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The most winsome music is the sound of the name of
Jesus!

The swiftest way out of any trouble is the use of the
name of Jesus!

The best medicine in every sickness is the blood of
Jesus!

The surest victory in every struggle is through the
power of the name of Jesus!

The only comfort in every sorrow is in the name of
Jesus!

The glorious hope for the future days is the speedy
coming of our blessed Jesus!

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PICTURES OF PENTECOST IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

Picture IV. The Glory filling the Temple. 1 Kin. 8: 1 to 9, 5; 2 Chron. 5:11 to 7, 7.

One of the most blessed, and at the same time most humbling subjects for study through the whole Bible is *God's search for a home*. What marvellous condescension! To think of the Lord of glory, the High and Lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, desiring to find a home on this earth, among the creatures whom He has created! Yet so it is. We see it in the story of Eden: the Lord God seeking to walk and talk, to dwell and commune with the human beings whom He had made for Himself (Isa. 43:21); but alas! sin entered and broke up God's home. We see it in the wonderful story of the Tabernacle, in the temple of Solomon, in the temple of Ezra, in the Incarnation, when the Word became flesh and tabernacled among men in visible form; in the Pentecostal dispensation, when the Spirit has come to dwell within the bodies of His people, and finally in the prophecies of His Second Coming in glory, when "the tabernacle of God shall be with men, and He will dwell with them." (Rev. 21:3.) (In the first five stories, the same sad result was seen: sin entered and destroyed God's home, for He cannot dwell with iniquity. In this dispensation, though in many cases God's home has been desecrated through sin, still He is going to bring forth His Bride, a little company of overcomers, of whom He can say, "I will dwell in them and walk in them," (2 Cor. 6:16), and in whom His desire for a home among men will be satisfied.)

Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the temple gives a wonderful picture of what God's house ought to be, and shows us what use He will make of these bodies of ours when we allow Him to take full possession by His Holy Spirit. Owing to lack of space I cannot quote that prayer in full; but I beg my readers before going farther to read carefully the passages at the head of this article, and also the following from the New Testament which prove to us that our spirit, soul and body, cleansed and indwelt by the Holy Spirit, are to be His temple, a holy sanctuary in which He may take up His abode, and a house of prayer for all nations. 2 Cor. 6:14-18; Eph. 2:21, 22, and 3:17-19; 1 Pet. 2:5; 1 Cor. 3:16, 17; Mar. 11:15-17.

Let us look now at the details of Solomon's prayer, and see what a wonderful ideal the Spirit of God set before him, showing him what HE could do with His dwelling place. Here we have a marvellous picture, inspired by the Holy Ghost, of the use God can make of His sanctuary, and of what is His ideal for the Spirit-baptized child of God. When a man buys a house it is for some purpose. He does not give money for it, and then leave it just as it was before. He adapts it to his plans and purposes, cleaning, repairing, enlarging, furnishing and fitting it up in every detail to answer his purpose, whether for a home, a factory, a workshop or a store. And the Holy Spirit has a plan and a purpose in taking up His abode in your heart and mine, dear reader. This is what He reveals to us in this inspired picture. When the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in His temple, what will He make of it?

1. *A place of spiritual discernment.* 1 Kin. 8:31, 32; 2 Chron. 6:22, 23.

Solomon prays that when cases of dispute are brought into the temple the Lord will show the truth clearly, and judge righteously between the right and the wrong. One of the gifts of the Spirit most needed in these days of error is that of discernment. Some are born with more nat-

ural discernment than others, and the spirit can make use of that natural gift when it has been crucified with Christ, raised with Him, and surrendered entirely to His control. But, glory to His name! He is able also to give the gift of spiritual discernment to those who have none by nature. Satan himself in these days becomes transformed into an angel of light; and his emissaries come with such a garb of sanctity and quoting so much Scripture, that they would deceive, if it were possible, even the very elect. How important, then, that we should pray for the discernment of the Spirit to hear that still small voice within us, rebuking the deceit, the error, the impurity, even when it comes in the disguise of an angel, and witnessing to God's truth wherever we hear it.

2. *A place of victory over sin.* 1 Kin. 8:33, 34; 2 Chron. 6:24, 25.

There is no defeat when the Holy Ghost is in full control, for His abode is the place of overcoming. Glory to God for the rest of allowing the Blessed Comforter to undertake everything, and of proving day by day the truth of His promise, "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall put him to flight." (Isa. 59:17.)

3. *A place where showers of the Latter Rain can fall.* 1 Kin. 8:35, 36; 2 Chron. 6:26, 27.

We are prone to think of big meetings and crowded altar services as the only place for the "showers." Does this meet the eye of a Spirit-baptized child of God shut away in some lone country place, with no opportunity of attending meetings, and with no sympathizing friends around? Dear lonely one, the Holy Spirit is able to make your heart and your home a place where showers of blessing can fall. Do not limit His power to the crowded meetings, but expect Him to work just where you are, and yield so entirely to His infilling and control, that He may be able to bring to you hungry souls and baptize them with the Holy Ghost as you pray for them in faith and expectation.

4. *A place where the sick can be healed.* 1 Kin. 8:37-40; 2 Chron. 6:28-31.

When Jesus, the Son of God, made His home among men in the flesh, wherever He moved there was healing brought to the sick. "He went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil." (Acts 10:38.) And it is His ideal that His disciples should do the same. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto My Father." (John 14:12.) Dear ones we have not yet touched the fringe of what the Spirit can do through us. Lord, increase our faith, and break us down in the dust, lower and yet lower, so that Thou mayest be able to manifest in us the wonders THOU canst do through a humble believer entirely yielded to Thee.

5. *A place filled with missionary zeal.* 1 Kin. 8:41-43; 2 Chron. 6:32, 33.

There was a divine "must" in the life of Jesus, an irresistible force ever impelling Him to go out after the most needy, lost and wandering ones, and to say "them also I must bring." (Jno. 10:16.) And it is that love of Christ which will constrain the Spirit-filled child of God to cry, "Lord, send me to the needy souls far away, to those in heathen darkness, to obey Thy last command, and to be a witness for Thee, even to the uttermost parts of the earth." When the Latter Rain began to fall ten years ago, how the Pentecostal missionaries went forth! Poor, persecuted and unknown, they went forth leaning alone on the Everlasting Arms; and in an incredibly short

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THE COMING KINGDOM OF GOD.

What are the things of time and sense, compared with the things of eternity? If you are the son of a King, learn to look at things in a proper light. Look at things from the right point of view. Things seen are temporal, just a shadow!

The judgments of Jehovah are already in the earth, His sword is being unsheathed, and He who brought judgment in the days of Noah, is reluctantly having to bring it again. He has His servants who carry out His will. They are all appointed and each one has his work. He saith to one "Do this and He doeth it." They await His commands. The four winds are simply held back until the word comes, "Let go!" There will be no fair wind. The blast from the nostrils of Jehovah will be so mighty that the heavens and the earth will shake, and the mountains will topple. They will bow like corn. He has been blowing upon the mountains in the past, but when Jehovah arises in His anger they will have to topple down altogether. The mountains obstruct man in his progress, and so God has His mountains. They have been stopping His progress. He knows His mountains, He knows every one by name, and He knows the highest peaks. *The kingdoms of this world are likened in the Scriptures to mountains.* They seem to be as firmly rooted as the mountains, but they have to go. Have you not seen that they have begun to quake already? They topple, they sway, and their final sway is soon coming. "And in the days of those kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever." Dan. 2:44.

As for the kingdom of Satan, God has shaken it, and will shake it again. Study the Word and see the past shakings of Satan's kingdom. "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven." Satan was shaken as the lightning. It was the greatest shaking so far. The final shaking is yet to come. The seed of the woman is to do the final shaking. Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil. He said, "I have finished the work which Thou gavest me to do." And the works of the devil, and the worker will be finished with. And the

seed of the woman will be the cause of his fall. When God speaks of "the seed of the woman" He includes His saints. They are the true seed of God.

"I give you power to tread on serpents, and over all the power of the enemy." If it was given in the days of His flesh, how much more power is given in the day of His glory. The enemy and all his followers have yet to see that every one of the redeemed are going to be participants in their downfall. The weakest saint is going to have his part in the final overthrow of the hosts of darkness.

THE EVANGEL TO THE END OF 1917 FOR 50 CENTS.

Owing to a further increase in the price of paper, and a serious decrease in our income at the Gospel Publishing House, we are facing a new crisis. We have been seriously considering the matter of reducing the size of the Weekly Evangel to half its present size, but as we have prayed over the matter, we cannot believe that this is the Lord's highest thought for us. As the night is quickly approaching when no man can work, we believe there is increasing need for Pentecostal truth and testimony and that it would be little short of calamity to the cause of Christ if the one printing press owned by the Pentecostal brethren as a body should suffer loss at this time by limiting its output.

It is possible for this to be averted if every member of the Evangel family will share the burden, and unite in a practical way to keep things going. We notice in a Holiness contemporary they are facing a similar situation, but they have organized a special new subscription campaign, and they report that every day they are receiving a hundred new subscriptions. Will the Pentecostal brethren do as much for their own paper? We believe they will.

At the present moment we are making a special effort to send the Evangel from now to the end of the year to all new subscribers for the sum of fifty cents. Let every reader do his or her best to get the paper into numbers of new homes where the paper is not now taken. Would it not be a good plan to subscribe for relatives or friends, or some preacher that you want the Pentecostal message to reach? A Bible class leader of the Christian Church was so blessed by a recent issue of the Evangel that he took it to his church, and holding it up, told his congregation, that every one ought to subscribe for it. We would be glad if every Pentecostal preacher would do the same.

A new ministry is being opened up to us, in giving the Gospel to the troops, and we expect to publish thousands of Gospel portions and tracts for their benefit. The sum of a dollar will provide 1200 tracts. All who desire to participate in getting the Gospel to our soldier boys by means of these silent but very powerful ministers should send in their offerings to our Free Literature Fund, and it will be greatly appreciated, as this fund is always very much overdrawn.

The apostle wanted the forefront place. "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." And he further exhorts, "Let therefore, as many as be perfect be thus minded." It will be worth while.

It's better to shout than to doubt,
It's better to rise than to fall,
It's better to let the glory out
Than to have no glory at all.

—G. C. Grubb.

The seed of the woman will bruise the serpent. Satan is the head, and he has a body. Christ is the head of the church which is His body. Satan and his kingdom will be destroyed by the head and body of Christ. As the body of Christ advances the other party will retreat. Satan's worst step backward was when he thought it was his best step forward, the night of the betrayal. He is losing ground all the time. He is nearer his goal today than ever he was, and Christ is nearer His goal than ever He was.

The heavens have to be cleared to make room for the Son. The enemy has selected warriors at the front of his army, and the Lord also has selected warriors. "called, chosen, and faithful." These are the selected ones. The forefront warriors are not chosen at random. He is looking for them today. The chosen and the faithful! He is waiting for the cry, "Here am I, send me." He will accept the ones who offers. The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth to shew Himself strong on behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him. He wants those who will follow the Lamb whithersoever He goes. Do you doubt which way the battle is going? If you doubt, do not enlist. You can be right behind, out of danger and out of glory.

THE TIME OF THE LATTER RAIN.

By Burt McCafferty.

Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to everyone grass in the field," Zech. 10:1.

God has said, "To everything there is a *season* and a *time* to every purpose under heaven, a time to be born and a time to die . . . a time to keep silence and a time to speak," etc., see Eccl. 3:1-2, 7, 8. There was a time for the flood and a time for the law. There was a time for the Gospel of grace, and all were fulfilled in their *season*, and so there is a time for the "Latter Rain" to fall upon the earth, and God has said, "*Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain.*" God sends the rain upon the earth to refresh the earth, to break the drouths, to put the seed in the ground, etc., that the earth may bring forth its fruit. Heb. 6:7. The prophecy of the latter rain of which our text is a part is

A Two-Fold Prophecy.

That is, it has a literal fulfillment for the Jews and the land of Palestine, and a spiritual fulfillment for the church of God. Israel is a type of the church, and Caanan, Israel's inheritance, is a type of our inheritance through Jesus Christ, (see Heb. 3:18-19 and the 4th ch.). The promises made to Israel are therefore to be taken literally, but for the church they are to be taken spiritually, and so with the ordinances and commandments.

For instance, the seventh day was to be literally kept as a day of rest, when all labor must cease; no work of any kind to be done; no manna was to be gathered on that day, thus teaching that our rest (in Christ) must come without works, for we must cease from our labors as God did from His, (see Heb. 4:10; Matt. 11:28) and as they were commanded to gather on the sixth day enough manna to last them through the seventh, so must we hearken to the voice of God while it is called today and gather enough of the real manna (Jesus, the Bread from heaven) to last us through the seventh age (which is an anti-type of the seventh day), for there will be no second probation then.

Thus we see that the literal commandments and promises for Israel are to be interpreted spiritually for the church, and this prophecy of the latter rain is to be both spiritually and literally fulfilled.

God's Promise of Restoration.

For the unbelief of Israel God has put the curse upon them, and they have become scattered in all parts of the earth, and have become waste places. But God has said, "*In the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams become a pool, and the thirsty lands springs of water, in the habitation of dragons where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes.*" Isa. 35:6-7. "Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree." Isa. 55:13.

Turn now to Joel 2:21 to 27th verse inclusive, "Fear not O land: be glad and rejoice; for the Lord will do great things. Be not afraid ye beasts of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength." "Be glad then ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God; for He hath given you the former rain moderately, and He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain and the latter rain in the first month." (We can plainly see that God has promised *through this latter rain* to restore the land of Palestine and make it a blessing for both man and beast). "And the floors shall be full of wheat (a bountiful harvest) and the fats (vats)

shall overflow with wine and oil, and I will restore to you the years that the locusts hath eaten, the canker worm and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you, and ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God."

Let us look into this great promise made to Israel and see

Its Spiritual Significance

"Be glad ye children of Zion." Zion is a type of the church of God (see Heb. 12:22). The children of Zion were the Jews, God's covenant people, whom He had delivered from the power of the oppressor. The children of the spiritual Zion are the saints, God's new covenant people whom He hath delivered from the power of sin. Thus we find that the promise of the latter rain, (God's Spirit, see Isa. 44:3) is to be poured upon the saved, or the children of Zion (the church) and we can now understand Jesus when He speaks concerning the Spirit, saying, "Whom the world (the unsaved) cannot receive." Jno. 14:17.

"Be Glad then Ye Children of Zion

and rejoice in the Lord your God." Some who have thought this great baptism (Acts 1:8) was a second work of grace to cleanse us from the Adamic nature, have said that in order to receive it we must weep and mourn and consecrate until we receive the blessing. But God has said, "Be glad, rejoice." Jesus, speaking to His disciples before Pentecost, said "Now ye are clean" (Jno. 15:3) and commanded them to wait in Jerusalem until they received the Spirit from on high, Luke 24:49 and Acts 1:4-5. And taking them out as far as Bethany, He lifted up His hands and blessed them (here another blessing before Pentecost) and they worshipped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Luke 29:50, 52, 53. They were fulfilling what God had spoken by the prophet Joel when He said, "Be glad ye children of Zion and rejoice in the Lord your God." And to all seekers for this great baptism of the Spirit we would say, get your right, come right under the blood of Jesus, become a spiritual Jew or one of the new covenant people of God, by faith in Jesus Christ, come to the place where you know you are right with God where there are no doubts in your heart. Then, "rejoice in the Lord your God," "praising Him continually," asking Him for "rain in this time of latter rain," and as you "delight yourself in the Lord" He will surely "give thee the desires of thine heart." Ps. 37:4.

The Former and Latter Rain.

He hath given you the former rain moderately and He will cause to come down for you the former rain and the latter rain in the first month." The former rain was given the church on the day of Pentecost and a few hundred years after. We have the record in the Acts of the hundred and twenty in the upper room of the household of Cornelius, of the disciples of the church at Corinth and of Paul the Apostle; further than that we have no record to speak of.

This was the outpouring of the early or former rain. Now in these last days God is again visiting the earth and is pouring out His Spirit, not upon a few here and there, but "upon all flesh as Joel declared He would do. Joel 2:28, Acts 2:17. The United States, the foreign and heathen countries and in the Islands of the sea, men, women, boys and girls, rich, poor, bond and free, those who are highly cultured and those who are illiterate, all alike are receiving the Holy Spirit and are "speaking in other tongues" in this great outpouring of God's Spirit.

Some say, "But Joel's prophecy was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost and is never to be repeated. Did not Peter say this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel referring to the manifestation of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost?" We answer, yes; he said, "this is that," but did not say that it was the entire fulfillment of the prophecy. Nor was there a darkening of the sun, or signs of blood, fire and smoke, etc., which Joel declared as a part of this prophecy. Therefore we conclude that the prophecy was not entirely fulfilled in its completeness on the day of Pentecost, but this prophecy is to be fulfilled in a former rain and a latter rain. The early church received its part of the prophecy in the former or early rain, and the latter day Christians are receiving their part of the prophecy in the latter rain. Therefore the invitation comes to one and all today, "Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain."

A "Season of Drouth between the Rains."

In the land of Palestine there were two seasons of rain, the former and the latter. The former came, and men watched for the fields to turn green. Then there came a drouth in the land, when everything would suffer from the heat. The locust would come with destruction in their wake, the caterpillar and palmerworm would also come. Men waited long for the rain. See Jas. 5:7. We read of such a drouth in the book of Kings (1 Kings, chs. 17 and 18). Elijah prayed for rain and the time of refreshing came after the long drouth. The season of rain came again, the latter rain.

In this we see God's great plan and the condition of the church. He sent the former rain (His Spirit) upon the early church, the seed sprang up and multiplied rapidly, three thousand in one day, five thousand at another. For three hundred years the church prospered and grew. Then came the caterpillars and locusts in the form of Paganism and Roman Catholicism. The power of the church began to wane. The gifts of the Spirit were not so common. Darkness and superstitions, worldliness and sin brought the awful drouth upon the church. Then came the awakening of God's church under such men as Wycliff, Luther, Huss, Jerome and others. God was preparing His church for the last rain before the harvest, the latter rain, and today we are living in that time. "Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain."

Now turn again to Joel 2:25. To Israel God says, "I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the canker worm, the caterpillar and the palmerworm, my great army, which I sent among you." As we have before stated, to Israel this is literal, but to the church it is spiritual, and as the rain breaks the drouths and refreshes the land, so God is breaking the great spiritual drouth and is pouring out the last great rain before the harvest. He is preparing His church for the harvest home, for the rapture, yea, for His coming. 1 Thess. 4:16-17. He is in this time of the latter rain restoring the old time power, the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the speaking in other languages the gifts of healing; the gift of wisdom, knowledge, faith, etc. He is restoring the years of drouth, the years that the locusts hath eaten, and is looking for men who will ask of Him rain in this time of latter rain. Peter tells us that the heavens received Jesus until

The Restitution of all Things.

But we have seen, in referring to the second chapter of Joel, that God is "restoring the years that the caterpillars (unbelief and sin) hath eaten." Unbelief has well nigh robbed the church of all its primitive power, but with the latter rain, with the times of refreshing, God is restoring the sign of tongues, the gift of tongues, the inter-

pretation of tongues, the gifts of healing, miracles, etc., and the church of God is beginning to "blossom as a rose." The Lord is making bright clouds, and giving showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.

The Sign of Tongues.

Many have declared that the sign of tongues ceased at Pentecost as with the very earliest Christians, but this is not so, as both the Bible and church histories show differently. There was according to the prophecy a time of refreshing to come to the earth in the latter days, which would be accompanied by the same sign as in the former rain. See Isa. 28:11.

In the third chapter of the Acts of the apostles we find Peter exhorting men to "repent and be converted," telling them of a time in the future which he designates as "the times of refreshing" and declares that God will "send again Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you." (This "time of refreshing," this "latter rain" of God's Holy Spirit is one of the greatest signs which we have in the earth of the soon coming of Jesus.) Peter was not referring to Pentecost, for that was past. He had already received his anointing and was now speaking of a time in the future when God would again visit the earth with the times of refreshing from His presence.

Some will no doubt say, "But how do you know that the time of refreshing spoken of by Peter is this present manifestation of tongues?" We will answer by turning to Isa. 28. In verse 5 God declares "In that day" (the day of the Lord spoken of by Joel in his prophecy of the latter rain and outpouring of the Spirit) "shall the Lord of Hosts be for a crown of glory and for a diadem of beauty unto the residue of His people." (Here we have a prophecy of the return of the Lord coinciding with that of Acts 3:20. "He shall send again Jesus Christ.") Because the religious leaders of the times have "erred in vision" and have "stumbled in judgment" (justice and equity) God has called out a people from among the meek, the poor and the unlearned, as He called Peter, James and John of old, unto whom He has revealed or "taught knowledge" (Matt. 13:10-17) and "doctrine" to them that are weaned from the milk and drawn from the breast, (Lu. 10:21) for His Word must go forth, "Precept upon precept. . . . line upon line, here a little and there a little: and with *stammering lips and another tongue* will He (God) speak to this people. To whom He said this is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest and this is the refreshing, yet they would not hear."

Thus we have it declared in God's own words that the refreshing would be accompanied with the speaking in other tongues, and Peter has said that the refreshing was a time to come after Pentecost, and just before Jesus Christ would return to the earth. See Acts 3:19, 20, 21.

As the fruit grower in Palestine received the early rain, and waited with patience, while he pruned his vines, for the latter rain, so God is waiting for

The Harvest of the Earth.

In Jas. 5:7 we read, "The husbandman (God), see Jno. 15:1, waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth and hath long patience for it until He receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh."

God has poured out His Spirit in the former rain, and has been long suffering and patient toward His people. Now He is giving the latter rain and is pouring out His Spirit "upon all flesh." Therefore "the promise is unto you and to your children and to all who are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." Acts 2:39.

MAY WE TARRY TILL THE LORD COMES?

By Miss E. Sisson.

1 Thess. v. 23.

Last winter, while seeking, under great pressure, to maintain by faith my body in the Lord's life, these words were thundered through my soul: "I pray God your whole . . . body be preserved . . . unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:" and the precious provision lay open before my eyes. For some years I had seen that those who would meet the Lord in the air at His coming were a selected company. "First-fruits," "first resurrectionists," "first-born," "the King's daughter," in contradistinction to "the virgins her companions that follow her," and such like terms, conducted me into that part of the mystery of God. Then I presently saw the importance that translation played in the program of God. Since the "first-fruits," or "they that are Christ's at His coming," comprised two parties—one from among the dead, as "first resurrectionists," and one from among the living, as translated ones—it followed that those from among the dead could not be released, neither could Christ come, till from among the living there was a company who fulfilled the conditions connected with translation.

What were the qualifications for translation? Paul, in speaking of those who "are Christ's at His coming," harkens back to Lev. 23, that wondrous chapter of "the feasts of the Lord." Its therein-mentioned Passover feast we are familiar with in many parts of Scripture, as typical of the slain Lamb, our blessed Lord on the Cross. But had not Paul given us his glorious 1 Cor. 15:20, we should never have known that the waving of the "sheaf of wheat" of Lev. 23 typified Christ in His resurrection—the first "first-fruits" to God of a new creation—nor should we have known that the second "first-fruits" of Lev. 23:15-17 typified "they that are Christ's at His coming"—but the Word of God states both, and that makes all clear.

Now, let us see what God has enclosed in the figure, if we would understand what is meant by first-fruits, either in resurrection or in translation. "Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals; they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven; they are the first-fruits" (i. e., second first-fruits, Christ Himself being the first). Why *two* wave loaves? Because 1 Thess. 4:15-17 tells us that "they that are Christ's at His coming" will be in two companies, one from among the dead, one from among the living. The requirements for both are searching. "They shall be of *fine* flour." Jesus tells us (John 12:24) that wheat must abide alone, except it die, and flour speaks so clearly of the crushed and death state of the wheat, and "fine flour," with the figure drawn from the crude mills of the East, speaks of "deaths oft," repeated grindings and shiftings, with a great expenditure of time and labor, to make flour fine. In India, with their hand-mills, I have often watched the many processes, a month before the holidays, to make flour fine enough for cakes and confections for Christmas. The wheat must oft-times be remanded to the grinding of the upper and nether mill-stones, and sifted again and again through cloth of coarse, fine, and still finer grades. In Hebrew it is the same word, we are told, for the grinding of the women at the mills, and the contriving of the human heart. "I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite (a ground) and humble spirit," etc. (Isa. 57:15).

Thus first resurrection Christians and translated Christians are *fine flour*. It is also said "they shall be *baken*." They are *first-fruits*. They have availed themselves of the glorious provision of Matt. 3:11: "He shall

baptize you with the Holy Ghost and fire." In other words, they are Pentecostal fruits; and as such they are considered in Lev. 23:10, 15, where they are spoken of as the feast of the fifties—i. e., the feast of Pentecost.

Fire-enkindled souls! Ah, what traces we catch of them through the Word! The cherubim are thus represented (Gen. 3:24; Ps. 104:4; Isa. 6:2-4; Ezek. 14:14, etc.); their sword a flame, their ministry a flame, their element flame, and fire from among them is scattered for many a burning (Ezek. 10:2). The church of God in normal condition is to be a fire (Obad. 17, 18). When rightly wielded, the Word of God is a fire, His people a burning bush, a burning candle on a candle-stick: coals of fire should purge their lips (Isa. 6:6, 7), tongues of fire their portion (Acts 2:3); even in musing, their inward thoughts a burning fire (Ps. 39:3), and on the altar of the heart the fire is never to go out (Lev. 6:9, 12, 13).

Is the Pentecostal baptism an act, an experience, or a life? For the making of Pentecostal fruits, or those who are Christ's at His coming, it must be all three. For we read of these fruits, "they are baken with leaven." I once asked a housekeeper what became of the yeast or leaven when her bread was done. She said it was gone; the fire baked it out. So it is a *dwelling* in the flame of Divine love that "bakes out," not merely the sin, but the *all* of our poor nature, transmitting it, as faith takes hold of the exceeding great and precious promises, to the Divine nature (2 Pet. 1:4). Thus it is the Pentecostal baptism as a life—a remaining in the fire—that gives to "Christ in us" Pentecostal or first-fruits to God and the Lamb!

Now, the precious promise of 1 Thess. 5:23 embodies for us the same glowing purpose of God as is conveyed in the type of the Pentecostal fruits. Entire sanctification (i. e., setting apart *from* sin and self, setting apart *to* the fulness of life in God) of spirit, soul, and body, *until* Jesus come. This was the offer of God to the first age of the church.

Instead of progress, we read of early declensions among that first-baptized company; as leaking vessels they let the Word of the Lord run out, it not being mixed with faith in those that heard it, and each succeeding generation let the Word—in its fulness—slip. Now, again, the light is breaking, oh, so strongly! on the Lord for the body. As never before, the Lord is summoning us with clarion call to the full provision of Gospel grace. Happy they who shall appropriate the golden treasure! Sanctified, set apart from all that would hinder the fulness of the life of God in every part—spirit, soul, and body. God preserving all inviolate, blameless, till Jesus comes.

What a program! What a God to have planned it! Along with the call to receive such infinitude of grace, comes the enheartening promise, "Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it." What an Arm to lean upon, as we hand ourselves over for the Divine processes! The tripartite nature of the redeemed one cannot go to the highest of His grace in any part, unless the three—spirit, soul, and body—are preserved *unto* the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." There must be a little company who go further in grace (i. e., the reception of God's gift) than any among the sainted dead have gone, if they let this word rule them fully. "The *last* enemy that shall be destroyed is death. In whom will this enemy be destroyed? In translated ones. Is the translation of some a mere incident of time and place, an arbitrary selection by God of such as happen to be on the earth at the time of our Lord's coming, without any spiritual significance of their character? Not so the translation of Enoch. He was translated *by faith*. God gave the word, he kept the

word. So this latest company will be translated by faith: the faith that keeps this word of God: "Spirit, soul, and body preserved unto the coming of the Lord."

How intensely Satan will resist the on-stepping of these souls, maturing in God! Their full maturity is his death-knell. Many are working over human events and dates to fix the time of Christ's advent, Satan's fall, etc. To me the advent of our Lord is not so much a *time* question, but a character question, fixed by the full maturity of the first-fruits to God. It is when it can be announced throughout creation "The bride *hath made herself ready*," that the marriage of the Lamb will come.

Many sleep who are now ready to be called forth as resurrection Christians, and if a similar company were now ready for translation, doubtless Jesus would come. How nearly ready a little inner circle may be, who can tell! Hearts are hearing the call to be preserved blameless every hour and every minute, in spirit, and soul, and body; and listening to the sweet music of the accompaniment, "Faithful is He who calleth you, who also will do it." And so by faith they yield to grace. Oh, what close faith! Oh, what close grace! For as they are Satan's terror, he will make them his special target. Every form of disease may be loaded upon the body of such, but they have seen the significance of remaining in the body till Jesus comes. They have seen that it makes toward His coming, and thus relatively toward the release of all creation (Rom. 8:19-21). Therefore by faith in Him they stand in each attack of dire disease and death, and *overcome*. By this the spirit and the soul are given further opportunity for maturity and joy. They have seen the *intimate* connection of spirit, and soul, and body—that a little loss in spirit is sure to bring down somewhat soul or body, or both. A tiny loss in soul is sure to react on spirit and body. The enemy's advantages over body is for retarding the growth of God's kingdom in spirit and soul, a direct thrust through the disciple at Jesus to delay His coming. Yet God has provided, if faith will but take the provision, to hold all in Himself "till He come." And, oh, how lovely it is, as the very God of Peace does the work. A moment dropped out of Divine peace is for the soul a moment when it is vulnerable to the enemy; therefore God has promised to panoply the faith-consenting soul at all times, in all places, with this very God of Peace. He has pledged to the work His own faithfulness. To such a life there are no more petty acts or thoughts, losses or crosses. Each ongoing step is freighted with the victory which "brings the King back to His house" (2 Sam. 19:11), or the defeat which delays it. So it is given us to be looking for and hastening the coming of the Lord (2 Pet. 3:12, margin).

Can we not, then, boldly say, resting on 1 Thess. 5:23, "Yes, we may tarry till the Lord comes; yea, even we *should hold in the faith* to tarry till the Lord comes."

PICTURES OF PENTECOST.

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time the globe was encircled by the blessed preaching, "The Comforter has come." Why is there such a decline of missionary zeal in many of our assemblies? It is because we have lost our first love, we have begun, like the wicked steward of Luke 12:45, to beat our fellow-servants, to dispute and argue about this and that and the other thing, until we have no time to think about that which our Master thinks most about, viz., the salvation of the lost. There is nothing that will prevent an assembly from falling into error like keeping it on fire with missionary zeal. Try it, and you will see!

6. *A place where the strongholds of Satan can be con-*

quered. 1 Kin. 8:44, 45; 2 Chron. 6:34, 35.

When the Holy Spirit really is in control, there will not only be the heart that goes out to the stranger, to the lost and needy ones, but there will also be the **POWER** to win them to Christ. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds, casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." (2 Cor. 10:4, 5.)

7. *A place where backsliders can be restored.* 1 Kin. 8:46-53; 2 Chron. 6:36-39.

Oh how the Lord loves the backslider! "Turn, O backsliding children, saith the Lord; for I am married unto you." (Jer. 3:14.) And how few of God's children care for the backsliders, because "they are so hard, so difficult to deal with." Yes, it is so; but the blessed indwelling Spirit of God is able to soften even the hard hearts of a backslider, or to bring him back to the feet of Jesus. And He is able to use your heart and life for this service, dear child of God—to cause that those who come under the shadow of your influence shall return to God, shall revive as the corn, and blossom as the vine, according to His promise in Hosea 14:17.

And for whom is all this catalogue of promises, this blessed life of ministry for others? It is for the humble believer whose whole being is a sanctuary for the Holy Ghost, whose all has been placed on the altar. Then, no matter what his natural weakness or insufficiency, these glorious results will follow, for "the fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the Lord filled the house."—A. E. L.

JESUS BREAKS EVERY FETTER.

In a Japanese city a young man living a life of sin heard the Gospel in a preaching hall, and was blessedly saved. His father was dead, but his mother and brother were bigoted Buddhists, and did all they possibly could to dissuade him from confessing Christ by water baptism. But all their persecutions were in vain, and he preached Jesus so faithfully in the home, before his wife who was then on her deathbed, that she died trusting in the Saviour. One day he appeared at the mission house with his hands tied, saying he had come to be baptized. The missionaries found that his cruel mother and brother had bound him tightly and locked him in, to stop his preaching; but he had succeeded in picking the lock with his teeth, and escaped from the house. He was baptized, and was given the name of Peter, and went on rejoicingly preaching the Word.

One day, on his way to the house of another brother, to tell him of the Saviour, his mother found him; he was caught, taken to his old home, severely beaten, and branded on his legs with a hot iron. At last his patient endurance and the sight of his rejoicing amid all the persecution was too much for his mother. Her hardened heart was broken, and she too wept her way to the foot of the cross, seeking the Saviour who had done so much for her son.—A. E. L.

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THE NEEDS OF DARKEST INDIA.

A Talk Given at the Evangel Home by W. K. Norton of Benares, India.

As one who was born among the people of India, I want to come to you as a representative of those people to tell you of their needs. I could tell about the work in the past, but the Lord knows all about that, and I would rather tell of the great prospect there is in the future as we seize the opportunities that are now open to us.

The people of India are similar to us in many respects—I believe they are of the Caucasian race; they have the same features, and the same kind of eyes that we have—the only seeming difference is that their skin is of a darker color than ours. But spiritually they are altogether different. It is ten years since I have been in this country and I cannot but make a comparison between the people here and there. Over here the women have great advantages over the women of India. Here a woman is respected, she is considered an equal. Here if a man and wife go out together, the man bears the load. But over there it is just the reverse, the women have to take the back place in everything. They have to carry the loads. When they are out together, the woman has to take the place behind, and the man walks in front like a lord.

In the census, which is carefully taken, it is found that more girls are born in India than boys, yet the male population is greatly in excess of that of the women. The women die much earlier than the men. In olden times large numbers of the girl babies were sacrificed, and thrown into the rivers. The government in India will not allow this, but it is believed that this is still going on in secret.

But God is working in India, Christian education is coming in and things are being changed. My father tells the story that when one of the missionaries in the early days wanted to teach some of the women to read, a man said, "There's my cow over here; you had better go and educate the cow. You could never teach my wife to read.

You had better try your education on the cow." But, praise the Lord, this spirit is being changed.

Our work is in Benares, a city of a population of a quarter of a million. Benares was built long before Rome, and is a city contemporary with Ninevah and Babylon. Stoddard says there are about seven hundred millions of people who look to Benares as their spiritual center. It is the mecca of the Hindu religion, and the Buddhists gave out their doctrines from Benares in the old days. Mrs. Besant has the headquarters of Theosophy in Benares also. Theosophy is just a form of Hinduism, teaching the transmigration of souls and other Hindu doctrines.

I went first to Benares on business and was much impressed with the need of Christian workers to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ amongst the countless hosts of pilgrims who found their way to this holy city to endeavor to find some kind of salvation from sin there. There are mission schools and also medical work in Benares in connection with missionary boards, but I saw very little real effort to get the Gospel among the pilgrims. God called us to work there to do our best to give these many souls the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

There is only one way you can rightly realize conditions and that is to come over and see them for yourselves. One time I saw a woman outside of our house measuring her way along the dusty road. She would lay herself down in the dust, and make a mark at the place where her hands had been, then get up and from that place lay down again, making another mark where her hands had gotten to, and so on, and she was thus making her way to the sacred city. I asked her where she had come from, and she told me the name of a place over a thousand miles away, and she had measured herself the whole journey through. She had been two years on the way. Her knees and elbows were callous and she had running sores all over her body. She had come to see the heathen gods, and although I tried to tell her of Jesus, her mind was so fully occupied with her penance that she had no ears for the Gospel message. I told her that it would be all of no avail, but she said, "God will remember my sufferings." It was very hard for her to give up the idea that she could attain salvation by her own efforts and merits.

I saw another man who had buried himself in the earth and only his head was appearing. He had been there I believe some weeks and he was surrounded by his disciples. He was in great pain for the worms were eating his body, and he was deliberately committing suicide by the most painful method he knew in order, as he thought, to make merit to gain salvation and thus find God. I preached to him about Jesus but he would not hear, all he could think of was the merit of his penance.

Another man had made a vow never to lie down to sleep again. When night came, he would hang with a rope under his arms, slung up to the branch of a tree. Although he was only a young man of about thirty, he looked like a man of eighty—his hair was prematurely gray and his face told of his sufferings. This he thought might bring him peace with God, but needless to say, such a course simply aggravated his unrest.

Although there are a few atheists amongst some who have taken a course in higher (?) education, the ignorant people are never infidels: they all believe there is a God, and that they themselves have immortal spirits. God has created the human race with hearts and consciences that can only be satisfied with Himself. We can never be satisfied until we find Him. Many of the people of India are really hungry for God. They are willing to sacrifice

their lives, they are willing to give their all that they might find Him. Yet they are still in darkness. God is looking to us to bring them the light. Shall we disappoint Him?

Some ask, "Why do you go to a foreign land? Are there not heathen in America that you could preach to?" Yes, there are heathen here in America, but there are lots of missions and churches, and there are plenty of Bibles they can read if they really want to get saved. The heathen here are heathen by choice; the heathen of India are heathen by necessity. Or rather, they are heathen because we have failed to obey the clear injunction of the Master to go into all the world to preach the Gospel to every creature.

An old man asked me one time when I was preaching, "How long ago is it since Jesus died?" I told him that it was nearly nineteen hundred years. He said, "For many years I have gone from shrine to shrine, and have made pilgrimage after pilgrimage in search of something that would satisfy, how is it that this is the first time I have heard this story?" He asked question after question, asking about the people of America, whether they had the knowledge of Jesus, and if the way was open for them to travel, why did they not come over and tell the people of India so that they need not be all their lives without the knowledge of Him who alone can save sinners. I had to admit that we have not been faithful to the Gospel message.

God will hold us responsible for this state of things. There are 800,000 people die every month in India, people for whom Jesus died. He told us "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." How we have failed to fulfill this commission! There is a direct reckoning day coming, and before Jesus comes we need to awake to our responsibilities and to pray, and give, and if He leads, go to be witnesses in the uttermost parts of the earth.

Today is the day of opportunity in India. Large numbers of the low caste people are leaving their idolatry and coming to the Christian missions and demanding baptism. I know one man in the Methodist mission work who has 40,000 raw Christian converts on his hands to teach. One man cannot teach so many, and needs a number of additional workers, for they are all like children, and worse than children, for they have so many heathen customs to unlearn. They are coming and demanding teachers to teach them all about the Christian religion.

But though the Lord is working graciously, the devil is by no means idle. The Mahomedans are more zealous than the Christians and are getting thousands to follow Islam. There is another sect known as the Arya Samaj, who are the most bitter persecutors of Christianity, and it seems as if Satan himself must be their leader. They imitate our methods, have open-air meetings and use musical instruments, and when we are having a meeting, they come as near as they can in order to get as many people away from our crowd as possible. Pray mightily that in this time of opportunity we shall not let the enemy capture these souls who are wanting to be delivered from darkness, that God will mightily undertake for them.

I long to get back to India as soon as possible and I want you to pray for us as we return this coming cold season.

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DAILY PORTION FROM THE
KING'S BOUNTY

MRS. A. R. FLOWER

Sunday. "And the Lord said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do?" Gen. 18:17.

Abraham was in the inner circle with God. And God could not withhold from him knowledge of the awful judgment that was to come upon Sodom. How carefully God heeded Abraham's cry of intercession in behalf of the sinful city. Something awful is about to come on this world of ours today. But if we are in the inner circle we shall not be ignorant of God's moving—we shall know—for we are quite as dear to the heart of God as was Abraham. But we must walk with Him in faithful obedience if we would have that close communion unbroken.

Monday. "Thine arrows are sharp in the hearts of the king's enemies; whereby the people fall under thee." Psa. 45:5.

Did you ever feel the resentment of unsaved people around you toward yourself without having uttered a word about the Lord? Your very presence, if your life is filled with God, will be a conviction to such ones. And the arrows winged by divine power will penetrate the heart of ungodly ones until wrath gives way to cries for mercy. It was Finney, who passing through a factory gave a look of sad concern to a frivolous girl, which so upset her that she began to cry to God for mercy, and therefrom a revival broke out in the whole factory. But such power only comes through a life of consecration and prayer.

Tuesday. "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth." Heb. 12:6.

"Do you think that I could love Him,
Half so well or as I ought,
If He never, never told me
Of my sinful deed of thought;
No He is so very faithful
And that makes me trust Him more,
For I know that He loves me
Though He wounds me very sore."

Wednesday. "And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be the servant of all." Mk. 10:44.

It is a very sweet story told of two little Indian boys, who had been wonderfully helped by the missionary who travelled back and forth across the plains. They were talking of what they would like to be when grown up. One said: "I wish to be a preacher. Then I could go everywhere and tell everybody all the good things I know." The other lad stood silent as if robbed of the desire uppermost in his heart too. Then his face brightened, and he gladly exclaimed: "I wish I could be a horse and buggy; I'd carry the preacher everywhere to tell the good things."

Thursday. "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular." 1 Cor. 12:27.

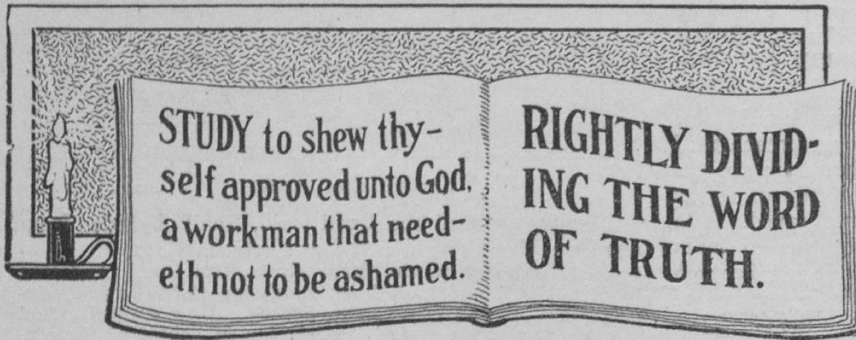
So neither you nor I are the whole body complete in our individual selves. It is a wholesome thing to awaken to this fact. But we each do have a place in the body; and the healthful strength of the body is determined by the manner in which we each fill that place.

Friday. "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." 2 Cor. 4:7.

It is no credit to the bucket that its owner fills it to the brim with fresh, sparkling water to quench the thirst of the passer-by. How foolish for it to think so. And it is just as foolish for us to take any credit consciously or unconsciously to ourselves for the rivers of living water which God has caused to pass through us.)

Saturday. "Jesus heard that they had cast him out." John 9:35.

And it did not take Him very long to find the man and to speak assuring words of comfort. Jesus is always on hand when one of His "little ones" are cast out. Then is the moment He grants the fullest revelation of Himself, till the future becomes bright with the blessing of His love.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

May 13, 1917.

JESUS THE TRUE VINE.

Lesson Text.—John 15-1-16.

Golden Text.—“I am the vine, ye are the branches.” John 15:5.

Leading Thought.—Union with Christ.

1. **The Vine and the Branches**, Vs. 1-6. It is the same night as in the previous lesson. The disciples with their Lord have left the upper room, and are now on their way toward Gethsemane. He has already comforted their hearts with the promise of His return for them, and of His preparation of a home for them in His Father's house. In all these last wonderful discourses there is a simplicity and a tenderness that touches our hearts. Perhaps the sight of the grape-vines along the roadside brought to His mind the wonderful figure which He now uses in portraying the relation of the believer to Himself. There are three definite things referred to: the **Husbandman**, the **vine** and the **branches**. Very simple in themselves. The depth of meaning comes in their close and significant relation to one another. **I am the true vine.** V. 1. There are many false, wild, fruitless vines today, even as then. Isa. 5:1-7; Jer. 2:21; Hos. 10:1. All through the O. T. the figure of a vine had been applied a number of times to Israel, from whom God expected choice fruit. But Israel had sadly failed. Perhaps this made more telling than the application of “**the true vine**” to Himself. He had in nowise failed of all the plan God purposed in Him. Joseph is sometimes counted as a type of Christ. The prophecy of him well applies to Christ. “Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bow by a well; whose branches run over the wall.” Read Gen. 49:22-26. “**My Father is the Husbandman**,” literally, vinedresser. The Father was the possessor as well as the cultivator of the vine. He had planted Israel, the O. T. vine (Psa. 80:8-14); and He had also planted this “**true vine**”—the “**true light**” (Jno. 1:9), the “**true bread**” (Jno. 6:32). Jesus was the one “sent of God.” Jno. 4:34; 9:4. **Back of the whole redemptive plan stood God with His great loving heart yearning over a lost world. And that heart still yearns.**

Praise His dear name! Day after day He is actively engaged in caring for this vine—so precious to His heart. More faithful than the most careful earthly husbandman, He is overlooking all the branches, even the tiniest ones, and “**every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away.**” This is to preserve the life of the vine and the fruitfulness of the remaining branches. God is not glorified, and His work is hindered by those empty professors, whose lives are not correspondingly fruitful. Better for all concerned that they be removed from the vine. But remember it is not us but God who removes them. And we have seen Him do it in most startling ways sometimes. Recall Ananias and Sapphira. God is just as well as righteous. But it is His place to separate the wheat and the tares. We are to let them alone. His mercy sometimes stands for more than we think proper; but His judgment is certain. We know well enough the end of those branches which are cut off. Useful for nothing but to burn. V. 6 plainly specifies just who these branches are—those who abide not in Christ. A little farther on we will gain a fuller understanding of what the abiding life really means. “**Every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it that it may bring forth more fruit.**” This too is the special work of the Husbandman. Although I have seen other hands than His attempting to do the work sometimes. We should remember that an untrained hand will only injure and perhaps kill the natural grape-vine. How much more so in dealing with the delicate situations that arise in the inner lives of God's children. Let God then prune the lives of those around you. There is no hand so expert as His. And the heart of love behind somehow heals those wounds that otherwise would gape and bleed seemingly forever. He uses unconsciously perhaps human agencies. But He is the Husbandman, and His wise hand is directing the knife with the end of greater fruitfulness in view. Hallelujah! Somehow I can always take the pruning better when I recognize the fact that He is doing it. For I know His love is tender, and true, and faithful.

“And so I whisper, as thou wilt,
And in the hottest fire, hold still.”

Notice “**every branch in Me.**” “Your bodies are the members of Christ.” 1 Cor. 6:15. “If any man be in Christ Jesus, he is a new creature.” The purging

does not signify sin, but rather a degree of fruitfulness that warrants greater fruitfulness through proper culture. It is the change from “**some**” fruit to “**more**” fruit. That is what we all want anyway. If you refuse the pruning do not be surprised if your life grows less and less fruitful until you become a wild and empty vine. The very best of vines must have constant and careful pruning. Some of the finest fruit-producing vines in the country appear to be like mere stumps. But oh the grapes they bear! And God wants grapes from us, not quantities of useless wood. See the four degrees of fruit-bearing: “**Fruit,**” V. 2; “**more fruit,**” V. 2. “**much fruit,**” Vs. 5, 8; “**abiding fruit,**” V. 16. His word is the knife that cuts; but, thank God, it cleanses. V. 3.

2. **Abiding in Christ**, Vs. 4, 5, 7-13.

We can hardly separate the verses, because after all the whole discourse is depicting the abiding life. There is no fruitfulness apart from Jesus the Vine. “**Without me ye can do nothing.**” And the closer the abiding the greater the fruit in consequence. How may I most closely abide then? 1. **By keeping His commandments.** “**Union with Christ is maintained by the Word.**” Not by the mere holding of His words in the memory; but by the manifestation of them in the life. Then indeed is it evident that the branch is in the vine. The same life, and purpose, and desire flows e'en to the tiniest branch that so abides. 2. **Love toward one another as He has loved us.** V. 12. This is one great secret of the abiding life. What a host of people fail here. And wonder then why their lives are not more fruitful, why their prayers are not more effectual. Bitterness against a brother or sister, suspicion, or criticism, will stop the flow of divine sap quicker than most anything else. And the moment we admit them that moment death begins to work upon our branch. None but Jesus ever laid down his life for enemies. That is the measure of His love for us, and it is possible under grace for us to know that same abundance of love for others. God help us! The results of this abiding life: **The fullest measure of joy.** V. 11; a life of effectual prayer and faith, V. 7; Holy, sacred friendship with our Lord forever. And then the joy we bring to His heart as we so abide—His joy remains in us, because we continue in His words. “**Nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life that I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me.**”

May 20, 1917.

IMPORTANCE OF SELF-CONTROL.

(Temperance Lesson.)

Lesson Text.—Isa. 28:1-13.

Golden Text.—“Every man that striveth in the games exerciseth self-control in all things.” 1 Cor. 9:25.

Leading Thought.—“Be temperate in all things!”

1. **Israel's Failure.** Vs. 1-8. It is a sad picture before us today—Israel, de-

baunched and ruined. We particularly see the effects of indulging in strong drink. But back of this is a deeper cause. Disobedience to God. Again and again God had spoken to them, warning them of the time when they should wax fat in their own eyes and then become indifferent to the One on whom they were so absolutely dependent for all help and blessing. Deut. 28, entire chapter. And this very thing they had done—grown indifferent to God; disobedience was evidenced on every hand. **Israel became self-indulgent**, and from priest to servant the corruptness of sin began to eat like a cancerous sore. Drunkards of Ephraim! Think of it, Samaria with all its beauty and prosperity, so debased that God must needs refer to it thus. They hated instruction; they refused reproof. Their hearts were lifted up with pride; they were overcome with wine. The curse is upon them. They brought it themselves, and the judgment of God swiftly overtook them. The whole thought of the people was ease, satisfaction and pleasure. And for this self-indulgent sowing there could be none other than a sorrowful reaping. Is this to be the end? Is there no further hope for Israel? The prophet has made the picture dark, but now he gives one assuring promise of God's help even in this awful hour of Israel's judgment. "The Lord of hosts shall be for a crown of glory." V. 5. But the crown of pride, of self-indulgence, of drunkenness must be removed absolutely before He can reign. No doubt there were those then who had kept themselves pure from the taint of evil; and to these few the prophet's words brought comfort. However small the minority that stand for righteousness, God stands with them whatever the issue at stake. V. 6.

2. **Isaiah's Instructions to Israel**, Vs. 9-13. They had probably resented previous instruction, as do most people today. This would make the more cutting his words in V. 9. Of course they would dislike the figure, but how well it applied to them. "Unweaned babes!" Never could they comprehend God's thought and desire so long as they pampered and nursed themselves upon their own selfish cravings. God wants people that "are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts." Such multitudes of them today, with absolutely no desire for further progress or achievement in His service. They mocked Isaiah's strange old-fashioned message. Too plain, too crude, too simple! So say many today about the Gospel way. But so long as people will be children in conduct and life. God will deal with them as children—"precept upon precept, * * * line upon line * * * here a little, and there a little." This is the way God has to deal with the most of us, anyhow. And this is why there are so few wise and mighty after the flesh, for Jesus Himself said, "Except ye become as little children." Resentment of the simple, lowly way only indicates our need of it. "With stammering lips and another tongue will he

speak to this people." Was Isaiah conscious of the fulness of this prophecy's fulfillment? It certainly came a while later, when the Spirit was poured out at Pentecost. And the witness again came, for they heard them speak the marvelous works of God. And there was a rest, and a refreshing for them; but how few comparatively entered in.

3. **A Lesson for Us.** We have caught the lessons from Israel's failure no doubt, and have asked God many times to keep us humble and teachable. We scarcely need the warning against drink, for every truly Pentecostal man and woman must be in every fiber of his being against the damnable stuff. It is cursing our land today, eating the very vitals out of us, if we only knew it. If you don't know much about it, enlighten yourself quickly. The men can cast a conscience vote against it; and the rest of us can pray for God to deliver the thousands of wretched souls—men and women—enslaved thereby. Like the devil's own mill it is grinding the life and virtue out of young men, young women, fathers, broken-hearted mothers, innocent sinned-against children. It is one of the great agencies in the focusing of things these dreadful last days. And what a reckoning day for every party who has contributed thereto will come someday. God has heard the cries of anguish. Would to God now in the beginning of the war into which we have been thrust, the cursed stuff might be absolutely abolished. Then we might do well to take the lesson of self-control. It applies so well on very many lines. Temperance is one of the fruits of the Spirit, and if we are yielded to the Spirit. He will make us temperate in all things just as God desires we should be. "Temperance in the nobler sense, does not mean a subdued and imperfect energy. It does not mean a stopping short in any good thing, as in love or faith; but it means the power which governs the most intense energy, and prevents its acting in any way but as it ought." The task is too much for us, but we are privileged to ask for wisdom, and we know He gives it freely. A little more temperance in our Pentecostal ranks would have meant increased good for others, and greater glory to God. Some things we like to do even going to the extreme in their accomplishment; other things we shun to our own loss as well as others. Temperance will make us balanced in God. The enemy hates a balanced Christian, and uses every means possible to hinder the child of God becoming so. This is plainly evidenced by the lack of divinely-balanced people in God's service. Let Him work in you all the good pleasure of His will: yield where you naturally want to resist, go slow where you are wont to be driven of your own impulses. "That in all things He might have the pre-eminence." Hallelujah! Are we not all agreed?

Next Week's Lesson.

May 27, 1917.

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND HIS WORK.

(Pentecostal Lesson.)

Lesson Text.—John 15:26-16:14.

Golden Text.—John 14:26.

Alice Reynolds Flower.

A LINE FROM INDIA.

Muttra City, U. P., India. Yesterday I baptized the new convert who had been brought to the Lord through reading the Word and through the workings of the Spirit of God upon his heart. We went down to the sacred river Jumna that flows by Muttra, and on the shore opposite the city held a short service, after which the young man and I went into the river, and he followed the Lord's example in baptism. It meant much to us all, to Bro. Boyce of the P. M. U., who is staying with us temporarily, to the little group of Christian workers who went with us from the mission grounds, to myself and to the young man who was rejoicing himself in the step he had taken. Kindly remember him in prayer. He is in love with the Lord and has a great love for the Word. He is giving himself to the Lord's work, having given up a government clerkship offer that promised four times the wage he will receive under a mission. I hope to send him, or have him sent to a training school for workers, as being just new from Hinduism, he is so new to the "Faith." There have also been some conversions amongst the soldiers for which we thank God. "He is faithful."
—Paul Van Valen.

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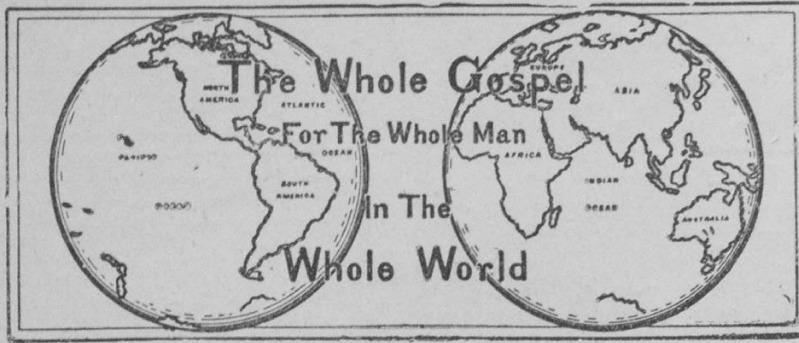
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MISSIONARY ITEMS.

Ningpo, China. God is blessing in the home. We have thirty-six orphan girls now, besides the inmates of the Aged Widows' and the Rescue Home, making a family of over fifty in all, to be fed, clothed and ministered to. Please remember us in prayer that we may continue faithful to our blessed Lord in all things until He comes.—Mrs. A. C. Slager.

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Rupaidha, India. We are doing our best to be faithful in sowing the seed with gladness of heart. Miss Hacker, with our native workers, has been out the large part of the winter giving out the precious Word. Pray God's blessing on every effort that is being made to bring souls to Christ. We feel that our days for serving Him on this earth are fast drawing to a close, and we long for the day in which He shall see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied. We, with the apostle, do earnestly and fervently say, "Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly."—Lillian Denny.

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Hong Kong, S. China. In my last letter I said something about Mrs. Hammond returning to U. S. A. The Lord has been showing me that my work will be similar to what hers has been, namely, caring for the missionaries who so frequently pass through Hong Kong en route for America, or else coming here going to the interior. Last Sunday evening we had a full house of eager heathen listening to the messages as they were going forth. Mr. James interpreted for some missionaries who were passing through, and then gave a message that certainly touched the people's hearts. When the altar call was given, two new ones came forward for prayer. The Lord is stirring the hearts of the Chinese Christians for which we are grateful. It means much to see these people saved, but it means much more to see them going on with God. Please pray for them.—Flora Halland James.

Bwebo, W. Africa. This is a new station and we have been up here three weeks getting things in shape. Bro. and Sister Neeley are to be here. Mrs. Neeley came up last night. No one from here has ever been in a mission, and it is all new to them, so we have to start from the bottom. Have put in corn, sweet potatoes, casava and other things, and a few melons so as to get something to eat as soon as possible. Paul made tents for a living, so we make farm for a living. All the people back of us have never heard the Gospel and are raw heathen, so our field is large and getting larger. Hope if you have any applications for the field you will send them along, as we need workers. There are eighteen of us now in the field, and at work. God is blessing us, and we praise Him.—J. M. L. Harrow.

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Johannesburg, S. Africa. Bro. Dugmore is in Rhodesia getting a Mission Station ready where Elias Kgobe, a native brother, is. He writes that the authorities want a white missionary stationed there for permanent work. Please pray that the right worker may respond. Bro. D. says that 400 have been baptized in water, and many of these in the Holy Ghost also. It is a fever district, so we do pray for the workers that they may be kept. Our Bro. Booyesen writes that some more of the natives have come up to Louis Trichardt to be baptized. Mr. B. is sick with fever. Pray that he may be speedily restored to health. I can already see the influence your paper has been among our people (they receive 50 copies weekly at this mission), for we have so many that are new to all this, and there are so few papers that give the instructions they need, and they are very hungry for the right kind of literature. Pray for us. We do need laborers who are really called of God, and the work here is difficult.—Emma L. Wick.

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Kobe, Japan. At the meetings here the seekers are four young foreign business men and six missionaries including wife and I. Others drop in at different times. The ten of us are of one mind and accord and are determined to continue tarrying until the fire falls. I feel led to write this to ask the children of God to make special prayer for us, not once or twice but many times, that God will meet with us and baptize every one with the Holy Ghost and fire as on

the day of Pentecost. Will you kindly make mention of this when you gather together in assembly and ask everybody to pray. We must have the Holy Ghost for the glory of God and to know His will better and do it in His power. God is blessing and the work is increasing and we feel our unworthiness, powerlessness and utter inability to cope with the work of the future without the Holy Ghost leading. We are believing God that soon the fire will fall and that this will mean a great deal for this dry and parched land. We want nothing for ourselves, but want everything for Japan and the Japanese. Please ask other assemblies to pray for us also. We would see God mightily glorified and exalted in this sunrise kingdom.—Faithfully yours and His, Robert Atchison and wife.

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Mission Evangelica, 25 de Mayo, Argentina. Truly God is good to us. I delight in Him, am satisfied with Him, and will be unspeakably happy when I go to be with Him forever. I find His service sweet too, and am having a good time, though just now I am suffering from having worked too hard in moving and getting the work started here. Bro. Barrio has developed a serious trouble lately. Pray very earnestly and definitely for him. We cannot find a suitable building for our home and mission together. If the hall is good, the house is not fit to live in, or the rent is too high. So we do not know what to do. Land is very cheap now, and we believe that God has those who would put in seven thousand dollars to put up a suitable building if they just knew about it. For that reason I would like to go to North America to tell the people about it; it is too long a story to write. God is wonderfully working with us, and blessing the people now, notwithstanding the many drawbacks. Your hearts would rejoice if you could come and see what He is doing. We get nearly forty to the Sunday-school, but the meetings are small because the people will not come to a private house. But God meets with the few. We hope to have several baptized at special meetings at Easter time. Several are seeking the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Pray for Solomon, a young Turk, who was converted in our meetings when I visited here over a year ago. His relatives persecute him, and say they will kill him if he is baptized. He is deferring his baptism, hoping that they may be converted, and that God will remove some of the difficulties. The poverty is becoming greater here every day, so nearly all our members are at the door of starvation, and we have to help them financially. But it is very little we are able to do, for with high prices we are grateful to have enough for bare necessities. It makes one long for Jesus to come and put an end to so much suffering, and we are expecting Him soon too.—Alice C. Wood.

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There is not a promise of God that is negative. They are all positive.

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Questions and Answers

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

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185. What is the difference between the Holy Ghost and the Holy Spirit?

Ans. None whatever. In the original Greek they are the same. The translators arbitrarily or merely for the sake of variety of expression in English translated the one and the same Greek words first one way and then the other. It is pure ignorance only that insists that the Scriptures mean one thing by the term Holy Ghost and another by the term Holy Spirit. If any one gets the idea from the word "ghost" as applied to the Holy Spirit, that it is the returned spirit of a dead person, as some people understand, then the term "Ghost" has misled him. For all such the term Holy Spirit is much better, for the Holy Spirit always has been, and has never been dead. It is an awful error to teach, as some few do, that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, while the Holy Ghost is the returned ghost of the dead man Jesus. Such teaching is pure spiritualism and must be avoided as we would the devil himself, for he is the author of spiritualism beyond all doubt.

186. What did Jesus mean by telling the disciples to "salute no man by the way?"

Ans. They were going out on a very special and hasty mission, and as Eastern salutations were long ceremonies that would delay and take up much time, Jesus meant for them not to waste time on this special trip by talking to every man they met. It is not binding on us now, only insofar as it is true still that God's children ought not to waste their sacred time.

187. What is the "first love" that the Ephesian Church had lost? Rev. 2:4.

Ans. It is that first warm, loyal wholehearted love that new born souls have for their precious Saviour; that undivided love that sets Him to rule supreme on the throne of the heart. When Christians begin to divide their love, begin to let other loves control them, begin to give anything else the first place in the heart, the place Jesus wants, they have lost their first love.

188. What did Paul mean by saying "Be ye angry and sin not?" Eph. 4:26.

Ans. These are not Paul's words; they are only quoted by Paul from Psa. 4:4. The American Standard version translates Ps. 4:4 as: "Stand in awe, and sin not." This brings out the meaning better.

189. Is it right to have a box supper in the interest of charity in our church house?

Ans. Jesus said to those who bought

and sold in the temple: "Take these things hence." It is best not to follow the lead of the worldly churches in having suppers and such like in our churches under the plea for charity or to pay the preacher either. Food in these days can be sold for cash almost anywhere. Sell it and give the money to the poor. A box supper is not the only way to raise money for the poor. Some one can go around in behalf of a worthy case and get people to give outright.

190. How is it possible for the Lord to come at any moment, as some teach, when we are told the Antichrist or man of sin must first manifest himself, and this has not yet been done? 2 Thess. 2:2-4.

Ans. There are two steps in the second coming of the Lord. The first is a coming down to the lower heavens to catch up the saints, 1 Thess. 4:16-17. The second stage is the coming on later to the earth to overthrow the antichrist as in 2 Thess. 2:2-3; Rev. 19:11-20. If I understand correctly, this second step will be three and a half years or more after the first step of the going up of the saints. Some hold that this first step may take place any time, any number of years before His coming to the Battle of Armageddon to overthrow the beast or antichrist in the second step. If this be correct, the manifestation of the beast is not at all necessary before the catching up of the saints to meet Jesus, but would have to take place before the second stage of His coming.

Others hold that this earthly great man will first arrive on the scene at the beginning of the 70th week or seven years in Daniel (9:24-27), while the saints are still on earth, and that sometime in the first half of this last week of Daniel, that is during the first three and one-half years, the saints will be caught up before the great tribulation of the last half of the week, that is the last half of the seven years. If this view is correct, then the antichrist beast would appear before even the first stage of His coming, but if so, he might not be recognized as the beast during the first half of Daniel's last week, not until he broke his covenant with the Jews in the middle of the week. It is possible the beast is now on the earth and nobody recognizes him as such.

It is a fine problem to clearly distinguish between what is said of all the saints in general and what is meant only for Jewish saints. The whole problem of His coming is too lengthy a matter to treat adequately in what we intend to be short answers.

THE PENTECOSTAL WORK IN PEKING.

Your good letter with enclosed draft for \$30.00 received three days ago. We take this means of thanking you and all the donors who have had a share in this love offering. We had been praying earnestly for money to come to pay the rent of our compound as we are nearly four months behind. You can imagine the joy of our hearts when we opened the letter and found a check for \$30 gold. I exchanged it the next day and received \$49.61, which enabled us to put away a little more than thirty per cent of the back rent. When we took over the compound in September, 1915, the dear Lord permitted us to pay the first year's rent in advance, (\$550.00 Chinese currency, or \$215.00 American) also permitted us to put an addition to one of the buildings that faces the street, for a chapel, which amounted to \$160 Chinese money. At the time we leased the compound the exchange was good; our monthly rent amounted to \$18.00 American money. But at the present poor rate of exchange our monthly rent amounts to nearly \$30 American money. This year, thus far, has been a hard test; but we have the promise: "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." He who cares for the sparrow neither slumbers nor sleeps. Hallelujah!

The European war has made it hard for the saints on the different fields. Since the United States has taken the step against Germany, the price of kerosene has risen seventy cents on a five-gallon can; all articles are rising. The dear Lord only knows what the outcome of it will be.

Since my last letter to you, the dear Lord has let me preach in Chinese; for three months I have not used Brother Feng to interpret for me. Oh how my heart rejoices for God's goodness to unworthy me; every day the language is coming easier. The meetings since the Chinese New Year have been very good. At nearly every meeting there are from four to sixteen at the altar seeking God. Of course, this is no proof that they are converted, but it gives us encouragement to see them at the altar. Nevertheless we believe a few of them have come through to salvation.

The dear Lord laid it on our hearts to open a school for the women that attend the Friday afternoon meetings, to teach them how to read the New Testament in Chinese. The Chinese women are getting really interested in the reading of the Scriptures; may the school be a medium to bring them to Christ.

Sister Hansen, Sister Ida McGuire and Sister Jennie Danielson join in sending Christian love and greetings. Your brother out for lost souls.—H. E. Hansen.

At the request of Mr. W. R. Gentles we wish to state that the sum of \$50.00 sent to Mrs. Gentles recently, was designated for and distributed amongst native workers.

FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST

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

UNION AND COMMUNION.

"As the bridegroom to his chosen,
As the king unto his realm,
As the keep unto the castle,
As the pilot to the helm,
So, Lord, art Thou to me.

As the fountain in the garden,
As the candle in the dark,
As the treasure in the coffer,
As the manna in the ark,
So, Lord, art Thou to me.

As the music at the banquet,
As the stamp unto the seal,
As the medicine to the fainting,
As the wine-cup at the meal,
So, Lord, art Thou to me.

As the ruby in the setting,
As the honey in the comb,
As the light within the lantern,
As the father in the home,
So, Lord, art Thou to me.

As the sunshine to the heavens,
As the image to the glass,
As the fruit unto the fig-tree,
As the dew unto the grass,
So, Lord, art Thou to me.

As the lily of the valley,
White, and pure, and sweet;
As the lowly violet trodden
Under wandering feet—
As the rose amidst the briars
Fresh and fair is found,
Heedless of the tangled thicket,
And the thorns around—
As the sun-flower ever turning
To the mighty sun,
With the faithfulness of fealty
Following only one—

So make me, Lord, to Thee."

—John Tauler.

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NOTES FROM THE HOME FIELD.

Pine Bluff, Wyo. Twenty-three lined up for Christ on Sunday morning meeting, making twenty-six souls saved last week here.—C. A. Stratton.

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McAlester, Okla. We have just started revival services near this city with good interest manifest. We expect to remain here for several weeks, D. V. We are free to accept calls for revival services as the Lord will lead.—F. Eiting and wife, address McAlester, Okla.

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Willow, Ark. Bro. Sims from Huttig and I are in the fight for the Lord at this place. Three have been saved to date, the saints revived, and some of the leading men in the town are under deep conviction. Have five to baptize on Sunday afternoon. Pray for us.—Z. J. Lavnius, Sparkman, Ark.

Sparks, Okla. The Lord is working in Sparks, picking up the drunks, the gamblers, and saving them and baptizing them with the Holy Ghost. Many are coming from the other churches and the Lord is saving them and numbers are receiving the baptism. Bro. Long is our pastor and a strong assembly is being built up here.—E. Vuncannon.

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Winnipeg, Canada. The revival continues here. For two weeks there have been souls saved and baptized in nearly every service. Sometimes there are as many as five baptisms in one night's meeting. Folks are getting saved at home. Continue to pray for this place. The Lord willing, I will return home to Malvern, Ark., about May 1st. Word comes of blessed revival there under Bros. Fitzgerald and Adams.—Fred Lohmann.

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Newark, N. J. We are having great blessing here both in the Bible School and in the Assembly. At our Easter convention more than thirty were baptized in water, about twenty-five in the Spirit. \$14,246 in cash offered for Foreign Missions, and over fifty who had definite calls offered themselves as missionaries. Praise the Lord! This assembly puts missions first, the pastor (with one exception) has for years been either a missionary just going to the field or one just returned. There are now thirty-two students enrolled in the Bible School, and prospects of a large increase next fall.—W. W. Simpson.

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Thunder Hawk, S. D. Just closed a three months' revival at Thunder Hawk. The Lord wonderfully blessed. It was a hard battle at first, but thank God, Jesus was the captain and led the hosts to victory. There were 36 saved, and 11 received the baptism according to Acts 2:4, and there were eight prayed for, and the Lord healed them. There were several Catholics at the altar seeking salvation. The priest stopped all he could from coming to church. The meeting was held in a large pool hall owned by a Catholic. The Lord touched his heart and now he has turned his hall over to Pentecost. We hold Sunday-school there. We have one of the best Sunday-schools in South Dakota. We feel that the Lord is leading us to convene a special meeting for two or three weeks in June, followed by a baptismal service. (Mark 1:9). Will be glad if any of the saints who have a tent would come and help us. This place is on the main line of the Chicago, Milwaukee and Puget Sound R. R., 180 miles west of Aberdeen, S. D. Pray for those seeking the baptism here, my co-workers and myself

and family. For further information regarding the June meeting write me.—L. E. Brown, Thunder Hawk, S. D.

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Salt Lake City, Utah. I went to see the sheriff to get permission to hold jail meetings in the county jail, but as he was very busy I could not see him, but the man I talked with said he did not think it would be any good as the Christian Science people did the jail work here. But while he was talking, I was praying to God to work, and all at once this man said to me, "I will give you a tip, go and see Judge Weber and see what he says." I went to see Judge Weber, and I showed him a letter I had from Governor Ferris of Michigan and some other letters that I had, and he called the sheriff up and introduced me to him, and told him to do what he could for me, and the sheriff asked me to come and talk to the prisoners every Sunday at 10:30 a. m. Judge Weber called me up on the telephone the day before yesterday and told me he was going to introduce me to the Governor and ask him to let me go to the penitentiary and talk to the prisoners. Please pray about this matter, as it is a wonderful opportunity to preach to sinners. We have a few street meetings here and it is wonderful how the people stand around and listen to the Gospel. This city is the headquarters of Mormonism, but thank God He has saved and baptized a goodly number of them. Jesus shall have all the glory.—Thomas Griffin and wife.

AN APPEAL FOR PRAYER AND PRACTICAL SUPPORT.

Yesterday one of our saints was tried for not having a doctor with his little boy. There were a number of wonderful testimonials on divine healing given under oath in behalf of the defendant; and our attorney made a most noble speech in our behalf, yet, from some cause, we lost the case. We have appealed to the higher court for a final decision, therefore, we ask the saints everywhere that they join us in prayer to God that as in the case of Daniel of old we may find mercy and still be permitted to preach and practice this wonderful Gospel a while longer; at least, till Jesus comes and says it is enough.

Now, beloved, this should especially interest the saints of Texas as it will settle this question for the whole state, whether we will be forbidden to trust God with our children, or go to jail and pay the fine of from \$25.00 to \$500.00, which most of our saints cannot do.

Hence, our dear brethren would be taken away from our families, and you can easily see how it would go with the dear ones left at home. The case is to go at once to Austin to the Court of Criminal Appeals for its decision; so please take this to our blessed heavenly Father for His help. We remain yours for the Master. Pray! Pray! Pray!—W. W. Hall, Pastor, Wichita Falls, Tex.

The Evangel Prayer Band

Pray for the work at Sherman, Texas.
 Healing of a brother in Lucas, Iowa.
 One in Lovelady, Texas, for baptism of power.
 Healing of an epileptic in Greensburg, Kansas.
 Salvation of a nephew who is sick and unsaved.
 Healing of a sister, and salvation of her children.
 A sister in New York for healing of morphine habit.
 A brother in Cecil, Ark., for help in life of hard struggle.
 Sister in Stantonville needs our earnest prayers.—I. M. C.
 A brother in Waurika, Okla., that he may receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
 A sister in McHenry, Miss., that she may be a full overcomer.
 A sister in Palacios, Texas, requests prayer for her healing.
 For two at Live Oak that they may receive the baptism of the Spirit.
 A sister in Beardstown, Tenn., requests prayer for herself.—Mrs. D. C. S.
 A sister in Camden, Ark., that the Lord will baptize her with the Holy Ghost.
 A sister in Canby, Oregon, for victory and heart preparation for the Lord's coming.
 A sister in East St. Louis, Ill., who has been very weak, that God will strengthen her.

Please pray very earnestly that God will give me my hearing.—A. F., Battle Creek, Mich.
 That my husband may receive the baptism, and that my boys may be saved.—M. M. E.

A brother in Oden, Ark., that he may have satisfactory evidence of the baptism of the Spirit.

The father of a sister in Dexter, Mo., that he may receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

A sister in Imboden, Ark., that she may be baptized in the Holy Spirit and used for His glory.

One who is very miserable, who has been deceived and feels himself lost, requests earnest prayer.

Pray that God will send some Christian woman or girl to our home.—E. S. Walker, Climax, Mont.

W. F. Beard of Hale Center, Texas, desires prayer that God will send a Spirit-filled worker to that place.

Pray that God will bless a mission about four miles from Hornbeck, La., and for the sister who sends the request.

Pray that a general awakening and revival will sweep over this hard field.—J. E. J., Hughenden, Alberta, Can.

Please pray for me that I may secure my sight; can hardly see anything. Pray that I may have peace in my home.—S. H.

A brother in Mill Grove, Mo., for deliverance from a roaring in the head caused by the report of a gunshot over his head.

Please pray for me that I may do the whole will of God and be ready when Jesus calls us to the Marriage Supper.—Mrs. S. A. S.

A sister covets your earnest prayers that she may be true to Jesus. Her father, who was a Pentecostal preacher, died recently.—O. W.

A brother in McRoberts, Ky., requests prayer that he may be saved from back-sliding and may heed the Lord's call to preach.

A sister and her husband in Superior, Arizona, that God will use them in His service and may bless in the distribution of literature.

Pray for Ozark, Ala., that there may be a revival of faith there, and that the one who makes this request may have power to go through.

Please pray for this place and that God will send some one here to preach the full Gospel with signs following.—O. K. C., Meeker, Okla.

Evangelist Birmingham requests prayer for God to bless in a meeting being held at Hope, Ark., that God will reach the hearts of the people.

Pray for my mother, that her body may be rejuvenated, renewed and strengthened, and that the Holy Ghost may descend on both of us.—J. A. G.

Deliverance from cigarette and snuff habit, and full salvation for a brother and sister in Florien, La. That a Spirit-filled worker may go to that place.

Pray for me, I am not satisfied with the evidence of the baptism, and pray for this place that God may do a good work here this summer.—J. S. S., Ogden, Ark.

A sister in Imboden, Ark., requests prayer that her husband may find work; also that she may be healed of trouble in her teeth of about six years standing.

A mother and daughter that they may receive the baptism of the Spirit and that God may have His way in their lives, and a real revival may come in their midst.

Pray for the husband and sister of a sister living in Hornbeck, La., that they may be saved and filled with the Spirit. Also that another sister there may have her children restored to her.

A brother in Fagan, Ky., that he may have boldness in declaring the whole counsel of God. Also that a brother in that place may be healed of serious stomach and bowel trouble.

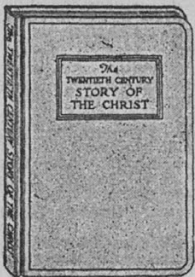
For a son who has entered the navy, that God will save him and be with him; also for the mother that she may receive the Holy Spirit, and that her little girl may be healed of kidney trouble.

A sister in Friend, Kansas, that she may have a knowledge of cleansing from sin and receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Also that God will send some one there to preach the full Gospel.

I have a roaring in my head caused by a gunshot over my head; it is injuring my hearing. I am one of the deacons of the Modena, Mo., Assembly. I am going to have to give up my position as leader if I don't get my hearing; pray that the Lord may heal.—J. P. C.

An infidel nearly 70 years old that he may be mightily convicted, soundly converted, baptized with the Holy Ghost and healed; also for a young woman that she may be saved and baptized with the Spirit and healed of goitre. For another woman to be baptized with the Spirit and healed of head trouble, causing noises in the head.

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CONVENTION AT ALTON, KANSAS.

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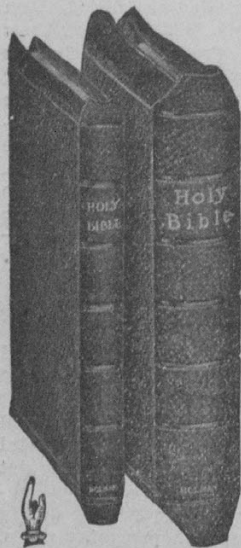
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