then as they are manifest in your life, you may well know that for you there remains a rest of faith—a place in God where you may have in your soul the calm waters of His perpetual peace. Hallelujah! Is it not well worth a strenuous effort on our part to enter such a haven of holy rest in God?

Tuesday. "Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God." Dan. 3:25.

And all that the fiery furnace could do was to free those faithful, trusting men from their fetters; and to bring to them the presence and companionship of their Lord. Why should we fear then the fiery furnace of affliction when God intends that it should do for us just what it did for those three Hebrew children?

Wednesday. "Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." Rom. 12:11.

See how well-connected these three phrases are. And never forget that the faithful performance of any duty, however humble or insignificant, in a spirit of love and gladness, is holy service to God most acceptable and pleasing.

Thursday. "I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear; but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes." Job 42:5, 6.

God grant to every one who is resting in their own self-righteousness and self-sufficiency a like vision of the Lord Jesus. Not until we feel as did Job, and Isalah, and Paul, and John, our utter helplessness before God, will He be able to make much use of us for the glory of His name. He is still a jealous God.

Friday. "And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive your trespasses." Mark 11:25.

"You who complain that men annoy you, may there not be those to whom you are an annoyance? You who are so stern in reprehension of your neighbor's fault, are you without reproach? And does it never happen to you to fear lest He ask, why you withhold from your brother even the smallest portion of that compassion which He, who is your Master, lavishes so liberally on you."—Fenelon.

Saturday. "It is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled." Cant. 5:2.

"Yes, 'twas my name; no other voice could speak it
To stir my heart and melt my very soul;
And I arose so quickly to obey it,
Flung wide the door, and gave Him full control."

GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD.

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

A STATEMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS APPROVED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD, October 2-7, 1916.

This Statement of Fundamental Truths is not intended as a creed for the Church, nor as a basis of fellowship among Christians, but only as a basis of unity for the ministry alone (i. e., that we all speak the same thing, 1 Cor. 1:10; Acts 2:42). The human phraseology employed in such statement is not inspired nor contended for, but the truth set forth in such phraseology is held to be essential to a full Gospel ministry. No claim is made that it contains all truth in the Bible, only that it covers our present needs as to these fundamental matters.

1. The Scriptures Inspired.

The Bible is the inspired Word of God, a revelation from God to man, the infallible rule of faith and conduct, and is superior to conscience and reason, but not contrary to reason. 2 Tim. 3:15, 16; 1 Pet. 2:2.

2. The One True God.

The one true God has revealed Himself as the eternally self-existent, self-revealed "I AM;" and has further revealed Himself as embodying the principles of relationship and association, i. e., as Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Deut. 6:4; Mark 12:29; Isa. 43:10, 11; Matth. 28:19.

3. Man, His Fall and Redemption.

Man was created good and upright; for God said, "Let us make man in our image and in our likeness." But man, by voluntary transgression, fell, and his only hope of redemption is in Jesus Christ the Son of God. Gen. 1:26-31; 3:1-7; Rom. 5:12-21.

4. The Salvation of Man.

(a) Conditions to Salvation.

The grace of God that brings salvation to all men has appeared through the preaching of repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ; whereupon man is saved by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost which is shed upon him richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; and, having been justified by grace through faith, he becomes an heir of God according to the hope of eternal life. Tit. 2:11; Rom. 10:13-15; Luke 24:47; Titus 3:5-7.

(b) The Evidences of Salvation.

The inward evidence to the believer of his salvation, is the direct witness of the Spirit. Rom. 8:16. The outward evidence to all men is a life of righteousness and true holiness, Luke 1:73-75; Titus 2:12-14; the fruit of the Spirit, Gal. 5:22, and brotherly love, Jno. 13:35; Heb. 13:1; 1 Jno. 3:14.

5. The Promise of the Father.

All believers are entitled to, and should ardently expect, and earnestly seek the promise of the Father, the baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire, according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. This was the normal experience of all in the early Christian Church. With it comes the endowment of power for life and service, the

bestowment of the gifts and their uses in the work of the ministry. Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4; 1:8; 1 Cor. 12:1-31.

(The above is a partial statement only, and will be continued from week to week until the entire Statement has been published. Send 10 cents for a copy of the 1916 minutes containing complete Statement of Fundamental Truths approved by the General Council.)

BRO. J. W. WELCH IN CALIFORNIA.

Brother Welch writes that he is still at the new tabernacle recently opened in the heart of Los Angeles, Bro. G. N. Eldridge, pastor. The convention is being blessed of God and the meetings are good. We feel that it is providential that Bro. Welch is in Los Angeles at this time, and we may have some interesting things to report from him before long.

If your credential matters or your letters should be delayed unduly, you will understand the reason and have patience for a few days longer. We are attending to these matters as fast as we can along with our regular work, during his absence.

OFFICIAL LIST OF PREACHERS.

Brother or sister preacher, do you realize that the time is rapidly passing for you to make application for new credentials according to the ruling of the last General Council? Now is the time to act. Send for application blank today. Only those who have received the new form of Ordination Certificate accompanied by the Fellowship Certificate will find their names on the official list of Ministers of the Assemblies of God. Send for application blank today before it is too late for the official lists of 1917.

BIBLES ALMOST DOUBLE IN PRICE.

On account of the increase in price of raw materials, Bibles have almost doubled in price, rising from 39 to 40 per cent, and the end not yet reached. Certain materials which have gone into the construction of our famous Evangel A and Evangel B Bibles are obtainable no longer, and a substitute will have to be made or else the line discontinued. Fortunately, we have protected our readers by obtaining a stock order of these Bibles which we believe to be sufficiently large to fill all orders up to Christmas, but we will not guarantee to fill any orders for these Bibles beyond that time; and when we are or should we ever be enabled to do so, the price will be greatly advanced, probably \$1.75 to \$2.00 or more than we are now asking for them.

If you have been wanting a new Bible, take advantage of our Evangel A and B offers now. You will never again be able to buy these Bibles at such a low price. If we did not have these Bibles in stock you would even now be compelled to pay the higher prices, and we have been advised by the Oxford University Press to charge you these higher prices; but we want our readers to have the advantage of our early purchase, and so can still offer them at the old figures, which will be in force until December 25th only, after which date we will be compelled to raise the prices or discontinue the lines altogether.

A SUGGESTION FOR CHRISTMAS.

Give your friends a Christmas present of a year's subscription to the Weekly Evangel. If you subscribe for five of your friends for a year each, we will include free, a copy of the Apostolic Faith Restored to each of them.

Brother A. T. Rape, acting pastor of Bethel Chapel, 2929 Montgomery St., St. Louis, has recently returned from a trip in the country near Rosebud, Mo., where God gave him a blessed ministry and a number of souls got to the Lord.

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Questions and Answers

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Address only personal letters on Biblical questions to Brother Bell. Do not write him about Publishing House business or credential matters, as letters addressed to him will be forwarded to him, and be delayed in returning to the Publishing House before they can be answered.

111. If I spoke in tongues as the Spirit of God gives the utterance when baptized and some time afterwards, but do not now; if I have joy and peace and love and the fruit of the Spirit in my life; if I am walking in all the light as I see it, but do not have the power to testify, am afraid of faces, have I got the baptism with the Spirit? I know I am a new creature in Christ, but Satan tells me, because I can't testify I am not saved and don't have the baptism?

Ans. This statement is somewhat contradictory. It is hard to see why anyone saved and baptized and walking in the light has not power enough to testify. But taking the case as stated by the writer, I would say they have been both saved and baptized with the Spirit. Some people are naturally timid and it takes perseverance in grace and the effort to testify to overcome these natural weaknesses. If you have joy, why not testify to it, fear or no fear, power or no power? God will help you, if you are His! Don't expect to be a preacher. God does not call everybody to preach. But press on for liberty in the Spirit. Don't listen to Satan. He is an awful liar, and he will keep you in trouble as long as you listen to him. When he comes around with a lie, rebuke him in the name of Jesus Christ and tell him to go. The more often you resist him, the less he will bother you.

There is nothing more dangerous than an introspective raking up of the past. If you look in and see anything that needs to be covered with the Blood, get the Lord to cleanse it. If your sins are under the Blood, why dig them up from there? If you go back from the Blood you go back to the curse.—Mrs. G. N. Eldridge.

THE PEARL DIVERS.

A Parable of Missionary Work.

Passing through the wilderness, I lay down to sleep, and this is what I dreamed. I saw a great ocean, and a gallant ship riding the waves. The Master was in command of the vessel, and the crew was composed of His disciples. He was taking them for a voyage which had not merely its own incidents of danger, work and education, every part of it was their training for a greater life of service to follow.

For a time I saw the Master among His disciples, teaching, explaining, demonstrating, and appointing to each one his work. Then He said, "Children, I am going to leave you for a time as to my visible presence in your midst. But I may return any day; and meanwhile your task is to do the work I have appointed, just as I have planned it out for you all. My parting injunctions to you are, be faithful in diving to the depths, and keep the air-pumps working."

Now the mention of air-pumps made me curious to know what was the nature of the work which the Master had entrusted to His disciples, and after His departure I drew near to watch their life on the vessel. Then I saw that the chief work He had given them to do was that of

pearl diving. The great majority of the disciples had been ordered to go down into the depths of the ocean to gather the pearl oysters; only a sufficient number being retained on the ship to navigate it and to pump the needed air down to the divers.

I heard the disciples talking among themselves of the Master's last words, and how He had spoken to them many wonderful truths concerning the spiritual life, its inception, its maintenance and its irresistible power. He had made the breeze the symbol of His spiritual presence with them, telling them how they were to live and work in the strength of that air which He would continually supply to them, and charging them never to forget to pump it down to their brethren working in the depths.

For a time all went well and the disciples were most earnest in carrying out to the letter the Master's instructions. But little by little a spirit of carelessness and forgetfulness stole over them: they closed up their cabins, and did not get their own lungs filled with the fresh, life-giving breezes which the Master never failed to send them. This made them weak and inactive; those who were appointed to go down as divers thought they had not the strength for it, and neither could they work the air-pumps, on which the workers in the depths were dependent. So the poor divers received a very inadequate supply of air, and they too began to get weak and sickly. Some of them came up for a short period of rest on the ship, and they thought that their brethren who had been in the fresh breezes all the time would be able to refresh and strengthen them. But to their surprise they heard on all sides the cry, "Here are some of the divers: they will be able to bring us up some fresh air." It sounded utterly incongruous to the divers, but the disciples on the ship did not perceive anything amiss; so instead of getting refreshed and strengthened themselves, the divers had to go round the ship opening up the closed port-holes and the nailed-down hatchways, trying to get their brethren to breathe in the fresh air which was all around them. Then they began to work the air-pumps, knowing well how dependent on them were all the workers in the depths. They hoped that ere long the disciples on the ship would be sufficiently revived to resume their appointed tasks: but no! The cry arose, "These divers are working the pumps so well, we will keep them up here to do it, and we will applaud them."

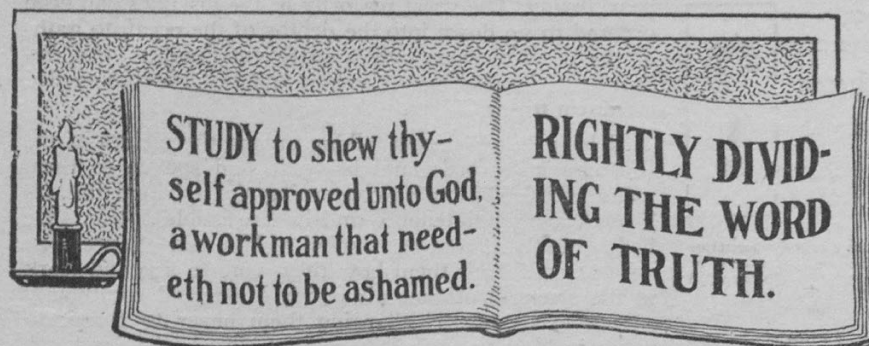
This seemed almost more than the divers could bear. They dared not leave the pumps, for the sake of their brethren down in the depths; so in their perplexity they sent a special message to the Master, asking for an explanation of this unexpected situation.

The answer came—and it sounded like a moan of sorrow and disappointment from the heart of the Master, which was echoed in the hearts of His pearl divers—"I appointed the pearl diving as the chief work of my disciples, but they have not recognized it as such. They have neglected the air-pumps, and I have been obliged to take you up from the diving in order to keep some air in circulation among those still in the depths. When your brethren on the ship awaken to their task and begin to obey My instructions, you will be able to return to your diving, taking others with you: till then be patient, and keep the air-pumps working. My purposes are all being delayed through this negligence and disobedience: yet I have hope that My disciples will awaken; I am continually expecting it, and *I am waiting for them.*"

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And the heavenly breezes seemed to murmur the refrain, "From henceforth expecting."

—Alice E. Luce.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

December 24, 1916.

CHRISTMAS LESSON—UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN.

Lesson Text.—Isa. 9:2-7. Comp. Heb. 2:5-18.

Golden Text.—“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulders; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isa. 9:6.

Leading Thought.—“He is our peace.”

1. **The World in Darkness and Bondage.** Or men as they were without the Saviour. Vs. 2, 4, 5 suggest to us some strong outlines of the sad condition the world was in before the Messiah came. Away back seven hundred years before Christ's birth was this prophecy written, when Israel was suffering from Assyrian oppression. More than this, true religion was almost extinguished, for the Jews with all their knowledge of the ancient Scriptures, had drifted into darkness and bondage through their unbelief and disobedience. They had lost their vision of God, and in the words of one of their prophets, “where there is no vision, the people perish.” Israel joined hands with the heathen, and were now partaking of their idolatrous sins, so grievous in God's sight. Sin ever blurs the vision of mankind. There had been clear light, there had been wonderful manifestations of God's power and glory; how much more black and appalling the darkness in which they now walked. They dwelt “in the land of the shadow of death.” And the oppression of the heathen without was no more real than the oppression of sin within their own hearts. It was because they had forsaken God and His truth that God permitted these very heathen nations to come against them. God used the Gentile nations in His chastisement of disobedient Israel, though invariably retribution fell in turn upon them. See Gen. 15:13, 14; Deut. 30:5-7; Isa. 14:1, 2. But in the

midst of this darkness God continued to sound a note of hope as well as warning through the mouths of His prophets. Isaiah is well accounted the chief of the writing prophets. His message is frequently of the Messiah, and his book is sometimes called “The Gospel according to Isaiah.” God granted him to see what we now enjoy—salvation and deliverance from every sort of bondage. Isaiah saw that just in that very darkest hour, One was coming who would expel blighting error, banish pride and selfishness, lighten the darkness, and break the fetters. Through Him there would be relief from oppression, and an end of bloodshed and confusion. V. 5. “The idea of this verse is, that after Jehovah's great victory every prestige of war shall be burned up in preparation for the kingdom of universal peace.” We seem to be far from that day just now, and this part of Isaiah's prophecy has yet to see its deepest fulfillment. But thank God, the time is coming, and quickly we believe, when “nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.” Praise God! May the day hasten. Even so come, Lord Jesus!

2. **Jesus, the Light of the World!** Vs. 6, 7. Mark the contrast between V. 6 and the preceding one. In announcing the coming of the Messiah the prophet included the purpose for which He was born, His work, His suffering, His death, His resurrection. We must consider this verse as a whole relating to Jesus Christ, each name revealing some distinct part of His nature. God's namings always mean character. This Jesus was to be the revelation of God to a poor sin-cursed world, and these titles declare to us His past, His present, and His future. There is no room for any controversy here, and it is very unfortunate that any one would separate any one of these titles—so closely connected—and make it the ground of denial that Jesus is the Son of God, the only Begotten of the Father. Consider each title carefully. “**The Wonderful**” From His birth to His last entrance to glory from the watching group on Mt. Olivet, His life is one succession of wonders. His nature, His power, His love, His wisdom, His humility—how very wonderful they all are! “**The Counsellor**.” He is our Counsellor, our Mediator, at the right hand of God the Father. “He ever liveth to make intercession.”

“He ever lives above, for me to intercede,
His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead.”

He counsels us in our daily walk. God grant to make us faithful ever to His counsellings. “Thou wilt guide me with thy counsel, and afterwards receive me to glory.” “**The Mighty God**.” And surely He was none other but God—the very mystery of Godliness. “God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.” Hallelujah for the All-Mighty Son of God! Phil. 2:5-11; John 14:7-12. How that Christ is God, and yet the only begotten of the Father, may be inexplicable by human reasonings. But who by searching can find out God! It is food to faith to accept what God says, and leave to Him who knoweth all things the clearing up of every mystery. Only an infinite God can satisfy our finite understanding. There is coming a perfect day when we shall know as we are known. “**The Everlasting Father**.” Literally, “the Father of the Ages.” He was the Word, John 1; and “by Him all things consist.” Col. 1:15-19. The redemption ages were made by him, of which he is the father, for “all things were created by him, and for him.” The whole plan of creation and redemption centers around the Creative Word, the Father of the Ages. This does not mean He was His own father. “**The Prince of Peace**.” “And, having made peace through the blood of His cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him I say whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.” Col. 1:20; Eph. 2:14-18. The only foundation of peace is through the cross of Jesus Christ. The sooner the world as nations, as bodies of believers, as individuals, learns this truth in all its reality, the sooner will there be an end to the awful confusion and bloodshed both literally and spiritually manifest in the world today. “**Peace through the blood of His cross!**” Can there be a truer, sweeter message for us this Christmas-time? And having heard it ourselves, let us haste to sound the same message across the waters of turmoil and strife, clear to the uttermost part of the earth. “Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” And now one step further. “The Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means.” 2 Thess. 3:16. He is in very truth the “Prince of Peace.” God grant that we may be found of Him in peace at His appearing. Connect the two thoughts in Vs. 6, 7. “The government shall be upon his shoulders; * * * of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end.” Hallelujah! Has the mighty Prince of Peace the government of your life, of your home, of your children, of your business, of your service? Then indeed may you sing from the depths of your heart this blessed Christmas time,

"I have peace, sweet peace,
I have peace, sweet peace
Since Jesus my life doth control;
A holy, calm, abiding peace,
Sweet peace, down deep in my soul."

Next Week's Lesson.

December 31, 1916.

**Review.—CHRIST'S COMING AND
COMING TO CHRIST.**

Reading Lesson.—Rev. 22:6-14, 16-21.

Golden Text.—Rev. 22:17.

Alice Reynolds Flower.

**ENCOURAGEMENT FROM
ARKANSAS.**

Bro. J. H. Everitt writes, "We feel we owe a few words to the dear Lord for His many blessings. We are about twenty-five in number, and have bought a church property, and are building a house for the Lord. We have four services a week, and have been holding them for two years. The dear Lord is blessing, praise His dear name. Some of us take the Evangel, to the writer it is almost like a pastor coming into our home. We are trying to get all the assembly to subscribe for it. Pray for us that we may stay in the house of peace, and meet some day where we can praise Him more perfectly."

Sister Eula Martin writes from Texas of the early days of Pentecost in the parts where she lives, and of the prejudices they had at that time against the movement. She was a member of the Methodist Church, but she was convinced one night at a Pentecostal meeting that these people had something that she lacked. She went home, but instead of going to sleep she went to praying, and the Lord gave her a vision of Jesus. He was on the cross on an elevated place, and it was beautiful and green round about Him, but she was in the side of a wall, and she had to look over the wall to see Him. She was displeased with the vision because she was so far from Him, and she wanted to be at His feet. The more that she thought on the vision the more she got out of it. The Lord gave her the Scripture, "Wherefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto Him without the camp, bearing His reproach." She was walled up in the Methodist Church, and it meant a real reproach at that time to come out and associate with the Pentecostal people, who were very unpopular. At some cottage prayer meetings that were held by Bro. McKnight and his wife she received the baptism, and she says she is still praising God for His goodness in giving her the gift of the Holy Ghost. She has had many trials and testings, but she has no purpose of giving up.

My body is the Temple of the Holy Ghost, but He lets me live in it.—F. F. Bosworth.

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I See a High Wall.

An infidel in Michigan who had hated the cause of Christ came down to his death-bed. With a look of despair he said: "I see a great high wall rising around me, and am finding, when it is too late, that it is easier to get into hell than it will be to get out." In a few moments his spirit was gone.

A South Sea Islander's Prayer.

After listening to an earnest message from God's Word in one of the South Sea Islands, a young convert prayed, "Grant, O Lord, that the good words to which we have listened be not like unto the beautiful Sunday clothes which we lay aside, and put away until the Lord's Day comes again. But let these truths be like the tattoo marks upon our bodies, which can not be removed while we are alive."

He Silenced the Devil.

If you find yourself getting very miserly, begin to scatter, like a wealthy farmer in New York state I heard of. He was a noted miser, but he was converted. Soon after, a poor man who had been burned out and had no provisions, came to him for help. The farmer thought he would be liberal and give the man a ham from his smoke-house. On his way to get it, the tempter whispered to him:

"Give him the smallest one you have."

He had a struggle whether he would give a large or a small ham, but finally he took down the largest he could find.

"You are a fool" the devil said.

"If you don't keep still," the farmer replied, "I will give him every ham I have in the smoke-house."—D. L. Moody.

How Often Does Jesus Use You?

A preacher was once staying in a wealthy man's house in England, and remarked on a beautiful tea urn which was standing under a glass case. His hostess said, "That was given to my husband when he was knighted. We never use it except on very state occasions, as for instance when the king and queen come to visit us."

"But," said the preacher, "I saw another teapot of earthenware as I passed through the kitchen."

"Oh, yes," she replied, "that is just the old brown teapot; we use that every day."

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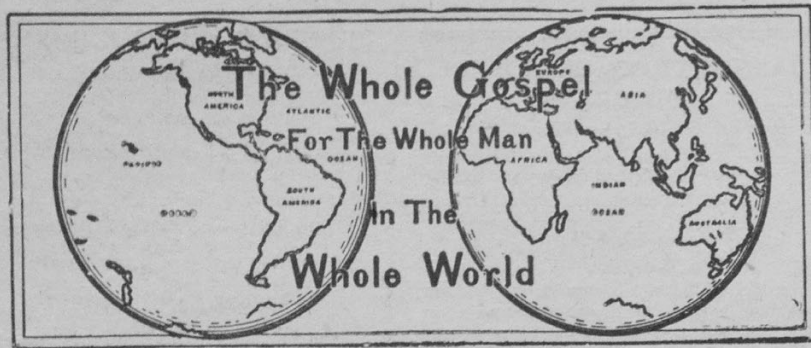
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LET ME GO BACK.

Let me go back! I am homesick
For the land of my love and toil,
Though I thrill at the sight of my native hills,
The touch of my native soil.
Thank God for the dear home country,
Unconquered and free and grand!
But the far-off shores of the isles for me,
And the shores of the Promised Land.

My brain is dazed and wearied
With the home land's stress and strife,
With the race for money and place and power,
And the whirl of the nation's life.
Let me go back! Such pleasures
And pains are not for me;
But, oh, for a share in the harvest home
Of the field beyond the sea!

For there are my chosen people,
And there is my place to fill,
To spend the last of my life and strength
In doing my Master's will.
Let me go back! 'Tis nothing
To suffer and do and dare,
For the Lord has faithfully kept His Word;
He is with me always there!

—Written by a returned missionary.

A LINE FROM MADRAS, INDIA.

Sister Mary W. Chapman writes, "There is a great cry in my soul, a cry not only for those in heathen darkness, but for the 'little flock,' as the fight of faith to each one is becoming more real. We had a week of special meetings from September 24th. Several missionaries and Indian workers were here from a distance. Three young Indian preachers came from down in Travancore. Two of them were earnestly seeking the baptism of the Spirit. They received much help and blessing, but were not fully satisfied. Pray that they may be filled and made a blessing to many others. Two or three were baptized in the Holy Spirit and received a new tongue, and used it much in worship and praise. We continued evening meetings a week longer to help some others who were still seeking.

"The meetings were held on our terraced roof over which we had a covering of cocoanut leaves woven together, erected as a protection from sun and rain. The Word, the songs, the shouts of prayer and praise sounded far away, and amazed the crowds below. Many listened in wonder, some climbed on the roofs of adjoining homes, and gazed with breathless attention while the prayer and praises ascended simultaneously. They had never seen it on this fashion."

SALVATION COMING TO MANY IN PORTO RICO.

If the people in the states could only see the need of the Gospel being preached in the power of the Holy Ghost, I am sure they would all ask God in prayer to send some more missionaries to Porto Rico, and at the same time they would help the work every way they could. Satan is doing his best to put us out of Porto Rico; he does not want us to open a Pentecostal Mission here, but by the grace of God, we will sing and preach Pentecost until Jesus comes.

God is saving souls every day, forty-three have been converted, and many are under conviction. We are holding cottage prayer meetings in our own house, and the crowd is so big that the house cannot hold one-third of it. We can see God is working, and we are trusting in Him.

When we arrived here, we were invited to preach in the M. E. Church. We preached on Acts 2.4, and since that night the churches have been trying to stop us preaching. One of the ministers came to us and said that they had thirteen churches in town, and he thought it was enough for the place, and he wanted us to go to Santo Domingo, because they have only a few missionaries there, and there were too many in Porto Rico. But sinners are going direct to hell at the doors of the churches, and many that have been members of the churches for fifteen and sixteen years are still smoking big cigars, and even the pastors of the churches. We need the true Gospel preached in the power of the Spirit.

Yesterday we were invited to the M. E. Church for a conference. We went, and had all the pastors and ministers against us. But, thank God, the Lord was with us. When the world is against us, Je-

sus is with us, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Remember us in prayer.—J. L. Lugo and S. Feliciano and wife.

FROM THE SUNRISE KINGDOM.

The Lord is enabling us to again make a special effort to reach the masses who do not come to our mission. We are renting buildings in different parts of town, and holding about a week of services in each. This week we have rented a good sized hall (about 30 feet square) in one of the best locations in the city. It has been well filled each night with attentive listeners.

Let us give you a short description of last night's services. We first had a meeting for the children at 7 P. M. and the Japanese pastor talked to a house full of them for about an hour. During this time two Japanese brothers and my wife and I went out on the street to hold meetings and invite the people. First we went to a part of the city much frequented at night. On either side of the street are beautiful two-story houses which at first glance you might think were hotels. Behind a sort of lattice work are many women, painted and gorgeously appareled, waiting for their prey. The ordinary Japanese man enters, seemingly with as little sense of shame as we would feel on entering a hotel in America. We stopped and began singing, "Today the Saviour calls," and soon had a large crowd around us. The crowds of fallen women peeped out through the lattices and some of the men came out into the street to hear. After one of the brothers had preached on "Sin and its results," we sold some Testaments, and then marched on again, singing as we went. Once again we stopped, and quite a large crowd gathered. My wife talked to them about the living God and His Son, the Saviour of the world. One of the young men also spoke, and then as it was time to return to the hall, we marched back through the streets singing and calling the people to meeting.

The children were then dismissed and many adults listened well to the Word for over an hour. About fifteen or more new ones stayed to the after service and knelt with us in prayer. We hope to see lasting results and meet these brown men and women around the throne of God.

We expect to have a baptismal service soon as some who in the past repented and accepted Jesus Christ desire to be buried with him, and they seem to be ready for that step.

The Buddhist priests are endeavoring by Young Men's meetings, children's meetings, courses of study, dances, etc., to keep precious souls from coming to hear the Gospel, so beloved home saints, we trust the Lord will prompt you by His Spirit to stand with us in the battle. How we covet your intercession for Japan.—Brother and Sister F. H. Gray.

AMONGST CHINA'S MILLIONS.

Just now we are very much in need of help to be able to carry on the work in this field. The dear Lord has answered the prayers of His children and we have been moved to establish a work here, the results of which will stand through the eternal ages. Praise the name of Him who never leaves us or forsakes us.

The Lord has given us some faithful Chinese brethren and their wives who labor with us in the Gospel. They are trusting God to supply their needs as well as ours, while we labor for the Master. The Lord has made it clear to us that it is His will to take in three more little orphans, even though we are now pressed financially. To enable us to feed them, the Lord is helping some in the home to make sacrifices until the load is lifted somewhat. We know that God is for us, and we are not afraid of the enemy routing us from the work. Praise God! The Lord seems to be blessing in the school here in the city. Last Sunday during the service we have especially for the school boys, one boy got up and said that God was calling him to go out and preach the Gospel, or rather that he had felt a great burden on him along that line. He is especially burdened about the unsaved of his own household and wants to go and preach to them first. Pray for them and especially that God will enable him to lead them and others into the fold of Christ.

Our meeting will be in session about the time you get this and we want you to pray earnestly for us and that God will save many souls and baptize them with the Holy Ghost and fire. We pray that God will richly bless you, and that you will not forget the work that has been planted here in and around Taianfu.—L. M. Anglin.

MISSIONARIES HOME ON FURLOUGH.

Bro. and Sister Hooper write, "After over six years of toil, He has brought us safely over the waters from the far off land of Africa. We had plenty of rough weather with high seas. On every side the passengers were filled with fear of storms and submarines, but He kept us in perfect peace, for our minds were stayed on Him. We knew we were in the center of His will and thus we enjoyed constant rest.

"The mighty God is answering prayer and encouraging the hearts of our company of workers who are laboring amidst the forces of darkness, surrounded by dangers seen and unseen. We do praise Him for this privilege of rest and fellowship in the homeland after the days of labor, trial and fever, and we are trusting Him for divine life and power that we may return to Africa strengthened and prepared for the fight for the lost of that great needy field. The great need is more workers, those separated by Him, with a definite call, and a lasting "go through" in their souls: those who know their God."

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Since all Scripture given by inspiration of God is profitable—and we are sure from evidence external and internal that the Book of Genesis is authentic, genuine and inspired—therefore it is good for doctrine, reproof, correction, instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. Doctrine refers to God and redemption; reproof, to sin; correction, to reclamation; instruction to service.

1. Where and in whom do we find doctrine in this book? In God, creation, man, sin and judgment (the flood). Remember individuals, historical facts and direct commands or precepts may be used to teach doctrine. Types teach doctrine when the Word so states.

2. Where and in whom do we find reproof? In Eve, Adam, the serpent, Cain, Ham, the flood, Sodom.

3. Where and in whom do we find correction? In Jacob, Lot.

4. Where and in whom do we find instruction in righteousness? In Abel, Enoch, Abraham, Isaac. (Give chapter and verse answering where.)

Messianic Lights, or Truths pertaining to the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

1. In prophecy. "Thy seed shall bruise the serpent's head." Gen. 3:15.

2. Abel's offering, the lamb. Jesus, the Lamb of God slain from the foundation of the world. (Rev. 13:8.)

3. Noah, equals Rest. Jesus said, "Come unto me, and I will give you rest." (Matt. 11:28.)

4. Ark, safety. In Christ we are safe.

5. Melchisedek, priest of the most high God. Jesus Christ our high priest.

6. Isaac offered. Jesus offered for us.

7. Joseph sold for so many pieces of silver. Jesus betrayed by Judas for the same.

Study these types, see also Genesis 49:11. Give N. T. references to persons and incidents in the Book of Genesis.—A. P. Collins, 1509 N. Houston St., Ft. Worth, Texas.

Waiting Nations.

Two African chiefs once came to Jas. Chalmers asking for teachers; but to his grief the missionary had none to send. Two years later they came again, and this time he was able to go with them himself. After many days journey they arrived on a Sunday morning, and found the whole nation on their knees in silence.

The missionary asked, "What are you all doing?" "We are praying." "But why are you saying nothing?" They replied sadly, "We don't know what to say. For two years past, ever since we heard of the white man's God, we have gathered together every Sunday, and knelt in prayer for four hours; but we could say nothing, because no one came to teach us."

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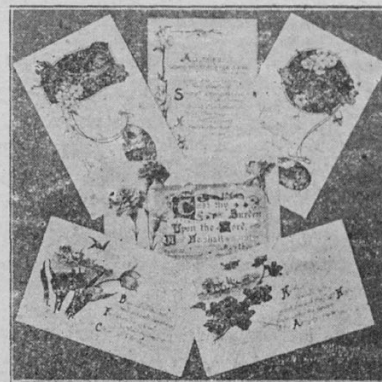
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"Is thy cruse of oil wasting?
Rise and share it with another,
And through all the years of famine
It shall serve thee and thy brother.

"Love divine will fill thy storehouse,
Or thy handful still renew.
Scanty fare, for one will often
Make a royal feast for two.

"For the heart grows rich in giving;
All its wealth is living grain.
Seeds which mildew in the garner,
Scattered fill with gold the plain.

"Is thy burden hard and heavy;
Do thy steps drag wearily?
Help to bear thy brother's burden.
God will bear both it and thee.

"Art thou stricken in life's battle?
Many wounded 'round thee moan?
Lavish on their wounds thy balsams,
And that balm shall heal thine own.

"Is thy heart a well left empty?
None but God its void can fill.
Nothing but a ceaseless fountain
Can its ceaseless longings still.

"Is thy heart a living power?
Self-entwined, its strength sinks low.
It can only live in loving,
And by serving love will grow."
—Elizabeth Rundle Charles.

FIELD NOTES.

Pastor Fayette Romines writes, "I have been with the saints near Searcy for the past two weeks. God gave us a blessed time together, three saved and six received the baptism. The glory of God rested on the meeting. There are about fifty or more saints there on fire for God, and their pastor, J. G. Neal, is leading them on to victory. On returning home found dear Sister Fortune with the assembly, and God is saving and filling with the Spirit."

Evangelist B. H. Hite of Bemis, Tenn., reports victory, "Have been at Monteagle, Tenn., in the mountains. The dear Lord met with us with great power and the saints were all revived. Stayed in Murfreesboro all night with a family that were strangers to the Pentecostal truth, and as we went to have family prayer, the power fell, and the father, and mother and the little girl all received the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4. All glory to Jesus! Tennessee is an open field. Will leave here in a few days for Oilton, Okla., to begin a meet-

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

ing there. We covet the prayers of God's people everywhere. I have a Gospel tent for sale, cheap."

Bro. G. R. Aubrey writes, "I can report victory. Wife and I are having good meetings in Cairo, Ill., and the good Lord is blessing. Two poor drunkards were gloriously saved last night, and many received a blessing in their souls. Bro. Langston was with us at Thanksgiving, and the Lord blessed him with a good message."

Bro. W. V. Kneisley writes from Portia, Ark.: "We are in a revival at this place. Sister Tracy Little started the meeting and sent for me to come and help. Bro. Leo Doyle, ex-pastor of Senath, Mo., is also with us. There are but few sa'nts here; there are three churches in the town, but no room in the inn for Pentecost. We have a small place for services, but are praying God to burst the hoops so the quarters will just have to be enlarged. Interest good, and souls hungry for the Word. Pray for us."

Bro Alex. Munroe sends news from Lethbridge, Sask. "We are glad to report the visit of Bro. George F. De Elion; God mightily used him during his ten days' visit, and we are earnestly praying that God will send him back again. But God is with us, and we believe God is going to pour out His Spirit on Lethbridge. During one of our open air meetings on Sunday afternoon, we had a young man come to us to ask for help. He was in need of a Saviour, for he was a victim of drink. We prayed for him on the street, and taking a bottle of whiskey from his pocket, he smashed it. Pray for us that we might see many more come to Him."

One writes, "I cannot preach, but I can work and send in my little mite from time to time to help spread this wonderful salvation of our dear Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ."

Bro. Henry A. Smith has moved to Little Rock, Ark., to take charge of the work there in place of Bro. E. N. Bell. Bro. Smith's future address will be 519 Wolfe St., Little Rock, Ark.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER.

A sister requests prayer for her children.

A sister in Thicket, Texas, requests prayers for her husband that he may be saved and receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

A request comes from Johannesburg, S. Africa, "Pray for me for strength, and for us that we may get deep in God, and all get a real hunger for holy living."

A brother in Butte, Montana, writes, "In your prayers please remember one that is determined to go through in spite of all difficulties, and for God to use me in any way He may see fit."

A brother and sister who are working for the Lord at a country school house about 13 miles from Spokane, Wash., ask for the prayers of the Evangel family that the Lord will bless needy and not very responsive souls in that district.

The pastor of the work at Star, Idaho, asks prayer for the work and workers at this assembly. They are starting to build a new chapel at the cost of about \$500 to \$600 to take the place of the old saloon and lodge room where they have been worshipping for many years, and they desire the prayers of God's people everywhere that the blessing of the Lord may be on this enterprise.

Sister Emma McDermott of Missouri tells us that down in the district where she lives they were like the people in the 19th chapter of Acts—they had not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost, until Sister Zola Taylor and her band came down and held some street meetings. She saw they were filled and thrilled with the love of God and had what she longed for, and it put her under conviction to receive the same blessing. She sought the Lord with earnest prayers and supplications, and He gave her the Holy Ghost, who spoke through her in other tongues as in Acts 2:4.

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Many hindrances are in the way of a great awakening on the Pacific Coast. Doctrinal strife, which has been rampant for some years, has caused saints to be suspicious of one another. All divisional differences had to be laid aside, that the various "factions" might flow together in love. This is no small task, as Satan contests every inch of advance in this direction. God adheres strictly to His own divine law for a spiritual awakening. He is doing so in San Francisco. Victory is in the Commander!

In less than one month a great work has been accomplished in blending, melting prejudices, in the salvation of sinners and the restoration of backsliders. Not a few have been healed, and many baptized in the Holy Ghost. This meeting, in the mind of God, is to be an epoch-making one, judging from many encouraging messages that have come forth in the Spirit. God is striving to bring the latter-day Pentecostal saints into the white-heated love of the early Pentecostal church, where no one called anything that he had his own—where great grace was upon all the church. This program should girdle the whole world, and getting all who will ready for the great world event, the coming of our dear Elder Brother.—Robert J. Craig, Pastor.

Bro. E. L. Banta writes from Essex, Mo.: "Thanks be unto God who GIVETH us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Hallelujah! He GIVETH us the victory, and we take it, or should take it: it is our own fault if we don't take it. The Lord is blessing in Essex again. There have been some backsliders come back to God, and some received the Holy Ghost, and some received a fresh baptism. I find that is what many need today in this Pentecostal movement, it is a fresh baptism of the Spirit, for they have lost the Spirit out of their lives, and they need to go

down before the Lord until He refills them. Some have been saved, and about nine or ten in all have received the Holy Ghost, counting those that received a fresh baptism

"Bro. John T. Wilson is here. The meeting has been going on two weeks, this is the third. Pray that God will give many more souls in this place. One man got hungry for God and never ate any thing for four days, or till he found God. His wife was blessedly saved also. They got so hungry for God that they started family prayers before they were saved, asking God to save them."

Bro. T. H. Snodgrass writes from Terrell, Texas, "We are still holding fast that which we first received. Many good things to report. Some real good cottage meetings. Some being healed of divers diseases. We are expecting to have a series of meetings during the holidays and ask the Evangel family to pray for us.

BLESSED AT THE FINDLAY CONVENTION.

A good report was recently received from Sister Elizabeth Scruby of Dayton, Ohio, who visited the convention at Findlay, Ohio. In rather a remarkable way she was led to attend the convention, and five others accompanied her. She writes:

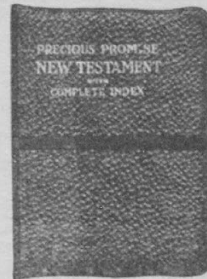
"The entire company was following hard after God, and a sweet fellowship prevailed. God was with the speakers, especially Brother Kelley, a missionary from China. When he began to give the Word, we felt the very tenderness of God in the man and in his message, which was in power.

"One young sister of our company of six began to shake under the power of God, as I have seen no one shake since the Latter Day Pentecostal power first began to descend upon us, and soon she was speaking in other tongues as the Holy Spirit gave her utterance; her face aglow with the light and power of Him who spake through Peter when he said, "This is that," etc. Acts 2:16.

"But it was at the next morning's prayer service in the upper room that God most wonderfully manifested His power and glory and blessing. The prayers ascended to God, the power fell, slaying some and prostrating them. Others, sitting in chairs, were shaken with the power of God and spoke in other tongues. There was no preaching that morning. All the voices were as one voice to worship Him who could not help but answer. I had not seen anything like it for many years. I could only compare it with the great Welsh revival of a few years ago.

"While lying in bed that night, I heard two sisters in an adjoining room praising God. It touched the button in my soul, and I was filled with laughter and praises even at that late hour. It seemed to me as if prayers ascended from every room the next day, and people were healed. It was a hallowed place to be."—Elizabeth P. Scruby.

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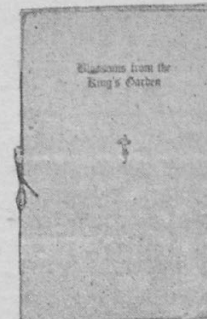
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9 Behold, ^oO God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.
10 For a day in thy courts *is* better than a thousand. ³I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.
11 For the LORD God is ⁶a sun and

PSALMS.

^o Gen. 15, 1.
² Ps. 56, 1.
⁴ Ps. 57, 1.
² or, all the day.
² Ps. 55, 1.
⁴ Ps. 143, 8.
² Heb. I would choose rather to sit at the

David imploreth God's aid.

3 ^oBe merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee ²daily.
4 Rejoice the soul of thy servant: ⁶for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
5 ⁴For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.
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nion over them in the morning; and ^htheir ⁴beauty shall consume ⁵in the grave from their dwelling.
15 But God ^hwill redeem my soul ⁶from the power of ⁷the grave: for ^mhe shall receive me. Selah.
16 Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased;

Job 4. 22.
⁴ Or, strength.
⁵ Or, the grave being a habitation to every one of them.
¹ Job 22. 27.
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Jehoiakim's evil reign.

II. KINGS,

35 And Jê-hôh'-â-kim gave ^othe silver and the gold to Phâr'-aôh; but he taxed the land to give the money according to the commandment of Phâr'-aôh: he exacted the silver and the gold of the people of

B.C. 610.
^o ver. 33.
² Called Jeconiah.
¹ Chr. 3. 18.
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