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"BEHOLD, SUCH IS OUR EXPECTATION."

Read the Acts of the Apostles, and consider the many mighty, physical manifestations of the Presence and Power of God. God can repeat this, and if He can get a people, He will. Through the individual or assembly that is simple enough to believe Him, and yielded enough to obey Him, God can work the supernatural. Miracles! It is the will of God that every one of His gifts shall be restored.

Look at the Sanhedrin non-plussed at the wisdom of Peter and John. They perceived they were ignorant and unlearned men and marvelled. And the Sanhedrin had to go to their most learned man to get an answer for these unlearned men, and his only answer was, "Let them alone!" The gift of wisdom in their words to the Sanhedrin, following the gift of miracles in the healing of the lame man, was followed by another miracle, the shaking of the very place where they were assembled. Read the story of Paul's ministry and see how many times miracles were performed. God is not limited in His gifts or the use of His gifts.

What is one of the reasons why these physical things are not being done? Scientific training; and belief, conscious or unconscious, imbibed, that the laws of the physical world are fixed. There was no such teaching at the time of Pentecost. Even the scribes and Pharisees asked for a sign, hypocrites though they were. They believed in the supernatural. The physical, the natural, the material, holds such a place with the people of these days that they inwardly believe there can be no alteration. But through a people simple enough to believe that God is above His natural law, God can work correspondingly. The natural education as to the physical laws has to give way to a supernatural education as to the spiritual laws.

One of the gifts of the Spirit, little understood, little appreciated, little desired, is miracles, and **miracles are necessary these days.** The early church prayed that "signs and wonders may be done by the name of Thy holy child Jesus." Has that child changed? And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together. In response to the prayer of faith, God can shake an individual, a place or a community.

"The Lord hath His way in the whirlwind." Nah. 1:3. Get into the mighty rushing whirlwind that Ezekiel saw, into those quickly revolving wheels, and look for Pentecost repeated.

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A LIFE ON CONTINUAL PRAYER IS THE LIFE OF VICTORY OVER THE FLESH, WORLD AND THE DEVIL.

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The Persian Pentecostal Mission, which is now known worldwide, is a mighty divine result of God's grace—it was born of a prayerful life in the mighty name of Jesus, and its glorious and prosperous continuation is the same secret of prayer by which we can receive *all things*. Matt. 21:22.

Herewith I will give just one or two incidents of the prayer life of the Persian boys.

We were taught by the Lord through the Scriptures, that as we breathe the air so we should breathe forth prayers; praying without ceasing, praying always and not fainting, praying with all prayers, for all people, and praying everywhere. (Read 1 Thess. 5:17; Luke 18:1; Eph. 6:18; 1 Tim. 2:8.)

We practiced that which we read in the Scriptures, by giving ourselves to prayers (Acts 6:4), and as we did this the Spirit of prayer gripped us, so we could not help but pray, not only "always" "everywhere," but even in our sleep we woke up praying; rivers of prayers did not dry up during the night but were sweetly streaming in us. (John 7:38.)

Sometimes we felt worn out in body and tired, having worked hard all day in our secular daily work, and, the flesh being weak, Satan would whisper like an angel of light: "Don't pray now, you don't feel right—you are not in the Spirit, wait until God moves you;" but our obedience to simple Scriptures such as "pray without ceasing," "pray always," would overcome such unscriptural suggestions and we would force our flesh to obey the desires of our hearts, which was to pray always. Then God would come upon us in a wonderful way, refreshing not only our spirits but our bodies also, confirming the truth of His Word.

Beloved, when God gave us those commandments on prayer, He knew our frame and that there would be times we would be weak and tired in flesh, but He said "Pray always," etc. Why did He give us such commands? Because He knows the best for us, and as we go by His Word and not by feelings, He gives us manifestations of His power and blessing, and we are more than glad that we obeyed His dictations in the Word.

The life of continual prayer is not only accomplishing great things for others, but makes us feel as though we are living in heaven, in a place of perfect peace and beautiful rest and quietness of our mind and spirit, and the power of our daily temptations from all sources is crippled. They come like a wind upon us and are gone without any effect upon us. Oh, that men would pray.

Our Saviour knew the powerful secret of prayer, even when we keenly feel unwilling in the flesh. That is why He said to His disciples "Pray lest you enter into temptation, for the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak." To be kept from entering horrible and many temptations is to "pray always," then temptations will come and pass us by and we will be safe in His arms.

Many times we boys used to say to each other: "Why are we so happy? We don't feel we are in a bad world, all things around us appear good, although they are no good." Ah, when our way pleases God, our very enemies will be at peace with us, and the way that pleases God is the way of a continual life of prayer and praise. (1 Thess. 5:17-18.)

Remember reader, these boys were working in hotels, factories and in other industries, being surrounded by a wicked atmosphere always, being tempted in all points of life; but despite all this, you could look in their faces and say "they shine." Oh, shining life of victory. The life of holiness and innocency of the Son of God to be in us all and through us all. Such a noble longing can be satisfied if we live by prayer and pray without ceasing.

The life of our Saviour was graceful and miraculous because he used to give more time to prayer than his eating, dressing and even sleeping. If He needed that kind of a prayer life, do not we?

He began His ministry while on the earth, in prayer. He finished it with prayer on the cross. When He victoriously entered heaven He began His ministry there with prayer for the Holy Spirit to fall upon believers, and He will be praying or interceding until the last day of His priesthood, when He shall put off His long robe and put on His short vesture, coming down to the earth as King of kings and Lord of lords to gather the harvest of His prayers with the harvest of prayers of His saints, which will be no more prayer but praises of eternal excellency and glory for all ages to come, with joy unspeakable and full of glory. (Compare Luke 3:20-22 with Luke 23:34. John 14:16; Rev. 19:11-16.)

The Book of Acts is called the book of wonders of God in the church. Why? If you read every chapter you will find more prayers in it than miracles—that was the secret of the powerful Apostolic church. Let us keep in the pattern of God and let us keep on building on the same life of prayers, intercessions and supplications with thanksgiving, as the Apostles did. (1 Tim. 2:8.)

Look carefully at Church Revivals in past ages—you will see they began with prayer and ended because they neglected prayer. Luther, Wesley, Finney, Moody and others prayed more than they preached and ate, that is why they though dead yet speak loudly.

Oh, beloved, we are nearing the hour of temptation which shall come upon the whole earth. The only way to escape it and not enter into it and be caught away with Christ for His soon-coming marriage supper, is the way of watchfulness and prayer. (Read Luke 22:40; Rev. 3:10; Luke 21:34-38.)

The elect ones who will escape this horrible hour are those who cry unto God day and night, that is why they are gathered away from the four winds to meet their Saviour King Emmanuel. (Compare Luke 18:6 with Matt. 24:31.)

I was led to teach the Persian boys that we must not only pray in the mornings when we get up, not only at noon when we eat our lunch, and not only in the evening when we retire, but also to continue praying until we fall asleep. Also to pray when we walk to our work from the rooming house. They obeyed and that made them heroes of righteousness and glory to their Redeemer, and kept them from their daily temptation, although being tempted severely.

One young man said to us one day that he fell in a deep basement entrance where there were many cement stairs because he was praying as he walked to work, and he woke up by a terrible fall without being hurt; but he rejoiced over the fact that his whole being was overcome with prayer for all perishing humanity!

One very cold day as I was walking from the hotel where I used to work, to my room, about two miles distant, I was so much taken up with intercession for the whole world, my ears had frozen and wrapped together like a bud, hanging down by the skin. A street car motorman noticed me in the middle of the street and stopped his car, crying aloud, "Oh, friend, your ears are fallen." People ran from all directions to help me set my ears back to my head. I was overjoyed with the fact that I was lost in prayer in the noisy streets of Chicago on a very cold morning. When I reached my warm room my frozen ears began to melt. Oh, what a pain it would be if I got that as an accident—but not so, every ache was a note of praise because God had poured out such a spirit of prayer upon me. My newly skinned ears are witness of this testimony.

These are only two incidents of the many of the prayer life of the Persian Pentecostal Mission of Chicago. All our prosperity and deliverance from the bloodthirsty Mohammedans in Persia at the recent massacre was the outcome of the prayer life. Praise God for his faithfulness in answering all our prayers for the sake of our simple trust in the name of Jesus Christ, our all in all. (John 14:13.)

Volumes could be written on this subject of all subjects, but this is sufficient at this time to make anyone realize that the secret of all victory over flesh and the devil in this life, is the praying life.

They that come to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. (Heb. 11:6.)

A LITTLE GIRL'S DREAM.

Written by herself.

I dreamed that while sitting on my cousin's knee I beheld a wonderful sight. I saw bright stars appear in the heavens, while pearly gates opened and Jesus came out. He was, as it says in the Bible, like the Son of Man. He called His loved ones to Him and they all disappeared in the sky. When I looked around I found myself left behind, among Satan's people, who were laughing and mocking me. After a while I saw Jesus before me and I begged and cried to be allowed to go up too, but He said He would send for me in a year, which I thought to be a very long time to be in this wicked world to go through the awful tribulation which was to be.

As I walked through the streets people were coming out of the theatres and a great uproar took place, horses were running away and people were stealing from the shops of those who had been taken away, and some were going out of their minds with the noise.

This went on for a year when my cousin appeared before me in a shining robe and took hold of my hand and led me along the street and I felt quite safe.

The people were mocking us and throwing stones at us, but Jesus was keeping us out of danger and so we were safe.

I felt this to be a very solemn dream, and when I related it to my cousin she said that no doubt it was of God, as a word of warning to me, for I am ashamed to say I had been a naughty girl that afternoon.

Dear young friends, I plead with you to leave your sins and get ready for the coming of the Lord, that you may not be left behind as I was, to go through the awful times that Satan will give. For this dream, as well, as the things that are happening on the earth show us that the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.—E. C. G.

Thou camest not to thy place by accident; it is the very place God meant for thee.

SIGNS OF THE LAST DAYS.

"Thou shalt be visited of the Lord of host with thunder, and with earthquake and great noise with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire."—Isa. 29:6.

According to the prophet Isaiah, we are not only to look, in these last days, for "Wars and rumors of wars," but also for terrible storms as well. We have had wars from the time that Cain murdered his brother Abel to the present time. But in the last days they were to be more frequent—"Kingdom against kingdom and nation against nation."—Matt. 24:7.

War itself is not a sign that the age is closing, but when we see the Nations gather together and engage in deadly conflict, we may know that the coming of Christ is at hand. And this we see today. So with the "earthquake" and mighty storms. The earthquake alone is not a sign. There were earthquakes "in the days of Ussiah, king of Judah," (Zech. 14:5) but when they become more frequent—when there are "earthquakes in divers places"—then we may "look up, for redemption draweth nigh." Matt. 24:7 with Luke 21:28.

Likewise there have been fires and storms and great tempest upon sea and land, yet nothing like we are having, and will have in the last days. We have read of the great forest fires as well as the city fires, that are becoming more widespread than ever before.

In the spring of 1909 a small boy hid himself in a shed to smoke cigarettes, and was the cause of a fire in the city of Fort Worth, Texas, which destroyed property to the extent of \$12,000,000. The wind blowing at the rate of 55 miles per hour, swept the flames on in its work of destruction. At the same time, it was reported that the city of Dallas was suffering "the violence of fire." Some months later Houston, Texas, suffered in the same way. We also read of some of the northeastern cities which were being swept with fires, the flames being driven by mighty winds. Only a few weeks ago, in a big daily, we read in startling headlines that Atlanta, Georgia, was "fire swept."

Is this not like the text? "Thou shalt be visited of the Lord...with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire.

Storms also have become more frequent than ever before. Below we quote the Ft. Worth Record of June 2nd: "Coffeyville visited by *tornado*...with the loss of several lives...many homes and business houses in ruins...the number of dead was unknown." This from Little Rock, also published in the Record: "The town of Mansfield, about twenty miles from Ft. Smith, was blown away by a tornado." Again we quote: "Tornado sweeps several states, storm strikes near Gainesville, Tex., and deaths are reported from Oklahoma." From Paducah, Ky., we read: "Five persons were injured, one probably fatally, during a storm which destroyed or damaged every structure in Viola, a small town near here, today."

The above, all on the first page of the Record. On page 2 we have: "Coalgate, Oklahoma, wrecked by tornado, a town of 3500 inhabitants 100 miles east of here (reported from Oklahoma City) demolishing 400 houses."

These storms occurred all on the same date and were by no means all the storms reported in that paper. Since then we have read of the cyclones raging in Kansas and Missouri as well as other places. Truly these are God's judgments coming upon the world because of its wickedness. The earth is being "*visited with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, and with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire.*" Jesus is coming soon! —Burt McCafferty, Quinlan, Texas, Box 145.

PICTURES OF PENTECOST IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

Picture XI. Deserts changed to gardens. Isaiah 35.

In our last article we saw something of the blessed Spirit's work in the character and inner life of the believer. In this chapter it is the *work* of the child of God which is described. What was once sterile and arid, like the terrible desert of Sinai, may become a very garden of the Lord, when watered by the Rivers of Living Water. This chapter will be literally fulfilled when the Lord Jesus sets up His throne on this earth: but it is fulfilled in a spiritual sense in every individual believer who crowns His King and submits entirely to His sway.

"The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad: and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose." There is an exultant note of *joy* all through this chapter—a joy unspeakable and full of glory. This marvellous transformation takes place in the life and ministry of the Christian when he receives the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and also in the place where he works for God. How many a spiritually foul, barren desert in heathen lands has been changed into a veritable garden of Eden, where joy and gladness are heard therein, thanksgiving and the voice of melody! I myself have seen many a home where once nothing but bad words, quarrelling and swearing were heard, transformed into a little heaven below, when the parents were saved, and began to gather their children together for daily prayer. Often far on into the night the sound of praise and prayer might be heard from those little mud huts: and then again in the early hours would resound the favorite melody,

"It is morning: are you still sleeping?
Get up and sing the praises of Jesus!"

"It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice, even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon: they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God." The glory of Lebanon—the range of majestic mountains in the north of their country—was the pride and joy of all the Hebrew poets. Mount Carmel rises abruptly out of the sea just south of the Bay of Acca, and forms a fine, rocky ridge, extending for twelve miles inland. To the south of it lies the far-famed plain of Sharon, covered with the richest carpet of wild flowers—a sight never to be forgotten. The three allusions taken together seem to sum up every kind of beauty; and all this loveliness can be worked out in your life and mine, dear reader, by the Holy Spirit. Read the Song of Solomon for the most wonderful descriptions of the beauty of Jesus, the Fairest among ten thousand, the Altogether Lovely One: and then yield to the Spirit for Him to work out this "beauty" and "excellency" in you. "For ye are a chosen generation. . . a people for His own possession, that ye should shew forth the praises (or excellencies) of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light." (1 Pet. 2:9.)

"Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense: He will come and save you." There are many feeble and fearful ones around us. To them the Lord would have us go with His own loving message of cheer and uplift. This is applied in Heb. 12: 12 to those who are enduring chastening. Feeble knees, or slackness in prayer, are often the cause of weak hands, or ineffective labor. May the Lord enable us both by our example and our teaching to strengthen the feeble knees, to inculcate a spirit of simple, childlike prayer, and

to lead the way in a ministry of intercession. Then the hands which hang down will be lifted up, and the work for God will become effective, because energized by the power of His Spirit. And as we see in the message of this verse, there is nothing which will stir people up to prayer and work like reminding them of the near coming of the Lord.

"Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert." This last clause gives the key to all the blessing described in this chapter, viz., the breaking forth of the blessed Spirit of God, as Rivers of Living Water (See John 7:37-39). After His descent in power on the Day of Pentecost, trace the fulfilment of these glorious promises of healing. Acts 5:15, 16. "*They were healed every one.*" What a glorious time of rejoicing must then have ensued! the eyes of the blind being opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped. See in Acts 3:8 the lame man leaping as a hart, and note its blessed results, in the concourse of people, the sermon of Peter, and 2,000 more souls added to the Lord. Dear one, *our God is just the same to day*: and when we go forth to exalt the name of Jesus in the power of the Holy Ghost, we may expect the same miracles of healing.

"And the mirage shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water; in the habitation of dragons where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes. Writing in Southern Texas, after a long period of drought, these words seem to come home very specially. We cannot drive along any country road without constantly seeing mirages: a cool, refreshing pool of water will appear in the road ahead of us, fringed by shady trees, or the fields on the horizon will transform themselves into lakes, similarly bordered with trees. To the Israelites in the wilderness march also the mirage must have been of daily occurrence: for the traveller in those vast deserts of sand is continually being deceived by this peculiar optical illusion. When he is fainting with thirst, he sees before him a cool, refreshing lake and some shady palm-trees. He hastens forward, only to find the whole vanish into thin air; he has been pursuing a *mirage*."

Is not this typical of the *ideals* of our spiritual life? Does this meet the eye of a young believer, standing at the threshold of the Christian life, looking forward into the future with great hopes and high ideals? Dear one, those ideals of yours *need not fail*. They certainly will prove nothing but mirages if you trust in your own strength to bring them to pass: but if you hand the whole control of your heart and life over to the Holy Spirit, the mirage shall become a pool, i. e., the *ideal* shall materialize into *reality*. Yes, even in the "habitation of dragons," the places where Satan lurks to destroy you, the besetting sins and temptations of your life, the Holy Spirit will give you glorious victory.

"And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it, for HE shall be with them: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon: it shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there: and the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." It is the *Holy Spirit* who works this transformation, so of course the pathway He makes must be the *way of holiness*. In our last article we saw His work as that of the devouring fire, burning up all that defiles. We saw also the result of dwelling continually

in the cleansing fire: hearts, hands, eyes, ears and feet sanctified and made meet for the Master's use. It is true of the Heavenly City that "there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth," and the same is true of the pathway of holiness which leads to that city.

The blessed Spirit is willing to take those who are apparently most unsuited—"the wayfaring men, though fools." Yes, He tells us that he has *chosen* such, in order to manifest the exceeding greatness of His power. "Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes." "God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise: and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty: and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: that no flesh should glory in HIS presence." (Matt. 11: 25; 1 Cor. 1:27-29.)

The great enemy of our souls, like a roaring lion, is always seeking to drive us off this highway of holiness; but, praise God, neither he nor any of his other ravenous beasts shall be allowed to do it. Redeemed by the precious Blood and safe under its protection, the little company of rejoicing pilgrims passes on from strength to strength, from glory to glory, until at length

EVERY ONE OF THEM IN ZION APPEARETH BEFORE GOD.—A. E. L.

REWARDS.

An extract from one of Billy Sunday's sermons.

In Revelation I read: "Around about the throne were four and twenty seats, and I saw there four and twenty elders sitting clothed in white raiment, crowns of gold on their heads, (I know some elders that won't wear crowns unless they get converted. They don't live in Philadelphia, these fellows I'm talking about.) I saw four-and-twenty elders, clothed in white raiment, on their heads crowns of gold, and they cast their crowns at His feet."

That's a picture of the glorified church. Here it is the church militant; there it is the church triumphant. I sometimes think here it is the church somnambulant. Here we call it the church militant, there the church triumphant, where all things have passed away and we stand before God to receive the record of our labors and our toils for Him there. What a grand thing!

That was a wonderful time, in 1857, when the soldiers returned to England from the Crimean war and assembled on a given day in the Crystal Palace, and the queen gave out, through her assistant, medals. Upon them were the names of the principal battles and sieges in the Crimean war.

A man named Trowbridge, when a ball shattered one of his limbs, threw his arm around a tree and supported himself, and another cannon ball came and shattered his other limb, and he fell. They carried him, as they supposed, dying, to the rear, but, strange as it seems, he survived the ordeal.

When the day of awarding came, the limbs hadn't healed to enable him to wear wooden legs, and four of his comrades bore him on a stretcher. When her majesty saw them coming she turned to her chief chamberlain and said, "What is his name?" and "What was the battle?"

He replied, "His name is Trowbridge, and Inkerman the battle."

She said, "Give me the medal."

She arose, walked down the steps, went down the aisle and met the soldiers bearing the wounded comrade on the stretcher. They stopped, she leaned over and brushed the hair back from his forehead. The tears trickled down her cheeks and fell on his upturned face

and she said, "Poor fellow, how you must have suffered! How I grieve for you! How terrible are the ravages of war that they leave men like this! God speed the day when they shall be no more."

Pins Medal on his Breast.

And with her own hand she pinned the medal on his breast, and the royal musicians tried to play, but they broke down. The royal singers in the gallery tried to sing, and their song ended with a sob, and then all, seemingly simultaneously, cried out, "God save the Queen!"

I saw an old Crimean veteran out in Iowa who showed me his medal, and he said it was a marvellous sight. I met him ten years ago, and he was then 80 years old. He said, "I wish you could have witnessed it."

I wish I could myself, but I thought it would have been more wonderful if every soldier had pulled the medal from his breast, walked past the throne and had thrown them at the queen's feet and said: "Your majesty, it is reward enough for us to look into your face and stand in your presence and feel the power of your personality. We are glad we endured all we did, just for the blessing and honor of standing in your presence."

I think when my eyes to earth's glories grow dim, and I have gone to the last city and preached my last sermon and offered my last prayer, and have given the last invitation to the unsaved, and the death dew gathers on my brow and the death rattle is heard in my throat, and my wife and little ones stand around my bedside and I look into their faces, I want to tell you in a time and an hour like that, when the world recedes and heaven opens, and I burst through the gates into the city and look into the face of Him who, having not seen, I love, whatever reward Jesus feels I have earned, I will feel like taking the crown off my head and throwing it at His feet and stand and gaze on His face and say: "Jesus, it is reward enough for me to look into Your face. It is reward enough for me to know that the pearly gates have swung behind my back on their jewelled hinges, and I will go in and out no more for ever. I just want to stand and look at You, Jesus."—From "Confidence."

A PINCH OF SALT.

"Ye are the salt of the earth." (Matt. 5:13.)

"The Lord calls His people the salt of the earth," said the old woman musingly. "I reckon no one of us is more than a pinch—and some of us is a pretty stingy pinch the way we act sometimes—but it's just the pinch put in or left out that makes or spoils the cooking. Take it all together it's likely we have a deal to do with the seasoning of the world."

It was a homely exposition, but a true one. We are not the "salt of the earth" alone for its saving, but also for its seasoning, day by day. Though each individual is only a "pinch," yet each in his place should add relish and enjoyment to the life around him. Only God can bring the world to heaven, but every Christian who will can bring a little of heaven to the world and put it into the life of those about him. There is the salt of *cheerfulness* that gives taste and enjoyment to many an otherwise weary and monotonous hour; the salt of *sympathy* that has such power to lighten worries and griefs; the salt of *justice* and *charity* that would sweeten so many bitter judgments; the salt of *forbearance* that dissolves strife,—all these are a part of the "seasoning" the child of God should put into the life in which he has a share. Salt is for preserving, and the mission of Christianity is not alone to keep the earth from destruction, but to keep happiness, courage, love, faith in God and humanity sound and sweet within it. Let us not forget to add our bit of seasoning day by day; it is what we are here for.—C. Donle.

THE PENTECOSTAL MOVEMENT AND THE CONSCRIPTION LAW.

From its very inception, the Pentecostal Movement has been a movement of evangelism, studiously avoiding any principles or actions which would thwart it in its great purpose. All the wings of the movement, which have grown out of the work that originated in the South-western States and the Pacific Coast, are a unit in this respect.

From the very beginning, the movement has been characterized by Quaker principles. The laws of the Kingdom, laid down by our elder brother, Jesus Christ, in His Sermon on the Mount, have been unqualifiedly adopted, consequently the movement has found itself opposed to the spilling of the blood of any man, or of offering resistance to any aggression. Every branch of the movement, whether in the United States, Canada, Great Britain or Germany, has held to this principle. When the war first broke out in August of 1914, our Pentecostal brethren in Germany found themselves in a peculiar position. Some of those who were called to the colors responded, but many were court marshalled and shot because they heartily subscribed to the principles of non-resistance. Great Britain has been more humane. Some of our British brethren have been given non-combatant service, and none have been shot down because of their faith.

It had not been seriously considered that the General Council of the Assemblies of God (one of the prominent branches of the Pentecostal Movement in the United States) would find it necessary to interpret its attitude toward war, until the war clouds gathered and actual war was declared. Neither the General Council, nor any other wing of the movement that we know of, have ever written a creed, therefore it was found necessary for a number of the official members of the Executive Presbytery to assemble together and draw up a resolution interpreting the established principles or creed of all sections of the Pentecostal Movement, and especially that part represented by the General Council. A resolution was formulated, approved by the Executive and General Presbytery, and forwarded to President Wilson on April 28th, 1917. The letter to the President and the resolution were as follows:

Resolution Concerning the Attitude of the General Council of the Assemblies of God Toward any Military Service which Involves the Actual Participation in the Destruction of Human Life.

While recognizing Human Government as of Divine ordination and affirming our unswerving loyalty to the Government of the United States, nevertheless we are constrained to define our position with reference to the taking of human life.

WHEREAS, in the Constitutional Resolution adopted at the Hot Springs General Council, April 1-10, 1914, we plainly declare the Holy Inspired Scriptures to be the all-sufficient rule of faith and practice, and

WHEREAS the Scriptures deal plainly with the obligations and relations of humanity, setting forth the principles of "Peace on earth, good will toward men." (Luke 2:14); and

WHEREAS we, as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, believe in implicit obedience to the Divine commands and precepts which instruct us to "Follow peace with all men," (Heb. 12:14); "Thou shalt not kill," (Exod. 20:13); "Resist not evil," (Matt. 5:39); "Love your enemies," (Matt. 5:44); etc., and

WHEREAS these and other Scriptures have always been accepted and interpreted by our churches as prohibiting Christians from shedding blood or taking human life;

THEREFORE we, as a body of Christians, while purposing to fulfill all the obligations of loyal citizenship, are nevertheless constrained to declare we cannot conscientiously

participate in war and armed resistance which involves the actual destruction of human life, since this is contrary to our view of the clear teachings of the inspired Word of God, which is the sole basis of our faith.

April 28th, 1917.

To The Honorable Woodrow Wilson,
President of the United States of America,
Washington, D. C.

Mr. President:—

We desire to express to your Excellency our loyal support at this time of national crisis and to assure you that we will do all in our power to uphold your hands.

We enclose herewith a copy of a Resolution setting forth the religious belief of the General Council of the Assemblies of God (a partial list of the ministers of which organization is enclosed herewith) pertaining to military service.

It is not the purpose of this Resolution to weaken the hands of the Executive, nor to discourage enlistment of any, even of our own people, whose conscientious principles are not involved. We only pray that we, whose religious tenets will not allow us so to engage, be allowed to obey God according to our Constitutional rights.

We want further to assure your Excellency that any service of a non-military character, not out of harmony with the Resolution attached, that we can give to our country at this time, will be gladly rendered.

Respectfully yours,
THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE
ASSEMBLIES OF GOD,
Stanley H. Frodsham,
Secretary.

In reply to the letter to the President, enclosing the above Resolution, we received a letter from the Secretary to the President, Mr. Tumulty, stating that the matter had been referred to the War Department. On May 4th, a letter was written from the office of the Provost Marshal General in Washington to the Secretary of the General Council as follows:

Dear Sir:—

The President desires me to acknowledge receipt of your resolution by which certain members of your church claim exemption from military service.

You are informed that the matter of exemptions is now being carefully considered by Congress. It is expected that the bill will become law in a very short time, and immediately thereafter full and complete information and instructions will be given to the public through the press. I regret to say that it is impossible to be more definite at that time.

Very respectfully,

D. L. Roscoe,
Captain of Cavalry, United States Army.

On July 14th, the War Department published, through the press, full and complete information pertaining to Exemptions. Under the head of "Exemptions," which would affect our members, the following item was listed:

"2. That you are a regular or duly ordained minister of religion."

This Exemption clause will affect over five hundred Pentecostal preachers who have been ordained to the ministry of the Gospel, and who hold credentials from the General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Under the head of "Claims for Discharge," the following items are listed:

"8. That you are a married man with a wife or child dependent on you for support.

"9. That you have a widowed mother dependent on your labor for support.

"10. That you have aged or infirm parents dependent upon your labor for support.

"11. That you are a father of a motherless child under 16 dependent upon your labor for support.

"12. That you are a brother of an orphan child or children under 16 dependent on your labor for support.

"13. That you are a member of any well-organized religious sect or organization organized and existent May 18, 1917, and whose then existing creed or principles forbade its members to participate in war in any form and whose religious convictions are against war or participation therein in accordance with the creed or principles of said religious organization."

Inasmuch as the Pentecostal Movement has been existent since 1906 as a powerful factor for the evangelism of the world, and the General Council was organized in April, 1914, and incorporated under the laws of Arkansas, and then reincorporated in November, 1916, under the laws of the State of Missouri, and inasmuch as the principles of the General Council were in opposition to war from its very beginning which was considerably prior to May 18th, 1917, we have therefore sought further recognition from the War Department, sending the following letter to the Provost Marshal General, Washington, D. C.

July 25, 1917.

The Provost Marshal General,
Washington, D. C.
Honorable Sir:—

Referring to your letter of May 4th, also letter from the Secretary of the President, dated April 30th, we are asking your further attention to our resolution therein referred to, in which we declare the principles of our religious belief concerning military service.

Thanking you for the kindly attention already given the matter, we are pleased to submit the enclosed additional information regarding our religious order, viz.:

We were chartered as a religious body in the State of Arkansas, October 30th, 1914, and again in the State of Missouri, November 1st, 1916. Certified copy of last charter enclosed.

All our ministers carry the attached forms of Ordination and Fellowship Certificates, showing their present standing in the ministry.

We are enclosing list of ministers regularly ordained, and list of Assemblies or local churches, with name of the secretary. Outside of this list of Assemblies, are a number of scattered groups and individuals of our Faith and Order concerning whom we can certify as occasion may require.

Upon the understanding thus established, we are notifying our members of our recognition as a religious body.

Any further information that might be required, we should be pleased to supply on application.

We beg to remain,

Respectfully yours,
THE GENERAL COUNCIL,
ASSEMBLIES OF GOD,
(Signed) Stanley H. Frodsham,
Secretary.

Whereas the General Council meets every requirement of the law relating to well-organized religious bodies existent prior to May 18th, 1917, whose religious principles are opposed to participation in war, there should be no trouble for members of our body, who desire exemption, and who have not sought it on the grounds of having loved ones dependent upon them, to seek for and procure exemption on religious grounds.

If your name appears in the draft and you receive notice to report on a certain date, the government allows you seven days in which to file a statement that you seek exemption. The District Board has regulation blank affidavits which must be made out by the applicant. You can secure these blank affidavits from your district exemption board. If the board has not the blanks that fit your case, they have a book containing forms which you can consult and can make your affidavit according to the instructions. Ten days are then allowed for the filing of these affidavits. Remember, if you seek exemption, it must be in the regulation way prescribed by the Government. Your own District Exemption Board will supply you with all the necessary information. Go to your District Exemption Board for it; don't write to the General Council Office. We can give no more information than we have given herewith.

Do you believe in greater effectiveness on the mission field? then come to the Missionary Conference, September 13th.

DAILY PORTION FROM THE KING'S BOUNTY

MRS. A. R. FLOWER

Sunday. "The Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song." Isa. 12:2.

Then "let the weak say, I am strong;" let the troubled, sorrowing one rejoice, if indeed such a mighty reservoir of supply is waiting to be connected with our own peculiar need whatever that may be. The enemy is ever seeking to limit our conception of the Holy One of Israel, but as we draw near Him in loving worship, however humbled or weak our condition, faith's wings grow strong and we find it easy to trust, to rest, to appropriate the fullness of His provision.

Monday. "Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established." Prov. 16:3.

There is nothing too trifling or homely but what we may ask and receive His guidance and blessing. One of God's precious ones, whom I have known for many years, would often, if not always, drop on her knees for a few words of quiet committal to God before leaving her home, even on matters of secular import. No strain or bondage about it; simply the acknowledgment of Him, whom she expected to really direct her path. These are the little steps that go to make a holy walk with God.

Tuesday. "He will joy over thee with singing." Zeph. 3:17.

Am I indeed His peculiar treasure—
Doth He delight in my worship and praise?
Wonderful mystery of all ages
That such as I should His blessing engage.
Saved with an everlasting pardon,
Sealed by His Spirit for glories untold,
Marvelous grace and divineness favor,
Now in His keeping my life He doth hold.

Wednesday. "I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you." Isa. 46:4.

Hannah Whitall Smith says, "I have not a shadow or doubt that if all our eyes could be opened today, we should see our homes, and our places of business, and the streets we traverse, filled with the 'chariots of God.' There is no need for any one of us to walk for lack of chariots. That cross inmate of your household, who has hitherto made life a burden to you, and who has been the Juggernaut car to crush your soul into the dust, may henceforth be a glorious chariot to carry you to the heights of heavenly patience and long-suffering. That misunderstanding, that mortification, that unkindness, that disappointment, that loss, that defeat—all these are chariots waiting to carry you to the very heights of victory you have so longed to reach. Mount into them, then, with thankful hearts."

Thursday. "I will remember the works of the Lord: surely I will remember thy wonders of old." Psa. 77:11.

There is no better cure for momentary despondency nor a better stimulus to faith than the recalling of His past mercies toward you. How great is the sum of them! How manifold His tokens of love and grace in past deliverances! And this same God who hath delivered, is delivering right now, nor will He ever cease His great work of deliverance till all His redeemed ones are safely seated in the full splendor of His presence. Hallelujah!

Friday. "They dealt faithfully." 2 Kin. 12:15.
"So her life was full of sunshine, for in toiling for the Lord She had found the hidden sweetness that in common things lies stored;

He has strewn the earth with flowers, and each eye their brightness sees;
But He filled their cups with honey for His humble working bees."

Saturday. "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works." Heb. 10:24.

"It is the habit of making sacrifices in small things that enables us for making them in great, when it is asked of us. Temper, love of pre-eminence, bodily indulgence, the quick retort, the sharp irony,—in checking these let us find our cross and carry it. Or, when the moment comes for some really great service, the heart will be petrified for it, and the blinded eyes will not see the occasion of love."

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WANTED—A REVIVAL OF FAITH.

Read the list of the many heroes of faith in Hebrews II, those men and women of whom the apostle writes, "The world was not worthy." Faith links the world's unworthy on to God, and God links Himself on to the world's unworthy. "They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented." That is how the world treated His worthy ones.

There was no room for Him in the inn, and He had no grave of His own. A borrowed manger followed by a borrowed grave! These worthies were in good company, but they were bad company for the world. "Get out of my way, out of my sight" is the cry. Some were tortured, not accepting deliverance, and others escaped, but these all received a good report *through faith*.

Faith has not ceased, it is the link from God. And the Lord is seeking a fresh lot of worthies. Hebrews eleven portrays the Old Testament saints, and God wants New Testament latter rain saints on the same plan, from the giants of faith like Abraham, Moses and Joseph down to the last nameless ones. This chapter gives a summary. The writer only knew of a few, but there is the unpublished list kept by the Father Himself in the Book of Life. And the pages of the new book are not filled up, yet. He is wanting to fill them up. The names may be unknown to the world and to the church, but they are known to Himself and His Son, and they are sealed by His Spirit.

God is concerned about faith. As the material increases it seeks to shut out faith. Man's activity, planning, building, erecting this or that, puts faith in the background. On the other hand God is seeking to magnify faith. And he raises up Mullers and the like in this very materialistic age to prove that faith is, and that God is behind faith. God has His giants of faith, and time would fail to tell of the rank and file, of all the helpers in faith homes and orphanages and missions, whose names never appear. You know the leaders, and you call in So-and-

So's Faith Home, but what would the Faith Home be like without the faith underworkers? Christian men lose sight of these, but God does not. Moses was supported by the two on the mountain who upheld his hands. Faith needs supporters.

Hast thou faith? Have it to thyself and God. (Have the faith of God. *God's faith, the faith of God is indestructible by the enemy.*) It comes from the throne of God, passes through the domain of the enemy to the saints, intangible, indestructible, becomes substance in turn, linking the individual to things unseen.

The link that unites us to God has two sides, the faith and the blood. One acts upon the other and the two complete the link, and both are equally incapable of destruction by the enemy, and both the blood and faith are pleasing to the Father. (The blood of Christ speaks of pardon and peace, and faith carries one right into the presence of God.)

Moses endured, as seeing Him who is invisible. By faith he forsook Egypt, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt. The dazzle of the court of Pharaoh could not hide the invisible Christ from the man of faith any more than the dens and the caves could frighten and turn back the heroes of faith. It was the very same faith that made the substance real.

God is not changed, and His faith has not changed, and every child of God, as a child of Abraham, who was the father of the faithful, should be full of the faith of God. Abraham was very human, but he had divine faith. God points to him and encourages us and tells us that we are the children of faithful Abraham. Claim the heritage Abraham had. And Christ was the son of Abraham, and He is the Author and Finisher of our faith. (Abraham was an example of faith, but Christ is the planter of faith; both are given, Abraham and Christ, so that we might be encouraged.)

"By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac...accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure." Faith understands things contrary, and that blessing comes through sacrifice. There are no enigmas to faith. It counts on the future. It counts on God doing the miraculous. God is anxious that faith should be increased in the numbers that possess it, and in the quality, degree and extent.

(When the Son of Man cometh, will He find faith on the earth?) It remains for the faithful ones to decide. The disciples said, "Increase our faith." Present day disciples should pray, "Lord' increase the other one's faith," and their own will be increased correspondingly. Watering others, you will be watered yourself.

God wants recruits for His army of faith, and He is offering inducements and big rewards. But the enticements, according to the world's standard, are not enticements. But God's standard and man's standard are different. At man's recruiting stations he holds forth the best, and he hides in the background, "maimed in body, shattered nerves and ruined constitution" He covers it all with one big word, the GLORY. At God's recruiting station, the worst is put first. "Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple." That is the dark side. That is the worst side. But look at the other side, "And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands for My name's sake shall receive an *hundredfold* and shall inherit everlasting life." In spite of this, man gets the biggest number of recruits. Why? Because the god of this world hath blinded their eyes.

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

237. What "Generation" did Jesus refer to in Mt. 24:34?

Ans. Some hold Jesus referred to the generation he was talking to. Those who take this view hold that the "All these things" mean only the things connected with the tribulations of the Jews in the first fall of Jerusalem in A. D. 70, in that generation. Those who take the "All things" to include the final "Great tribulation" just before the second coming of the Lord take two ways of explaining "This generation." One wing holds that "generation" here means "race" and so "this race" would be the Jews, according to this. Hence that Jesus only meant to say the Jews, despite all their sins and punishments, would not be destroyed, but would live to see all he foretold. Others hold Jesus in His prophetic view, as is often the case in prophecy, projected Himself forward into the last days when these events were coming to pass and so meant to say that this generation living in these days and seeing these great wars would also live to see all fulfilled.—E. N. Bell.

238. What is the belief of the Pentecostal people?

Ans. 1. They believe in being actually saved from their sins, (Matt. 1:21); being born again of the Spirit, (Jno. 3:3-5); being made new creatures in Christ, (2 Cor. 5:17); all of which is one and the same thing.

2. They believe in a clean heart and life, a life of victory over sin, Luke 1:73-75; Rom. 6:14, 18, 22; Titus 2:11-12.

3. They believe in baptism (Matt. 28:19; Acts 2:38; 10:47-48; Rom. 6:3-6); in the Lord's Supper being observed till Jesus returns, 1 Cor. 11:23-26.

4. They believe in the baptism with the Holy Ghost with the speaking in tongues as the Spirit of God gives them utterance, Mark 1:8; 16:17; Acts 2:4. 10:44-46; 19:6.

5. They believe in the Church of God, (Matt. 16:18; Acts 2:47; 1 Tim. 3:15); in deacons and bishops or elders as officers in the church (1 Tim. 3:1-9; Phil. 1:1; Titus 1:5-9); in discipline in the church, Matt. 18:15-17.

6. They believe in the personal return of Christ to the earth, (Jno. 14:3; Acts 1:10-11; 2 Thess. 2:1-8); that He will reign on the earth a thousand years with His saints, Rev. 19:11-21; 20:1-6.

These are the main things with the preaching of the Gospel to the ends of the earth for the salvation of souls, that are being emphasized. But they believe in the whole Bible and take it as their sole rule of faith and practice. Jesus is being specially exalted as a complete Saviour, as the Lord and soon coming King.

239. Can a man beat his wife, call her dirty names, tell her he hates her and wishes she was dead, and never repent and then still have a right to go to church, profess to be a true Christian and big church member?

Ans. No. The Bible does not approve of such a profession or such a life. He may have an old cat for a wife who is as mean as he is, and, if so, both should repent, clean up and live right before professing anything from heaven. If the blame is all on one side, then the one in the

wrong should repent before he or she goes to the hell of fire. Better both live as common sinners than to act the hypocrite.

240. Are God's children required to pay tithes?

Ans. God's children in Old Testament times were absolutely required to pay tithes, and Malachi says they "robbed God" when they failed to obey the Lord.

But the New Testament Christian is not under law where things are "required" by statute, but under grace where the Spirit of God prompts us to love and obey God freely, willingly and out of gratitude rather than by law. Jesus said of those who paid tithes and overlooked judgment, mercy and faith, "These ought ye to have done and not to leave the other undone," Matt. 23:23. Jesus does not here say "You have to," but rather "Ye ought." Surely no loving child of God who loves the Lord with a whole heart, loves His cause better than self, if properly enlightened, would be satisfied to give less than one-tenth of his income to spread the greatest Gospel under heaven!

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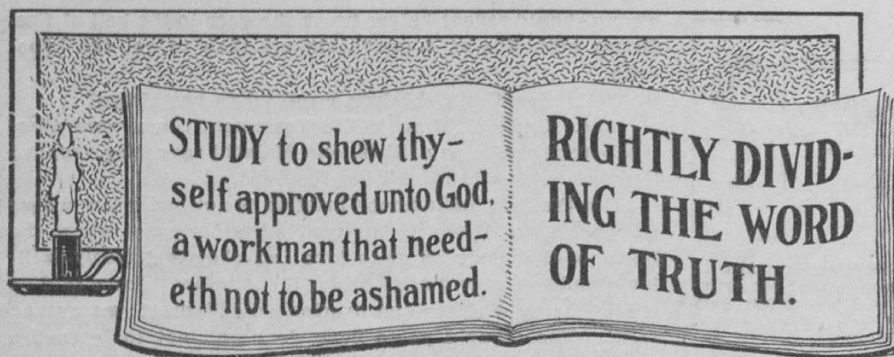
Elisha prayed for the eyes of his servant to be opened. And his eyes were turned from the material to the spiritual. At first he saw the mass of the enemy, and that was everything. But the prayer of the man of faith opened the eyes of his servant, and he had faith to see the invisible, the other army, the bigger army, the stronger army. Here you have also an example of the strong in faith praying for the weak in faith, so that he also saw what the prophet saw. This is the privilege of all the children of faith.

"I WOULD SHOUT IT FROM EVERY HOUSETOP."

A certain fashionable family, whose residence was near a church whose members worshipped God with great enthusiasm, drew up a petition to present to the City Council stating that the church was a disturber of the peace. Thinking, of course, that a Jew would be quick to sign it, they took it first to him. But he said, "Gentlemen, I cannot sign it. If I believed, as do these Christians, that my Messiah had come, I would shout it from every housetop and on every street in this city with all the enthusiasm I could command—and nobody could stop me."—Prophetic News.

(Like young David, lay aside every weight; don't crowd yourself with theological, ecclesiastical, or man-made armor—it hinders movement. Use your sling and stones, smooth stones from the Book, smooth but unpolished (the polished ones slide off and do not penetrate), then old Goliath will not have a chance against you. Cut his head off with his own sword to stop all further argument. Saul's armor would have been useless or lost David the battle. By the time the theological professors have fully trained their recruits, the mice have devoured their slings, leaving hem nothing but gasbags to fight with. All right for a clown, but a sorry weapon for a Christian. Rough stones for the altar, not chiselled ones! Colleges are much like sausage machines; sausage machines turn out sausages—Oxford, Cambridge, Princeton, German and other kinds. Don't pelt the devil with sausages or mince pies, but with living stones chipped from the Rock of Ages. Such are high explosives—real devil-drivers all. Be one yourself, and ask God to fire you as far as possible, even to the uttermost parts of the earth.—From "The Whole World for Jesus Now.")

Representative Missionary Conference, St. Louis, Mo., September 13th, 1917.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

August 12, 1917.

JOSIAH'S GOOD REIGN.

Lesson Text: 2 Chron. 34:1-13.

Golden Text: Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth, Eccl. 12:1.)

Practical Truth: It is blessed to spend the entire life in God's service.

Topic: Reformation in Judah.

Time: B. C. 640 to 609. **Place:** Capital City Jerusalem and throughout Palestine.

Josiah was the son of Amon, and the grandson of Manasseh. Immediately after the death of Manasseh, his son Amon took the throne. A description of Amon's reign is given in 2 Chron. 33:21-24. It was very brief, but extremely wicked. He reigned only two years, but during that time he followed the early example of his father Manasseh. He destroyed most of the good work his father did during the later years of his life. The idols were set up again, and wickedness, superstition and idolatry began to prevail to an alarming extent. But his sinful career was brought suddenly to an end—his servants entered into conspiracy and assassinated him in his own home.

1. **A godly boy king.** Vs. 1-3. Josiah had the disadvantage of a wicked father, but it is safe to infer that he had a godly mother. Her name was Jedidah, which signifies, "God beloved." 2 Kings 22:1. A mother has a marked influence over her children, especially while they are at a tender age, with innocent, teachable minds. Prov. 1:8; 2 Tim. 1:5. It is reasonable to suppose that his mother used all the influence she had to make a good child out of him. One wise thing he did, and that was not to follow the wicked example of his father. **Eight years old.** In far eastern countries maturity is reached at a much earlier age than in western countries. In those days, a boy reached his majority at the age of thirteen. At the beginning of Josiah's reign, he was so young that it was necessary for him to have the advice and guidance of men of ability and experience, and these were no doubt loyal worshippers of God. He was too young to manage governmental affairs at that early age, so the

influence of these men was a great help to him. (This teaches us that young people should always submit themselves to the advice and godly example of well-matured Christians.) Remember God has teachers in the church today and some of us must be taught—the Lord knows we need it! **Did right in the sight of the Lord.** He did right, not because the tendency of the nation was in that direction, for idolatry was seated deeply in its very heart, but because he had the grace of God in his heart and that will live in us anywhere, under any circumstances. His goodness was not merely external, but it met with the approval of God. (It is possible to please all men and yet never please God. "Woe unto you when all men speak well of you." Luke 6:26. There is a vast difference between doing that which is right in the sight of men and that which is right in the sight of God.)

2. **His Destructive Work.** Vs. 4-7. (Destructive work of the right kind is just as important as constructive work. The work of Satan must be destroyed before the work of Christ can be built up.) The young king gave his own personal attention to the definite work of destruction of the idols which had been objects of worship in the nation. John tells us that Christ was manifested in the flesh to destroy the works of the devil. While Christ was upon earth He was continually performing this work. Curiosity led Zaccheus to want to see Jesus—the man. He saw him and got joyfully converted too. Jesus loves to break the devil's back with his own stick. Praise God He is still on the job. **While he was yet young, he began to seek the Lord.** This point cannot be stressed too much. ("Those that seek me early shall find me." Prov. 8:17. Finding the Lord early in life we can give the best of all our powers to the service of God. The conversion of the young is sometimes neglected among us by the saying, "They are too young." While people are young they are in the plastic state when the ideals, principles, choices and habits of life are formed. If children are not too young to serve Satan, they are not too young to love and serve Jesus.) Polycarp was martyred at the age of ninety-five and he said he had served God for eighty-six years. He was converted at the age of nine. Matthew Henry was converted at the age of eleven; Jonathan Edwards

at seven. Timothy knew the Scriptures from the time he was a child. For the life to be abundantly fruitful and virtuous, it cannot know God too soon. ("Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not." "Acquaint now thyself with the Lord and great good shall come unto thee.")

3. **His Constructive Work.** Vs. 8-13. It was a great task to destroy idolatry from the land of Judah. The worship of Baalim, in its various forms, had been going on for a great period of time. Therefore, it took years of time and labor to abolish it. But at last the great task was accomplished. Not until this was achieved could the true worship of God be resumed in the temple. (Before Christ can impart to us His divine nature and enable us to worship him in spirit and in truth, He must completely destroy the controlling power of sin in us; then Paul says "sin shall not have dominion over you.") Rom. 6:14. **Repaired the house of the Lord.** During this fearful reign of idolatry in Judah, for years the temple of God had been neglected, falling into disrepair, but Josiah secured the best skilled mechanics of the city to repair the temple. This great work was not a result of his individual action, but he encouraged the people to co-operate with him that God might come and manifest Himself again. (Unity of attitude and spirit, upon the right principles, will move things for God every time.) Some of the people were weary with heathenish doings and were glad to rally to the support of Josiah. It seems that they had everything they needed to successfully carry out their plans. (When we seek first His kingdom, all the other things will be added. Matt. 6:33; Phil. 4:19.) **Delivered the money.** They had money to carry on their work with. The people gave. (There is always sufficient funds to carry on the work of God when God's children give Him His tenth of their income, which is His own. When proportionate giving is a habit of the lives of His children, we get His blessing and His work is carried on in a successful way. Mal. 3:10. People who are persistently unfaithful to God with their tenth, are usually lean in their souls. Let us give to Him that He might give to us.)

QUESTIONS.

Who was Amon? What was his character and the length of his reign? How old was Josiah when he began to reign? Should we seek the conversion of the children? How did he repair the temple? How much of our actual means should we give to the support of God's work?

Next Week's Lesson.

August 19, 1917.

Lesson Text: 2 Chron. 34:14-33.

Golden Text: Psa. 119:16.

—C. M. O'Guin.

I would rather lay down my life in India for Christ than give up my life to kill my brethren.—Jas. Harvey.

SIGNS IN THE HEAVENS ABOVE.

At Oil City, Pa., where I was recently, there was a wonderful manifestation, about six weeks or so ago, a large cross in the sky with two circles around it brightly illuminated; and on the four points and center as though lights were placed there. It was seen by hundreds and spoken of by the paper of the city. "And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man (the cross) in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." Matt. 24:30.

I am an old Presbyterian minister in my 74th year, and believe He will come soon. One morning a few months ago a voice spoke to me saying, "Prepare to meet thy God." Then about two weeks ago, I awoke with the chorus so impressed on me that for three days or more I was singing it all through the day—

"Joyful, joyful, will the meeting be
When from sin our hearts are pure and free,
And we shall gather, Saviour, with Thee,
In our Eternal Home."

I can hardly wait until He comes, I am so anxious to see Him.—Yours and His, W. T. Alan, Greenville, Pa.

ORPHAN WORK IN SHANTUNG, CHINA.

Dear friends of the homeland! Peace be unto you all.

The appearing of our Lord draws near and soon the door will be closed and there will be no time to go out and gather in the harvest. We are told that we will have to stand before the judgment seat of Christ and every one will be rewarded according to deeds done in the flesh. I will have to give an account of the money I have spent on the foreign field. If I have been faithful in that which is least, my dear Master will intrust to me greater riches.

You too will have to give an account of the money you have for your own pleasure when you could have spent it in such a way as to glorify our Saviour. If any of you have money invested in the things of this world, or in the banks of this world, you are liable to lose all during these days of peril and uncertainty. Jesus tells us in Matt. 6:19, 20 where to invest our money so it will be safe. Also we can expect an hundred fold interest. See Matt. 19:29. In Luke 16:9 we are also told how to spend our money as wise stewards.

There are just hundreds of poor boys and girls in this section of the country who are in heathen darkness and bound by the devil. Many of them are fatherless and motherless and are cast out on a cold heathen world to beg a living, or rather learn to steal and lie and follow the devil in every vice imaginable. Oh! the horror of it all.

God has led us to open up a home for these children who are cast out without a friend except the dear loving Saviour,

who said "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not." We let them go to school half a day and the rest of the time is spent in learning to work. The girls do sewing and the boys do the hard work of the home, such as helping with building, etc. From time to time as we are able we want to buy the necessary tools and let them learn a trade of some kind.

It takes from \$10.00 to \$20.00 a year, according to size, to support a child in the home. If only 500 people in the great land of America would become interested in saving human souls and bodies, and would undertake to support a child, just think how many of these little fellows could be brought to God.

If you could only see the faces of our little boys and girls, and hear them pray and see some of the dear little girls dancing under the power of the Spirit, you would know at once that it pays to invest money in human lives.

We have one boy who has been with us about five years. His mother died a beggar on the streets of Tsinonfu, and his father is a worthless gambler and drinker. We feel that God is going to use this boy for His glory. Already he feels that he is going to be a preacher of the Gospel. I have never seen an American boy learn his Bible any better than this boy does, and he remembers it and the Lord helps him to understand it. He is a great help to us in the home.

We have another boy whom we have been helping in school and now he is helping us as a teacher of the smaller boys. If the Lord carries a few more years many of our girls and boys I hope will be out in the service of the Master, and they will be different to what other workers are, because they will have been brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord from childhood.

Friends, God can't use your silver and gold in the building of that beautiful temple we read about, but the Lord tells us that He will make saved souls (overcomers) pillars in the temple of our God. Glory to Jesus! These dear little girls and boys will shine some day in the kingdom of our God, just because you have made it possible for us to bring them in and teach them about Jesus whose blood cleanses us from all sin.

Dear friends, how many of these precious little ones will gather around the supper table at the marriage feast of the Lamb and greet you with smiling faces and thank you for having made it possible for them to know about Jesus. Oh! then you will receive your interest an hundred fold. Then you will thank God for having led you to make a few sacrifices for Jesus' sake.—Yours in His blessed service, L. M. Anglin.

WANTED.

All those that have been called by our King to the Mexican work to promptly step forward to the trenches. Do not delay. Time is short. Soldiers are few.—H. C. Ball.

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CRIPPLE HEALED.

About five months ago, God, in His mercy, sent a little band of workers to this place to tell the true way, and one month later He saved and baptized me in the Holy Spirit as in Acts 2:4. We had a child that had been a cripple ever since she was born. She walked on the side of her foot; both ankle bones were turned inward, and she had had to have braces ever since she began to walk. One night we took her to the mission and the little band obeyed James 5:13-15, and healing came the next morning and she went to walking without braces.

I had been sick for twelve years and was helpless off and on during that time, but I thank God for a healed body today. Only God knew my condition in soul and body, but, glory to God, I am healed both soul and body and my child is perfectly whole. I give God all the glory. He has done a work in my home too, so I mean to continue to praise Him. During the past few months about seventeen other souls have been added to the church, and God is still blessing in a remarkable way.—Mrs. Ida Smith, Texas.

HEALED AT TROSSACHS CAMP MEETING.

The following is a testimony of a sister who was healed in our camp meeting, Trossachs, Sask. I have been suffering untold misery all my life and could not get relief from any earthly source. Every fiber and tissue of my whole being was suffering. My tongue so pained me I could not speak at times. I could not raise my hands above my head. I came and was prayed for in Jesus name and was instantly healed, all pain ceased and I can raise my hands as high and straight as anyone. I do magnify the name of Jesus who delivered me from all my troubles.—Your unworthy sister in Jesus, Mrs. George Pierce, Big Muddy, Sask., Canada.

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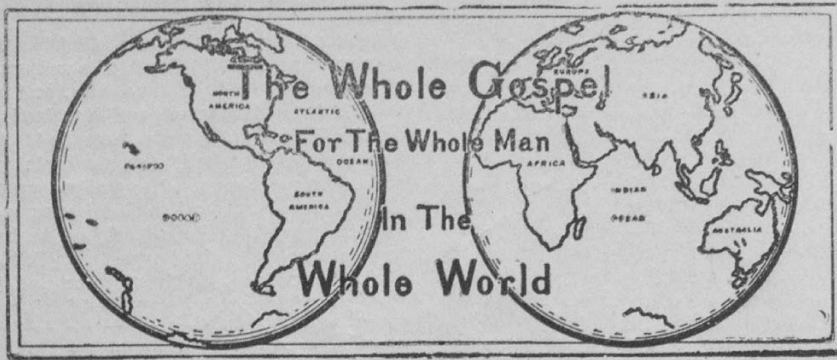
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MISSIONARY NOTES.

Leon, Nicaragua. During the past month God has blessed us, although it has been a struggle against the powers of darkness to preach the Gospel and live for Jesus among a people living in idolatry and rebellion against God. But Hallelujah! Jesus is victor and causes us to triumph in Him.—E. A. Barnes.

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Bahraich, U. P. India. For the present at least, the Lord has put us here at Bahraich, as the Mission Bungalow at Orai has been sold on account of its unhealthy location, and we are unable to secure another in its place. We trust, if Jesus tarries and wills, that the work there may be opened up again. The work here is going on well, but oh we long to see souls saved here, and thus far we are not seeing them except one here and there, one or two.

I am with you in the desire for a world-wide revival. May the Lord grant it speedily, and may this needy country of India be drenched by the Latter Rain.

In the last two months, by the grace of God, we have been enabled to sell over two thousand Scripture portions and tracts. Please pray that this Word may bear fruit unto eternal life.

I am in correspondence with a Christian British soldier here in India who is stationed away in Northwest India on the Afghan frontier. He writes that at this time several Christian soldiers assemble every evening for service, and they are praying and trusting God for a revival in their midst. Word has come from Quetta on the northwest frontier that eight soldier lads have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Praise the Lord!—A. A. Blakeney.

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Szemaio, Yunnan, West China, June 5, 1917. We praise God for all His goodness to us, and for the \$40 which has come to us through the Evangel. May the Lord bless you all. God is good in raising up new friends for us. We value your fellowship and prayers, which means more than you can realize. We have had a hard fight against the

powers of darkness, but God is undertaking for us. God is hearing the prayers of you, dear saints. Hold on until God's mighty power is manifested here. Satan has held sway too long over these people, and God has some here who are going to form part of that mystic body. We praise Him for the souls He has given us since the chapel was opened less than a year ago and who are now rejoicing in Him. There is one very bright case—a woman who was for twenty-two years a vegetarian—a nun in the temple. You can realize how hard the fight was to break away from Satan. She is now witnessing for the Lord and would like your prayers. She says she is weak, but God is able to make her weighty. Pray the Lord will bring her through to her baptism. God too has just answered our prayers in sending forth two new workers from Denmark. Pray for them as they begin the study of the language. I trust when they get a little further on to give most of my time to the tribes people who are still neglected.

Yes, how blessed to know that He for whom we are waiting is coming soon. 'Twill be blessed to see Him, whom we love. It's a blessed incentive to press forward and help to make ready the bride. How precious Jesus is—who could help loving Him? When one sees these poor souls without hope, with no joy or peace, we praise Him because we know Him. We should love to meet you, dear friends, in the flesh, but it will be as we meet face to face with Him.

I do not feel that we shall ever leave this field, and I want to be at work when He comes, caught up to meet Him in the air.—Yours in Him, John and Mona Fullerton.

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Bombay, India. Lately the Lord has been showing me that every soul has to be tried and trained and that only those who accept the training stand. There is not a single man or woman who has come in that has not been put into the fire. Some have been like the stony ground which accepted the seed with joy, but soon gave up and became as barren as before. Others have so many cares and difficulties that the new life is choked. They live in their own cares instead of turning to the Lord. But, thank God, there are some who have had the plough of conviction of sin put into their lives and they have truly repented

and turned out the wrong, and these are going on with God.

About four years ago a young Brahmin lad was converted and came in and was baptized. But the old nature was not given up and fear of his relatives too took hold on him. He disappeared and we feared his relatives had gained possession of the lad. Much prayer was going on before God for him. He came back after about a year and we found he had run away because he had sinned. Even then we could not get him to tell his relatives that he had been baptized. I tried to help him but he fell away again. Praise God, he has returned, but this time a broken and repentant lad, making true confession of his sins. Now he is working for his living and steady-going down to seek the Lord's face and to walk with Him.

There is another Brahmin lad who came in and who has gone in the way "Christian" did. Peter is still far off, but we have cast him on the Lord. He can do for him what He did for "Christian" and more. Praise His name!

It is the same with those who become evangelists. They went on so long as we supported them, but the Lord shewed me so clearly He wanted them to lean on Him, that they were to go out and earn their own living and preach the Word free of cost. All professed willingness but one, and only one has really stood the test. The pastor is supported still. He is an older man and gives all his time to the work and the Lord shewed me to support him till the congregation values up their duty towards him. He is a man who has gone through testing.

My message is to whosoever will hear, not only to the heathen but also to nominal Christians. This latter are troubling the Missions around a good deal and they have risen up against us. But I have seen the people cry out that they know nothing of salvation, that they are living in sin, and I must tell them that Jesus saves.

One young evangelist in a mission came daily to hear and pray. He put crooked things right, turned to the Lord, was immersed and baptized in the Spirit. When he was condemned and excommunicated, he turned round and asked, "Are you not glad that now I am sending in no false reports, that I am straight and free?" He has a field and the Lord has helped him with a pair of bullocks to work it and a little help for a time so that he may be free to care for a little flock which is gathering round. This man has still to go through testing. Pray that he may stand and not fall away.—Margaret Clark.

NEW TRACTS.

We desire to draw special attention to four additions to our tract list: "A Quaker Girl's Dream," sent to us by Bro. F. A. Graves; "The Temple of God," an encouraging word to seekers for the baptism of the Holy Spirit, by Mrs. G. N. Eldridge of Los Angeles; "What the Scriptures say about Tithing," by David McDowell; and "Old Mortality," by Miss Elizabeth Sisson.

NEW BIBLE SCHOOL AND FAITH HOME IN INDIA.

The following letter is from a missionary sister who was for some years connected with the English Baptist Missionary Society. She received the baptism of the Holy Ghost with signs following, and shortly after this, a blessed revival started in the mission where she was stationed, and, as far as we can remember, over a hundred young girls were saved and some eighty received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Because of the decided stand taken against Pentecost our sister had to subsequently come out from the Baptist Mission. The Lord has now called her back to India to open a Bible Training Home for Indian and Anglo-Indian girls and women on faith lines. We heartily commend this new work to the Evangel readers as one that we believe will be most worthy of support.

"After a blessed season of service with dear Miss Easton in Petersburg, His call came so clearly, "I send far hence unto the heathen," and then all last year He was unfolding the vision which seemed so impossible, viz., to come to India to a place He was describing and open a Women's Pentecostal Bible School for all Indian and Anglo-Indian workers and Christians, and a place where He could put forth His power. Many have long felt the need, but such a possibility had not come to me. At last, about the very day He indicated, Dec. 23rd, He brought me from New York here, via the Cape, sending the passage money on the very day needed, and making all so clear. I arrived the middle of February, and then soon after began to take the route He indicated up this line to a hilly place. As I reached this station He said, "In this place I will give peace," "Possess the land," but I had my ticket to Deogard, 17 miles ahead, where I found Dr. Oxer and Miss Gordon were living. We had sweet touch in Him, and all thought it might be there He was calling, but He soon said, "This is not your rest," and again indicated the place I had passed on the main line. I came here and He indicated the house, and on May 1st He enabled me to take it. Misses Oxer and Gordon came in with me on the 8th and what blessed seasons we had in the empty house! His glory was seen filling the place, and how He spake to us of His holy presence and desire.

"A nucleus of five students were sent, but I am only just beginning to announce the work. The school is open to all Christians who enjoy a personal experience of the saving grace of our Lord and who have heard His call to proclaim the good news to others, desire to be more fitted spiritually, mentally and practically for His service. Any who may not have felt such a call, but desire to study the Word more fully are also welcome. The chief text-book will be the Bible itself, as it stands, in its full and perfect inspiration. Thorough groundings will be given in the fundamental doctrines of justification by faith in the Atonement; full salvation

for spirit, soul and body; sanctification by the Spirit and the Pre-Millennial Return of our Lord. Emphasis will be laid on the necessity of holy living and the full baptism of the Holy Spirit, with the accompanying gifts, as the only power for service. Opportunities for practical work will also be given.

"We had hardly been in the house and it was still unfurnished when the Lord said, "Enlarge the place of thy habitation and break forth on the left." To the left is an empty house owned by an Indian Christian gentleman. I had not then heard of him, but find that he has long been praying that a mission be opened there. He lives in Calcutta and is Y. M. C. A. secretary. I could hardly believe the Lord meant this, as the one house was such an act of faith, but I saw that we were already overfull. I could only obey, and have just taken it, trusting all to Him.

"Many have felt the need of such a place where young Pentecostal workers first coming to India could have a home and learn their respective languages, and have a little practice and continue Bible work till they were sure of their future field. It would save much restless wandering of such. Pray much, dear friends—Oh, for His dear heart to be satisfied in it all. The witness He has granted to passing visitors has been so sweet, but the pressure is often great and I have to lean much on Him. It will be such a joy to know you are holding in prayer."—E. Lynne, Jehovah-Shammah, Madhupur, Southal Pargamas, India.

Sainam, South China. God has blessed the Pentecostal work of South China since the beginning of the year, in every way and specially has He blessed in bringing the heathen in to hear about the Gospel. Think of it! one of our largest crockery stores of the city has wholly accepted the Lord, or either they are favorable to the Gospel. Most of the men in the store have been identified with the Lord in baptism.

At one of our missions only recently there were three very influential women who came out for Christ and I feel that I can say I was never so happy at a baptismal service as on this occasion. The sweet presence of the Lord came upon us as we administered the sacred rite and we felt that God was there, anxious to pour forth of His Spirit as when His Son was taking that place, that He might fulfill all righteousness.

There were not as many baptized into the Holy Ghost during our convention as we have seen at other conventions, but I feel assured that many of the dear Chinese went away with a deeper work of grace wrought in their hearts than they had ever before experienced. They drank the messages in like hungry, starving people would reach for bread. Some time as I would be interpreting, I would notice the Chinese looking as if they could not wait for that sentence which was spoken in English, to be interpreted. Hallelujah!

We are looking to the Lord to be with

us in our meeting which we expect to conduct out among the tribe called the Hakka people. We hope to go out there very soon. One of the Hakka preachers from that tribe was at the convention, and when the convention was over he said to me: "Now, Bro. Kelley, when are you going out to our tribe?" I was obliged to say, "I cannot say for sure," but he did not seem satisfied with that.

Our house room was insufficient so there were times that my wife and I had to sleep on the dining table, and you can imagine the rest of a night spent on a hard dining table, after being in five services each day, and speaking or interpreting in almost every meeting. Beside all of this the responsibility was on us too. Thank God He gave the grace. I have been thinking of spending my vacation out at this church preaching every day. That doesn't sound like a vacation, "preaching every day."

We need some men that are filled with the Holy Ghost and wisdom to help us in this work. We feel greatly indebted to Bro. Williamson, Bro. Finch and Bro. J. James for their services during the convention time. Yet, we need some more men to help us in the establishing of the work here, also in the opening up of new stations. We have a church, or mission without any foreigner, and the Chinese are anxiously asking for some one to come to help them.

We feel that China's time as a nation is NOW. God has so arranged it that as individuals they have a better opportunity to follow the Lord Jesus now than ever before. The government is having another political struggle which points to the fact that the opportunities that are now given may not always be ours. Let us work then for the night cometh when NO man CAN work.

May God send forth those that are prepared to this land of sin and misery. That Christ's name might go forth into every town and village.—With Christian greetings, Geo. M. Kelley.

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SEND A GREAT REVIVAL.

(Tune: "In the Cross." No. 127—
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1.

Saviour, bless us while we wait,
Send a great revival;
Fulfil now Acts 1 and 8.
Send a great revival.

Chorus:

In my heart, in my heart,
Send a great revival;
Saviour, teach me how to pray,
And to read my Bible.

2.

Fill us with Thy love divine,
Send a great revival;
As we claim 1 John 1:9.
Send a great revival.

3.

Give us victory over sin,
Send a great revival.
Come and live Thyself within,
Send a great revival.

—Written by "500 Jack," an Electric
Tram driver at Sunderland, England.

FIELD NOTES.

Reedley, Cal. God is blessing us down here in this hot valley. Some are being healed and filled with the Spirit which we praise the Lord for. Pray for us.—P. M. Stokely and wife.

Buffalo, N. Y. Since the mission here opened on June 17th, fourteen have been born again, and some have been healed, and there are many indications the Lord is working in our midst.—J. W. Smith.

Sparks, Okla. Bro. Long is holding a meeting five miles south of Sparks at Payson. There have been about sixty saved in about three weeks. About twenty were saved one night. A number of them are receiving the baptism. Twenty-eight were baptized in water today. The meeting is still going on and is being attended by hundreds of people. Let us praise the Lord for this great work and for His mighty power to save.—E. Vuncannon.

Modesto, Cal. The quartett and I went over to Escalon, about seven miles from here, last Sunday evening. The Methodist minister asked me to take charge of the meeting. God gave us a landslide. Eleven saved! Such crying, praying, shouting, singing. There have been four saved here, and eight or nine have come with us from the churches and are seeking the baptism. We are pioneering in Pentecost here. Hard battle. Christ is victor.—J. D. Wells.

Searcy, Ark. We left Searcy and went to Russellville and found the dear saints on fire for God, and the power fell and many souls found their way to God and were saved and baptized in the Spirit. Praise God, He is working. From there we went to Hartford, Ark., and found a good live church, hungry to see the power of God fall. We all went down before God and He heard our cry and poured out His power and saved souls and baptized in the Spirit, and the praises went up until midnight, and souls were made happy and homes glad. Hartford has a good assembly and the pastor is bringing them on in God.—J. G. Neve.

Cedar Bluff, Va. Praise the Lord, the power is still falling here. We just work in the little school houses. We got a small school house near Candy, Va., on May 4th, and the Lord gave us a precious meeting, six saved and eight received the Holy Ghost, and there have been some saved in the prayer meetings since. There was a sister about thirteen miles from here, she was afflicted with consumption and sent for us to come and pray for her. We felt it to be the Master's will to anoint and lay on hands and she received the baptism of the Holy Ghost as we obeyed. We just left the result in the Master's hands. We have been in the work three and a half years and the Lord has wonderfully undertaken for us. He has healed our little girl of fits and other afflictions. Bless His holy name! We desire the fervent prayers of the saints.—M. F. Jewell and wife.

Nickelsville, Va. Hallelujah, for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth! We began a meeting near here the first Sunday in June with the assistance of Evangelist J. L. Kilburn of Appalachia, Va., whom God used in giving out the Word. The opposition and unbelief was strong, but God honored the Word by pouring out His Spirit and baptizing twelve with the Holy Ghost, and thirteen were baptized in water. Two received the baptism of the Spirit while in the water. There was much rejoicing among the saints, and much wonder and amazement among the spectators. This is a new field. Workers and preachers who are in harmony with the General Council, if led of God, will be welcomed and appreciated at this place. It is ripe for harvest.—Evang. H. B. Laws, T. S. Burch and wife.

Conroe, Texas. Have just closed a meeting here about 8 miles from Conroe. The Lord blessed from the beginning in giving out the Word, and the power of the Lord was present to heal.

On one Saturday night the power of the Lord fell, and one who was a backslider got back to the Lord. He fell prostrate on the floor under the mighty power of God. As the people started to go home the power of God fell again, and as two were going out of the door they began to weep and cry and to call upon the Lord. They both received the Holy Ghost. I never saw the power of God so wonderfully manifested before. We stayed there until daylight. In the meeting four were reclaimed, two saved, and four received the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4. The revival spirit is still on and others are seeking the Lord. I desire the prayers of the Evangel family.—Evang. Walter May.

Terrell, Texas. Just closed a fifteen days' meeting four miles south of Grand Saline, Texas. About fifteen saved, and ten baptized in the Holy Ghost. Had most wonderful street service. Could hardly press through the immense crowd. Wonderful healing meeting, one child instantly healed of fever, one lady came ten miles and went home healed of something like cancer. Bro. Sport of Frankston, Tex., was with us during the last part of the battle, and we were so grateful the Lord sent him to help us. We will start a revival meeting in Terrell, Tex., the first Sunday in August. If there are any Spirit-filled workers who preach the clean Gospel in accordance with the last council meeting at St. Louis we would be glad of their help. We are expecting a blessed time from the Lord.—T. A. Snodgrass, pastor.

Lumberton, Miss. We want to report victory here at a little town near Purvis. Praise the dear Lord, He has surely been pouring out His Spirit on His people, and in a little less than a month we have had a number of conversions, and how the shouts and glory have filled the old mill shed till it seemed like heaven. Sister M. E. Madison comes out here from Hattiesburg to preach, and God has given us out of our little band a brother to preach and teach. How we praise and thank Him for it. We have had the missionary needs laid on our hearts more than ever before. A dog bit a little girl yesterday and it looked really bad, but we asked God to heal, and there was hardly any discoloration this morning, and how our hearts overflowed with love to our dear Saviour.—Sister Harper.

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The Evangel Prayer Band

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER.

"Pray that God will strengthen me in the Spirit."—G. M., Glen Rose, Tex.
 A sister in Munsen, Fla., requests prayer for healing for herself and family.
 "Pray for our darling baby. She has fever and flux."—L. S., Afton, Okla.
 Pray that I may be healed and baptized with the Holy Ghost.—A. C. A., Arley, Ala.
 "Please have special prayer that I may receive the Holy Spirit."—F. C., Elton, La.
 "Please pray earnestly for the Lord to heal me and give me a faith strong enough to receive it."
 "Pray for me that I may get the fullness of the baptism and get my health."—E. McD., Mountain View, Mo.
 A sister writes from Slomb, Ala., requesting special prayer for her little girl who is subject to epileptic fits.
 Pray that God will send Spirit-filled workers to Sterling to start a work here.—Mrs. H. E. North, Sterling, Colo.
 Evangelist John Appleby requests prayer that many souls may be saved and baptized in the Spirit in Pleasant Hill, Okla.
 "Pray that I may be delivered from military service, and that my wife may receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost."—G. H. K.
 "I ask the prayers of all the saints that the Lord may ever have His way with me and that I may be found doing His will in all things."—Mrs. E. M., Petersburg, Tex.
 Special prayer is requested for the healing of a sister who has rheumatism, and also cataracts in both eyes, also that she may receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
 "Pray for the healing of my body; I have neuritis, and intestinal trouble. Pray for my son and his wife that they may be reconciled and live together again."—N. K., Bluffton, Ind.
 Bro. and Sister C. E. Shields write from Prim, Ark., that they are working for the Lord in the Ozark Mountains, and they request prayer that they may be a blessing to the poor mountain people.
 "Pray that I may soon receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost and that my husband may be saved. Also for an old man who is an infidel and is near eternity."—M. L., Wages, Colo.
 "Please pray earnestly that God will heal my eye; I have been having an awful time with it for over a month. Also pray that my niece will be healed of stomach trouble."—Mrs. L. M. W., St. Louis, Mo.

Evangelist Thomas Griffin asks for prayer for the work in Colorado Springs, Colo. He and his wife are open for meetings in other parts of Colorado. Write him at P. O. Box 1007, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Prayer is requested for a sick woman in Meridian, Miss. Pray that she may have a definite assurance of salvation. Also for the one who sends in the request that she may be perfect and complete in all the will of God.

"Please pray for Mrs. Hiliard in Austin Asylum that God may touch her and restore her mind, so that she can come back to her three little children. Pray for my six children and husband that they all may be saved."—E. F., Glen Rose, Tex.

"Please pray for my husband that he may get to God and be saved, also my brother who is very wicked. Pray for my poor old widowed mother who is seeking the baptism. Pray for me that I may get the baptism."—S. M., Thunder Hawk, S. Dakota.

"Pray for me and family. Also that the Lord will send some one to Overbrook, filled with the Holy Ghost, to bring a tent and preach full salvation to a hungry people. Pray for the healing of Anna York."—L. Yorn, Overbrook, Kansas.

"That my father, who is a deacon in a Baptist Church may receive the baptism, (he is seeking) that my husband may be saved and restored to his job; railroad engineer, 20 years in service, but lost out on account of a wreck; and that I may be entirely healed."—E. G., Water Valley, Miss.

A sister in Judson, D. C., requests prayer that she may be healed of a bad cough, catarrh and other troubles, that her two children may be completely healed of adenoids, catarrh, etc., before the doctor examines them again in August, and also that her husband may be saved and receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

"Pray for a woman who has been in Christian Science and is much afflicted in her body. She is now receiving the full Gospel and is being loosed from her error. Pray that God will send baptized workers to this needy place. Pray also that my husband may be quickly reclaimed, and that we may be out in the work of the Lord."—Dolly Earle Leonard, Creston, Washington.

FRASER, IOWA, CAMP MEETING.

I wish to announce a camp meeting which will open here Aug. 1st, the Lord willing. We are trusting the Lord to send us a tent and some Spirit-filled workers. We hope to see souls saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence. This is on the Des Moines river, near Boone, on the Des Moines and Ft. Dodge Electric line.—Arthur C. Berry.

GREAT REPRESENTATIVE MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

St. Louis, Mo., beginning Sept. 13th. All the leading missionaries in the home-land are expected to be present.

All the leaders of missionary centers are being invited, as well as everyone else who is interested in missionary work.

The time has come for a forward move in the Pentecostal movement, in which every branch of the movement should participate. Pray for this great gathering and don't forget the date.

CAMP MEETING FOR EAST.

The Interstate Camp Meeting for the East will convene at or near Frostburgh, Md., this year. Frostburgh is 2800 feet above the sea level. Our date will be August 5th to August 26th. August being generally a very hot month, we use this date, when people can come and enjoy our delightful climate, and cool breezes, and enjoy a convocation with God's people. Our motto will be **others**.

For further information concerning this event, write Fred Baltau, Frostburgh, Md. Some of the interested pastors are J. R. Reckley, Cumberland, Md.; Richard Hawkins, Frostburgh, Md.; C. B. Webster, Lonaconing, Md.; Oliver P. Brann, Westernport, Md.; Foster E. Young, Kit'smiller, Md., and R. A. McCauley, Grantsville, Md.—Elder A. B. Cox, Shaft, Md., in charge.

FIFTH GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD.

St. Louis, Mo., beginning Sept 9th. The first day will be devotional. The roster will be made up Monday morning, September 10th, at 9 a. m. Everyone is urged to be present on time preferably for the first service on Sunday, the 9th.

CAMP MEETING, HITCHITA, OKLA. Beginning August 3rd.

We are trusting God to send preachers and workers that He wants to come. Everybody come prepared to camp. Dining tent run on free-will offering plan. For information address W. L. Fortenberry, pastor, Hitchita, Okla.

SECOND ANNUAL CAMP FOR SOUTHWESTERN MISSOURI

will be held in convention form in Springfield, Mo., August 15-19, 1917. The morning services, August 15-16-17 will be especially for ministers, workers, elders and deacons. Bro. J. W. Welch will have the afternoon services and Bro. A. T. Rape the night services. This is the sole place of ordination in this section this year. Rooms for visitors free, but each is expected to board himself.—B. F. Lawrence, 1001 N. Main St., Springfield, Mo.

New Castle, Pa. Second Annual Pentecostal Campmeeting will be held D. V. at the City Park, or what is known as Cunningham's Woods, from August 3rd to August 19th inclusive. Pastors D. W. Kerr of Cleveland, O., John Coxe of Wilmington, Del., Robt. A. Brown and wife of New York City, J. T. Boddy of Youngstown, O., Joseph Tunmore of Pittsburg, Pa., and local workers and a number of returned missionaries expected. For further particulars write Pastor Thos. E. Float, 1700 Maplewood Ave., Wilkinsburg, Pa., or Mrs. E. J. Pearce, 811 Lathrop St., New Castle, Pa.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI DISTRICT CAMP MEETING.

Puxico, Mo., Aug. 24th to Sept. 2nd.

Under the auspices of the Southeast Missouri Council of the Assemblies of God. The camp is to be held in a beautiful grove. Tents and cots will be on the ground for rent. Meals on the free-will offering plan. Bring bedding and toilet articles. We are expecting Evang. A. T. Rape of St. Louis, also J. W. Welch, chairman of the General Council, and many other ministers of the district to be present. For information write Pastor W. J. Higgins, Puxico, Mo.

MARYLAND CAMP MEETING.

Shaft, Md., Aug. 5th to 26th. We will try and furnish all that come with free sleeping quarters. Meals at reasonable prices, 20 or 25 cents, lunches 10 or 15 cents. If you cannot afford this, come, and God will provide. Be sure you bring your bedding and toilet articles. All ordained ministers should apply through the general passenger agents for clerical rates to Mt. Lake Park, Md. Those from the east should book their tickets to this point and get off at Cumberland, Md., and take the interurban to Shaft. All cars stop in front of camp. Those from west to take tickets to Mt. Lake Park, then just pay the difference to Piedmont, W. Va., and take train from there, or walk across the river, and take car from Westernport. E. R. Fitzgerald of Russellville, Ark., W. H. Pope of Oklahoma, and Jas. Harvey from India expected. Write for bills to Elder A. B. Cox, Shaft, Md.

CAMPMEETINGS & NOTICES.

As we publish these camp meeting notices without charge, we trust our brethren will reciprocate by taking subscriptions for the Evangel, sample copies of which will be sent free on application, and by ordering their song books from the publishing house. In addition to Winsett's well-known books, we are offering the three following Camp Meeting specials:

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CAMP MEETING, TOPEKA, KANS.

Eleventh Annual Camp will convene August 23rd to Sept. 2nd in Jones' Grove, cor. Seward Ave. and Golden Road.—C. E. Foster, 219 Grattan St., Topeka, Kans.

PORTERVILLE, CAL., CAMP MEETING.

You are invited to the Camp Meeting to be held at Porterville, Cal., commencing September 15th, 1917. For further information address Pastor Church of Christ, P. O. Box 746, Porterville, Cal.

NOTICE.

Arkansas State Camp Recalled.

Boonville, Ark., State Camp and Council set for Aug. 2nd has been called in. All moneys sent in for camp will be refunded.—E. R. Fitzgerald.



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100 RECEIVE THE HOLY GHOST.**Report of the Trossachs Revival.**

The fourth annual camp meeting of the Pentecostal Assembly of Trossachs, Sask., Canada, ended on Sunday, July 15th. From the beginning to the end God smiled upon us with His abundant grace. He sent workers to us with thrilling messages that brought heaven down upon us. Hungry souls came from as far east as Montreal, and west as far as Calgary, and even the U. S. A. Between 250 and 300 campers were on the grounds. On Sundays, from 600 to 2000 people were present. The last Sunday of the camp, 206 automobile loads, beside the buggy loads and the campers. God graciously supplied all the needs of the camp through free-will offerings. Over 1000 meals were served Sunday evening in our dining hall. Praise the mighty name of Jesus.

During the nineteen days of camp, over one hundred (100) received the mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost with divine evidence according to Acts 2:4, etc. Among these were many old time seekers. Many sinners were born of the water and the Spirit. Many suspicious church members were brought to the truth. Over one hundred were immersed in a liquid grave of baptism, arising to walk in newness of life by the power of the Spirit which they received.

The atmosphere was so filled with the glory of our glorified Jesus that the people fell on the grounds and roads of the camp and received the Holy Ghost. Others, who thought we were too noisy, were gripped with mighty conviction and went out in the bush crying to God for salvation, coming back to the tent, having received the mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost.

One day in the Children's Meeting, seven young boys and girls with ten grown people received the baptism of the Spirit, speaking in tongues. Hallelujah! Some church preachers visited us. One of them was pulled out forcibly by his wife, fearing this peculiar power would fall on him. Scoffers were put to silence by the wisdom and the power of the Spirit in God-given messages. A number of the sick were miraculously healed. God would not allow any illness in the camp, but rather He lovingly healed those who came afflicted. All glory to Jesus!

The Lord sent to us the greatly desired workers and evangelists, Bro. Andrew D. Urshan of Persia, whose messages and experiences refreshed our faith and inspired our hearts, stirring us to give ourselves to prayer and supplication, waiting for the soon coming of our glorified Jesus; Bro. Armstrong of Kansas City, who arrived on the first day, alive with a message of God; Sisters Peden and Andrews, E. Butler of Winnipeg, Bro. F. Denny and Brother and Sister McLean of China, and other local workers who were greatly used of God and proved a blessing to all.

Volumes could be written. The secret of the success of the meeting was first prevailing prayer, second, spirit of

unity in the bond of peace, third, worship and adoration of our God through the name of Jesus. All the people left here Monday morning with tears of joy and gladness, saying, "It was good to be here."

This was the largest and greatest camp meeting ever held in Western Canada. Bro. Urshan said that God had given revivals in Winnipeg, Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto, but none of them were so rapidly successful as this one. —Pastor D. R. Aikenhead.

NORTHWEST KANSAS CAMP MEETING.

The fifth annual Pentecostal camp meeting of Northwest Kansas will be held in the Fairbanks Grove about three and one-half miles southwest of Woodston, Kansas, on the Missouri Pacific Railroad, August 16th to 26th, D. V.

Elder A. P. Collins of Ft. Worth, Tex., will be present with us to teach and preach the Word of God.

Those who come to the camp meeting can secure tents, 10x12, for \$3.50, and cots for 50 cents. Please bring your bedding and toilet articles with you. There will be a dining tent on the grounds where meals can be secured at reasonable rates. Ministers and Gospel workers can get tents, cots and meals free of charge.

Everybody is invited and cordially welcome to attend the services of this camp meeting.

Send in your orders for tents and cots by August 1st, and for further information address Elder J. E. Simms, Woodston, Kansas.

MEETING AND CONVENTION, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.

We have secured a large hall on corner First and Columbia St., near the Docks and Depot, where we expect to open a convention about the 1st of August. Sister Etter is expected as soon as she can come. Bro. Dawson McCullough is here from Los Angeles, and we invite the saints and evangelists coming West to be with us. Pray for the outpouring on this thirsty ground.—E. Nelson.

OPENING FOR TENT MEETING.

Mountain View, Mo., is a very needy field for some good God-filled preacher who has a tent to come and hold a Pentecostal meeting.—Mrs. Emma McDermutt, Mountain View, Mo.

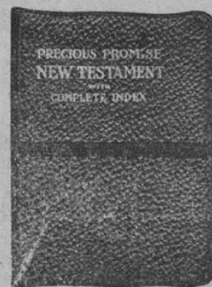
PENTECOSTAL HOME.

A Pentecostal Home has been opened at 614 Bangs Ave., Asbury Park, N. J., for those who desire to come to the seashore for rest and spiritual help. In connection with the home there is a public reading room where anyone may come and avail himself of the reading matter. Mrs. Doughty opened the Pentecostal work in Asbury Park about five years ago, but recently resigned as superintendent of the mission.

Those desiring to go to the home may communicate with Mrs. N. A. Doughty, 614 Bangs Ave., Asbury Park, N. J.

JOINS THE RED CROSS.

Bro. Floyd O. Burnett, who has had charge of the Pentecostal Assembly at Bridgeport, Texas, has joined the American Red Cross, and expects to be stationed at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., where all correspondence should be addressed.

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