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THE WEEKLY EVANGEL

THE FAMILY PAPER

"WHATSOEVER YE SHALL ASK IN MY NAME,
THAT WILL I DO." John 14:13.

(There is no limit to what God will do for those who will not limit Him.)

When Philip was willing to go down to the desert, even if it was only to meet one soul, God gave him a touch of the supernatural he had never had before. This was a reward for his obedience, and is only an earnest of what God can do for those who render unwavering yieldedness to His perfect will. Paul and Silas prayed when they were put into the lower part of the dungeon, and God opened up the lower parts of the earth, and the heart of the jailer was broken at the same time. God can cause an earthquake when it is needed. Peter was put into prison, but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him, and God sent a special angel, before whom the iron bolts melted like wax. Just one touch, and the chains fell off his wrists and Peter walked out free.

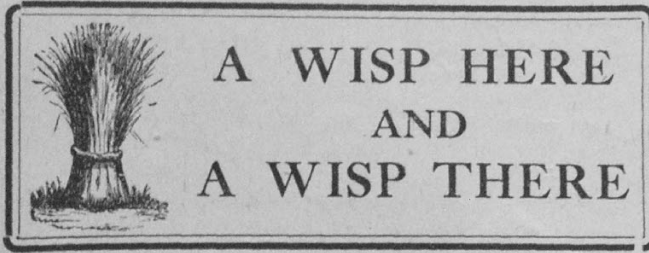
"And what shall I more say? for the time would fail to tell." This is written of the Old Testament record, and the New Testament has a bigger list. These individual cases in the Acts are just fingerposts, and there is a whole host between each fingerpost of unrecorded workings of the Spirit in the supernatural. If so many wonderful things took place in the Old Testament with a partial manifestation of the Spirit, are we not to expect an increased, a mightier outpouring of the Spirit in these last days as we cry to God for rain in the time of the latter rain?

Compare Hebrews 11 and the Acts of the Apostles. The one is the supplement to the other. Compare the present day results with the Acts of the Apostles and see where we stand. God wants these times to be Hebrews 11, plus the Acts of the Apostles, plus the acts of the Holy Ghost in the days of the latter rain. There is a great need in the world to-day as there was on the day of Pentecost, and if He can get a people free in the Spirit, God is willing to work through them. Look for the physical, the supernatural in the flesh; be yielded, be pliable to Him, and He can repeat the signs and wonders of Pentecostal days, and greater works. (The arm of Him we serve has not shortened, neither is His ear heavy that He cannot hear us, nor has His power diminished that He cannot do these things.)

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My father taught his children as far back as I can remember the truths in the Bible, and the positive necessity of being Christians, and whether we wanted to or not we *had* to keep the Sabbath, the first day Sabbath I mean, and we were not *allowed* to read any book on that day but the Bible. He was a very strict adherent to the literal wording of the Book and would not allow us little girls to adorn our bodies; no ribbons, or flowers on our hats. We nearly hated *his kind of religion*, but not God or His Word.

We children loved to hear the Bible stories and I was infatuated with Jesus, and when I was very young I made up my mind to be a missionary to some foreign land or a great actress or singer. But on entering the world, I found so much hollowness and hypocrisy and treachery that I nearly lost God, and my faith in His Word and love toward mankind. Between the years 1882 and 1901 I rarely ever looked in the Bible to read it understandingly, but only from force of habit forcibly formed in my life by father. I taught a Sunday-school class wherever I attended church, and sang solos, and taught my pupils to be "Christians," telling them it was respectable and proper, and I tried to raise my little adopted daughter this way, and through this teaching she was saved, and many others, and all the time I was numbered with the *lost, because not born again*.

I knew I was not born again, and Jesus said, "Ye *must* be born again." I had been a church member since I was eleven years old, and at last I became a wisp to be gathered by some Ruth, but who would gather me? All my people and my friends, father, first of all, thought I was already gathered and safe in Jesus' arms, and I dared not tell, I, who had worked so long in the churches, was not saved, and so who was to gather me, a wisp so deep in the sin of hypocrisy acting like a Christian and not one, and trying to excuse myself by saying I had never committed the awful sins such as dishonoring my parents, murdering or committing adultery?

My heart ached, and then sorrow came, deep sorrow, that filled me with horror, and I followed the demon of fashion, went to theater after theater and spent all the time I could in the ballroom to try and drown my sorrow, until I lay a poor broken wisp in the mud and mire, and who *could* find me? I'd surely lost my way and no one knew it, and so they could not find me.

This condition, the memory of it, gave me my song "I've lost my way," and by the way this song reminds me of a dear wisp who perhaps has lost his way again, and this record may fall in his way and put him in remembrance and help him find his way again. I sang this song at a mission in Little Rock, Ark., in 1904, one night, and at the close of the meeting a young man came up and laid a dollar in my hand and said he wanted the song. I gave it to him and handed back the change, 75 cents, but he refused to take it. He told me he was a comic singer for the vaudeville and asked me to pray for him, and I did then and there. He came every night for a week they told me, and at last gave his heart to God, and he sang this song and said he would never sing another comic song. I

pray God I'll meet him in heaven and sing *with* him, "I fell in love with the Nazarene." "Lord, keep that which I have committed unto Thee!"

Now back to the poor *hidden wisp*. I tried so hard to be born again. I read the Bible earnestly and tried to understand the awful secret, but I could not understand. What should I do? Sorrows deepened and I was sick of life and self. Every night I stood at my kitchen window, awaiting my husband's return, and wept until my face was blistered, and said in the bitterness of my heart, "God does not care for me or He'd *find* me!" To be born of the Spirit is to be found when lost.

As I watched one night in the moonlight in the fall of 1898, I noticed a bird singing in an old dead tree. He was sitting on the tip top of one of the dead limbs singing away as though he was in heaven. Night after night he came and sang, and one night the moon rose just behind him and showed him to me plainer, and he sang a simple tune, just two notes in one strain and three notes in another, and as I listened, it sounded like "Dear Heart, Take Heart." I went to the piano and sang this new song, and the ache in my heart began to ease, but I could not tell why. It seemed as though some One had folded me, a poor, broken, sinful wisp of God's wheat, all crushed and filthy, naked and wretched and ready to die, to their loving heart in forgiveness, and I believe that that very night at that moment I was born again, but I never knew it until 1901 when I found God in Chattanooga, Tenn., when I saw a piece of paper lying on my table that seemed to blaze like fire. On it was written, "In quietness and confidence shall be your strength." I fell in the mire again through the worldly church association, and was reclaimed and cleansed and sanctified in 1904.

Well, that wisp was picked up for God by a little lonely bird singing in a dead tree, and it knew *nothing* about it, but God did, bless His name forever! The devil kidnaps us and gets us lost in the wilderness of sin, and we nearly get devoured by the hungry wolves and hyenas, but Jesus, our good Shepherd, knows where Satan has tucked us away, and however deep and dark the caves of sin in which he has hidden us may be, Jesus can find us if we *want* to be found.

Now, I thank God for the sorrows that rained down on my unsuspecting head and the appalling disasters and unexpected failures, for they made me sick of this old world and made me hungry for God. I was lost and felt as miserable as the poor fallen girls used to tell me they were when disgrace stared them in the face, and they'd plead with me to give them morphine to end it all. I *wanted* Jesus to find me.

"Dear Heart, Take Heart," and afterwards "The Magdalen" were composed at this time. When a wisp is found and reinstated it wants to find other wisps, and I've done nothing else, it seems to me, but gather lost wisps for Jesus. Another time, I'll tell of some of the fallen wisps I found in my work with Mr. Chas. N. Crittenton in some of our large cities. It's getting late. The Husbandman will soon be here. I must hasten, for the fields are white.—Ruth the Gleaner. (Sarah Haggard Payne, Box 44, Ocean Park, Cal.)

(We are glad to hear from Sister Payne that her new song, "Spiritual Israel," a song that always brings the power, is now being prepared for publication. Send all orders direct to her. The cost of the song will be 25 cents.)

The Lord wants to bring us to the end of things, and then wants us to let go the end.

Deal honestly with God. God will deal in grace with those who deal honestly with Him.—Elizabeth Sisson.

SOUL TRAVAIL, THE NEED OF THE HOUR.**Notes of a message given by Miss Elizabeth Sisson.**

(Not revised by the speaker.)

The Lord has laid it on my heart to speak a few words on *Praying in the Holy Ghost*. Is it really true that God has taken us into partnership with Himself for His great operations? I sometimes say, "You surely have not taken Elizabeth in? But He has. He says, "I'm going to do this in answer to your prayers. Many years ago, I could have finished the work if My people had only prayed. I am now inviting you into partnership with Me. In giving you the baptism of the Holy Ghost I've fitted you up for this prayer life, this life of continuous intercession."

We are not awake to the possibilities of a life of intercession yet, nor to the necessity of it. God condescends to use us in the prayer life, and what cannot God do if He has a chance? God wants to bring forth the full unity of the body, and He will, in response to our prayers. With Christ in us, the Father in us, the Holy Ghost in us, the triune God within, what boundless possibilities are before us. The Lord showed me one time when I was in prayer, that true intercession consists of the love of the Spirit taking possession, and that as much as love possesses me things are done. In soul travail love forces through us. God cannot work in any other channel, for God is love.

At one time the Spirit of God was urging me to pray for the great Mahommedan College in Cairo, Egypt, out of which ten thousand students are poured forth every year, every one pledged to be a Mahommedan missionary. Having lived amongst the Mahommedans, I knew how, humanly speaking, it was impossible for any Christian worker to get into that college. The devil said, "God could not get into that work." I cried, "Oh, God, you can get into that college!" A year after this, I read in the organ of the American Board that Mr. Trowbridge, one of their missionaries, had been granted access, had gone in and addressed the students, and that right in this center of the false prophet's territory, he had started a Bible Class for the study of the Word of God. The faculty had been very gracious to him and gave him every facility to expound the Word of God to the students. God only knows the might of Spirit-inspired prayer. I was reminded how, through my reasoning, I had been inclined to draw back from the prayer God wanted to put upon me. And the Lord said to me, "That is why I have to take possession of My people and pray through them in tongues."

God loves the race, and He wants to bless the race, and bring us into partnership with Himself. In the twelfth chapter of Revelation God has given us a picture of a sun-clothed woman in travail, bringing forth the man child. The sun is a figure of God. Sun-clothed is God clothed, and that is love-clothed. Travail is always God-energized prayer. That is what God is going to do through God-energized prayer, to bring forth the man child who shall rule all nation with a rod of iron. Praying in the Holy Ghost, soul travail, is the one great business of the hour, and God will clothe us with His wonderful love for this great business.

The race goes on from generation through the great love scheme of God. He made everything to express His love, and if it had not been for the fall in Eden, all things would tell of His wonderful love. And His love is none the less, though the race has fallen. See that mother with a child who is feeble! Does she love it less than the others that are strong? It is the very nature of motherhood, if things are anything like normal, to give that child special care and attention. I remember being at one time with a family in Maine, and they had one child that was not very bright, who was always sick, fractious and peevish. When

the other children wanted to tease him, she would say, "Let Johnny alone!" That mother always had hope that things would change with him. Oh, the faith and hope of love! Some years later that child came all right, and that mother's heart was rejoiced to see her prayers more than answered. God wants to clothe us with His sweetness, which far surpasses mother-sweetness, so that His love will cause us to love everyone for whom the blood of Jesus has atoned. You may break with me in Pentecost, but you cannot cause me to break with any of His blood-washed ones. Jesus despaired of no man, because He saw that humanity was kept in the love of God.

There is no strain in the prayer life, for there is no strain in love. If you find any strain in praying, seek for more of His love. In the morning you start to pray, and you find yourself all dry and barren. Just listen awhile to His sweet voice saying, "Son, thou art ever with Me, and all that I have is thine." All His faith and love! As you praise Him, His desires will come into you and take possession of you. But He can only do this as you are simple, as you consent to be empty, as you are child-like. It should be the normal condition of a preacher to be empty. Then Christ can fill. "Christ is your life." I have no other. As you abandon to Him, how you will slide off into the things that are on His heart, then tongues come, and then the glory. How wonderful it is to be called into partnership with Him who ever liveth to make intercession, with the Creator and Blessor of the universe!

When you are filled with this spirit of love, you don't see the faults in the brothers and sisters. There is no break between you and any child of God. He has to have all of us to make a body. You need that eye, and that shoulder, and that which seems to be more feeble, and that we think to be less honorable. I need you, and you need me. The body has to be compacted by that which every joint supplieth. Love is what joins, not gifts. The whole edifice, the foundations, walls, doors, ceilings and everything else, all of love. That which every joint supplieth!

When a woman brings forth a child, every part of her body is in travail. And in the bringing forth of the man child, the whole body needs to be in travail. They need you, and you need them. It means so much. Not only will the man child be brought forth, but it means that God will get hold of the Jews a second time. We do not know all the boundless possibilities that await us, He may have labor for us in other spheres, but as yet we are only babies. Our present work, however, is to enter into soul travail to bring forth the man child.

We cannot afford to have a moment out of touch with any child of God. If we do, it will hinder the full clothing of the sun upon us, and remember, we have to be sun-clothed. There is not a bit of Elizabeth that will not hinder him: but there is an altar where every bit of her can be. Do not despair of yourself as unfitted for soul travail, God has an altar where you can be reduced to ashes. Then you can say with the apostle, "No longer I, but Christ," yes, this very same, loving interceding Jesus!

ESSENTIAL CONDITIONS.

Without shedding of blood, no remission. Heb. 9:22,
Without faith, impossible to please God. Heb. 11:6.
Without holiness, no seeing God. Heb. 12:14.

Fervency in prayer by the power of the Holy Spirit is a good preservative against thought rushing in. Flies never settle on a boiling pot.—Moody.

A GOOD SOLDIER OF JESUS CHRIST.

A Timely Talk by J. H. Patterson.

Paul lived in a military age, and that was why he wrote to Timothy in the way he did, telling him to endure hardness, as a good soldier of Christ. We are also living in a military age, in an age of war, an age of conflict. Some are asking me, "Is this the last war?" No, this is not the last war. This, I believe is but "the beginning of sorrows." Any nation getting ready for war will soon use its outfit. Mr. Bryan was not in divine order when he got a sword and had it made into miniatures plowshares and sent them to the different ambassadors. This is rather the day when the word of the Lord through the prophet Joel is coming true, "Beat your plowshares into swords, and you pruning-hooks into spears." It is a significant thing to note that in most of the places where they have been manufacturing agricultural implements they are now making munitions. Satan is still loose and as long as the devil is loose there will be war. He made war in heaven, and he is the primal cause of all war on earth.

But there is a greater conflict than is going on in Europe taking place in the heavenlies, and this is the conflict to which we are called, a war against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Have you enlisted in the army of King Jesus? Before you can join His army you must first be a citizen of His kingdom, for only citizens can become soldiers. And you have to be born again before you can become a citizen of the Kingdom of God. Are you a B. A., a BORN AGAIN one? Only such can even see the Kingdom of God.

Before you can join His army you have to be examined. There was a man up in Kitchener, Ont., who wanted to enlist, but when he was examined and they found he was 6 foot 6, and weighed 400 pounds, they refused him because they said he was too big. Such a huge man would require everything made especially for him, special uniform, a special bed, and the authorities thought it best to reject him. (And that is the trouble with many, they are *too big* to be soldiers for Jesus. Note this condition:—"Except ye be converted and become as *little children*!") You cannot be too young nor too old to join the King's army, but you can be too big.

There are some deserters and some shirkers and there are many trying to get out of the war, and you find a faithful picture of them all in the Word. Some of them are photographed in Deuteronomy 20:5-8. (If any man had built a new house and had not dedicated it, he was exempted from the army of Israel. Have you anything you have not dedicated to Jesus, you can be a shirker from His army. There are not a few who, like Ananias, say that they have given up all for Jesus, but they are holding back part of the price. And they lie to the Holy Ghost. (It was not because Ananias did not give up all that he was struck dead, it was because he said that he had when he had not that such judgment came upon him.) I tell the people in my city that if similar judgment was to come on all who were thus lying to the Holy Ghost these days, a lot of them would have to go away to other cities to get undertakers to take care of them. Have you got a house and lot that you have not dedicated to Jesus? If so, you cannot be a good soldier for Him. Have you dedicated your own life to Him? That is the principal question.

Those that had planted a vineyard and had not eaten of it were exempted from the army of Israel. (There are plenty of people who are willing to eat grapes who are

not willing to go through the toil of producing them.) There are plenty who are willing to be superintendents, who do not wish to work their way up to that position. If you are "called to preach" be willing to collar the first man you meet in the street and talk to Him about Jesus. If God has really called you to preach His Gospel, He will give you a pulpit even if it is only a soap box on a street corner, and he will give you fruit for your labor.

There was a young man that came to my meeting at one time, and when he got home, he told his wife "You have been telling that preacher all about me." There had been so many things in the sermon that had cut him. He came to the meeting the next night and was gloriously saved. The next morning he was talking to all the men at his work about Jesus and how he had saved him. Just be willing to be a witness where you are and God will give you plenty of fruit. I heard of a young fellow the other day who went to preach at one of our missions, and after the meeting some one asked him if he would not mind closing the windows. He replied "I did not come here to do janitor work." If you have that kind of spirit, you will never have any fruit in your vineyard and you will never be accepted in the army of the Kings.

There is a picture of another man in this chapter who has married a wife and therefore he cannot come. (Alas, how many are precluded from heavenly warfare because they have married out of the will of God. Many who have been active in the service of the Lord when single, give up his service entirely when they are married. Do not let anything come between you and God. Do not let anything hinder you from serving the King.)

There is another crowd to whom the officer spoke. These are the *fearful and faint hearted*. Does this hit you? (God can put your fearful nature under the blood where He put your sins. God counsels you to be strong in the grace of the Lord. God supplies the grace.) In Gideon's day thousands went home faint hearted. God save us from such faint heartedness these days. Never fail nor be discouraged. We read of Paul that he "took courage." Take courage from Him today. In Judges 5:23 we read "Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the Lord, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty." There is another passage in Jeremiah, "Cursed is he that doeth the work of the Lord deceitfully—negligently, halfheartedly." See to it that you steer clear of these curses.

"No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier." (God wants separated men who put Him first, men like Carey who when he was asked what his occupation was, replied, "Serving God, but I cobble shoes to make expenses.") He does not want us to be tangled up with the affairs of the world, for it is so much easier to be entangled than to be untangled. The cares of this life will choke the Word, and you will bring no fruit to perfection unless you strip yourself of every weight, and be wholly separated unto God, with one purpose in view, doing those things that are pleasing unto Him.)

I know a home where there are four daughters. There is one girl who never likes to go to bed and never likes to get up. Everything her parents want her to do she has to be told three times before she attempts to do it. But there is another girl who likes to anticipate every want of her parents. She is quick to listen to every suggestion and prompt in obedience to every wish expressed. That is how God wants us, a people who will hearken diligently to His word, a people quick to obey, a people who will look

up to Him every day and say, "Father, I want to please thee!"

A soldier is the property of his government, and he must make no compromise with the enemy. Saul was sent to kill out the Amalekites, to destroy them utterly, and he came back to Samuel and said that he had done it, but he lied. "What about this bleating of the sheep and the lowing of the oxen that I hear, what does this mean?" asked Samuel. "Oh, I was just keeping back the good things," replied Saul. (Compromise! Disobedience! The good things of nature need to go to the cross as much as the bad things. "Slay utterly!" everything of the old life.)

"Everything provided," is what you read at the recruiting stations. Your clothing, your food, and everything is provided by the government. So it is in the Lord's army. The doctor is provided for as well. I am glad that since I have taken Jesus as my family physician I have not tasted medicine for twenty-eight years. The trouble with some Christians is that when they are sick they take up the telephone and call for the other fellow. My Bible reads, "The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." If any other doctor put as many shalls in his sheet he would have his office full all the time.)

A good soldier has to endure hardness. What would you think of a soldier who came back from France and said, "Why, they shot at me over there?" A soldier is meant to be shot at. But some of you squeal and grouch when you get shot at and begin to criticize those through whom God is giving you your training. A good soldier is willing to put up with things. You never saw a soldier with an umbrella. Don't carry any umbrella of doubt. Get thirsty, and He will pour water on you, and you will find it wonderfully refreshing.

At the recruiting offices you see "Open Day and Night." The Heavenly Recruiting Office is open today, but we cannot guarantee it being open tomorrow. Come today, and let God make you a good soldier. Have you a need? He can supply every need. Have you an intimate personal knowledge of Jesus? Have you the baptism of the Holy Ghost? You will need these things for they are very essential in the conflict.

ABRAHAM—A TYPE OF FAITH.

A needed word on an important subject.

It is not only interesting but it is deeply instructive to consider the different kinds of fruit brought forth by Faith. This is wonderfully manifested in the life of Abraham, who is the type-character of Faith. First of all Ishmael was brought forth. God had promised seed to Abram (Faith); but Abram did not wait for the "endowment of power from on high," and Ishmael, with all the misery wrought through him and his race to God's people, was the result of this energy of Faith working according to the flesh. Later on Abram's name was changed—there was something added to his name because there was something added to his nature. The aspirate (H) or breath of God was put into Abram making his name Abraham. Faith now brings forth the true seed, Isaac. These fruits of Faith, the one in the flesh (Ishmael), the other in the Spirit (Isaac) have been much considered by God's people, but a third fruit seems to have been generally overlooked.

How often one's attention has been called to the age of Abraham at the time of Isaac's birth, and yet when some thirty years later Abraham had six sons by his marriage with Keturah few seem startled or even surprised. But the Power breathed into Abraham that the Isaac fruit should be produced was not withdrawn when the Spirit

had wrought His work, for "the gifts...of God are without repentance." And so the power to produce fruit remained.

There is a great lesson here which we Pentecostal people, of all others, should be well acquainted with. Paul, in writing to the Corinthians concerning the gifts of the Spirit, is careful to instruct them that the gifts should be operated by the Holy Spirit, and not by the human spirit, although the Power is there to do it.

Let us look for a moment at the character of the kind of fruit brought forth by Abraham. There were six sons and the meaning of the names of these sons speaks volumes. First "Zimran," the meaning of which is "song." Then comes "Jokshan," which means "difficulty." Then "Medan," which is "judgment," (perhaps self-judgment) followed by "Midian," meaning "judgment," or "I will judge." Then comes "Ishbah" which is "Empty," and finally "Shuah," meaning "humiliation." You will notice in Gen. 25 that this first son "Song" had no children, so the fruit which looked so fair that it was like music, soon lied out. "Difficulty" multiplied, as also did "Midian," to many generations, and this fruit which began with a "Song" ended with "humiliation."

It will be remembered that when Joseph was sold by his brethren it was to the Ishmaelites and Midianite merchantmen, both fruit of Faith, the one *before*, the other *after* the endowment with "Power from on high." Again in the times of the Judges the Midianites came up "like grasshoppers for multitude *with their cattle*, rendering the lives of Israel absolutely wretched, for they had to hide themselves in caves and dens and to thresh out a bit of corn for bread as they could.

It is clear that Ishmael is a type of the fruit brought forth by faith working in the energy of the flesh before receiving the gift of the Spirit, whilst these last six children are the type of the fruits brought forth by Faith after the gift of the Spirit—*Faith using his gift in self-pleasing instead of as it is written, "All these worketh that one and the self-same Spirit."* The birth of Ishmael and the births of Keturah's children with their progenies were most disastrous to the true seed. And so it is now. However good the intention, it does not prevent the suffering and humiliation to the true Israel. (Because one has received Power from on high and the Holy Spirit operates in any gift, it is not right to use that gift just because one feels like it. For God to be glorified in the manifestation of the gifts it must be the work of the Spirit, i. e., it must be the Spirit working the gift; otherwise when the gift is used in self-pleasing, though apparently it starts with a "song," it will certainly end in "humiliation.")

(This brings us to the consideration that God's people should know, far better than they do, the difference of the working of their own spirit and the working of the Holy Spirit. Some, after their endowment, seem to imagine that all they think and feel is the working of the Holy Spirit, as though they had no human spirit that *could* work independently of the Holy Spirit; and even go so far as to operate His gifts, really using Him instead of Him using them. "Once I tried to use Him, now he uses me.")

(There is a lack of meekness (teachableness) humility and reverence; consequently, when the gifts are manifested, there is not the convicting power and awe spoken of in the Word of God.) On some occasions there has even been flippancy in the use of the gifts, as though they were given for amusement and entertainment. Whilst this is probably most seen in connection with the gift of tongues, it is not by any means restricted to that gift. God is prepared to do much more for us—and through us—if we will be sufficiently humble and reverent.—

Lydia A. Walshaw.

Let the Spirit - not the flesh - make the gift.

You help us to reverence the gifts

TO THE HOLY BRETHREN EVERYWHERE.

Greeting in the name of our adorable Lord!

The time is fast approaching for the annual meeting of the General Council, and it is fitting that we begin preparations to attend and take part in its deliberations.

There are many indications of a blessed time of fellowship and profitable council awaiting us. There is to be no doctrinal discussion forced upon us at this session of the council and it is hoped we may have time for some strong spiritual messages and much real fellowship.

The General Missionary Conference called to meet immediately following the Council, is meeting with favor from many, and it is expected that there will be present many representatives from fields afar, and also many who are interested in supporting the missionary interests both by prayer and money.

In view of the fact that the Missionary Conference is arranged to follow immediately and that its meeting are to be held in the same building, it will be necessary to open the Council promptly and that all who are to take part in its deliberations shall be present at the opening. It will be necessary, in order to do justice to the meeting, for many of the dear brethren to sacrifice the Lord's day from their own home work in order to be in St. Louis for the opening of the Council on Sunday, September 9th.

There is a strong cry in my heart as I write this, for the brethren to gather in St. Louis for a day of fellowship and devotion before the Council opens. If we remain at home for the Sunday services and hurry to St. Louis on Monday to find everything pressing to begin the business of the Council we are not as well prepared to take matters in hand as though we had been together in the house of the Lord on the Lord's day, with time to pray and wait upon Him to get His best thought for the Council Meetings and its future usefulness.

Brethren! Please plan to be here for Sunday, September 9th. Trust God with all interests that may in any way be involved and let us have one day together in blessed spiritual fellowship before we undertake the important matters that await our attention.

If we are to have time for the necessary things and make way for the Missionary Conference we shall need to call the first business session of the council to order Monday morning at ten thirty o'clock. It is purposed by the Chairman to introduce some reports and practical recommendations at the opening of the Council, all of which will be of special interest, and should be heard by as many as possible, since some of them will appear again in the Council Program.

An announcement regarding the matter of entertainment during the week will appear in the Evangel soon. We are looking for a large attendance and a very special time of blessing. Much prayer is being offered, that this coming meeting of the Council may be marked by a mighty outpouring of the Spirit, and by very special Divine guidance in all matters that come before the Council.

Affectionately,

J. W. Welch.

A WORD IN SEASON—ESPECIALLY TO PREACHERS.

The apostle Paul gave some very seasonable instruction to Timothy, and it is well to give heed to these Spirit-inspired instructions today. "*Preach the word, be instant in season, out of seasons reprove, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine. . . . Watch thou in all things.*" There are many who seem to put a premium on ignorance, and they go round telling what "the Lord said" to them, and if He was guilty of saying half the things

that they attribute to Him, I would be ashamed of Him. Paul writes in this same letter, "*Study to shew thyself approved of God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth—(or handling aright the word of truth).*" Ever strive to meet the approval of God by being a diligent student of the wonderful Book He has given. If I can please the Man in the Glory who employs me, I shall be satisfied.

The Word of God is a profound book, it is an inexhaustible mine, and you can always be getting something fresh out of it. Do not give your people the same diet every Sunday. There is so much to preach that the greatest trouble I have is to know when to stop. It is good to give out the promises and to give them due prominence, but there are commands as well as promises which need to be preached. I heard of a colored man preaching on one of the old plantations, and his master said to him, "Sambo! I hear you are preaching." "Yes, sah!" "Well, there is a lot of stealing going on round this plantation, and I would like you to preach a sermon on the ten commandments, and especially to emphasize the command, 'Thou shalt not steal!'" Sambo replied, "I don't cah to preach on that subject, sah; theah ain't much warmth in it." Don't be afraid of preaching the whole Book.

Some are saying that we should avoid preaching doctrine these days, but Paul says, "exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." What sort of jellyfish do you think we shall have in our congregations if we do not preach doctrine? Doctrine is the bone part of our message.

"*Watch thou in all things.*" Watch against the stratagems of the enemy. If the enemy cannot get us to sin, he will try to rush us into fanaticism. The end of all things is at hand, and so it is especially necessary to "watch unto prayer."

Watch against *formalism*. The Lord has made us a people who have tasted the power of the Spirit in our midst and we must never be satisfied with anything less. May God save us from ever backsliding into formalism.

Watch against *looseness*. One of the characteristics of the bride is that "she looketh well to the ways of her household." God has system, the world has system, and the devil has system, but some Pentecostal folks are crying "Hands off!" against system. Much trouble in the movement would have been avoided if there had not been so much looseness.

Watch against *error*. When a preacher came along to the church at Ephesus and wanted to hold forth, because he declared he was an apostle, the elders would take him into a little back room and have a talk with him, and if they found he was crooked in doctrine they would announce that he was a liar! Jesus had a complaint to make against the church at Thyatira because they had let error creep in. A certain lady came along to that church and announced "I'm a prophetess! When God was giving His Word through His prophets there was some things He forgot, and I'm come to tell you all about them." They took her in, and in consequence she seduced the servants of the Lord. God is giving no new revelation these days beyond what is written in the Scripture of Truth.

Endure Hardness. The ministry is anything but a picnic. If you are true you will have to endure criticism, and you will have to expose shams. One of the most baneful things in the ministry is flattery. Some folks have no better sense than to be always flattering their preachers. I remember some people who used to come to me and say, "You're sermons are just lovely, keep at it!" I kept at it, and dried up. Don't flatter folks. That's the devil's

business. I used to be in this business too, but I have seen the harm of it, and now I won't receive it and won't give it. The apostle says "Neither used we at any time flattering words." As a good soldier of Jesus Christ be willing to suffer hardship, to endure suffering, to glory in the flailings that come to every true minister of the Gospel.

A final word, *prove*. If anyone comes along and says, "The Lord told me so-and-so," tell them, "Say on, and I'll judge when you're through whether it is in accordance with the Word." Prove your fitness. Prove your faithfulness. How does that Scripture read, "It is required in stewards that a man be a success? With a great following?" No, that a man be found *faithful*. And as our Lord and Master says, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."—A. G. Ward

THE MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

Beginning September 13th.

If you have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, you should be baptized into a "missionary heart." The Pentecostal baptism and the task of witnessing to the uttermost ends of the earth were linked together in the last words of our Saviour in His last utterance before His ascension. (Acts 1:8.) So the forthcoming Missionary Conference, (the first of its kind held in the Pentecostal movement) is a matter that concerns all of us. Some of us have not been able to go into the uttermost parts of the earth to preach the Gospel to every creature, but, by the grace of God, we purpose doing all that is in our power to help the missionaries who have been obedient to this great commission.

We expect to meet a number of representative missionaries at this conference, and we want to hear from them about their respective fields, and we are going to ask them to tell us how we can best help them from the home land. It will be a great encouragement to the missionaries if as many as possible will come to hear them.

Some may not be able to get here, but their hearts are in full sympathy with the conference, and inasmuch as it is for the advancement of the kingdom of God, they would like to have a share in the matter of helping the expenses of the missionaries who are attending the meeting, and we shall be most pleased to devote any sums sent in for this purpose. Others may not have funds to give, but they would like to help in providing for the missionaries while they are here. We expect to entertain all of them at the Evangel Home, 1243 N. Garrison Ave., St. Louis, and gifts of produce sent to this address will be most gladly received.

And please do not forget to pray for this conference that we may all be of one heart and one mind in one place, that God may be greatly glorified by our coming together, and the cause of His kingdom greatly advanced.

TIMELY MESSAGES OF WARNING.

Bro. Andrew D. Urshan's book, "Timely Messages of Warning," a most needed volume for these dark days of lukewarmness and apostacy, is now off the press. It is true today that because iniquity is abounding, the love of many is growing cold, but we believe these fiery messages will be the means in the hands of the Lord of rousing many from indifference and inertia to a new zeal, to a more vigorous faith, and a fresh white-heated love for their Lord. Our brother's message on "True and False Holiness" is one especially needed at this time. The price of the book is 25 cents in paper covers, or 50 cents in cloth.

DAILY PORTION FROM THE KING'S BOUNTY

MRS. A. R. FLOWER

Sunday. "My expectation is from him." Psa. 62:5.

God often allows us to be brought into very close places, even permitting all human resources and agencies to fail, that thereby we may be brought to more absolute, single-hearted dependence upon Him. It is so natural to expect our deliverance and enlargement from the hand of men, and to look to them for it; but that is indeed a deep and true consecration which enables one to look to God alone under most trying earthly circumstances. ("Blessed is the man that maketh the Lord his trust.")

Monday. "To whom ye forgive anything, I forgive also: for if I forgave anything, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ; lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices." 2 Cor. 2:10, 11.

"If there be but a shadow of disunion between us and any brother or sister, let us not give ourselves rest until we bring about a reconciliation; let us search out what in our ways may have caused the breach and seek after a communion with our brother like that of the Father with His dear Son. We should, moreover, watch against everything in us that may wound or grieve our brother, so that we may be wise to prevent breaches of fellowship; observant of 1 Cor. 13; our ways fashioned by the love that behaves itself not unseemly, and which faileth not. Nor shall we be skilful to heal breaches, if we be not watchful to prevent them."

Tuesday. "Know the knowledge-surpassing love of the Christ, that ye may be filled up to all the fulness of God." Eph. 3:19. Roth.

"What in thy love possess I not?
My star by night, my sun by day,
My spring of life when parched with drought,
My wine to cheer, my bread to stay,
My strength, my shield, my safe abode,
My robe before the throne of God."

Wednesday. "Thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not." Isa. 58:11.

Water! I never appreciated the word before as I have away out here in sandy, hot Western Oklahoma; and this is the driest season they have had in nearly twenty years, they tell me. It is constantly reminding me of the larger, drier wilderness of this world; and how it must gladden our Lord's heart whenever He finds a channel empty enough to carry through His "rivers of living water." The blessing, the healing, the refreshing that follows in the flow of such a Spirit-directed water-course, fed by countless, never-failing springs of divine grace! Hallelujah!

Thursday. "I will give you rest." Matt. 11:28

"I rest my soul on Jesus,
This weary soul of mine;
His right hand me embraces,
I on His breast recline."

Friday. "Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth." 1 Cor. 10:24.

"How great a victory was that which Jonathan must have gained over himself, when he rejoiced to see David raised above him! He discerned the mind of God in David, and had so learnt to delight in God, that he did not see in David one who was to outshine him, but another faithful man raised up for God and for Israel.

Saturday. "A little while and ye shall see me." John 16:16.

A little while! Yet long His bride hath waited,
With yearning heart her Lord adored to see;
But He shall come, His golden word of promise
Fails not! Oh blessed certainty—
His little while, unlike our measured days
We cannot mark—so like His wondrous ways."

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THE RESTORATION OF ALL THINGS.

In the book of the Revelation, we see Him who has the seven stars in His right hand walking in and out in the midst of the churches, supervising and overseeing the whole seven. He is concerned in every part and every stage, the rise, the decline, and the prosperity, and He watches even the apostasy of the churches. He loved the church and gave Himself for it. The church speaks to Him of His own purpose, and throughout eternity it will ever speak to Him of what He accomplished by His death. "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain that hath redeemed us," will be the theme on the one hand; and He will say, "Behold I and the children which God hath given Me."

The very nature of God speaks of activity and creative power. All things were made through the Son and for the Son, and as God spoke through and acted through the Son, so in the ages to come He will speak through and act through His Son and those redeemed by His Son. "That in the ages to come He might shew the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus." In the unfolding of the future creative work of God, in the age following age, the activity, the creative power will be manifested through Christ and His people. "Created in Christ Jesus unto good works which God before ordained that we should walk in them!" Heirs together! Equality and union! United even as children are to the parent, and as the bride to the bridegroom, that the further expressions of God's grace, power, majesty and glory may be made through His Son and those who have been quickened and raised up with Him.

This honor in a limited measure was given unto Adam. The very creation and God's latest masterpiece was placed under His care and jurisdiction. He was put into the garden of Eden to dress and keep it. It was easy blessed work because the ground was not cursed. He had full possession of all the fruits that were good for him. And not only were the fruits of the earth at his disposal, but God even condescended to make the animals, and marshal them before him that he might name them. The new creation placed at the disposal of Adam the Son of God!

But the thing failed. The enemy came and spoiled. But in the future there will be no failure. The enemy will have been dealt with. He received his death sentence at Calvary. And in this new age God will show forth the exceeding riches of His grace toward His church.

We have no idea what Adam was like, nor the garden, nor the fruit. We can see only suggestions of their former glory. We can see only the degenerate animals, their fangs stained with blood, and poison in their teeth. Degeneracy! And as the first creation was so far above that which has been under the blight of sin so many thousands of years, so far more grand and wonderful will be the new creation and new glories which through the exceeding years of glory, God will work through His Son and His Church.

"Raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." Yes, in Him, and raised up through Him. He is the Alpha and Omega; the Alpha, the beginning of the Creation, but the Omega in completeness is Christ and His church.

Has there not been this co-operation in the past? He commenced at Jerusalem. Read the last chapter of Mark. They went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the Word with signs following. That was the commencement of the restoration. The resurrected Christ commenced the new work of restoration by giving a commission to His disciples, and one of the first items of the commission was to cast out the devils, the intruders who came into the Paradise, the Eden of God. "In My name shall they cast out devils."

"They shall speak with new tongues." Adam's tongue was tainted. "The woman *Thou* gavest me!" Insulting God! God's love, His forethought, and His kindness in providing a helpmeet was thrown back at Him as a taunt. The tongue was tainted, but in this new era the tongue is being cleansed, is being sanctified, made new. The new tongue belongs to the new era, the new creation, the redeemed world.

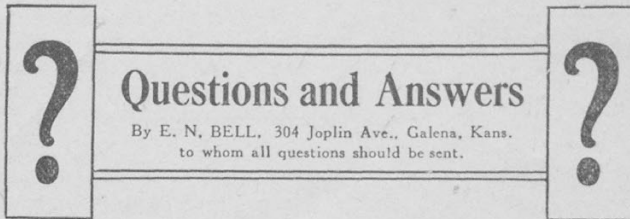
"They shall take up serpents." Satan was the master when he came to Eve, but in this new creation, this new era when the church was formed, the disciples and the believers were to be the masters. "They shall take up serpents." They were beyond and above the serpents. Know ye not that we shall judge angels, the hosts of the serpent himself?

"If they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them." The apostle writes, "The poison of asps is under their lips." All the venom that the enemy has put into the minds of men, the saints can take it, and it won't hurt them. Those early disciples counted it a joy when they came from the Sanhedrin that they were counted worthy to suffer for His name. The venom did not hurt them. And Paul, in his prison, sang joyfully. The venom, the poison, could not hurt any of them.

"They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." The restoration of the physical is part of the commission; it is part of the whole plan. It may be the lowest plane, but it is part of the whole plan.

The risen, glorified Son of man, operating and working through redeemed man for the restoration of a fallen world! That was on a limited scale, and was subject to the weaknesses of men and the infirmities of the flesh, but Jesus Christ worked through them, confirming the Word with signs. But in the age succeeding age, eternity after eternity, God is going to work through His Son and His church the exceeding riches of His grace. No limitation through those He works either by time or by flesh!

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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.

241. Has an assistant pastor the right to preach things in the assembly directly contrary to what the pastor teaches?

Ans. The assistant is bound primarily to "preach the Word," not some notion or theory. If he and the pastor will both do this, there will be no trouble. If "the Word of God" accidentally hits the notion of either the pastor or the assistant, then let the notions give way to the Word. In cases of "doubt" as to what the Word teaches on some point, it would be courteous to defer to the pastor as the probably older or better informed one. If the assistant is out of harmony with the pastor and wilfully provokes trouble by being contentious over little differences, he should voluntarily resign, and if he will not, the church should demand it. But if the pastor is contentious, raising complaints unnecessarily and provoking disharmony in the church and between himself and the assistant, then the pastor should resign and get out of the way. In matters of policy, the assistant is necessarily subordinate.

242. Explain Matthew 24:20.

Ans. It is explained in the next verse. Read it.

243. Do Acts 2:38 and Col. 2:12 refer to water baptism or to the cleansing blood applied to the heart?

Ans. Water baptism is referred to in both; but faith that appropriates the blood is implied as previously exercised. Then the washing of the body in pure water symbolizes the internal washing with the blood. Remember, in Apostolic days, baptism was performed at once when one repented and believed, so that faith and baptism went close together, not weeks or years apart as often is the case now. Hence conversion and baptism were regarded as practically one event in those days. But the real work was within by the Spirit, and not accomplished by the water.

244. Is salvation by works or by grace?

Ans. Paul says, "For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves. It is the gift of God. Not of works, lest any man should boast," Eph. 2:4-10.

245. What are the twenty-four elders in Rev. 4:4 and 5:8?

Ans. I do not know. They seem to be certain of the redeemed saints, but I do not know which ones.

246. What is meant in Matt. 21:44 by the words "Broken" and "Ground."

Ans. It means that those who even stumble over Christ, shall fall, get broken or badly hurt, but not beyond recovery. If they will wake up and turn to Jesus, they can still be saved. But to have that "Stone" fall on them in judgment is like being ground to powder by a natural stone, it means complete ruin or destruction.

247. Is the blood applied when we are born again, justified, or when we receive the baptism with the Holy Ghost?

Ans. The blood is applied when we are justified, born again or made new creatures in Christ.

248. Will those who are merely born again, but fail to receive the Holy Ghost baptism before Jesus comes, be saved?

Ans. Those born again are saved already; and if they

walk in the light till Jesus comes, they will still be saved. But no guarantee is given in the Word to those who refuse to walk in known light. The only safety is to "trust and obey."

249. Will we know each other in heaven?

Ans. Yes, I feel sure we shall, but not after a fleshly sort. We shall be as the angels, neither married or given in marriage.

250. Would it be right for a Pentecostal preacher to go to shows and fairs?

Ans. I would not think it right at all for any Christians to go to shows, much less a preacher. But if a fair came to my town, I would not run out of town. I would go about my business just the same. If I saw a street parade or had need to pass by the tents, I would do so, and not expect anybody to take offence over it. But I would not partake of any of these worldly things in the sense of attending, spending money on them, etc.

THE RESTORATION OF ALL THINGS.

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You see what He did through Adam. You see what He did through His Son in the earth when He, the Son, commissioned the twelve and the seventy, especially when He commissioned them in His resurrection power when He was about to ascend. No wonder that the Holy Ghost says through the apostle, "It doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him." Not only like Him in character and likeness, but so united to Him that through Christ and His church, God can create and work as He did in the first instance through His Son. (All things were made by Him and for Him. Great is the mystery of godliness. Worthy is the Lord! Thoughts fail, language fails, imagination fails, and even praises fail to do adequate honor to God the Father, God the Son, and to God the Holy Ghost. It will be indeed handing all over to Him, that God may be all in all.)

MEAT IN DUE SEASON CORRECTED.

In the last issue of Meat in Due Season, there appeared an editorial by F. J. Ewart in which it was reported that I had accepted the mass of doctrines which that paper terms the "message" and which is known among us as the "New Issue." The report is absolutely false. It is true that I have been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus, a privilege I had both as a Christian and as a member of the General Council of the Assemblies of God, but I have not departed from that conception of the Trinity expressed in the Statement of Fundamental Truths issued by the General Council, neither do I believe in Baptismal Regeneration, or that the Baptism in the Holy Ghost is a part of the New Birth. In fact, I find myself in perfect agreement with the Statement of Fundamental Truths.

I have written to Mr. Ewart about this and trust that he will correct the misstatement. B. F. Lawrence.

THE INHERITANCE.

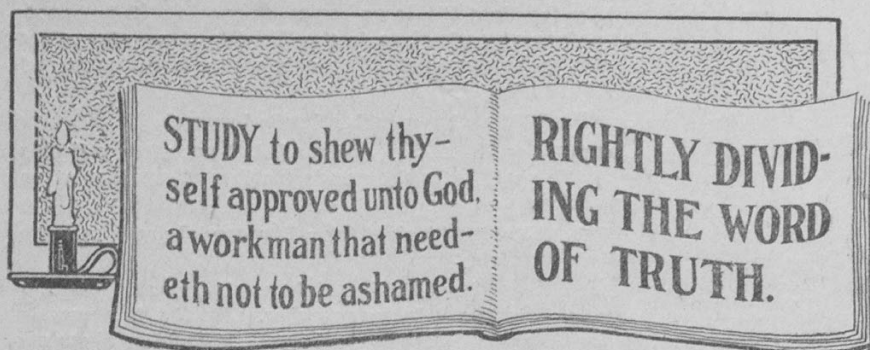
Am I not enough, Mine own? enough Mine own, for thee?
Hath the world its palace towers,
Garden glades of magic flowers,

Where thou fain wouldst be?
Fair things and false are there,
False things but fair.

All shalt thou find at last,
Only in Me.

Am I not enough, Mine own? I, for ever and alone, I, need-
ing thee?

—G. T. S.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

August 19, 1917.

FINDING THE BOOK OF THE LAW.

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

Golden Text: I will not forget thy word, Psa. 119:16.

Practical Truth: God's word is a blessing to all who truly find it.

Topic: The Law of God.

Time: B. C. 621. Place: Jerusalem, in the Temple.

Before the undertaking of the repair of the Temple was complete under the leadership of King Josiah, one day Hilkiah the High Priest was looking in some of the remote chambers of the Temple, and he found a manuscript which, upon examination, proved to be a copy of the law of God which He gave to Moses. Jno. 1:17. Opinions differ as to just how long this Temple copy of the Law had been lost. If we consider the moral and religious condition of the people at that time, we are led to the conclusion that the law could easily have been lost for years and not missed by the people as they were not using either the Temple or the Law previous to this discovery. In view of these facts, we cannot be too emphatic about the number of years that they were without this copy of the law. But one blessed thing we do know about it, and that is it produced good results on both the king and the people when it was found and read. No doubt, their eyes were opened and they beheld wondrous things out of His law, Psa. 119:18.

1. **The Finding of the Word.** Vs. 14-17. Josiah had succeeded in getting the people anxious to complete the repair of the temple that the true worship of God might be resumed and their united efforts were being abundantly rewarded. The people were glad of the privilege to contribute their means to the carrying out of the king's plans. It seems that money was literally pouring into the treasury. Some of this money had been stored away in the temple, and forgotten about, by some of the men who were appointed to look after that phase of the work. Found a book of the law. It was while this money was being brought out for the prosecution of the work that this law was found. It must have been that the book of the

law was kept in the money chests of the temple. V. 14. The book that was found was likely the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible. It was the Word of God, a part of the canon of the Holy Scriptures, "given by inspiration of God." 2 Tim. 3:16. (The Bible may be lost to us, and not necessarily be misplaced, or hid away without our knowing where it is. It can be lost by our neglecting to read it, or occasionally reading it in a cold, unfeeling way. Thoughtful reading of the Word of God is all that will get the depths of its meaning. Do not read in such a careless way that five minutes afterwards you could not tell what you have been reading about. Nothing brings spiritual power and blessing into the life like prayerful study of the Bible. The Bible is found through obeying it and allowing it to become a part of the life.)

2. **The Effects of the Word.** Vs. 18-28. Shaphan, the King's private secretary, carried this book of the law down to the King, but did not tell him the value of the book. He, himself, had read it and formed his opinion of its importance, so he presented it to the king as an interesting book worthy of his attention and examination. Nothing but valuable books existed in those days, for the slow process of copying by hand was the only method of producing books—the contents were always valuable. At the suggestion of the "book," the king was immediately interested, and commanded that Shaphan read the book to him. **He rent his clothes.** This is a common expression in the Bible—it was an ancient mode of expressing intense grief and horror. It is reasonable to suppose that the Scribe opened the book about the 28th chapter of Deuteronomy which contains the cursing and threatening against the transgressors of His Law, vs. 31-33. The king expressed his grief over the calamity that he saw was coming upon the nation because of its sin. (The spirit and manner in which he received God's message is an example for us all. He made no attempt to shrink from any responsibility that it would bring upon him. Neither did he try to trim it down to suit himself nor to explain it away. "The Word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, . . . and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart," Heb. 4:12.)

When the Word of God was read to the King, the Spirit of God gave the Word special power, as He now uses the Word to awaken and convict men. But we notice that he did not try to reason off the sharp edges of the sword. Paul warned the brethren at Colosse not to be spoiled through vain philosophy, Col. 2:8. One man, expressing his faith, said, "The Bible says that the whale swallowed Jonah, and I believe it, but if the Bible had said that Jonah had swallowed the whale I would believe that too." This is a good idea. If we expect the Spirit of God to be in the delivery of our message and apply it to the hearts and conscience of others, and convict them of sin, let us be careful that we first let the Spirit make His application of the Word to us without resistance, lest we ourselves grieve the Spirit, Eph. 4:30. When Peter preached his notable sermon on the day of Pentecost, his message went forth with the force of a command, the Spirit of God used his words to prick their hearts and they were alarmed because of their sins, and repented. The Spirit had first applied the Word to Peter.

3. **The Enforcement of the Word.** Vs. 29-33. When the Law was read to the king he was very eager to know God's perfect will, and he sent out after the most learned men he could get to determine definitely all the meaning of the words of the book. He wanted to know just what steps should be taken for the nation to escape the greater calamities that he believed were coming upon them. They that fear God's wrath shall escape it. **Went to Huldah the prophetess.** Huldah was a prophetess of the Lord in Judah, 2 Kings 22:14-20. She was sent for that she might help rightly interpret the law that the full facts might be known. Probably the greater prophets Jeremiah and Zephaniah were absent from the city. If we are eager to learn the will of God in Christ concerning us, God is never lacking for means. **To all the people.** When the messenger returned with the message from the prophetess containing God's highest and best thought for them, a large congregation of people gathered to hear the reading of the message. None were excluded because they were poor, rich, great or mighty. Neither are any excluded from the Gospel and eternal life, but they who exclude themselves and refuse to be saved on God's easy terms. As the people saw the earnestness and sincerity of the king as he taught them God's thought for them, they were deeply moved by his words and were ready to make a covenant to obey and serve their God. (Resting in the assurance that we have really found the Word of God, we must obey it. Thousands of others have done so, and it has given them victorious lives and triumphant deaths.)

Next Week's Lesson.

August 26th, 1917.

CAPTIVITY OF JUDAH.

Reading Lesson: 2 Kings 25:1-21.

Golden Text: Ezek. 33:11.

—C. M. O'Guin.

I AM ONLY A JEW, BUT! . . .

Rom. 1:16.

The largest Jewish centers in the world can be found in the United States of America. It is now being everywhere acknowledged that the most sadly neglected cause of Christ is to be found among the Jews. All other isms, the farther they are from the truth of Christ and His Gospel, the nearer they flock to the Jew to poison him against the truth. They propagate and spread their pernicious literature in both the Hebrew and Yiddish languages and care very little how big its expense. The Russell propaganda and Christian Science hire the ablest Jews they can get to serve them. It needs by the grace of God qualified Jews, burning away with love for their own countrymen, and filled with the Spirit, to present the regenerating graces of Christ in all their purity, simplicity and holiness, and thus regain the Jew to know, to love and to accept the Lord Jesus as their long-looked and prayed-for Messiah.

Well-meaning Christian people give their means in support of Jewish mission buildings which are utilized as Medical Dispensaries, employing unconverted Jewish physicians, who, instead of being the means of promoting the Gospel of Christ among the Jews are only hindering the cause of Christ among them.

Not in vain, however, have we learned to spell every disappointment which comes our way with a capital H, for He is not discouraged. The Lord is opening many, many doors among the Jews in the midst of their various largest centers and granting us the opportunity of reaching them with the Gospel in their own tongues. Oh, how encouraging it is to see that in spite of the devil being busy as he is to destroy Jewish souls, that Jewish souls are being revived by the blessed truth given them from His own Word as it is in Christ Jesus. The outpouring of the Holy Ghost in these days is one of the greatest sign of the times that the Lord's coming is at hand and the restoration of Israel to His favor is very imminent. I am only a Jew, but the Lord God of Israel is giving me messages of spiritual food for Gentile saints as well as Gospel truth to the Jews.

Here are His doings for which we do praise Him. During the early part of the summer the Lord has graciously opened doors for me throughout New England states to proclaim the power of escape there is in the precious blood of Christ. The Jews listened eagerly and the devil was mad and the saints rejoiced in the Lord and he was madder yet. O how vicious is this devil in some places, but being arrayed in the mantle of His righteousness we may fear no evil, even in New England. Praise His name.

I find myself on the historical Boston Common at Boston at the time when the recently recorded clash between the military and the socialists took place. The various preachers and teachers of the innumerable New England isms flee

from the wrath of men, deserting the platforms in a hurry. The place is getting to be so dense that one can hardly turn around. A soap box is being kicked by somebody my way when the Spirit whispered in my ear "Give a message of the Prince of Peace and the coming of the Kingdom." I mounted the soap box and cried as loud as I was able. Behold, He is coming! He is coming!! In a minute I had thousands of eyes fastened upon me as I continued my cry, until many in the audience cried back asking "who is coming?" "who is coming?" I passed on the message which the coming One gave me as fast as I could. Next I knew I was carried off the soap box and thousands of men and women round about me were stretching out their hands for literature which I had with me in my satchel to give away. I gave all I had and wished I had more to give to the hungry ones of the Word of God. There was one message for both Jew and Gentile, for the Holy One of Israel is the Saviour of both. A Christian man came up and asked me later for my name and address. He told me that he is going to arrange for me to speak in the church of which he is a member. I told him that I feared his church may not wish to have a Jew who is affiliated with the Pentecostal movement to speak to them, but he replied, encouraging my heart, saying, "Anybody who would not have you is not Christian." True to his promise, the Lord used him to open the doors of his church for me. Here I am, only a Jewish Pentecostal street preacher at Boston Common on the very platform of a prominent New England Congregational Church, but he who believes and abides in Isa. 62:11 has a message for both Jew and Gentile, for Pentecostal and Congregational alike, Boston or no Boston.

Last but not least for me to make known and publish to the honor and glory of our common Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, 's the way the Lord led me at the time when the Annual Zionistic Convention was recently held in Baltimore, Md. where I have had His grace to serve Him for over twelve years among my poor erring brethren of the house of Israel. At no other time that I can remember have I ever met in our city so many Jews coming from all over the United States and all occupied with the thought how to relieve their poor and persecuted brethren in the flesh and to regain their long-loved fatherland, Palestine, and a home for the wandering Jew. My heart was bleeding for my poor people and I realized more than ever before that their greatest need is to know that the Messiah has come and that all their aspirations as a race, and all Israel is hoping for has been realized in the Lord Jesus, and that they are to get all the blessing waiting in God's store for them as soon as they believe, love and accept Him as their coming King in glory. I went to work and gave all the literature of the Gospel which I had on hand to as many who were glad to get glad tidings of the Gospel of

Christ. While my heart was made happy to see that so many of our people are willing to get Yiddish Gospel literature of information as to the truth which is in Christ Jesus, my heart was also sore because I did not have all that was necessary to pass around. Our stock of Gospel Hebrew and Yiddish literature is utterly exhausted. We must have a new supply soon. What am I to do but to ask God and tell His own dear people to join me in prayer for Israel and that the Lord "will send through whom He will send" the means for getting soon a new supply. The Lord's work requireth haste and hastily will the saints of God in these last days embrace the great opportunity which the Lord God of Israel puts in their way to pass on this their great joy of salvation in Christ Jesus to the Jew, who was blinded for a while and in part, in order that all may know Him and that He may be the Lord of all. Psa. 122:6; Isa. 62:6-7; Gen. 12:3.— Philip Sidersky, P. O. Box 51, Baltimore, Md.

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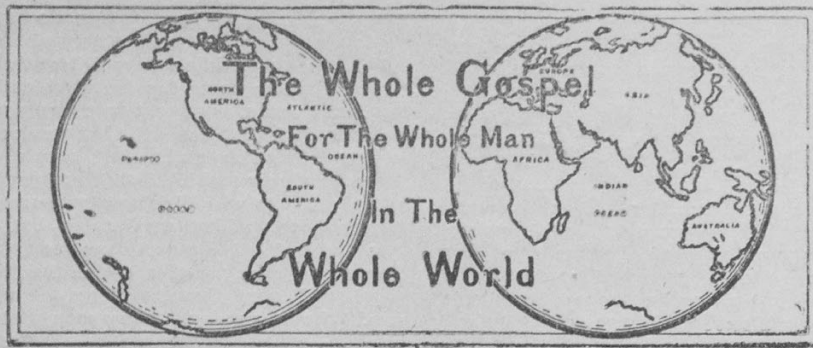
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MISSIONARY NOTES.

Tai-yuan-fu, Shansi, N. China. We left for Sin chow June 6th, and had three weeks of meeting. God blessed, seven received the baptism of the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4, and we baptized twenty-eight in water, praise the Lord.
—Lloyd Creamer.

Hong-Kong, China. We praise God because the heathen are listening attentively to the Gospel message at this time. The Chinese Christians are also seeking God for deeper things. We believe God is going to give us an old-time revival. Remember us in your prayers.—John D. James and wife.

Colombo, Ceylon. I want to praise God for victory in my soul, although I am having the hardest fight of my life, but He is giving me grace to say "Amen." As Bro. Grier has returned home, I am fighting the battle alone with the native workers. Do stand with us in prayer that God will give us a hall, for my funds have been very low. I'm now living altogether on native food, and have been for some time. I want to get the work established here so that I can devote more of my time to village work. Please pray that the Lord will send some earnest workers to Ceylon, for this is such a needy field. Thousands and thousands of poor people are going about from day to day that have never heard the name of Jesus.—George H. Doyal.

Tai-yuan-fu, Shansi, China. We have just returned from a three weeks' meeting in another city about fifty miles north of here. The work there, entirely in charge of the Chinese brethren, is very encouraging indeed, and the unity amongst the Chinese Christians is worthy of note. About 100 have been baptized in water in that part of the country during the three years since the work began, and I was told that nearly sixty of these have received the baptism of the Spirit. There are four stations in those parts, and the work in the villages is especially blest of the Lord. Even the Lord Himself enjoyed village work, the villagers being more simple and open for the foolishness of preaching. At present there are about seven Spirit-filled workers, four of whom are self-supporting. All the stations ex-

cept Tai-yuan-fu are also self-supporting though we send them an offering now and then, as the Lord enables us to do so. The work in Tai-yuan-fu is also very encouraging spiritually, although financially more expensive, as house rent is higher here in the capital city than in the surrounding cities and villages.

About the middle of August we will, D. V., again be away for a month or more in meetings at other places. Do not forget to remember all Pentecostal missionaries in prayer.—Edgar C. Steinberg.

B. Deoghar Sant, Pargs., India. I enclose receipt for \$30.00 signed by Dr. Oxer and myself.

Dr. Oxer has, I think, already written you of her expected return to the United States. She sailed on the 31st of May. Her passage money was provided for her privately, and she had many assurances of being in the way of His will.

We have lived in a rented house for the past three years and had expected to vacate this month, though we could not be quite certain that it was what the dear Lord required. We felt there was something more He was requiring before we left the place temporarily. We had been away for a few days; and on our return we received very strong assurance that I must take the home another month the same day this gift was received, which much more than covered rent and all expenses for the month. I did not know who would be my companion, but He has provided three dear Bengali women, who are visiting the Bengal Zenanas, a work to which has long been needed. My language being Hindi, I have not been able to reach these women. It has been such a joy to me that He has made the provision and allowed me to stay on another month. These women are expecting to be students in the Bible Training school in Madhupur. Miss Lynne, to whom the Lord has entrusted this work, has spared them to me. One of them was baptized in the Spirit several years ago, another just recently, and the third, her daughter, is now seeking.

Madhupur is just twenty miles from Deoghar and we expect to be very closely associated in our work.

It would seem that the dear Lord is giving me some service in other parts of India for awhile, and I am just waiting to know if Deoghar is still our home. His desire for this place is very great, and for His sake we can never leave it unprovided for, in some way, unless it be His will for a short time. The Lord Himself will acknowledge the gift for which we send our many thanks. We have no doubt that the donor will receive great abundance in spiritual blessing.—Yours in joyful service and in His love, Elsie N. Gordon.

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THE CALL OF INDIA.

We are sending you these few words to let you know a little of God's dealing with us so that you can join us in praising Him for answered prayer, and can also continue in prayer with us for still greater things to follow.

Our stay in America has been short, and we have been able to visit only a few of the places we would have liked to visit, but the need in India seems so great and urgent, the time left to us to "occupy" is so short before Jesus comes, that we feel it is our duty to hasten back, for there are literally many millions of souls in India today who have not yet even one chance to hear of Jesus and His saving power.

The British government has recently made very strict laws requiring those that wish to enter India as missionaries to first obtain a special permission from the government, and this permission has been refused to many, some of whom are returned missionaries who have spent many years in India. As we are only humble faith missionaries, and have no society or organization back of us, we feared that the British government would refuse us. But we trusted that He who had called us would open the way for us, and prayed only that His will might be done.

Now we have just received a letter from the British government telling us the way is open and enclosing the required official permits for us both to return to India as missionaries. Praise God!

So if God continues to help and to open up the way as we are expecting Him to do, we hope to be able to sail from America about the first of October of this year, going back with the thought that probably we will never see America again. We are also going back on pure faith lines, depending on God alone for all our needs, having no promise of help from any human being on earth, but are standing alone upon God's promises to supply our need.

We hope to take with us two new missionaries, both of them men, whom we hope God can use much in the work among the Pilgrims of Benares and elsewhere.

We are also determined to arrange our financial affairs in such a way that all missionaries in our Pilgrim Mission work will share alike. We want to all "abound" together or "be abased" together. But whether the Lord sends much or little money, we all want to live as simply and economically as we can to keep our health. All money above our actual needs must go to spreading the Gospel among India's needy millions.

There are still many other battles to fight before the way will be fully opened, but we are trusting God, and we will be very grateful if you will keep us remembered before the throne of grace by your prayers.

We are going out into the darkness again, not knowing what awaits us. We feel very weak and very needy. But God is our strength. He will not fail us as we go in His name. But we need

you very much. You American workers hold the ropes. We go down. When we are struggling and fainting and you feel the pull on the ropes, you will help us. We want advise, council, a scolding if we need it, and much love and prayer.—In His great love, Will and Mary Norton.

Koga Machi, Ibaraki Ken, Japan.
night. We believe God is working there, means we expect to open up work in two other towns when the hot season is over. Our worker and I took a trip a few days ago and found a town of 13,000 population and only a Greek Catholic mission—"How can the blind lead the blind." There are many other needy towns, so we must simply give the Gospel to those we can and leave the rest with God.

The work at Kurehashi is still progressing. Although the children's meeting is in the afternoon, just after public school, we have good attendance, sometimes about one hundred. I am encouraged to see gray haired, as well as young men, come to the preaching service at night. We believe God is working there, so please continue to pray.

The Gospel work here in Koga is not progressing as rapidly as we would like. The way of the cross here is certainly a way of reproach, and they who take that road may expect to be separated from the company of their former life and have their name cast out as evil. If the seeker is a business man he may lose most of his customers, and so bankruptcy stares him in the face. We need your prayers; only the mighty power of God can break this thing down, or bring the people under such conviction for sin that they will take the way of reproach, suffering and worldly loss that they might be freed from sin and receive everlasting life. There are a few who have stepped out and, we believe, really met God. We expect to baptize them on July 15.—Yours in His service, Bro. and Sister F. H. Gray.

Saharanpur, U. P. India. It is wonderful to see how the Lord lays my need upon one and another, and when some grow indifferent, He speaks to another, and thus He supplies as He promised. When He told me to resign from my mission after fourteen years of service in India in it, He said, "Arise, beloved, and come away, and it shall be well with thee, and thereby good shall come unto thee!" From 1896 to 1910 I was a missionary of the Presbyterian Church of America in India. So I was not known in any Pentecostal centers in America. No Presbyterian friends I had previously known had come into the light of healing and Pentecost, so on my return to America, after resigning from my mission, and leaving the Pentecostal people, a Pentecostal friend in India wrote to a Pentecostal friend in Pittsburg to look me up, which he did, and in that way I was introduced to God's little ones in Pentecostal circles.

The Lord took me over to Canada,

where He taught me to trust Him for my daily bread, and also put me in a responsible place, where I had to trust Him for others. Two salaries He had told me to lay down, and in desperation I was able to cast myself upon Him, and let Him lead me forth.

Here I am in Saharanpur, my first Indian home in 1896, and my last in the Presbyterian Mission when I left in 1910, and the Lord brought me back to live a faith life here before the people who had known me so long, and many glorify God in seeing what He has done.—Christina B. Herron.

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Send abroad the Victor's song;
Bind your girdles, strap your sandals,
For the night is dark and long;
See the lurid lightning's flashing,
Hear the thunder's loudly roar;
Is the blood upon your lintel?
Jesus Christ is at the door.

Chorus:

In the dawning of the morning
Christ, our Lord will come again;
In the dawning of the morning
He will drive away each pain.
Hark, I hear the midnight cry;
Can't you see the sign on high?
Hasten to the cleansing flood,
Will the angel see the blood?
In the dawning of the morning
When the Bridegroom comes again?

Grasp your lamps, Oh, brothers, sisters,
Hold them fast, confusion reigns;
Fill them with the oil of gladness,
Naught but Love and Faith remains;
Faith in God and our Redeemer,
Is the blood upon your door?
If so, God will never fail you,
You'll be safe forevermore.

See the fires fall from heaven,
Hear the walls when bombs descend;
See the mothers seek their children—
Oh this surely is the end!
Two together, one is taken,
Husband, wife, now far apart,
One is lost, one saved forever:
'Tis enough to break your heart.

Now, the Lord of earth and heaven
Soon will come to claim His own,
That He bought on dark Golgotha,
Soon to be His final home.
Soon He'll reign, new dispensation
He'll establish on this earth;
He will cleanse it with God's fire,
He will give it Eden birth.

Come, rejoice, ye overcomers!
'Tis the Shepherd's own command;
Fear ye not though mounts are tottering,
And there's trouble in the land;
Hear the Master gently calling,
"Fear ye not, though rocks may fall,
Sin hath no dominion o'er you;
My shed blood will cover all."
—Sarah Haggard Payne.

FIELD REPORTS.

Enterprise, Ark. We have just closed a meeting here at Enterprise where the Lord met with us in a wonderful way. Several have wept their way to the Cross. Good interest, and everybody round is stirred. There are about twenty-one baptized saints in this place, and more are seeking. Sister Josephine Ross of Greenwood, Ark., ran the meeting and God used her to His glory. Her influence reached out in power, and we praise God for sending her here.—Elder John Keck.

Gap, Texas. Just closed a meeting at Gap, Texas. Large crowds right through the meeting. Sixteen conversions, six received the baptism of the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4. God is blessing my labors, and I want the prayers of all God's saints that I may be able to go everywhere God's people call me.—Evang. J. E. Gibbs.

Toccoa, Ga. Sister Ware and I have just closed a meeting at the Freewill Baptist Church at Alto, Ga., with twenty-six saved, three or four reclaimed, and six received the baptism as in Acts 2:4. Bro. J. J. Carter of North Carolina visited and preached several fine sermons. I want to add that my daughter was saved and received the baptism as in Acts 2:4.—J. L. Sisk.

Jacksboro, Texas. We are glad to report victory here. The Lord is working among the people at his place. We are here for a few days with Bro. Jones. The altar was full of seekers last night; two were saved, and one received the baptism. Bro. Thomas is here also, and workers are coming in from other places. We are expecting a blessed revival here in the next few days. I go from here to Boyd Camp Meeting, then to Austin Camp.—Yours for lost souls, W. W. Hall.

Delkieth, Ont. I was led to this place in the early part of the summer, where we found a few baptized saints rejoicing in the Lord. God has been with us in great power. Two received the Holy Ghost and also fifteen baptized in water. During this time we took a trip to Haileybury, Ont., where two received the baptism and eleven were baptized in water. At this place there are many Scandinavians. Pray that the work may be opened up more in these places.—H. Law.

Cleveland, O. We are glad to report victory in the Jewish mission. For a long time after we opened the mission, Satan fought hard to defeat us, but "Prayer changes things," and now God is giving us real fruit. The attendance has increased and much interest in the Lord Jesus is being manifested. Seven Jews have accepted Jesus as their Saviour and are rejoicing in Him. One Jew followed the Lord in baptism and has blessed victory in his life. He has already brought two other men to the Lord and is continually witnessing to his former companions. Others are ready for baptism in water and several are earnestly seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost. One man has brought his

wife and family to the Lord, while others are praying for the way to open so that they may witness to their dear ones. Continue to stand with us in prayer that God may work and prepare many for His coming.—Florence J. Bush and mother.

Seminole, Okla. I want to report victory. Something like sixty have been saved and forty-three have received the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4. This is a new field. I believe that there were a thousand people out last night. The building was a large place, but it would not start to hold the people. While the altar service was going on, a doctor came in and attacked a blind man that was healed. He told him that he was committing sin by telling the people that God healed him. But the Lord did the work just the same. By looking at the man you cannot tell he ever was blind. A post office man's wife went home from the meeting, the Lord saved her and gave her the baptism, and they had meeting all night. I cannot fill the calls that are coming in for meeting. If there are any who want work, tell them to come down here, and I can find them something to do for the Lord. Pray that the power of God may sweep this country like a tidal wave, and that many more souls may be swept into the kingdom.—Evang. W. H. Wheelchel.

THE CAMP MEETING AT ARCADIA, KANSAS.

It is truly wonderful what the Lord is doing. Bro. W. Walkem and wife of Kansas City, Kan., Bro. T. B. Ashley of Kansas City, Mo., Bro. J. Dunham of Zola, Kan., Bro. Homer Wilson, and Bro. John Sappington and myself were the ministering brethren present. God poured out His Spirit from the beginning. Twelve have been saved and fourteen received the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. The town is stirred. The devil is mad. Two preachers and a doctor attending the meeting pronounced it hypnotism. Glory! I'm glad the Holy Ghost is real to me. We had a good day in the Lord Sunday with services and dinner in the tent, and a grand feast we had both physically and spiritually. Then baptismal service in the afternoon. Nine obeyed the Lord. The blessing of the Lord was upon the meeting, even so much that one man was baptized who had no intention of being when he left home. But truly, to obey is better than sacrifice, and it proved so when he came out of the water shouting.

Later.—The meeting closed last night after running two weeks. Sixteen saved, sixteen received the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4, and ten were baptized in water. The saints are going to build a church, D. V.—E. L. Banta.

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 "Pray for me to be healed of inflammatory rheumatism."—N. J. L., Dawson Springs, Ky.

Pastor Thos. J. O'Neal, who has removed from Pawhuska to Wellston, Okla., requests prayer for his health, which is poor.
 A sister in Ninette, Man., requests prayer that the Lord will provide a horse and buggy for use in the Lord's work.
 "Please have special prayer for the conviction and conversion of my husband."—H. E. N.

"Pray for an afflicted sister, and for her husband to treat her right, and for him to be saved."—L. B. H.

Pray for a sister in Toccoa, Ga., that she may receive the full baptism of the Holy Ghost.

A sister in Los Angeles, Cal., requests prayer for a serious head and spine trouble and a lot of other things.

"Please ask God to help me in this present temptation. Just a word through to the Throne."—W. C. B.

"Please pray for me and my family, that those who are saved may live closer to God, and those who are unsaved may be saved."—M. V. B., Duer, Colo.

A minister of the General Baptist Church, who is suffering with sciatic rheumatism, and has been for the past two years, requests prayer for healing.

A sister requests prayer for her mother who is very low with tuberculosis, and cannot eat, also that she may receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

"Pray earnestly that many souls may be saved in Beaver Falls, Pa., Mission during August. Same request for Morado Mission."—W.

A sister in Brunswick, Mo., requests prayer for healing of cancer, for her children that they may go deep into God, and that a revival may come to Marceline.

Pray for my boy that he may be restored from the law, and that God will save him and baptize him with the Holy Ghost."—W. J. S.

"Please pray for my sister that she may be healed so that she can walk, one knee is

stiff. Pray for my unsaved brother in the navy."—N. W. C.

"Special prayer for this place is requested; that God will send some one here as pastor. Pray for us, we are hungry for God."—John Keck, Lavaca, Ark., R. F. D. 1.

A mother in Hartford, Mich., who is suffering with tuberculosis, requests prayer for healing and the baptism of the Holy Ghost, also for the healing of her daughter suffering with the same trouble.

"I am a young girl, will soon be 17 years old. I want to become a Christian and I want you all to pray for me to become one. I am in bad health, but I believe in Divine healing. I want you to pray for me."—A. M. A.

A sister asks special prayer for her brother who has just been operated on for a cancer in the face, who is in such pain that he desires the Lord to take him. The sister asks that we pray that the Lord will spare her health as long as He needs her.

A sister in American Falls, Idaho, requests prayer for the salvation of her husband, for her father and mother to receive the baptism, for the salvation of four brothers and three sisters, for a revival in the place where she lives, and for the blessing of God as she distributes tracts and Evangelicals, also that she herself may have a full trust in the Lord.

Pray for a brother afflicted with locomotor ataxia, that he may be healed and indwelt by the Holy Ghost, and that all his needs may be supplied. Also for a sister that she may be baptized with the Holy Ghost, and that she may be able to make a living for herself and afflicted husband. Also for an old lady for hearing and her eyes. Also that there may be a revival in a church in Pasadena, and that a Holy Ghost pastor may be obtained, also that other churches may be spiritually revived. For a sister and family in the East that they may be indwelt by the Holy Spirit and may have the light on Divine Healing. Pray for one misunderstood. For one living in an irreligious household that she may be saved and delivered from evil influences. For a lady in North Carolina that she may be healed. Also for physical healing and the baptism of the Holy Ghost and faith for another woman.

Camp Meeting at Wafford's Switch, Tex., commencing August 19th. Nice place for a meeting. All come prepared to camp. It is practically a new field. Any preacher or evangelist that feels led to come will be welcome.—Evang. A. H. Stanley and band.

Pentecostal Convention, 614 Burns Ave., Dayton, O., commencing September 15th and lasting throughout the month.—Elder C. C. Zuefle, 107 Foraker Ave., Dayton, O.

GREAT REPRESENTATIVE MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

St. Louis, Mo., beginning Sept. 13th.
 All the leading missionaries in the homeland 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, Kitsonville, 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.

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 Cox 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, 511 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 Westport, 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.

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.

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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:

Carols of Truth, shaped notes only, \$2.50 per doz., postpaid; \$15 per 100 not prepaid.

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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.

We regret we cannot endorse this meeting as the brethren there are teaching seventh day adventism.

District Convention for Northwest Texas will be held at **Wichita Falls, Tex., August 25th to September 2nd.** All ministers and workers of this district are urged to be present. Entertainment for all preachers. You will be expected to pay your own car fare in and out from your home assembly. For further information apply to W. W. Hall, District Presbyter, Wichita Falls, Tex.

THE PORTLAND CAMP MEETING.

Our hearts are rejoicing in the Lord at the wonderful way He is blessing the camp meeting; it seems the very heavens have opened to our souls; about twenty have received their baptism already.

Yesterday, July 22, was the greatest day of all, such sweeping victory; the glory of the Lord just rested on the place. Five received the baptism. One was a young lady, very worldly, came with her friends out of curiosity, but the Lord brought her to the altar, and she at once fell under the power of the Spirit, and the children that the Lord is so remarkably blessing gathered around her and she soon came through, speaking in tongues as clear as a bell. It was so sweet to see the precious little children with their little hands in the air, talking in tongues and singing in the Spirit, it would melt the heart of stone.

A man was brought from Kennewick, Wash., very sick with heart trouble and other ailments; the doctors gave him two months to live. He came to the camp meeting full of fear and prejudice, and asked the Lord "If this is of You manifest it to me some way," and all at once one of the saints got up under the power of the Spirit, pointing upwards, and he looked, and saw three beautiful angels flying in the tabernacle, and it at once convinced him that "This was that," and he came to the platform to be prayed for; had to be helped up, but the Lord healed him instantly, and he received a wonderful baptism, also his wife received her baptism; they were dead church members, but now they are alive with the mighty power of God. He has gone back to his work; he gives a wonderful testimony.

July 18th we had a glorious time; the very heavens opened, and the power fell like rain, such a strong wave of glory, the saints standing up with hand uplifted, singing in the spirit and talking in tongues praising God. Others fell prostrate under the mighty power of God. The tent was full of sinners who looked on with awe. The Spirit took full control of the meeting, our hearts were melted together in love; such sweet unity, just like oil. The Spirit dealt with the saints, and they went to one another, asked forgiveness and all melted together in such a wonderful way.

A young woman, 18 years of age, just operated on for fatal stomach trouble, came to us for healing, the power struck her and she was healed, saved and baptized with very clear evidence. Four friends waited for her and were under conviction.

The neighbors are so stirred; one man got up in the meeting, confessed that he had been a Bible student for years, but never heard the reality until he came to these meetings, and is now so hungry for God's best. A precious woman who had been fighting these people for years came and God convicted her and saved her soul. She had been a church member for years, but never had been saved,

and the Lord dealt with her, she got very sick, and then she got willing to obey the Spirit, and said "yes" to God, and she was healed instantly, and came to the meeting one night and confessed out, and gave us some money she received from a lady to give to the mission, but kept it herself, and she couldn't get any peace with the Lord until she made it right, and the Lord surely blessed her for it.

We are expecting greater manifestations of the power of the Spirit, and pray mightily for us.—Your brother in Christ, Will C. Trotter.

AN OFFER.

Bro. A. Blackburn of 25 Fig St, Keighley, Yorks, England writes that he purposes getting out some window bills for American brethren similar to those he has gotten out in England. They will be headed, "God's Call to the American Nation for Humiliation and Prayer." Below 2 Chron. 7:14 will be printed in full on them. He will supply them at the rate of 25 cents for 50. Or small leaflets with the same printed on them at the rate of \$1.00 per 1000, with name and address printed at the bottom of leaflet if required. Send money by foreign money order.

A CORRECTION.

Bro. J. W. Gary of Dike, Tex., asks us to make a correction in a report sent in by him recently. He mentioned that a woman who was saved and healed was able to be baptized. He should have said that she was able to attend the baptismal service.

NOTICES.

Pastor W. H. Copeland of Earle, Ark., would be glad of a good preacher to help him in a special tent meeting he is starting at Earle, Ark.

Bro. W. H. Pope, feeling the leading of the Lord to other fields, has resigned from the Oklahoma State Presbytery, and all communications in connection with this work should be referred to Elder J. R. Evans of Pawhuska, or to Elder S. A. Jamieson of Box 1391, Tulsa, Okla. All communications should be addressed to Bro. Pope, temporarily, at Frostburg, Md.

Wanted, a home for a boy 11 years old. This boy has no bad habits, but needs very much a mother's love, and to be trained and disciplined. He is well and strong, but not robust looking. We want to place him on a farm in Iowa in a good Pentecostal family. His father and mother are dead. He is of good parentage, honest and upright in character. For further particulars, write Mrs. Cora C. Fannon, Eldora, Iowa.

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A TESTIMONY AND A REQUEST.

I wish to praise God through the paper for what He has done for me. Six years ago this month He blessedly saved me from sin and filled me with His Holy Spirit. Glory to God! I am still on the way witnessing for Jesus at every opportunity, and am looking for His coming.

Two years ago last February, my husband was also saved and received his Pentecost as in Acts 2:4. We take God for our healer and find He never fails us. Two years ago this month, God wonderfully raised my little girl, and she has not had a drop of medicine since. At present she has whooping-cough, but we are trusting Him who never fails for her healing. I would admonish wives who have drinking husbands to keep on praying and keep up your faith in God.

Pray for us, please, as there are no others here who are of this faith. Would welcome any Spirit-filled minister holding 1917 credentials. A tent meeting would be good here. I wish to add that I love the Weekly Evangel. It doesn't seem I could do without it.—Mrs. F. Cook, Thebes, Ill.

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