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KEEP THE ANGELS BUSY.

"For they are ministering spirits sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation," Heb. 1:14.

Angels are servants and worshipers of God. Jesus was tempted in the wilderness and angels came and ministered unto Him. He prayed in the garden and angels ministered to Him. Angels sat in the tomb to tell the comers Jesus was risen. Angels spoke to the gazing disciples saying this same Jesus shall come again. Cornelius was a devout man and prayed to God always, and the angel came to tell him his alms and prayers had come up as a memorial before God. The saints prayed and Peter was delivered from prison by the angel.

Now Paul says we are not to be beguiled unto worshipping angels, Col. 2:18, but we may have their ministry. Angels are much used of God in administering the judgments of the last days. See Rev. 8:1, etc.

The Lord gave His handmaiden a vision of many angels in a room where the saints were praying. Jesus was high above all, and the angels had their eyes on Him. When a person was mentioned in the prayers and that person was absent, Jesus would look at an angel and instantly the angel was gone, no doubt to minister to the one prayed for. How glad they are to render this service. Pray always for all saints and keep the angels busy on errands of mercy to the needy. Amen. Glory to Jesus!

Pray for your pastor and he will preach better. Pray for the singers and they will sing more sweetly. Pray for the erring and they will repent sooner. Pray for your enemies and you can endure them more patiently and love them more. Pray for the missionaries and you will give them more, and more people will be saved.

Pray for the Evangel and all the good papers, and they will be a blessing to thousands. Pray for the revival and it will surely come. If Elijah could pray seven times for rain, then let us pray always, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.—A. P. C.

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TRAINING IN THE FAITH LIFE.

HOW GOD CALLS AND PROVIDES FOR A MISSIONARY

By Ethel V. Webb of Ningpo, China.

I was brought up in the Episcopal Church, and never heard of the need of regeneration until I was eighteen years of age. After my conversion, the Lord implanted in my heart a desire to become a witness for Him in China. My friends and relatives thought this just an air-castle, and did everything they could to discourage me. I was in such delicate health that they prophesied I would die on the voyage.

At one time I heard Miss Smith of the China Inland Mission give a talk, and she emphasized the need of workers, and also of prayer warriors. She asked everyone to join a prayer circle to pray for China. I sent in my name as one interested in China, and I received a letter from Miss Soltau, the head of the Woman's Training Department of the China Inland Mission, asking me to go and see her. I went, and at her request was examined by our family physician, and was found to have indications of tuberculosis in both lungs, from which dread disease my father had died not long before, and was in consequence rejected. In 1908 I was taken down to death's door with tuberculosis. But God instantaneously healed me. Then came a clear and unmistakable call to China, and the Lord said to me "Ningpo," causing me to know the very place where He would have me serve.

As I waited on the Lord, it was wonderful how many Scriptures He gave me to confirm my call, Acts 22:14, Isa. 49, verses 6, 9 and 12 especially, Gen. 12:1; Isa. 42:6 and 7 and others. I wrote to various societies and received application blanks from them, but there was one question on every form which caused my rejection. They asked, "Have you had any serious illness?" When I replied, "Yes, consumption, but the Lord has healed me." That settled things for all the societies, for they had no further need of such a fanatic. God closed every door. Nobody wanted me. But God renewed the call so strongly that I knew in His own way and time He would take me forth.

There were three great obstacles in the way of my going to China, my health, my lack of money, and my lack of training. The Lord had undertaken for the first, and He showed me if I would remain still He would undertake in every other way. I heard of Mrs. Beresford Baker of Dover, who believed in healing, and occasionally took workers, and was led to write to her. At that time I had received an invitation to visit my spiritual mother, Miss K. Brown of Folkestone, which was close to Dover, and whilst there, I received a letter from Mrs. Baker, asking me to visit her on a certain day. I was much in prayer that if this was God's door, He would open it for me, but if it was not, He would cause it to be shut against me. He gave me Isa. 45:2.

I found that Mrs. Baker had an opening at that time for someone to help look after her "mother's meeting." Here was a distinct opening but there seemed other barriers that were almost insurmountable. My mother was very opposed to the thought of my going to China and had said that she would rather see me in my coffin than let me go, for she knew the terrible things that took place in the Boxer risings. My father had died, my mother was without income, the two mainstays of the family had left home, and I did not know where I could get the things which would be most necessary for me to have if I went into this

new work. It was then that the Lord began to train me in the faith life.

I needed a walking costume, and I was pressed to asking the Lord for one. It was the first time I had gone to Him for my wardrobe. I saw it was a definite need, and He gave me Phil. 4:19 as a promise that He would fulfill it, and the next morning I received a letter from my mother saying that a large parcel had come for me. She opened it, lo and behold, a lovely new walking costume!

The next thing I went to the Lord about was for some pocket money. As I went downstairs from my room after making this request in secret to my Father, my friend, with whom I was staying, met me and slipped a piece of gold in my hand, saying, "For Dover needs." The next thing was how was I to break the news to mother. I saw that God was wonderfully working, and that as He was meeting my present needs, so He would meet my future requirements.

I went back to London, and my mother brought me a morning cup of tea to my bedroom, and as she talked with me she said that she did not intend letting me go away from home. I kept silent. I was pressed into God, He was training me in patience, but not long after this He gave me the opening I needed. I reminded her how the Lord had raised me up from my deathbed for His service, but that I could look for nothing outside of the will of God. I told her of my clear call to China, of His opening for me for training, how He had provided the costume, and then the gold. As I told her of these things, she cried, "I know it's God, and I dare not hold you back."

God had to break down my natural pride, when He brought me into a faith life. I had a very dear friend, who wanted me to share half her salary, but I was too proud to hear of such a thing. She visited us, and at that time I had a very great need, and that was for a pair of shoes. She was leaving and I wanted to see her to her car, but it was pouring with rain, and my mother said, "You cannot go out in the rain." She was quick to catch the need. I insisted on going with her, and she wanted to give me the wherewithal to get myself some new shoes, but I was far too proud to accept it. I had a deep lesson to learn in this. God showed me He had called me to a life of faith for my health. I knew He was my life, He had not given me a great fund to draw on, but day by day as I stayed in His will He supplied my need. If I stepped out of His will, I had to step back into it again quickly, or I found I had no strength. I was asking Him now to supply my needs, but I was objecting to the way He was providing. Then He gave me Luke 8:3, and I saw that godly women "ministered unto Him of their substance;" my Lord, the King of Glory, had been humble enough to allow His needs to be met through these women, who provided for Him out of their substance, and I was humbled, and went to Him for cleansing and forgiveness. He caused me to write and apologize to my friend for not letting her minister to my needs.

The next thing was, what about the fare to Dover? I knew God would send it, for in those early days there was a full flow of faith. The Lord gave me the verse, "Be ye also ready!" My youngest brother gave me a little "elder brother" counsel to stay at home—in fact he said I should have to, for he had no intention of provid-

ing my railway fare for me to go away. The day of my departure came, and I was curious to know how the Lord would provide. The mailman came, but there was nothing in the letters. A little later, the secretary of the C. E., to which I belonged came in to say good-bye, and as she was leaving she gave me an envelope, and in it there was sufficient for my train fare. As I showed it to mother, she burst into tears.

I went into the training home. I had been somewhat spoiled as a child, and the Lord began to train my character. I was very proud, and proud of being proud, and the Lord had to break me down on this point. There was one in that home that was much used in my training in this direction. She was very blunt, and would say what seemed the cruelest things to me, and generally before the nine maids that did the work of the house. I cried to God out of a wounded spirit about this, and cried, "Father, why do you allow her to treat me so, and before all the girls?" He said to me, "Jesus Christ was crucified in a public place."

A rich elderly lady came to stay at the home; she was very lonely and wanted me to go and stay with her as a sort of companion daughter, and I was asked to pray about it. God showed me it was His own way of leading out. My purpose was still to be a missionary in China, and several missionaries from that country had come to the home, but they had all acted as wet blankets to me, telling how awful it was to live in that country, and that one would have to be naturally strong to live there, and then have the life of the Lord in addition. But we heard of a Miss Spurling from Shanghai who was coming to the home, and it seemed as if my heart was greatly warmed toward her even before we met. I had such a longing desire to meet her. When she arrived I longed to have a quiet talk with her about China, but I was kept so busy that it seemed impossible, but I prayed that if this was God's thought, He would open up the way. On the last day of her visit, she said, "Mrs. Baker wants me to have a talk with you about China."

After we had a season of prayer together, she told me that there might possibly be an opening in Mr. Evans' Home in Shanghai where she herself labored. As she unfolded the work, she said, "It will not have all the pomp and glory of a missionary's life. Our hidden work is to stand behind the missionaries in a ministry of prayer." My heart went out in longing for such a ministry.

A few days after this, Mrs. Baker called me into her room, and said, "I have just had a letter from Miss Spurling. Would you be prepared to go to China with her this November?" I said "Lovely! tell her, yes." As I went back to my room, I went down in humility before the Lord for answering before I had consulted Him first, but He gave me, "It is God that worketh in you both to will and do His good pleasure."

Then came the matter of my promised visit to the old lady at Heathfield. The Lord showed me to go, and He also showed her that I needed a rest, and so she provided it for me. I had only been a few days in Heathfield when I went down to the Welcome Mission. It was I found the day of their missionary meeting, and they asked me to speak a word. I told of my call to China and the possible open door. I had barely finished my breakfast the following morning, when some sisters from the mission visited me. They wanted to know all the details of my call, so as to stand intelligently behind me in prayer.

Miss Spurling wrote to Mr. Evans, and received word that he would like to have me in their work at Shanghai, and on October 16th the news came to me. I had not a penny towards my fare, nor an article of clothing towards my outfit, but the following day things began to pour in.

The lady with whom I was staying helped towards my outfit, but I am glad she did not give it all; it came in a variety of ways. One servant girl gave me a pound out of her hard earned wages. The last week I spent at home. My youngest brother, when he saw the way the Lord was supplying all my needs, and many comforts in addition, said, "Look here, Ethel, if you tried to back out now, I would do all I could to help you to go, for I know God has called you." On November 4th I set sail for China, and it was so good of the Lord to let me have the companionship of Miss Spurling.

I had always expected to go out alone to China, but the Lord showed me one morning that He Himself would always be with me. As I was waiting on Him, He said to me, "Behold the Bridegroom, go ye out to meet Him." At family worship I was led to give out this thought. Mrs. Baker gave a message that morning on the three calls, the call to acquaintance with Jesus, the call to friendship or intimacy with Him, and the call to be His bride. That morning as I went to my room, the Lord led me into a most wonderful and very definite experience more real and more wonderful than anything on earth, and from that hour I have known Him as my Bridegroom.

On the voyage, I remarked to my companion that I felt there was a terrible time ahead for me spiritually. She told me how much the devil tried to make the missionaries useless, either by causing them to backslide, or making them so sick that they have to be sent home. By this kindly warning I was fortified to take the power and grace of God against any attacks of the enemy. Missionaries in trying climates find they need recreation, and this is where so many go off. In those early days of missionary life I learned to take my recreation in God. Alone with Him and His precious Word, separated far from the world and its ways, I found I could have the most refreshing, deep spirit recreation in Himself.

I first had to assist Miss Spurling in her office work in Shanghai, but was later sent to help Miss Jewell in her missionary school. It was the time of the revolution, and the school was overcrowded, and they borrowed me, and I went into another training. It was there I first met Mrs. Nichols, who was just leaving. I heard her tell at one time how God had called her to the orphanage work at Ningpo. She gave me an open invitation to go down there when the work was opened. I stayed about a year in this school work, and received the baptism of the Holy Ghost during this time.

The longing of my heart was to work amongst the Chinese and I was praying to this end. I soon became conscious that I was putting the finishing touches on everything. Ningpo was continually before me. Sister Nichols sent an invitation for me to pay a visit and to "bring my bed," a thing we have to do in China. I went down there, and the day afterwards the Lord showed me that this was the place of His choice for service. He showed me that I was not to be an ordinary worker in the home. God has shown Mrs. Nichols this same thing, and that He wanted me as her co-worker, sharing the common burdens and sharing the common purse. He has brought me into my ideal of a faith life and work.

LAST NOTICE TO MINISTERS.

This is the last notice to ministers to renew their Credentials before making up the official lists for publication. These lists will be completed by March 15th, and if you have not yet renewed your papers, do so at once to insure your name appearing on this list. It will be too late if you renew after March 15th, and your name will not appear on the list, in that event, until next year (should the Lord tarry).

Send all communications relative to Credential matters to the Credential Committee, J. W. Welch, Chairman, 1243 North Garrison Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

ARE THE DAYS OF MIRACLES PASSED?

Part Three of Sermon by Brother Andrew D. Urshan, at Ottawa, Canada.

We find our Lord also confirming His own disciples' faith by His gracious works. He said to Phillip: "Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the very works' sake." Oh, what blessed benefits, not only the poor sick have been healed, demon-possessed have been delivered, ignorant receiving heavenly wisdom, but the wavering Apostles, and troubled John, they were all established by the witness of God with His Son confirming the truth that He was the Christ of God.

Another Witness Needed.

If Christ knew the fact that He alone was not sufficient to prove Himself to the world, yea, even to the people of God (the Jews) and that He needed another one with Him, yea, greater than He was, humanly speaking, did He not know that His poor disciples needed another one with them to work and witness to what they proclaimed in a world of heathendom, and before the cruel murderers (Hebrews)? Yes, yes, He knew it, and He was faithful and wise enough to provide for them, as He says: "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of Truth, which proceedeth from the Father, *He shall testify of Me.*" Is that all? No, thank God; that is One, and the Great One, too. But there is needed another witness. "*And ye also shall bear witness (human witness) because ye have been with Me from the beginning,*" (John 15: 26, 27).

Do we not see that the human witness of the Apostles, although true, yet was not sufficient? What they had seen and heard they could say, but it was not enough, there had to be another witness, even greater; yea, God Himself in the Holy Ghost, to witness with the Apostles that the crucified Jesus, risen Christ and glorified Lord, He is both Lord and Christ. We see the great, bold testimony of the Apostle before the enemies of the cross concerning Jesus Christ, the Lord. Peter said: "We are His witnesses of these things, and so is *ALSO* the Holy Ghost, whom God has given to them that obey Him." Here is the fulfilment of Christ's true promise unto them concerning the confirmation of His Gospel. How did the Holy Ghost witness with the Apostles' testimony, proving their true message? We read: "God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders and divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost according to His own will," (Heb. 2: 4; Acts 5:32).

We see this supernatural witness not only followed the Apostles but even the churches built by God through the Apostles. We read in Corinthians, first chapter, sixth and seventh verses, that the testimony of Christ was confirmed in the Gentile believers, and that they came behind in no gifts of the Holy Ghost; and in the twelfth chapter we read that God put the supernatural operations of the Holy Ghost through the nine gifts to stay in the church, for its edification, for the upbuilding of the believers, confirming the message of the church before the world in all ages until the Lord of the Church will come with His glory and show that all these things are so, (1 Cor. 12:7-11; Eph. 4:8-14).

No wonder Jesus said: "Go preach the Gospel to all nations, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo I am with you always, even

unto the end of the world." We who profess we are the present Church of God, is the Lord with us in this manner? If He is, where are His supernatural manifestations among us? When He was with the disciples we read: "The Lord was with them." In what way? Oh, yes, He was everywhere working with them and confirming the Word with signs following. What is the confirmation of the true Gospel? The answer is: "The signs following." What are these signs? They shall cast out devils in My name. Who? They that believe, and "they shall speak with new tongues, and they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover; and they shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them. Yea, they shall do greater works than these because I go to My Father. Whatsoever you ask in My name that I will do that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

Days of Miracles Not Passed.

Beloved reader, the days of miracles are not passed, or the time of working miracles ought not to be passed away. But it would seem the case, only because the church has fallen from her high, divine, holy, supernatural standard. After the Apostles died false teachers crept in the church, and their descendants are still around doing their very best to kill the faith which was once delivered to all the saints.

But God has said it, and it shall be done, that these signs shall follow them that believe to confirm that these are the true believers. (Believers do not run after signs, but wonders and signs run after true believers who love, worship, live and suffer for the name of Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, and coming King of kings.)

The time of working of miracles is not passed, because the source is flowing, and the cause is remaining, and the purpose is backed up by the throne of the Almighty. Give me a church filled with the compassion of God, having true faith in the name of the Lord, seeking the witness of God, or working with God, and I will give you a church that the gates of hell cannot prevail against it, a church where the sick will be healed, sinners will be saved, believers will go from power to power, from glory to glory, and the great God is behind it all. God help us to obey, walk in the truth, proclaim the truth, and be willing to suffer for it, and we shall be free from sin, Satan, and wrong teaching, for "Where the Spirit is the Lord there is liberty." Liberty from all bad, liberty to do all right, and the works that Jesus commanded us to do in His name. Let us go into all the world and preach the Gospel, and be true and faithful witnesses, that the true God may witness with us; and then with two witnesses working together, every word shall stand and prevail against all enemies of Christ and His Gospel. This is normal Christianity, for we are saved to serve and labor, not alone, but with God as co-workers, (2 Cor. 6:1; 1 Cor. 3:9).

Our Privilege to Work Miracles Also.

Beloved reader, the fact is plain before us that the true Old Testament saints, bearing the message of Jehovah, worked miracles, as you will read in the 11th chapter of Hebrews. They are called a great cloud of witnesses for us to look upon, and be encouraged to go on in this narrow way. They died, but the days of miracles did not end there. The Apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ

followed, bearing the true message of God, and signs followed them. They died, but, thank God, He is still alive. We are humbly glad to say, in these last days of unbelief, some of us have seen the hand of God with us in reality, and we are humbling ourselves, crying to Him day and night that He will be with us, with His blessed approval upon His message entrusted to us in greater measure. He is graciously proving to us that He is just the same today as He was of old. It would take volumes to write the present acts of the Holy Ghost, to describe the true supernatural cases of miracles of grace that God has wrought during the past few years since the Holy Ghost has fallen upon many individuals among all denominations of different nationalities all over the world. Therefore, we are not only preaching true doctrine here, but speaking that which we have seen and heard and know.

With all this, yet we confess we are only beginners, apprentices to the Apostles. There is a great land before us to inherit, even the land of Apostolic faith and power. We heartily invite you to join us in this crusade of faith against the teachings that weaken our faith in this unbelieving world, and to shine forth like burning lights of the whole truth to the glory of our God among this crooked and perverse generation.

Miracles Bring Salvation.

Satan well knows that the working of gracious miracles not only benefits the people upon whom they are wrought, and the people through whom they are worked, and redounds to the glory of God; but it means having a sweeping harvest of thousands of precious souls into the kingdom by the appearance of God's hand with us in this manner. For instance, the wonder of speaking in tongues on the day of Pentecost, drew the great crowd of thousands to the upper room, and it struck their attention, preparing them for the message which the Apostles gave. What was the result? Three thousand souls were swept into the kingdom. There is the first benefit of speaking in tongues.

A little later, the healing of the lame man at the beautiful gate of the temple drew the attention of the thousands of old law worshippers, made them ready for the stirring message of the Gospel again. What happened? Five thousand souls were added to the church. Here is the benefit of healing in Jesus' name.

When Paul arrived safely at Phillipi, when that poisonous snake attacked his hand, as Jesus had said: "If they take up serpents they shall not hurt them." This sign followed Paul, when he threw the serpent into the fire without any hurt. That drew the attention of those barbarians to Paul so strongly that they thought he was God; and of course that was a great open door for Paul to preach his true God, and a great result followed. Here is the blessed benefit of this sign for believers, (Acts 28:1-11).

Every honest man will agree with me that the reason there are so many infidels, skeptics and agnostics among us as Christian nations is because of the failure of the present Christian Church; professing we are a supernatural institution, and divine organism, but there is only natural seen, and that very weak too; and many of these infidels, etc., are honest people. If we were true as the Apostles were, and obtain the compassion and faith they had, God being with us, doing His blessed work, signs following, would not hundreds and thousands of these unbelievers accept the Gospel, and live to the glory of God? Yes, they would. God help us to see our unbelief not only weakens our spiritual life, but murders many precious souls around us. We are to give account to God

who hath entrusted unto our hands this glorious, unchangeable, supernatural Gospel, and we are hiding it under the bushel of our modern theology.

I feel humbly to cry unto God to have mercy upon us all, to forgive our unbelief, and to restore us unto Himself with His Divine *compassion* and the true *faith* to accomplish His gracious *purpose*. Amen!

AN EARNEST APPEAL TO ALL THE SAINTS

See Romans 10:1.

In the name of Him who gave command to preach the Gospel to every creature, I would lay a matter very earnestly on the hearts of all who love the Lord, and ask you that while you are praying for the world-wide revival, do not neglect to remember to pray and to work for the Jews. The great apostle Paul said, "Be ye followers of me, even as I am of Christ," and he said from the depth of his living heart, "I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, that I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart; for I could wish myself accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen in the flesh, who are Israelites, to whom pertaineth the adoption and the glory and the covenants and the giving of the law and the service of God and the promises; whose are the fathers and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever more." And again he said, "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved." Rom. 10:1.

Oh, that God would arouse the sleeping energies of His saints and cause a great cry to go up to Him from hearts that are truly burdened for the evangelization of the Jews. I feel the hour has come that God has chosen for work among this people. He is laying this matter on the hearts of some, praise His name, and they must not fail Him, and they will not fail Him. He has also brushed aside from the minds of many the erroneous idea that God would not work among the Jews until the saints are caught up to meet the Lord in the air. This error has done great harm in the past and has discouraged many from doing what they felt God wanted them to do. But known unto God are all His works from the foundation of the world, and He has clearly shown in His Word and by His Spirit that the sealing of the 144,000 Israelites (Rev. 7) certainly takes place before the first resurrection and the rapture, which latter will not take place until the last trumpet sounds. See 1 Cor. 15:51, 52. The Lord has declared, "Behold I will send for many fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them, and after I will send for many hunters and they shall hunt them from every mountain and from every hill." Jer. 16:16.

Will you be one of the fishers? Will you not pray very earnestly and persistently that the will of God may be done on earth and these "blinded ones" may receive judgment and take the Kingdom. Dan. 7:22.

Oh for the very glory of Christ to cause all to pray that God may take away their sins, Rom. 11:27, and the remnant be grafted into their own olive tree; that Christ may come, for He will not come until they shall say, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord." Matt. 23:39.

May the Lord graciously raise up intercessors, who will give Him no rest until He make Jerusalem a praise in the earth. Isa. 62:67.

If God is speaking to you do not say to Him "No."

In His name, A. J. Benson, Austin, Texas.

(Be careful for nothing, be prayerful in everything, be thankful for anything.)

A PRAYER ON AWAKENING.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee,
 Glory to Thee who gavest me sleep
 To recruit my weakness,
 And to remit the labors
 Of this toilful flesh.
 To this day and all days
 A perfect, holy, peaceful, healthful, sinless course,
 Vouchsafe, O Lord.

The Angel of Peace, a faithful Guide,
 Guardian of souls and bodies,
 To camp round about me,
 And ever to prompt what is for salvation,
 Vouchsafe, O Lord.

Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are
 honest,
 Whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are
 pure,
 Whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things
 are of good report,
 Such thoughts, such deeds,
 Vouchsafe, O Lord.

A mighty world-wide spiritual awakening,
 Rain in the time of the latter rain,
 A readiness in all Thy saints for the coming
 Bridegroom,
 A perfect fulfilling of all Thy good and gracious will,
 And the soon-coming of our Saviour,
 Vouchsafe, O Lord.

"A BAG WITH HOLES."

Haggai 1:5-10.

"One of the *saddest* moments in my Missionary experience," says W. Remfry Hunt, "was on the occasion of my being asked by a *heathen* devotee the *pertinent* question: 'In contrast with *our* humble worship of the *pusahs*—heathen deities—how much per cent per capita do *your* enlightened and honorable countrymen *give* to their heavenly religion?' It brought the blush of shame to my face and *silenced* me. Many of the heathens are assessed at *twenty per cent* of their income. In the light of all the joys, the *culture*, the *temporal blessings*, the *spiritual light* and *life* that are *ours*, what shall *we* reply to *this* burning question inspired in a heathen breast?"

The facts are that *new* converts from heathendom put us to the blush with *their* gifts to the Kingdom. A young girl on the west coast of Africa sold herself into *life servitude* to a planter for a few shillings, and then placed the *entire sum* in the hands of the Missionary for the spread of the Gospel. In Korea, Pai Hi Il, a convert from darkness, sold his bullock for thirty *yen*, and with the proceeds the church which the community could *not* finish *was* completed. He and his brother *then* took the *ox's* place at the plough, while their old father guided the blade, and thus they tilled their fields.

Two million Christians in the non-Christian lands, out of their poverty gave last year for missionary purposes \$4,800,000, or an average of \$2.50 each—nearly a quarter as much as forty millions of Protestant Christians, the wealthiest people in Christendom, gave. In Christendom, out of our superfluity and meanness we give an average of 50 cents to 60 cents per head. In non-Christian lands, out of their want and love, they average \$2.50 per head, or at least four times as much.

Some there are amongst us who give unstintingly of their time and money; but the most of us do not count

for much in the world's redemption. Someone has said: "The great causes of God and humanity are not defeated by the hot assaults of the devil; but by the slow, crushing, glacier-like mass of thousands and thousands of indifferent nobodies. God's causes are not destroyed by being blown upon, but by being sat upon."

And it is because the many do so little that the few have to do so much. It is because we refuse to sacrifice that which ministers to our comfort, luxury, or vanity, that others must of need sacrifice even to life itself. If each of us did his fair share, none need do more than his share. If all of us had the vision, none would have the burden. The mass could lift the load with ease; but the few do what is done with aching backs and weary frames. The work has lagged because the mass of Christians have been unwilling to sacrifice. Men and brethren, this ought not so to be! Would that we all had the spirit of the army veteran, who was introduced to an audience as a man who had lost a leg and both arms in the service of his country. On rising to speak, he surprised his audience by saying that the introduction was wrong, as he had lost nothing in the war. Said he: "I did not lose a leg and two arms in the war. When I enlisted in the army, I gave myself entirely to my country; and what I have left over at the close of the war is all clear gain to me."

"Take care, be on your guard against all covetousness."—Luke 12:15. Weymouth.—W. J. Taylor in Fishers of Men.

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN JESUS AND HIS FATHER: THE BELIEVER'S PATTERN.

1. It was a *Love* relationship. One great desire in the Lord's life was that the world might know how He loved His Father. John 14:31.

LOVE is the keynote of the Spiritual life. Love is the goal for the Pentecostal Christian.

(We may have intense zeal for souls to be saved. We may be red-hot in our denunciations of fake doctrines and teachers; we may be able to pour forth strong prophecies, and much speaking in tongues; we may be able to exercise keen spiritual discernment, but if there is the lack of a pure, passionate devotion to the person of Jesus Christ, and a deep love toward Him, then all the rest, excellent though it may be, counts for very little in the sight of God. Rev. 2:1-4.)

It is *our* great desire, also, that the world may know how we love Jesus, how we love the Father. (Do not let us allow service of any kind to usurp the place of Love, whole-hearted love, to Him!) Someone has aptly said, "The song of the Lord which comes out of service for Him, is of value; but oh for the song of the Lord in the heart, out of which service will flow and spring."

2. It was a child-like relationship. Jesus continually had and exercised the child-like spirit of dependence and reliance upon His Father. A child-like simplicity ran through His daily life and walk and words. "I can of Mine own self do nothing." "The Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He seeth the Father do, for what things soever He doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. John 5:30, 19. The one aim in the Master's life was, that He might do always those things that were pleasing to His Father. John 8:29.

We have imagined, it may be, a great baptism of the Holy Ghost and power, and fire, that would so remain in and upon us that forever after we could go forth with a wonderful endowment that would carry all before it, that would bring sinners and half-saved Christians at once to their knees in penitence and weeping, and enable us to speak with supernatural power and energy. But that was not the example Jesus gave us, and that was not the inten-

tion of God when He also baptized us with the Holy Ghost and signs following. If any one might have depended upon their baptism in the Spirit, the Lord Jesus might, the pure spotless Son of God. But no! It is He who says, "without my Father's constant, continuous guiding, filling, sustaining hand and power, I cannot speak, I cannot exercise right judgment, I cannot perform any miracles."

We may say, "But when I have received a certain 'gift' of the Holy Spirit, is it not mine to exercise and use at will?" Our reply is, study the life of Jesus Christ after He received His baptism in the Spirit, and we shall find that never for one miracle, or act, or address, did He depend on any past gift of the Spirit, but He kept always in a child-like, humble spirit, dependent upon His Father.

It is through regarding themselves as *reservoirs* and not merely *channels* of divine power, that has been the cause of many getting side-tracked by the enemy, or unduly elated, in our present Pentecostal Movement. What do we say was the Master's great aim in life? *To please His Father in everything.* What too should be our aim? How can we thus please Him? By breaking our alabaster boxes of Love and Adoration at His feet.)

The Lord is seeking Lovers in our Pentecostal assemblies. It is Lovers He wants, before servants. Let us keep that ever first and to the front. Do not let us be afraid of an extravagance of love, and of freely telling the Lord that we love Him. He delights in hearing us say so. (Our adoration and our heart's worship are as sweet-smelling incense to Him, as they ascend to His throne, and we do well in all our gatherings to keep the spirit of Love, Praise and Worship to the front, and in the foremost place.) (We please the Lord too, when like Mary, we sit at His feet, waiting for Him to speak, and learning from His word.)

Who teacheth like Him? When we are taught by the 'natural' man, and listen to intellectual sermons or Bible readings, then we are weary and often complain of headache. But when we listen to those inspired by the Holy Spirit, anointed by God, and uttering His messages, then our spirit, soul and body are quickened, revived and refreshed. (The words that Jesus spoke were "Spirit and Life." Let us sit at His feet, and learn with a meek and teachable spirit.) (And let us also seek a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit upon every message we give forth for Him, and not rest upon one past Baptism of the Spirit, received in time goneby.—Nelsie Hodges, 21 Commercial Rd., Hereford, England.)

RICE CASE CONTINUED.

Every member of the Evangel Family will be interested to know the outcome of the Rice suit against the General Council of the Assemblies of God for alleged libel in April, 1915. The case was called Monday morning, February 26th. All those concerned were on hand. The jury was not impaneled until Tuesday evening and the trial commenced in earnest on Wednesday morning. The defendants plead that the complaint showed no cause for action and the court granted the plaintiff the right to amend his complaint. The amended complaint was presented in the afternoon, and on account of certain new matters incorporated in it, a continuance was asked for and immediately granted. This means that the case is again postponed for an indefinite period of time. We had much desired that the case go to the jury and be tried and settled, so that it would not hang over our heads as during the past two years, but cannot help feeling that the hand of the Lord is in this continuance as much prayer has gone up to God in many parts of the country for Him to undertake in our behalf. But this does not permit us to drop down in our prayer and trust for permanent victory for the saints of God. We must hold on in faith until the case is settled.

DAILY PORTION FROM THE KING'S BOUNTY

MRS. A. R. FLOWER

Sunday. "Thus saith the Lord, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee." Isa. 49:8.

"Tempted and tried!

Yet the Lord will abide,

Thy faithful Redeemer, thy Keeper and Guide,

Thy shield and thy sword,

Thine exceeding Reward;

Then enough for the servant to be as his Lord."

Monday. "My Father is the husbandman." John 15:1.

How faithful, how expert His hand in the pruning of the vines so precious to His heart! They tell us there is no tree that makes wood as rapidly as the grape-vine; and yet that very wood is absolutely valueless, only a hindrance to the further fruitfulness of the vine. After some great success or blessing in God's service, how easily the useless wood of spiritual pride and self-esteem accumulates in our lives; and, that further fruitfulness be unhindered, God must use His pruning-knife. We should accept it so thankfully from His hand.

Tuesday. "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." 1 Cor. 4:2.

"Stewards of the mysteries of God!" God is not requiring of us some great impossible task in order to gain His favor; but simply the faithful performance of those little unseen duties which are daily committed to our hands to perform!

Never mind the other reapers,

With their greater load of sheaves;

Keep thine eyes upon thy portion,

Faithfulness the crown receives.)

Wednesday. "For he is our peace." Eph. 2:14.

The discord, the warring, the back-biting, we see so much of today almost breaks the heart of any true lover of the Lord Jesus. Some of us I trust are past it; God wants all of His children done with it forever. Sound the one clear, true note of Jesus, as He is positively revealed in the Word, and others will presently swing from their own unharmonious tones into the sweet heavenly melody of the Holy Spirit.

Thursday. "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath." Jas. 1:19.

("Time works wonders. Wait till you speak calmly, and then you will not need to speak, it may be. Silence is the most massive thing conceivable sometimes. It is strength in very grandeur. It is like a regiment ordered to stand still in the mad fury of battle. To plunge in were twice as easy.")

Friday. "A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the Lord will hasten it in his time." Isa. 60:22.

A dear sister illustrated it to me so, in a letter the other day. "Take a lump of iron ore worth one dollar: this can be smelted, rolled, and made into horse-shoes worth ten dollars. By still more labor and skill it can be made up into needles worth one hundred dollars; and by a still greater outlay of labor, skill and patience the same piece of iron can be made into balance springs for watches, and so become worth one thousand dollars." How much are you going to let Jesus make out of your one little life?

Saturday. "Where is the promise of his coming?" 2 Pet. 3:4.

It is one of the strong proofs that we are really in the last days—the multitude of scoffers on every hand. We shall not be disappointed in our blessed coming One, however. Hallelujah for the blessed hope!

"And tho' scoffers may deride me,

And no change around may see;

Yet He tells me He is coming—

And that's quite enough for me."

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NOT MADE WITH HANDS.

Man's hand spoils everything he touches. God will not have a hand touch His temple. God will have His temple resplendent within and without. Man's things are often good without and rotten within.

Infinite wisdom plans for us. It has not entered into the heart of man to conceive what things He has laid up for them that love Him. Love! Love! Love! He wants love first and foremost. Do not reverse the divine order. Service is the outcome of love. His love will envelope everything He makes. The New Jerusalem will be one expression of love, of love manifested. No, not a poem in stone, but a poem in love. The details speak of love, even the streets of gold, emblem of the most expensive thing in which man can express himself. The streets, the bases of love. And Jesus says, "Where I am, there shall also My servant be." The streets are all very well in their place, but it is the great "I AM" who is the glory of that place. All the streets will lead to the "I AM."

Reserved in heaven for you! When the heavens and the earth are dissolved, something will be reserved. The only thing worth keeping will be reserved for the saints. Could man make a habitation for the saints of God? One man wanted to make a place. One man wanted to make a booth. He wist not what he said. The resplendent glory of the Son of God confined to a booth! It must be the New Jerusalem and nothing else. Man boasts, "See this temple. Forty and six years was this temple in building!" But the holy places of man have to come down.

Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God. The eternal God has devised a way to enter the eternal gates, and it is through the death of His Son. Calvary rent the veil of the temple, and opened the Holy of Holies, and that is the *only way*. Man is endeavoring to make ways and means, and he is busiest this time of the year, the season he calls "Lent." By his self-denial and his ordinances he is trying to make a way, and he is missing the narrow way. He is too busy with his own devices to

find the true and the living way. But the fool and the wayfaring men find their way into that highway of holiness and do not err therein.

No one need miss the way, because the Holy Ghost has been given. "He shall guide you into all truth." All the vanities of the religious world are just like the offerings in the temple when the Shekinah glory had departed, the shadow without the substance. Seek for the substance.

The night is far spent, and some know how far it is spent, and they are anticipating the dawn. Do you think they will be disappointed? To them that look for Him shall He appear a second time. The sons of the King are going to a Kingly palace to be entertained by a King in a kingly way. And there will be nothing to pay. Come, for the feast is spread. The Holy Ghost gives the invitation, "Whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely." If you want the banquet then you must take the water now: it is the passport to the wine of the King.

It will be impossible to cease from praising over there. But the new song must have its preliminary note struck here, that the full anthem may be rendered over yonder. Have you got the starting note? It is not a very joyful note to start with, but it is music in heaven. "God be merciful to me a sinner," is the first note of the grand anthem. And you will never get past the first song, for in heaven you will look back and see how He loved, and redeemed, and washed you. You will never lose sight of the cleansing of the blood that you had. "Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever," is the anthem of the redeemed. "Unto Him! Unto Him!" will be the finale of all the songs. "Unto Him! Unto Him!" No, they cannot cease, they cannot be quiet. They are shouting it now, "Unto Him! Unto Him!" The heavens are full of the songs of the redeemed. Have you caught the echo of it yet? Listen for it to break through and enter your heart.

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Questions and Answers

By E. N. BELL, 304 Joplin Ave., Galena, Kans.
to whom all questions should be sent.



This department is only open for the edification of those in need of such light on the Scriptures as we can give, not for argument or disputing. The editor reserves the right to answer only such questions as will be for the glory of God and to the help of our readers. No questions, under any circumstances, will be answered by letter, so please do not expect this.

150. How do Pentecostal people understand the millennium? Will the wicked dead have a chance to repent and be saved during this time?

Ans. They understand it to be a personal reign of Christ on earth with His saints for one thousand years. Then the kingdom is fully set up on earth. The Jews will be restored to Palestine and accept Jesus as their Messiah. It will be the day of Israel's earthly and spiritual glory. Jerusalem will then be the capital of the world, and a blessing to all nations, and in return shall be enriched by all nations. Jesus will be King in Zion on the throne of David. The living will turn to the Lord by millions.

The Russell teaching that the wicked will be resurrected at the beginning of this thousand years and have another and better chance than to repent and be saved is wholly unscriptural. Jesus will award the saints, whether they have died or not, at His coming and judge the living nations. But the holy ones alone have part in the first resurrection. "The rest of the dead (the unholy or wicked dead) lived not again until the thousand years are finished," Rev. 20:5. This is a direct "thus saith the Lord" that they will not be resurrected during this thousand years, and there is no use to try to spiritualize its meaning away. He is talking about the literal resurrection, not the spiritual conversion of the wicked. He immediately says of this resurrection at His coming: "This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy (not unholy) is he that hath part in the first resurrection, Rev. 20:5-6. After the thousand years are over, we see the wicked dead raised and judged in Rev. 20:11-15. It is a lie of the devil to deceive and destroy souls that tells sinners they can now reject Christ and then after death get another chance to accept him and be saved. "Today is the day of salvation," saith the Lord."

151. If we have no brethren suitable for deacons and trustees to the church, is it all right to put sisters in these places?

Ans. The matter of a trustee is mainly a legal matter to hold church property according to the laws of the state. While there is nothing in the New Testament against having trustees, there is no Bible officer called a trustee to the church. Hence a godly woman can meet this need of legally holding property in trust just as well as a man.

Phebe was a "servant" of the church at Cenchrea, Rom. 16:1. The word here translated "servant" is literally "deaconess." She was then with the sanction of the Apostle Paul "deaconess of the church at Cenchrea." So it is perfectly scriptural to have deaconesses in our churches where we have sisters qualified and capable for this office.

But a "deaconess" is not a "deacon" by any means. She should not be put in the place of the deacon at all. It would be scriptural to have deaconesses in a church where there are plenty of deacons, as they are not substitutes one for the other, only mutual helpers in the service of the church and of Christ. Look up in an ancient church history the work of

each. By common consent she might do the work of deacons until you can get a deacon to do it, but this would not make her the Scriptural deacon. She is only a deaconess.

In reference to Question 144, "At what moment can a man verify by the Word that he is born of the Spirit according to John 3:5-8?" Bro. R. M. Butler writes, "I want to add two more Scriptures to this question as proof of salvation, 'He that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from His,' Heb. 4:10; also 2 Cor. 7:11. When the Lord saved me, He put me in a straight and narrow path to walk, a beautiful path about a foot wide, pretty narrow for No. 11 shoes. I could see the path all the time and I suffered greatly for fear I would say something to throw me out of it. I had been in the habit of swearing, and I was much troubled about this.

"I went out of the office to the rear of the building, and as I went out I left the door a little open. I came back in my usual fast way, and ran into the edge of the door which struck me across the nose, sending me back. I suffered much for a while, and then the Lord said to me, 'You did not swear.' Then I rejoiced, it was a great lesson to me." He maketh all things new.

A COMMENT ON THE QUESTION DEPARTMENT.

This Question Department in the Evangel has aroused as much interest among the readers of the Evangel as any other department in its columns. Furthermore, we do not know of anyone who could handle it in a better way than it has been handled by our dear Brother Bell. However, Brother Bell is the pastor of an assembly as well as the editor of this department, and this assembly demands a great amount of his time, which it has the right to do. It is therefore necessary to notify our readers not to expect personal answers to their questions and letters. Brother Bell receives thousands of letters which it is absolutely impossible for him to answer. Many of these do not enclose even the postage for answer, but if they did do so, it would still be impossible for him to answer because he has not the time to do so.

Others write him out of contention, seeking more to teach than to get light. These are writing to know why answers to their questions do not appear, sending more questions at the same time. We desire to announce to all these that their questions will never be answered, as this department is run for the edification of our readers, not to be a prize ring to thrash out the fine points of doctrines and to split hairs over controverted points. The editor of this department reserves the right to answer only those questions which he feels will be profitable to our readers. We ask the interest and prayers of our readers to this end.

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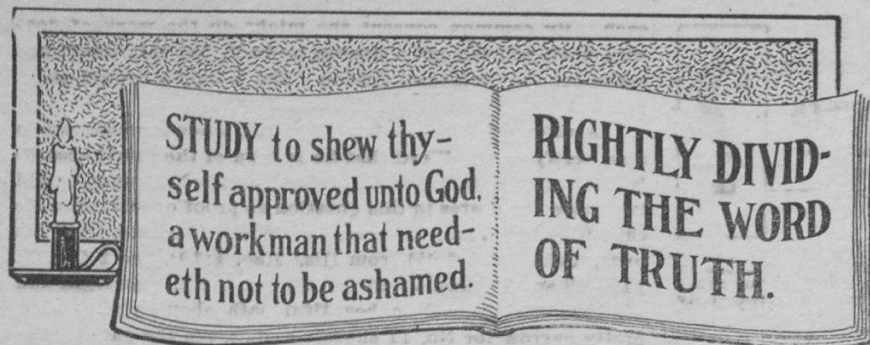
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So long as the will of God, whether in the Bible or in providence, is going in one direction and our wills in another, rest is impossible.—F. B. Meyer.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

March 18, 1917.

JESUS SAVES FROM SIN. (Temperance Lesson.)

Lesson Text.—John 8:12, 28-37, 56-59.

Golden Text.—“If therefore the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.” Jno. 8:36.

Leading Thought.—Freedom in Christ Jesus.

Christ's discourse on the bread of life marked the turning point in His public career. It was an hard saying even to His own disciples, and impossible of understanding without faith in the hearts of those who heard. “From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.” Ch. 6:66. There is something pathetic in Christ's turning to the twelve with the question, “Will ye also go away?” And then how gladly all we who know the Lord Jesus join with Peter in his staunch reply, “Lord to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.” They returned to Galilee, where Jesus labored for several months, working many miracles, and twice foretelling his death and resurrection. Peter made his great confession (Matt. 16:13-17); and Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James and John. Then He went secretly down to attend the Feast of Tabernacles at Jerusalem, and while there delivered several discourses, on account of which there was much division amongst the people. Ch. 7:40-53. The very officers who were sent to arrest Him were moved by His words declaring, “Never man spake like this man.” It was in responding to the Jews that Jesus uttered the words of our lesson to day.

1. **Light and Liberty through the Lord Jesus Christ.** Vs. 12-36. “I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.” It has been suggested by some authentic writers that Jesus had in mind one of the ceremonies connected with the Feast of Tabernacles when He spoke this. It was the custom on one or more nights of the feast to make a bright light up in the

court of the women in the temple. This was to commemorate the light which the Lord gave to Israel in guiding them by night from Egypt to Canaan. The ceremony brought great rejoicing with it. The Jews understood the expression, “The light of the world,” as referring to the coming Messiah. For Christ then to take upon Himself this title aroused bitter criticism from the Pharisees. How little they comprehended its very applicable relation to Him! He was the God-sent light to show the way from the Egyptian darkness and bondage of sin into the glorious liberty and blessing of the Promised Land,—“the true Light, which lighteth very man that cometh into the world.” It would seem to us that those Pharisees were wilfully blind. “He that followeth me”—here was the way by which a man might enjoy the fullest benefit of this Light. The light that is in Him, which makes Him the Light of the world, so illuminates our lives that He may then say of us, “Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.” * * * “For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” * * * “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” The salvation we enjoy is one of light, and the condition of unbroken communion with God is that we walk in the light as He is in the light. Then “we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.” Moment by moment! We are the “earthen” lamp; the Holy Spirit is the oil; the Word of God is the wick—**Jesus Himself the Living Flame** that sets us aglow with light. “The Lord is my light.” “For thou wilt light my candle.” Note this final admonition in John 12:35, 36.

“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” V. 32. Many believed on Him for the words spoken and to them Jesus addresses the foregoing remark. Jesus says later, “I am the way, the truth and the life.” All the truth of salvation and Christian godliness centers about Jesus Christ. The words of God from Genesis to Revelation declare Him unto us, and as we believe and act upon it, it has the power to set our souls at perfect liberty. So long as condemnation

rests upon us, and we fear to look boldly into the mirror of God's Word, and shrink from its laver of cleansing, we are in bondage. And all our own works of righteousness will never set us free. Faith, and liberty, and victory all come through the knowledge of the truth—the living Word of God. Rom. 10:17. Hallelujah! His word is truth (Jno. 17:17). Declare it positively, lovingly, faithfully in these days of unprofitable wrangling and you will find it efficacious still in the freeing of sin-bound souls, for the days of soul-winning are not ended, though some misguided ones, even amongst our Pentecostal friends, would have us so believe. The word of God is still “quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” Knowledge of the truth brings us freedom from the penalty of sin, Rom. 6:23; 1 Jno. 5:12; freedom from the power of sin, Rom. 6:14; 2 Cor. 5:17; freedom from sickness; James 5:14, 15; Romans 8:11; freedom from self in all its annoying forms, Romans 8:21; freedom from every spirit of bondage, Rom. 8:15, “having received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.” “Heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ!” Blessed be our God forever! What a panorama of privileges and blessings are opened to our view! And all through knowing and accepting the truth! Ah, verily, “whom the Son makes free is free indeed.” True liberty begins inside, working through every part of a man's life and activity. It is a heart condition. Thank God, we are free!

2. **Abraham's Faith.** Vs. 37-59. The subject of liberty was a tender point with Israel. No man prided himself on greater freedom than a Jew, the son of Abraham. V. 33. Jesus shows plainly their bondage. Vs. 40-44. Their answer shows the hate and malice of their hearts. V. 48, 52. Christ then refers to the faith of Abraham who believed God's promises and in spirit rejoiced to see Christ's day. The Jew's objection to this brought forth that final declaration of His deity, “Before Abraham was, I am,” expressing the eternity of His existence. Ex. 3:14.

Next Week's Lesson.

March 25, 1917.

JESUS THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE. (Review.)

Reading Lesson. Jno. 14:1-14.

Golden Text.—Jno. 14:6.

Alice Reynolds Flower.

Do not stumble at the doctrine of election. Preach the Gospel to all, and (as some one has said) if you convert any one who was not “chosen,” God will forgive you.—Moody.

The beginning of strife is as when one letteth out water; therefore leave off contention before it be meddled with. Prov. 17:14.

FISHING FOR MEN IN JAPAN.

Bro. W. J. Taylor of Kobe, Japan, sends us the following interesting report:

With the good hand of our God upon us, we still find ourselves dwelling in our own hired house, receiving all that come unto us, preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding us. And they do come too; not in crowds, to be sure (that, perhaps, is reserved for us), but "one by one." Let me try and give you a picture of the last three who came:—

The first one is a woman, thirty years of age, but she is like the woman of Samaria—she has a past—and looks like fifty. It was a past forced upon her, and when a child, too, of tender years, for she was sold by her mother to a house of ill-fame. Many, many years pass over her head, until "full of wounds and putrifying sores," drained to the depths. But even this soul, cast out by everybody, has "a day of visitation." The Master would abide at her house too; and this is how it came about. My wife and Bible-woman were holding a series of dinner-hour meetings in the yard of a box factory, and as the chorus,

"Tell it to Jesus, tell it to Jesus,"

rings out, she catches the strain as she passes along the road by the gate, "peeps in," and there, in a group of about sixty persons, she sees this foreign lady and worker, comes into the yard, hears a story—a wonderful story—and, mind you, during those years in the "den of iniquity" she had heard and told many; but this story! Could it really be true? And she makes up her mind to hear more, finds out where we live, again hears the "voice of the Son of God," and hearing, lives, yea, shall live forever!

Nearly every morning at nine now you will see her at our family prayers (having walked a good way to be present) and hear her praising God. Again returning home (one room is her home) she attends and works for the old, old mother, who, many years ago, sold her into iniquity.

The second one who "found us out" was a middle-aged man, accompanied by his niece. It was after 10 p. m. when they came, the rain coming down in torrents. They were perfect strangers to this part of Japan, for they were "Aino," a distinct race of people living in the extreme north of Japan, and had been brought to an exhibition opened for a month here to be put "on show." Lonely, uncared for, a laughing-stock for all the sight-seers, they are spoken to one evening, spoken to "comfortably," for they are His people, the work of His hands. And thus it was after a long weary day of being "on show" that they start out after 10 p. m. for our house.

Even so, they are warmly received, enjoy the hospitality offered them, hear the "good Word of God," are made to feel that somebody loves them, and after

midnight depart for their wooden quarters.

The exhibition closes, they are cheated out of their pay (so we are told), the niece is sent by herself to another exhibition, he likewise to another, and—some day all will be known—commits suicide. "Shall not the judge of all the earth do right?"

The third one who turned up to hear more of the One who receiveth sinners is a man with an awful, repulsive-looking face. He had heard us speak of Him at an open-air meeting on the outskirts of the city, and on the tract which had fallen into his hands was our address.

This is his story. When a boy a rock had fallen upon him, maiming his right arm and leg for life. In this condition employment seems specially to avoid him, and he is driven to take up a work invented by the devil himself. He buys and sells girls; sells them on commission, has even had a hand at packing them in boxes, and putting them on ships as cargo to be shipped abroad.

Do you wonder his face is repulsive. He comes, tired of it, wants the balm of Gilead, and not only asks for a new heart, a new name, to be a new man, but for a new situation whereby he can "live honestly in the sight of all men," and support with clean hands and clean money his wife and four children. He and we now await the answer from the throne, where He ever liveth to make intercession for us. Now is it as then:—

"This man receiveth sinners."

A BOY'S TESTIMONY.

God saved and baptized me four years ago. I was healed of a very bad case of adenoids about a week before I was saved. If I was forced to shut my mouth for a few minutes I would strangle. I had the nosebleed three or four times that afternoon. Bro. McAlister anointed me with oil in the name of Jesus, and I was healed instantly. Hallelujah!

I was also instantly healed of a weak heart. It was Jesus who bore it all for me on the cross of Calvary. I was nine years old when I got saved. 'Twas the blood of Jesus, shed on Calvary, Pardon my transgressions, and set me free.

Please pray for me, and our little mission down here.—Wm. Henry Wolbertz, Canby, Ore.

A SOFT ANSWER.

A story is told of Catharine of Siena how one time two men purposed to confound her by putting hard questions to her. They said to her, "It is said, God spake in order to create a world. Has God a mouth and a tongue?" She apologized to them for her little knowledge, and then meekly said, "What benefit is it to you or me to know how God spake. The one thing needful to know is that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, took our nature and died for our sins. This is the important thing to know." She spoke with such great power that one of the men who was endeavoring to confound her burst into tears and, kneeling down, besought her to forgive him.

HEALED OF EPILEPSY.

In the year 1889 I was stricken, from some unknown cause, with the awful affliction, epilepsy. I sometimes had as many as five or six fits, or spasms, in one night. They were worse at night while I was asleep, but I sometimes had them during the day time. When I was attacked with one of these spasms, I became unconscious, and if standing or sitting, fell like one dead; then I would chew my tongue, foam at my mouth, roll my eyes until they would ache for a day or more after, jerk my arms and lower limbs until my whole body would almost be a wrack.

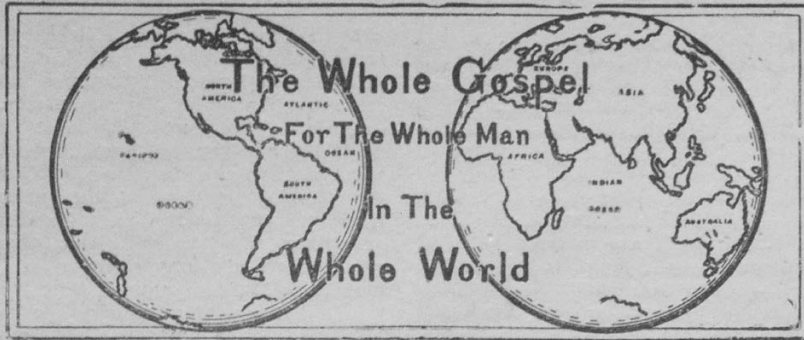
Finally the Lord permitted me to go through an Insane Asylum, where I was choked into unconsciousness, beaten, had a rib broken, and would have been murdered, because of their rough treatment, had it not been for the mercy of God in sparing my unworthy life. Praise His name! I felt all the time that my only hope was in Jesus, but in my weakness could not receive faith to appropriate the promise in James 5:14-15.

In August of 1907, at a tent meeting in Ft. Worth, Tex., some of the saints brought me to Jesus, in prayer, like the son's father—Luke 9:41; Mark 9:17-29. And while one of the preachers laid hands on my head and prayed in faith, the Lord was pleased to answer and gave me instantly, an earnest of my healing, by realizing the healing power—the Spirit of God, pass through the top of my head similar to a gentle electric current. I was healed instantly, but began to doubt, by placing my bottle of medicine near at hand, on going to bed, in case I might need it, and I surely needed it before morning, for "as I believed, it was done unto me" (Matt. 8:13). I was like Peter beginning to walk upon the water, and seeing the wind boisterous, I was afraid and began to sink, and cried, saying, "Lord, save me." I went on then, staggering at the promises through unbelief (Rom. 4:20), until in May, 1910, three years later, while suffering with spasms one night, and unconscious, a brother in the Lord wrestled in prayer for me until the victory came according to his faith (Matt. 8:13) through the Blood of Jesus, and I was made whole, for "immediately Jesus stretched forth His hand and caught me, and said unto me, 'O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?'" (Matt. 14:31.)

Therefore, I intend, by God's grace, from henceforth to "labor to enter into that rest, lest I fall (again) after the same example of unbelief" (Heb. 4:11). I have been kept in almost perfect health since, and have not tasted medicine of any kind, and I am persuaded that "He will keep that which I have committed unto Him, against that day" (1 Tim. 1:12). Praise His name!—Richard Clegg.

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MISSIONARY NOTES.

Sister Maria Gerber has written her life story, and it is now in the hands of the printer. The proceeds of the sale will all go for the poor little orphan children of Armenia. She writes that she is still able to get funds through.

Bro. James Harvey writes that he has had more applications for his tract, "Things as they are in India," than he can fill. He will be probably writing an article on the work in India for a subsequent issue of the Evangel.

Sister Flora Halland writes from Hong Kong, China: "These are days when we are sowing the seed, and trusting God to give the increase. At times the people are very eager to hear the Gospel message, and there are times they will not let us get admittance to their homes under any consideration. One evening a missionary friend and myself went into a house to tell a woman about Jesus and His great love for her. She said her relatives would be very angry if she believed in Jesus, and her husband would scold her. While we were speaking to her, several men came in, and were listening to what we were saying. I noticed one man in particular whose face was showing signs of great displeasure. I began to feel rather uneasy, but was silently praying as the sister with me commenced to speak to him. His face darkened more and more. He said he was an opium smoker, used 50 cents' worth of opium every day. The Lord anointed me to speak to him, and before we left his face brightened up a little. He said he would come to the mission and learn more about the doctrine. Oh, the heathen darkness of that home was dense and dreadful. They had lighted the incense and lights for the devil or idols. We are in the fight for souls, and the antagonist is trying his best in many ways to discourage us. But we trust in God to carry us through as we go forth in His name and preach the unsearchable riches of Christ to these lost souls in this land."

Bro. Percy Bristow of Lungmen Hsien, Chih Li North China: "One realizes the mission field is not a picnic, but a desert place where much hard grinding and self forgetfulness is needed. One has had ample opportunities of proving this in hunger, thirsting, in perils of robbers, and in peril of would-be murderers, yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loves us. When I left Min Cheo on my way to Tibet to our home in a Tibetan Temple. I lost my way, so had the snowy mountains for my companions. I did not know where I was going, and was in danger of wild animals and dogs, themselves almost wild. I found my way to a place where they kept horses. I shouted to the people, but being dark, and hearing a strange voice, these people might have thought it was the devil. They got on the housetop once or twice with lights, but made out they could not see me. After all was quiet I pushed open a door which led me to a place full of horse fodder. My horse was O. K., and I was satisfied, and so sat down to await the morning, asking Father to send somebody to show me the road. After a short while I heard voices. At first I thought that they knew that I was there, and had been for help to finish me. They came nearer and nearer, and at last one opened the door where I was. So in the dark I pounced upon him, saying, "Do not be afraid." My! how he trembled. Asking their business I found they were thieves, so after they had finished their plundering, I told them they must lead me to the place I was going to. They kept wanting me to go in front of them. They made a big fire, no doubt to have a good look at me. Bless His dear name, the dear Lord answered my prayers by sending thieves to escort me to my destination. Hallelujah! I got off very well with just my face frozen somewhat.

"I was staying at an American missionary's house, after a trip to Mongolia, and was going to bed weary and tired at 2 o'clock in the morning, when I heard someone calling my name. A Mongolian was dying and they wanted me to pray for her. We prayed for her, and after a hard battle, Satan was defeated, and the woman healed. We have experienced the power of Jesus' name, demons have fled, and bodies have been healed, through this all powerful name."

Bro. George M. Thomas writes from Pirtleville, Ariz: "Praise the Lord. Since we commenced missionary work here in this town of two thousand Mexicans, the Lord has been with us; souls have been saved, and some have received the Holy Ghost. Our way of dealing with these poor souls that are in such great darkness is going from house to house reading them the Word of God, singing some Gospel hymns, and where they will let us have prayers; then on leaving, we give them some good tracts on salvation. And as we are supplied, we give them Gospel portions.

How blessed it is on leaving these homes where we go to read, sing and pray, to see the love they have for us as they invite us to come back again. I can truly say that going from house to house is one of the greatest works in the ministry. There are many Mexicans in Douglas, Ariz., then in Auga Preetta the Mexican town across the border from Douglas, there are about four thousand Mexicans without a missionary. We are also doing some work there. We had a meeting in a private home last Sunday and we are invited back for meeting this coming Sunday.

"I would be glad to have some one who can speak the language to come and look after the mission here while my wife and I go to those many other towns which are in such darkness without a missionary or anyone to tell them of the Lord Jesus Christ and His power to save.

"Bro. M. M. Pinson has gone to Nacozari, Sonora, in Old Mexico, about seventy miles from Douglas. It is a large Mexican town where the people come for hundreds of miles to do their trading.

"We have a little flock of nineteen Mexican saints here for which we praise the Lord."

HEALINGS IN SQUAW MOUNTAIN, TEXAS.

We are glad to report victory in this place. God is doing a wonderful work in the way of healing for us. About twenty days ago, our little boy was taken bad with pneumonia, and was instantly healed of all pain one night about 11 o'clock, and was strong enough to be up the next evening, and has been all right ever since.

About eight days ago, our little baby was taken with typhoid pneumonia, and was almost instantly healed. Three or four months ago, my wife was healed instantly of bloody flux while she was suffering much cramping. It is certainly true that Jesus bore our sickness on the tree. I was healed once when shaking with a chill. This was by laying on of hands in the name of Jesus.

We have a band of saints here at Squaw, who seem to be in the spirit of prayer for a revival. We ask the prayers of the saints that the Lord will keep leading us out and teaching us more. We are poor folks and need more faith and encouragement in going through our trials.—J. A. S., Squaw Mountain, Texas.

PENTECOSTAL BIBLE COURSE

Lesson 12, First and Second Kings.

Author—Jeremiah. Date about 580 B. C. Substance—Events in history of Israel from beginning of Solomon's reign to fall of Jerusalem. Principal object—To show the righteousness of God's judgments on Israel for their apostacy.

Some leading events and their lessons: Read David's last words to Solomon. 2nd ch.

1. The accession of Solomon to the throne. It was God's promise to David, and must be fulfilled, in spite of the treachery of Adonijah and the false prophecies of Abiathar and Joab, David's commander, for it was Solomon's from the Lord. 1 Kings 2:15-24. Read also Isa. 14:27. For the Lord of host has purposed and who shall disannul it? His hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back? Dan. 4:34-37; Rom. 9:17-23; Eph. 1:1, "who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will." Amen.

2. Solomon's equipment for the throne. 1 Kings, 3rd ch., wisdom from God. Instance of determining the mother of the living child, his writings, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Canticles or Songs, are evidences of divine wisdom. What is wisdom? Choosing the best possible end, eternal life, and the best possible means of securing that end, Jesus, the way, the truth, and the life. Jno. 14:6. Whosoever hears and obeys the sayings of Jesus is wise. Matt. 7:24.

3. Building of the Temple, four hundred and eighty years after leaving Egypt. Israel is to have a temple in which to worship God. The temple is a symbol of worldly glory, not spiritual. The tabernacle, a type of the church in her pilgrimage from earth to heaven. Heb. 9:10. True, the word temple is used to refer to the local church and to the bodies of saints, 1 Cor. 6:19 and 3:16, 17. The whole house was overlaid with gold—divine—for it was the place where Jehovah was to manifest His glory. It may foreshadow the New Jerusalem. Notice when the ark was brought in, God's glory filled the house. Read Solomon's sermon and prayer, ch. 8. Sad indeed is the apostacy of Solomon, after all the Lord had done for him, but all men alone are failures, but note the encouragement to turn toward the temple in time of trouble, whether it be individual sin, defeat in battle, famine, or even from other lands whither they might be driven. Jonah remembered this and said, "I am cast out of Thy sight, yet I will look again toward Thy holy temple." Jonah 2:4. And even now if scattered Israel would turn to God with their hearts, (and they will) then God's favor will be upon them again. And the fig tree is budding. Surely the coming of the Lord draweth

nigh. Solomon's fall was because he loved many strange women. 1 Kings 11:1. He regarded their idols, but God spared him for David his father's sake, but immediately Solomon died, the kingdom was rent, ten tribes going to Jeroboam, Judah remaining with Rehoboam, Solomon's son. The sin of Solomon brought division, and division, strife.

4. Jeroboam had the promise of God's blessing if he would obey, but he went too far, built altars, took priests not of the Levites, had false prophets, went deeper into idolatry, and Israel was finally taken captive by Sennecherib. Before this, however, Elijah and Elisha, God's prophets, are sent to warn and lead and bless the people.

5. Incidents in the life of Elijah. Elijah appears on the scene during the reign of Ahab, who married the wicked woman Jezebel, who was a snare unto him continually. Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers. Don't marry them in the first place, but if you have done so, stay with them and pray for them till they are saved.

(a) Elijah predicts drouth, 1 Kings 17:2, to last three and a half years. The ravens fed him at Cherith. Trust in the Lord and do good and verily thou shalt be fed. Ps. 37:3. Behold the fowls of the air, your heavenly Father feedeth them. Matt. 6:26. Fed at Zarephath by the widow who was gathering sticks to cook the last meal, but "the barrel of meal shall not waste, nor the cruse of oil fail." Ch. 17:14, Matt. 6:33.

(b) He raises the widow's son. How glad then she was she had fed the prophet of God, and she no longer doubted him. God is still confirming His words by signs and wonders. Heb. 2:4.

(c) Elijah meets Ahab, who had four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal. The

supreme test. The God that answereth by fire let Him be God, ch. 18:24. Our God is a consuming fire. John the Baptist said of Jesus, "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and fire." Matt. 3:11. Mt. Carmel is the place where the final test was made. God vindicated His servant, and slew the enemy, the prophets of Baal. Then Elijah fled for his life into the wilderness where the angel fed him twice, cake and water, and he went forty days and nights in the strength of that meat, 19:1-8.

(d) Elijah in the cave, where he heard the wind and earthquake, and saw the fire, but God was not in either; but in the still small voice he heard God. What a lesson. Some think there is no power unless there be a lot of noise, and jumping, and shouting, but listen for the still small voice of God speaking in your soul. The exercise of any and all the gifts is a manifestation of His power. 1 Cor. 12. The graces result from His indwelling power.

(e) Elijah calls Elisha from the plow by casting his mantle over him, and Elisha runs after him. Priests were called of God, and prophets also, and preachers must be, else they cannot preach. Rom. 10:15. Elijah rebukes Ahab and Jezebel for their evil covetousness of Naboth's vineyard, and they die, and the dogs licked their blood as they did Naboth's, and in the same place. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. Heb. 10:31.

Closing the study of the two books, see how one true prophet, Micaiah, stood against four hundred false prophets, and God fulfilled His word. Why Israel was overthrown. 2 Kings 17:7-23. God said to Jonah, "Go unto Ninevah and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee." Jonah 3:2. Paul wrote to Timothy, "Preach the Word."

"O Lord, send more laborers into the field, so white unto harvest. O Lord, send us a deluge of power, to convict of sin, righteousness, and judgment. O Father, in Jesus' name, send us a revival." Pray! Pray! Pray! morning, noon, and night.

MINISTRY OF ELIJAH AND ELISHA CONTRASTED.

ELIJAH.

1. Predicts drouth. 1 Kings 17.
2. Fed by the ravens.
3. Poor widow's barrel and cruse.
4. Raising of widow's son at Zarephath.
5. Burning of sacrifice on Mt. Carmel, ch. 18.
6. Slaying the prophets of Baal.
7. Praying for rain, ch. 19; seven times earnestly. Jas. 5:14.
8. Fed by angel on way to Mt. Horeb.
9. Went forty days on two meals of bread and water.
10. Calls Elisha.
11. Announces doom of Ahab and Jezebel for killing Naboth.
12. Calls fire from heaven on captains and their fifties. 2 Kings 1:10-12.
13. Smites the waters of the Jordan.
14. Elijah's translation in a whirlwind. Type of those translated at the second coming of Jesus.

ELISHA.

1. Elisha follows Elijah and asks for a double portion of his spirit. 2 Kings 2:9.
2. Divides Jordan as did Elijah, proving Elijah's God was with him. 2:4.
3. Rebukes the mocking children at Bethel. 2:24.
4. Waters healed, using salt. Note use of salt in Old and New Testament.
5. Supply of water to armies of Israel. 3:16-20.
6. Increases the widow's oil, and she could have had more if she had borrowed more vessels. According to your faith. 4:2.
7. Raising the Shunammite's son. 4:32-34.
8. Healing the deadly pottage. 4:41.
9. Feeding 100 men with 20 loaves. 4:42.
10. Cures Naaman's leprosy and puts it on Gehazi for his lying covetousness. 2 Kings 5:10-27.
11. Makes iron swim to enable man to restore borrowed axe. 6:5-7.
12. Smiting the Syrian army with blindness.
13. Predicts judgments. 8:12.
14. Resurrection of dead man by touching his bones. 13:21.

FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST

"That they all may be one." Jno. 17:21.

PRAISE THE LORD.

or

CHRIST IS JUST THE SAME TODAY.

(Heb. 13:8.)

Tune: "Sweet Marie."

1. There's a message from above,
Praise the Lord!
'Tis a message full of love,
Praise the Lord!
'Tis from God the Father's Son,
And it comes to every one,
For our Lord refuses none,
Praise the Lord!
'Tis salvation full and free,
Praise the Lord!
Purchased by the blood for thee,
Praise the Lord!
Come then, brother, while you may,
And from Him no longer stray,
You may then with angels say
Praise the Lord!

Chorus:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Christ is just the same today,
Praise the Lord!

2. Come, receive the Holy Ghost,
Praise the Lord!
As they did at Pentecost,
Praise the Lord!
For the "Promise is to you"
And its for "your children" too—
For the Gentile and the Jew,
Praise the Lord!
With the cloven tongues of fire,
Praise the Lord!
There will come a great desire,
Praise the Lord!
To behold the coming King,
And to help the ransomed sing
"Death, Oh death, where is thy
sting"
Praise the Lord!
3. Blow the trump with joyful sound,
Praise the Lord!
Send the glad news all around,
Praise the Lord!
"I'm the Lord that healeth thee,"
This He says to you and me,
Just believe His word and see,
Praise the Lord!
Yes, 'tis by His stripes we're healed,
Praise the Lord!
By saint Matthew 'tis revealed,
Praise the Lord!
Turn to chapter eight: seventeen,
And this truth can there be seen,
Truly these are "pastures green,"
Praise the Lord!

—Evang. Burt McCafferty.

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FIELD REPORTS.

Mrs. N. J. Magoon writes from Washburn, Maine, "God is wonderfully blessing the work in this part of the vineyard. Twenty-one saved Sunday, and thirteen of them stayed under the power of God."

Bro. J. L. Sisk writes from Toccoa, Ga., "Pray for us. We have built a small building for worshipping the Lord, 25x36, and have bought an organ. We need a Spirit-filled preacher. Anyone passing this way, we will be glad for them to call on us."

Bro. Miller writes from Argenta, Ark., "There was a division in Argenta, but they are all working together, and God is blessing. Three have received the baptism, and one saved, and conviction is resting mightily on the people. We are expecting a great time in the Lord. I ask the prayers of the Evangel family for this place."

Bro. James R. Wright writes from McRoberts, Ky., "We have Bro. C. O. Chamblor with us who is strictly standing on the Word. He represents the General Council. We need help here very much, and we would like to know if there is any preacher in this part of the country that we can get to come and help us out. I believe there can be a good work done here."

Pastor C. V. Thomas writes from Pueblo, Colorado, "We are having some very helpful meetings for some time with Evangelist C. A. Stratton preaching. Bro. Stratton is an earnest young brother with a burden and a message. We feel much good has been done. He came to us from Kansas City, where he assisted in a revival there. He is now with Bro. Draper in Colorado Springs, breaking ground for a campaign for souls in that city."

Bro. W. R. Potter writes from Long Beach, "God is blessing, three have received the Pentecostal baptism in the past two weeks, and there are several real seekers. Last Thursday, at our all-day meeting, one sister received her baptism after seeking eight years. Pray with us and for us that God will pour out His Spirit in Long Beach."

"There are six Pentecostal Assemblies united and are holding all day meetings each Tuesday, five in Los Angeles, and the Long Beach Assembly. The spirit of unity and brotherly love among the brethren is very precious. See Psalm 133. The Assemblies thus uniting are Bros. Manley, Eldridge, Osterberg,

Driver and Collins of Los Angeles and ourselves. They change from one mission to the other. They were with us on the 6th and it was a gala day. Some were saved, and I was told three were baptized with the Holy Spirit. The meetings begin to resemble real Pentecost, praise God."

BE NOT WEARY IN WELL DOING.

May God bless you, and let nothing hinder you getting out the Evangel, which is such a help to us, and is especially helpful to those of us who have no pastor, and who cannot get anyone to hold a meeting. Just lately I have been tempted to give up trying to get people saved, since no one came to help these several years. One day a poor woman came to my house who seemed to have a desire to be saved. We knelt in prayer, and the Lord graciously saved her. I was so rejoiced and encouraged. Now God is helping her to right the wrongs she did to others while in sin. Pray for us all here.—C. N., Carthage, Miss.

GOOD REPORT FROM PIKE'S PEAK REGION.

The dear Lord has been very gracious to us of late. He always help us just when we need a lift. Just at a very crucial moment He sent us Sister Nettie Nichols and daughter, and Sister Ethel Webb from Ningpo, China, and their soul-stirring message on Love-Prayer-Faith was a wonderful inspiration to us all to go deeper into God.

The Lord laid the message of the "Signs of the Times" on my heart and I have preached five sermons on the subject, and I find that I am only getting started, the more I study the subject the bigger it gets.

A number have been saved of late, one a young man who was a ball player in the city league. He and his dear wife came to the meetings and heard the message, and the Holy Spirit convicted them both of s'n, and they both came to the altar, and the Lord wonderfully saved them. He put the shouts of praise in the young man's heart, and took all the ball playing out of him. Now he sings in the choir and gives good testimonies to the glory of God. We offered their baby to the Lord in consecration, and baptized both the parents in water, along with the wife's mother and little sister.

One of the sisters in our church had a vision; she saw a field of ripe grain all ready to harvest, and two men standing, and one man said to the other, "Thrust in thy sickle, for the field is ready to harvest." Oh, glory to God, I believe the time is nearer than we think.

The Lord sent along Bro. C. A. Stratton and wife from Kansas City, Mo., and they have proven a blessing to us all. We expect to start an old-fashioned Revival in the church March 4th, D. V. We are expecting Bro. R. L. Erickson to be with us for a while. Pray for us. We are still standing for the old land marks.—Pastor M. T. Draper, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The Noon-day Prayer Band

Send your name to Brother Arch P. Collins, 1509 N. Houston Street, Fort Worth, Texas, and join the prayer band to pray for a World-Wide Revival, the unity of the saints, these weekly requests for prayer, the needed finances for publishing the Evangel, foreign missions, the speedy return of Christ, etc.

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I cannot write a personal reply to each letter responding to the call for the noonday prayer for a World-Wide Revival, but my heart can answer by way of the throne. I can spread your letters before God and get on my face and call on Him, bless His name, to give you an assurance that your heart cry will be answered from heaven.

Draw near, dear children, with a true heart in full assurance. You are precious to the Father. He listens, He loves to hear your voice in prayer. He hearkens, your countenance is comely to Him, O yes, you may come into the Holy of Holies by the blood of Jesus. He says, "If ye ask anything in my name I will do it."

Let us thank God for everything that calls us to prayer, and everything about us is a call to prayer. Let this be my answer to your sweet letters. They make me cry, and laugh, and shout, and pray, and praise God. Come on, dear hearts, let the circle grow. Pray! Pray! Pray! and pray for unworthy me. Lovingly, yours in prayer, A P. Collins.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER.

A sister writes from Reader, Ark., "Pray that God will save my husband."

"Pray that the dear Lord will soon baptize me with the Holy Ghost."—W. J. E.

"We covet your prayers that we may be among them that overcome."—T. T. C.

"Pray for me that Jesus may heal me of the headache."—S. H., Grandview, Texas.

"Pray that this home may be united for God's glory."—W. J. W., Keeline, Wyoming.

A request comes for special prayer for an outpouring of the Spirit in Miesse, New Mexico.

A request comes from Searcy, Ark., "Pray for a Spirit-filled sister who has nervous trouble."

Prayer is requested for the complete healing of a man bodily afflicted with cancer of the face.

"Please pray that my mother may be healed of a terrible cough, and that the cause may be removed."

"There is a dear saint in McSouth, Kansas, that is very sick. Pray for her speedy recovery."—C. A. O.

"Pray that my husband may get a full salvation, and that my children may be saved"—A sister in Rockford, Ill.

"We have been baptized with the Holy Ghost for some four years, but are in a backslidden condition. Please pray that we may be overcomers."—F. D. D.

Pray for a family that they may be convicted of sin this very year.

"Pray that God will work mightily in our campmeeting in saving and baptizing power."—N. C., Larned, Kansas.

"Pray that God will heal me and my mother, brother and sister, and save and baptize them."—W. M., Texarkana, Tex.

Pray for a sister in Gaylord, Mich., that a goitre that she has may be removed, and that she may have more faith.

"Please pray for my husband, two sons, two sons-in-law, two daughters-in-law, also two grandchildren."—M. C. R., Union, Miss.

"Pray for my uncle who lives in Arkansas. He has rheumatism and cannot walk at all and is pretty wicked."—D. C., Oklahoma.

"Pray for a friend that has a cancer on his face, and yet not saved, that he may be saved and healed."—W. G. McCaulley, Texas.

"I ask your earnest prayers for wife and myself. We are fighting the enemy and trying to get souls to Jesus."—J. V. P., Cleburne, Texas.

"Pray that God will lay it on the heart of someone to buy a patent which He has given me, that I may use the money for His glory."—C. M. C.

"Please pray for a catarrhal condition of my head, that I may better serve the Lord, and keep up my teaching in the Bible."—I. L. S., Piqua, O.

A brother writes for prayer for himself and family, his wife is under the power of the enemy and cannot help herself unless God undertakes. His son is a backslider.

A brother in Southern Ontario requests prayer that he may be able to sell his 15-acre farm, in order that his whole time may be devoted to Gospel work.

Pray for a sister who feels her need of the Spirit but who is being hindered by the enemy. She could be much used of God, and wants to have His will completely in her life.

Bro. Arch Dunlap asks the prayers of the saints for Anadarko, Okla., where he trusts to open up a hall as soon as the Lord opens the way.

"Pray for a sister that she may be healed. She has not walked for four years on account of rheumatism. Pray for a real revival at Des Plaines, Ill., also that I may know God's will in regard to buying a tent for meetings there."—W. H. A.

"I request prayer that my daughter may be healed of catarrh and lung trouble (consumption), that I may grow in grace, and do the will of the Lord."—G. E. K., Archer City, Texas.

"Pray that I may learn what the will of the Lord is, and for my seven children, that God may have His way with all of us."—N. I., Mill Creek, Mo.

A preacher in Ben Wheeler, Texas, requests prayer for himself and his daughter, the latter being tested with mental trouble.

"I earnestly ask the prayers of all the saints for my eyes. They are getting very weak. I cannot read but a very few minutes at a time, and oh how I do love to read the blessed Bible and the Evangel."

"Please ask God to thoroughly cleanse, heal and baptize me with the Holy Ghost and give me wisdom, and heal my baby of kidney trouble, and that we may have the truth preached to us with power."—J. W. M.

Prayer is requested by a mother for her son who got hurt a year ago last November, is in an awful condition, and suffers all the time, that he may be perfectly healed and baptized in the Holy Ghost.

Bro. J. E. Price, of box 133, Pilot Point, Texas, writes, "I want to ask all the lovers of the Apostolic cause to pray and help in the building of a \$300 tabernacle in Pilot Point." A site has been purchased, and great good can be done if they can have the tabernacle built speedily.

A request comes from North Cape, Wis., to pray for a Baptist pastor and his people that they may get hungry for the baptism of the Holy Spirit, also for an evangelist and his wife. Also for an unsaved brother, a neighbor family unsaved and afflicted with different troubles, and for the many unsaved in that part of the country.

SECOND ANNUAL SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Essex, Missouri, March 18th to 24th (D. V.).

Write the Pastor, E. L. Banta, Essex, Mo., a few days before the council if you are coming. Remember the date, March 18-24th—Mrs. Zola Taylor, John T. Wilson, Wm. Giles, Committee.

OPENING OF NEW CHURCH AND CONVENTION, WILKES-BARRE, PA.

The new church, located at 278 Parish Street, Wilkes-Barre, will be opened on Easter Sunday, April 8th, followed by Revival services, Evangelists Garr and Black of Los Angeles, Cal., in charge, assisted by Mrs. Mary Rahter and other local workers. For further information, apply to Pastor Wm. Matthews, 32 Manhattan St., Ashley, Pa.

BIBLE SCHOOL CALLED OFF.

Owing to the excessively high and constantly increasing cost of living, the Bible school is postponed indefinitely, but the District Council of the State of Texas will convene April 21st to 28th, during which there will be much prayer, study of the Word, and also much teaching along necessary lines. So come, fellow-workers, filled with the Spirit.—Arch P. Collins, Ft. Worth, Texas.

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A few days ago a message came forth in another language by a brother who can only speak German and English. A young man who is educated for the Catholic priesthood sat back in the audience, testified later on that he understood a good part of the message, which was spoken in the Latin language. He further stated that the sister who gave the interpretation gave the correct interpretation in English. Many such workings in the Spirit might be mentioned. The saints testify on all sides about the sweet unity of the Spirit that prevails in this campaign. We expect a great revival before we close, which may be after a few months.

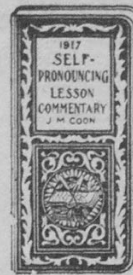
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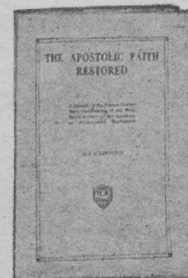
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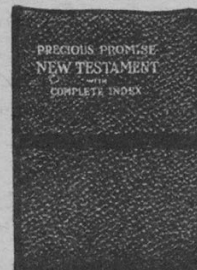
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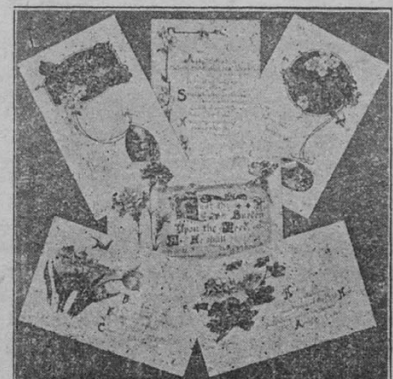
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