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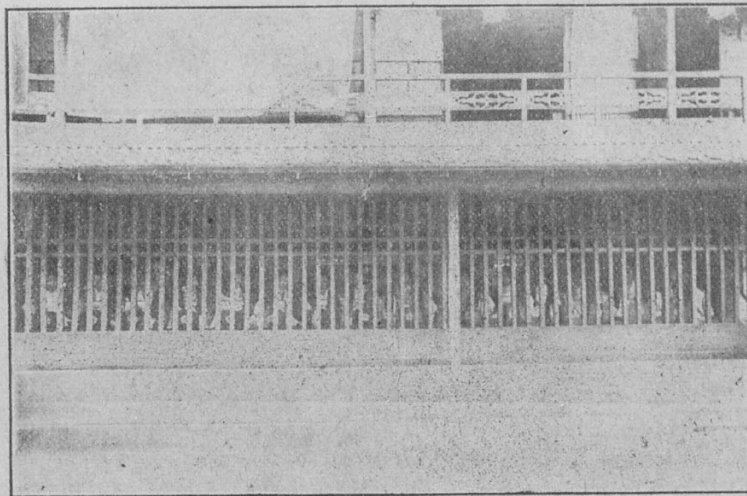
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GUILTY OR NOT GUILTY?

The following incident is taken from the life of Hudson Taylor, and there is a significant message in it for us all.

Among the passengers on board the boat was one intelligent man, who in the course of his travels had been a good deal abroad, and had even visited England, where he went by the name of Peter. As might be expected, he had heard something of the Gospel, but had never experienced its saving power. Mr. Taylor became much interested in this fellow-pilgrim, and on the first evening in their journey together drew him into earnest converse about his soul's salvation. The man listened with attention, and was even moved to tears, but still no definite result was apparent.

On the afternoon in question, hearing Mr. Taylor speak of going ashore at Sung-kiang Fu, Peter asked to be allowed to accompany him, and listen to anything further he might have to say. To this unexpected proposal Mr. Taylor gladly acceded, and then went into the cabin of the boat to prepare tracts and books for distribution on landing with his Chinese friend. Suddenly, while thus engaged, he was startled by a loud splash and cry from without. He sprang on deck, and took in the situation at a glance. Peter was gone! The other men were all there, on board, looking helplessly at the spot where he had disappeared, but making no effort to save him. A strong wind was carrying the junk rapidly forward in spite of a steady current in the opposite direction, and the low-lying, shrubless shore afforded no landmark to indicate how far they had left the drowning man behind.

A few moments sufficed for Mr. Taylor to drop the heavy sail and spring overboard in the hope of finding him. Unsuccessful, however, he had to relinquish the effort, and looking around in agonizing suspense, he discovered some fishermen in a boat at no great distance, manipulating a peculiar kind of dragnet furnished with hooks—just fitted for the purpose he required.

"Come!" cried the missionary at once, as hope revived in his heart. "Come and drag over this spot directly; a man is drowning just here!"

"Veh bin" (It is not convenient), was the unwilling answer.

"Don't talk of *convenience*!" cried Mr. Taylor in an agony; "a man is drowning, I tell you!"

"We are busy fishing," they responded, "and cannot come."

"Never mind your fishing," insisted the stranger. "I will give you more money than many a day's fishing will bring; only come—come at once!"

"How much money will you give us?"

"We cannot stay to discuss that now! Come, or it will be too late. I will give you five dollars."

"We won't do it for that," replied the men. "Give us twenty dollars, and we will drag."

"I do not possess so much," cried the missionary in despair. "But come quickly, and I will give you all I have!"

"How much may that be?"

"I don't know exactly, about fourteen dollars."

At last, but even then slowly enough, the boat was paddled over, and the net let down. Less than a minute sufficed to bring up the body of the missing man, and every effort was promptly made to recall him to consciousness; but all in vain. Clamorous and indignant because their exorbitant demand was not immediately met, the fish-

ermen would hardly wait while efforts at resuscitation were attempted. No thought of the tragedy that had occurred seemed to solemnize their hearts; and none but the missionary in that little group could in the least degree appreciate what had really happened, or the momentous change that had so suddenly overtaken one of their number—all unprepared.

To Mr. Taylor this incident was profoundly sad and full of significance, suggesting a far more mournful reality ever present to his soul. "Were not those fishermen actually guilty," he writes, "of this poor Chinaman's death, in that they had the means of saving him at hand, if they would but have used them? Assuredly they were guilty. And yet, let us pause ere we pronounce judgment against them, lest a greater than Nathan answer, '*Thou art the man.*' (Is it so hard-hearted, so wicked a thing to neglect to save the body? Of how much sorer punishment, then, is he worthy who leaves the soul to perish? 'If thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain, . . . doth not He that pondereth the heart consider it? and He that keepeth thy soul, doth He not know it? and shall He not render to every man according to his works?')"

A PLEA FOR OUR MISSIONARIES.

By Elizabeth Sisson.

Much criticism has been caused by the history of the beginnings of Pentecostal missions. It has been said that precious lives have been lost, and there has been a great waste of money in the rash rushing into pioneer fields of novices in missionary operations. Had the methods of the various mission boards of the world been studied and their present solution of problems at which some of them have tugged for one hundred and fifty or two hundred years, much of all this might have been avoided, and the benefit of their long experience might have saved us many disasters. Granted, yet exigency knows no law. God poured out His Spirit so mightily and so suddenly in the earth, and accompanied it with such a missionary uprising among those of lowliest walks of life, and with such clear calls, sent many of them to the ends of the earth, while as yet the major part of the souls who had come into Acts 2:4 were quite ignorant of the missionary pull and its responsibilities.

So the dear inexperienced, but Holy Ghost filled pioneers were left high and dry from financial support, sympathy, and prayers of the main body of Pentecostallers at home. Some few fretted against circumstances—got their eyes off God—so cut the connection between them and fresh Holy Ghost fillings, and only the constant reanointings with the fresh oil is any good for the Christian, as David found out, and so some of them brought shame on the cause. The fault more ours than theirs—ignorance of, and unfaithfulness to responsibility at the home base. They went down in the maelstrom, *because we failed to hold the ropes.*

Yet in these apparently rash beginnings of Pentecostal missions the foolishness of God has been again vindicated as wiser than the wisdom of men in that the quickening reflex influence of the suffering, devoted, Holy Spirit-filled lives of some of these pioneers have made many of the missionaries of various boards hungry for Acts 2:4. So again the blood of the martyrs has been the seed of the church. But God is now educating us of the Pentecostal

body at home, and we must be made to see that sending forth missionaries, and not following them by prayer and financial support is *the murder of missionaries*. We never can hope to scatter the light among the heathen, if our missionaries sink into their graves through living in feetid, squalid native huts—before they get a fair hold upon the language. It requires time and strength to learn one of these languages. More to get into the hearts of the natives, and know the habit of their minds.

Boards have learned that they can afford to expend money in caring for their missionaries, but they cannot afford to waste flesh and blood of missionaries through insufficient thought and provision for them. Hence our need of banding together, incorporating, etc., for their protection, if we care for the heathen and are called of God to give them the Gospel Jesus gave us. (When He saved us, He said, "Now then, ye are ambassadors for God in Christ's stead;" "Go ye (saved ones) into all the world and preach the Gospel." A woe is upon us if we go not, either in person or by our prayers, and self-denying gifts.)

(We who are called to stay at home must put our necks to the yoke, to sustain those who are called to go. We must learn to share and share alike in this our common call. Hereunto has the Lord baptized us with His Spirit, *for the world's sake*. We are debtors to all creation. Let us cry to God to get our obligations well upon us.) Let us look to God to make us intelligent about missions and the needs of our mission fields. All societies who have studied the problems know that the relative value of a missionary on the field is according to the length of time they have been on the ground. A five-year-old missionary is still very immature in his relation to the people among whom he has come; when he has been there ten years, his relative value is that of four five-year missionaries. When he has been on the ground forty years, to the work his life is priceless. To the honor of A. B. C. F. M. and other boards, be it said, the average life of their missionaries on the field is above that of the minister or Christian worker at home. Why? Because of their long thought ahead for the comfort and sanitation of mission buildings, etc. They reap the harvest of their mission policy in the prosperity of their mission work.

If we hold for a deeper spirituality, we should none the less hold for the value of human lives and missionary maturity. (Some seem to think because Jesus is coming so soon any kind of haphazard methods will do. But Jesus Himself says, "Occupy *till* I come." "Cursed is he that doeth the work of the Lord negligently.") Through lack of intelligence we at the home-base have been guilty of this negligence—and through neglect have really murdered many of our most precious missionary pioneers. The times of this ignorance God has winked at—but now commandeth all Pentecostallers everywhere to repent—yoke up with His great purpose to evangelize the world—join with our fellows who have gone to the front, and with "a long pull, strong pull and a pull altogether" gather out of every nation, and kindred, and tribe, and tongue, a blood-washed throng to welcome His return. So do you prepare the way for His return.)

While the service out of the principle of duty is essential in some stages of grace, yet it never has in it the summer heat to produce full grown saints, or the best products of life. The graces are tropical plants which only flourish in our affectionate devotion to Jesus and through Him to the Father.

The most of worry and trouble which people heap upon themselves, comes as a result of living too far in the future.—H. W. Mitchell, Stone Church.

THE MISSIONARY.

John xvii:18.

From the brightness of the glory,
"Go ye forth," He said;
"Heal the sick and cleanse the lepers,
Raise the dead.

Freely give I thee the treasure,
Freely give the same;
Take no store of gold or silver—
Take My name.

"Carry neither scrip nor raiment,
Neither shoes nor staves;
Walk unburdened through the deserts,
O'er the waves.

Thou art fitted for the journey,
Howso long it be;
Thou shalt come, unworn, unwearied,
Back to Me.

"Thou shalt tell Me in the glory
All that thou hast done,
Setting forth alone; returning
Not alone.
Thou shalt bring the ransomed with thee,
They with songs shall come
As the golden sheaves of harvest,
Gathered home."

Then I went as He had told me—
He, the Lord in heaven;
Went in power of the Spirit
He had given.

And the sick arose rejoicing,
Bore away their bed;
And in might of life eternal
Rose the dead.

And a light beyond the sunlight
Did the blind man see;
Loud and sweet the dumb sang praises,
Lord, to Thee.

And the leper from his exile
Came Thy grace to own,
Falling low in rapturous worship
At the throne—

Where He sitteth, working wonders,
High at God's right hand,
More than when an outcast stranger
In the land.

From the throne in heaven speaks He—
Speaks, and it is done;
Thus does God delight to honour
Christ, His Son.

Thus with instruments of music
Do His servants stand,
Harp and lute the King has fashioned
With His hand.

And "the music of Jehovah"
Sounds from every chord;
He who makes that glorious music
Is the Lord.

He by them tells forth God's praises
To the ears of men,
And to God His praise ascendeth
Yet again.

He alone, the Mighty Preacher,
Gathering in His own.
And the praise to God returning,
His alone. *2 Chron. vii:6.

GOD'S WORK AMONG THE MEXICANS.

An Encouraging Report from the Texas Border.

"They rehearsed all that God had done with them."
Acts 14:27.

The Pentecostal work on the southern part of the Mexican border was begun by Bro. H. C. Ball in November, 1914, at Ricardo, Texas. By degrees a little church sprang up there, and a tabernacle was erected, which was, however, entirely demolished by the hurricane of August 18th, 1916. After that, most of the Ricardo Mexicans moved to Kingsville, and the work was gradually transferred there, Bro. Ball building himself a tiny parsonage. The Lord also enabled him to edit and print a Pentecostal Song Book called "Himnos de Gloria," which has already been mightily used of God among the Mexicans. The first edition is almost exhausted, and there is a loud call for a new and revised edition, which would cost \$500.00.

In September, 1916, the Spanish Pentecostal monthly, "La Luz Apostolica" began to be issued, Bro. Ball bearing the entire cost of its printing and distribution. He obtained about forty subscribers among the Mexicans, but as the price charged is only 35 cents per annum, it does not go far towards the expenses of printing and mailing. However, by the grace of God, he has been enabled to issue it every month, and it has now been enlarged to an eight-page monthly, 500 being printed every month, and sometimes double that number. We are praying that the Lord will enable us to issue one thousand copies monthly, which will cost about \$25.00.

At the present time there are 330 paid subscriptions, and the paper is mailed free to many others, chiefly missionaries of the different churches in Spanish-speaking countries. It is also distributed free in the various towns along the Mexican border, and in some of the towns of Mexico itself. There are no less than twenty-two Spanish-speaking countries in the world; so there is an infinite sphere of work before this little messenger, which we pray may take the Full Gospel into thousands of homes where it has hitherto never been preached. At the Texas District Council last April Bro. Ball presented the paper to the General Council, and it is now the property of the Council in the same way as the Weekly Evangel.

In January, 1917, the Lord enabled us to build a good, strong tabernacle in Kingsville (value about \$500), in the center of the Mexican town; and the services in that place have been well attended both by Christians and non-Christians. It is seated at present for 100, but could hold more seats if necessary. The Mexican congregation of Kingsville is looked upon as the mother-church of this district, and its members have been most earnest and self-sacrificing in sending out missionaries to work for the Lord. The first to go from here into Mexico last March was Loreto Garza, with his wife Paulita and five tiny children. They went forth trusting in the Lord alone for their support; and although some money for them has since reached us, we have not been able to give it to them as yet, for they are far from any post office, and we cannot get letters through to them in any way. Every now and then, however, Loreto sends a letter through to us, and tells us how the Lord is keeping him, and enabling him to sow the Good Seed down in those dark parts.

During the first six months of 1917 we had a Bible Training Class for some of the young converts who seemed very definitely called to the ministry; and on July 1st three of them went forth, one to work at Los Indios, and two at Brownsville, while another remained to take charge of the church at Kingsville. We have also been given the free use of the Methodist Church at Odem for Mexican services; and the pastor from Kingsville endeavors to go over there for one Sunday every month.

Monthly services for baptism have been held in Kingsville, and a large number of Mexicans have been planted together into the likeness of the death of Jesus, being baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. The number of those who have received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost in Kingsville is difficult to estimate; but it must be somewhere about 150, many of whom are now scattered in various other towns, spreading the Light.

A young ranch laborer from the border named Miguel had occasion to go into Kingsville last winter, and while there he heard Bro. Ball preach and was converted. He had to return to his work before going on to receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, but the Lord so used his simple testimony and consistent life, that ere long we heard there were six more young men saved in Los Indios, where he lived. One Sunday in April, Miguel with two other men came to Kingsville to be baptized in water, and the other two at the same time received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. They had to go back to their work next day, and still Miguel had not received the baptism. The following Sunday, one of them read a chapter to some sinners and urged them to turn to Jesus. Two of them went out under conviction of sin, and returned to their own home, where they fell on their knees to confess their sins to God. That moment the Spirit's power fell upon them, and they were gloriously saved. They made so much noise praising the Lord that soon all the neighborhood ran in—word was taken to the Christians, and they too came; and for that whole day a marvellous revival service went on—begun when not even a single Christian was in the house. Numbers were saved, and thirteen more received the baptism of the Holy Spirit then and there, Miguel himself among them.

Bro. Ball has since been laboring among them, and it is a most earnest and missionary hearted little church there, supporting its own pastor, and hoping soon to be enabled to preach the Gospel in all the neighboring towns. The new converts endured much persecution, every one of the men having at first lost his job when he "got religion," because the American employers there are a drunken, godless set of men who refused to have religious men around them. God has however worked for His children, until all of them have got work again. There are now considerably over thirty who have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost at Los Indios, and the Lord is adding to the church all the time.

The work in Brownsville and Matamoros has only been started about two weeks, but already there are signs of abundant blessing. There seems a real hunger after God among the Mexicans there, and the cottage meetings from the first have been crowded. About six have already been definitely saved, and three have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, while the others are earnestly seeking Him. Just as an illustration of the "fields white unto harvest," I will describe as briefly as possible last night's service. It was led by the young worker, Lamberto Garza, and his wife Manuelita. Twenty-five people crowded their one room, and as many more pressed against the windows or stood outside listening. Quite a number testified to their salvation, and the one who had received the baptism of the Spirit two days previously was overflowing with joy. On the altar-call being given, six pressed forward, two of them were ere long brightly saved, and two others received a blessed baptism of the Spirit. By that time the rest of the congregation had dispersed, but the loud speaking in tongues by one of the men attracted all the inhabitants from the two blocks adjacent, and a larger crowd than the former one was soon gathered. They were most silent and respectful, and listened with deep attention while the Gospel was preached

to them also. In Matamoros, just across the Rio Grande in Mexico, the Mayor has given us free permission to hold services for the prisoners in the jail, and they listen to the Gospel with marked attention. We have also a house offered for weekly cottage meetings there.

We feel that the most important part of the work of evangelization is the distribution of the Word of God, so we always try to give it the first place. During the past six months the Lord has enabled us to buy and distribute over fourteen thousand Gospels and many tracts, in all the various places mentioned above, and in many others too.

And Bro. Ball is *the only white man* to supervise all this work; in Odem, Kingsville, Rio Grande City, Mission, Mercedes, Los Indios and Brownsville in Texas; as well as in Matamoros, Burgos, Monterey and Saltillo in Mexico. In addition to all these places, there are many Mexicans hungry for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, as well as some who have received Him and who are begging Bro. Ball to go and help them in Buda, Creedmoor, Evelyn and other places around Austin, also in Pasadena, Edna near Houston, and Lyford, south of the desert. Truly "the harvest is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will thrust forth laborers into His harvest."

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Sister Lydia E. Brelsford of 201 North 21st St., Philadelphia, Pa., who was one of our pioneer Pentecostal missionaries in Egypt, will be pleased to visit any Pentecostal assemblies on invitation.

In the last issue of the Evangel there was a typographical error that was not discovered until a number of the papers were printed. Sister Sisson, in her article on the Council meeting, wrote of Bro. Bosworth, "more radiant than ever." In some copies of the paper this reads, "Bro. Bosworth, more radical than ever." We apologize to our brother for the mistake.

We have been in correspondence with a number of Pentecostal missionaries in South China in regard to erroneous doctrines it was alleged they had gone into. We have received letters from two of these missionaries, Sister Willa B. Lowther and Sister Sarah Kugler. They write that while they consider baptism in the name of Jesus Christ perfectly scriptural and right, they do not make an issue of it. They state that they are absolutely free from all other teachings of what is known as the "new issue."

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DON'TS

For Out-going and Home-coming Pentecostal Missionaries.

By Wm. J. Taylor of Kobe, Japan.

What a practical man the apostle James was, wasn't he? One of those men who knew his house-owner wanted something more than a quotation of Philippians 4:19 on rent day, and that to a hungry and scantily-clothed man the words "Be ye warmed and filled" *without* the "needful things," were "sounding brass and tinkling symbol." Therefore in all your holy ministry and co-operation with Him who works with you, first:

SIT DOWN AND COUNT THE COST.

Therefore: *DON'T* begin your journey *without* a definite sum enough to carry you through and keep you for a time on your arrival.

DON'T visit other Pentecostal missionaries en route with a view of being kept—"free—gratis, for nothing"—as the Irishman said; and thus to the burdening of another, probably struggling to make ends meet; shirk YOUR responsibility. If there were NO brethren en route and you wished to "stop-over," you would *have* to pay hotel people.

DON'T, when welcomed and invited to stay, be stung by the Bee of Curio and Silk (or otherwise) buying; and plead "Pentecostal" poverty!!! just when you are about to leave.

DON'T be thoughtless of another's location, and as a stranger, send a POST-CARD a few days before sailing to a missionary to *be sure* and meet you to help you on your arrival. I once got one when I was a thousand miles away, and to have fulfilled the request would have cost me thirty dollars, which I *didn't* have.

DON'T sham poverty in dress, speech, or conduct to make others believe you *haven't* got what you *have*. Alas that this Gibeonitish trait of character should be in *our* midst. "Let him that readeth *understand*." Josh. 9:4-5.

DON'T be heedless of "old" missionaries' advice (Pentecostal or otherwise). "Take heed how ye hear."

DON'T forget to visit Taylor—"A Brother"—if passing through Kobe, Japan. A warm, loving welcome and "hospitality without grudging" awaits *all* who have the endorsement of the "General Council of the Assemblies of God."

AN INTERESTING INCIDENT.

Passing through Damascus on my journey home, I saw Mr. Forder, who has been released from prison, Jamal Pascha having procured for him a Sultan's pardon six months before his term expired. During his two and one-half years imprisonment he suffered much; but God blessed and used him there. While reading his Bible a Jewish rabbi and a Greek priest questioned its correct translation into English, and at his request they procured Hebrew and Greek Bibles to compare versions. Some Arabic speaking prisoners also got Arabic Bibles, and for a long time Bro. Forder had Bible study every day with his forty to sixty roommates. The Jewish rabbi on leaving said to him, "You have taught me from my Scriptures that Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ and the Saviour of sinners. I go forth to make Him known as such to my people." The Greek priest also said as he left the prison, "Englishman, I have preached the doctrines and prayers of the Greek church. You have taught me the Word, and I go from here to teach the Word and Jesus the Saviour. He has saved me." Many others were helped and blessed through these studies of the Word. Mr. and Mrs. Forder as prisoners of war will probably remain in Damascus till the war ends. Jamal Pascha has given orders that they are to have the liberty of the city and are not to be molested in any wise. They need your prayers.—A. Elizabeth Brown.

PIONEERING FOR JESUS ON THE CONGO.

I am just back from a three weeks tour. Some two weeks before I started two natives came to me from a district five days distant, begging me to go to their village to build them a chapel; they said that they had preached there, and that the chief, who was a brother to one of them, was favorably inclined toward the Gospel, and that the people were greatly desirous to hear more. With such an opening for the Gospel you would say I could have no second choice. I had many things to consider. The ladies were on the point of departure, or at least they thought so, the large day school was claiming increased attention, the increasing converts and seekers made big demands on our time, and many other duties all awaiting their fulfillment. Besides, these kinds of calls are neither unusual nor infrequent.

After a wait of two weeks, however, I felt free to go. It was just at the worst part of the year for travelling. The first time I set out I had to return owing to swollen rivers. I waded and swam and thought I might possibly have got across, yet my carriers could not. A week later I again started out, with some little difficulty crossed the main river which barred our progress previously. Elephants had crossed the river some time before and had left deep holes in the bed of the stream. Into these we frequently fell and oftentimes only with the greatest difficulty regained our feet. The first day out my cycle failed me, so I sent it back deciding to go on foot. The second and the third day I walked barefoot, the road being one continuous stream of water and mud, oftentimes over waist deep, beside the hidden elephant holes. Where the water was not deep it was almost at boiling point! The few places where for a yard or two there was not water, were either burning sand or gravel. My feet were alternately scorched and scalded, and I was compelled to limp over the stones and gravel. For fifteen or twenty miles each day I was going through water and the vilest and most foul-smelling mud. It is nothing short of a miracle that I was not stricken with typhoid fever. One day we struck a different path (a mixture of mud and water), along which we went expecting to strike the main road. We went along until we came to a deep rushing stream. I asked my boy where was the main road; he smilingly pointed to the stream. I can still peel the skin off from my legs. However, bless God, He gave me strength for my day, and on the fifth day I arrived at my destination, Kabangab being the name of the chief village. I had not been in the village very long before I encountered the chief, who, from his breath, I could tell had been drinking whiskey. He told me that a white man had given it to him. It is this kind of a man that hinders the work of God among the heathen. They are the enemies of the cross of Christ.

The day we arrived we had a meeting, when the favorite wife of the chief decided for Christ, which made an impression on many others. A day or two later she was convulsed with neuralgic pains all over her body. She sent for us to pray with her and she got relief so that she had a pleasant sleep until the following day. She still had the pains in her mouth, so we visited her again the following day and as we prayed she was again wonderfully relieved. She then brought out all her fetishes and medicine charms and gave them to us to burn. We continued in the village for about ten days, during which time souls were saved and bodies healed.

We put up a chapel capable of accommodating about 100 people and left a native Christian in charge for the present. I expect that this establishing of an outstation, of itself a blessed thing, will have a very far-reaching effect. It will probably mean that a few hundred native

Christians will return to their homes in that district. By this means I expect a blessed testimony will be established and prevail, reaching out to places where we never could. It will no doubt mean added work in travel and supervision, but we trust in the living God. Bless Him. In another village to which my native helper (himself an ex-slave raider) was the first to go, one soul declared for God. He promised that I would go later, as I was busy with the building of the chapel at the time. When I did go, two days later, I saw the one who had professed conversion and she proved to be a real Lydia. After the meeting her husband and about four or five others declared for God and His Son Jesus Christ. It was indeed a blessed time. I returned to Kabenga for my final meeting. The chief's wife told how God had saved her and healed her, and her son, a boy of 9, or 10, tore from his neck his medicine charm saying he was his mother's flesh and blood and that with her he was going to pray to God, and Jesus Christ only. As the two of them sat together on the hide of a deer there seemed something very sweet about them, and their testimonies were very convincing. It was a blessed last day of the feast and I left many rejoicing in a new-found treasure.

The people had brought the material for the chapel freely, some of it being from a prison which was in process of erection, but which was practically demolished before I left. These people need your prayers very much. The one who is left in charge knows so very little of the Scriptures in the local dialect. I have "The Acts of the Apostles" and "Gospel of Luke" almost completed, but they still need some revision and my time is so full. Do please pray over this too. My stay was shortened by heavy pressure on my spirit. I felt a compelling desire to return. On my way back I was met by a boy with a note to say Willie was very bad with malaria, and that the ladies were to leave in a day or two. I got back a day or two before I was expected and found Willie very bad indeed. To see him at such times you would find a great contrast from the big, striding, forceful, go-ahead Willie Burton you knew. The word collapse about fits the situation.

The following day I was busy getting the ladies off. I do not think they will return. We certainly do need workers, and their going will mean for us increased labor. Most gladly will we spend and be spent, and if lives of ashes are His desire, then my heart cries "Burn out in me, Lord." "Ethiopia shall stretch out her hands unto God," and Jesus shall have the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession."

The natives who have been in the fighting in German East Africa are returning with a new idea of what they can do, and to them now the white man is nothing. Rebellion has broken out in several places, and if it is not dealt with effectually at once no white man will escape with his life in this district. Now you know where we stand. Pray! Pray! Don't stop praying.

As we experience day by day the goodness of our God, we are indeed lost in wonder love and praise "Who only doest wondrous things. For His mercy endureth forever."—James Salter.

There were several excellent Bible teachers who were with us at the Council meeting, who would be free to help in Bible Conferences and Conventions. Sister Baer of Pasadena, Cal., who is always a power in any meeting, offered her services for this work. She is about to make a tour through Texas. Her address can always be obtained from the Council Office, 1243 North Garrison Ave., St. Louis, Mo. Sister Easton, late of Calcutta, India, and Sister Radford, also from India, are other workers who are most helpful in Bible teaching, who, we understand, will be available for this work.

A STATEMENT OF THE WORK IN EGYPT.

Present and Future Need.

The Pentecostal Truth began to be proclaimed in Egypt by our missionaries about eight years ago. For a time the work was confined to Assiout and vicinity. A number were saved and baptized with the Spirit. Later other missionaries went forth, and the work began to grow and spread and conditions changed in every way. Several young men, saved and filled with the Holy Ghost came into the work, and had to be supported and directed in the work.

We now have ten native preachers, ten mission stations and several hundred saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire, not only men but also women. In one village station twenty-five women were saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost.

God has poured out His Spirit in a marvelous way, and the work now extends from Alexandria in the north to beyond Assiout in the south. We have also had many calls to extend our borders, and open new stations.

The war broke out in September, 1914, and nearly all of our missionaries returned to the homeland. We were all advised to do so by the American consul and others. However, we did not then feel led to, neither had we any desire to leave.

Bro. Post remained with us for a time, and together we sought to have better order and regulation in the work. To bring this to pass we held several conferences with our native preachers, and discovered some things that hindered the work.

First: There was lack of Bible order. The workers felt free to go from mission to mission without direction.

Second: There was a lack of regulation in their support. Hitherto they had not known what amount to expect, or whether they would receive any, and oftentimes were in great need.

Third: They had not been taught to bear their responsibility in trusting the Lord to enable them to meet the expenses of rents, etc.

They now agreed to refrain from leaving their work without permission and direction from us as over them in the work. We decided to give them a stated amount each month—the married workers \$10.00, and the single workers \$5.00. This was done while Bro. Post was with us, and after he left we continued to support them in the same way, and direct them in the work.

I then felt led to write a circular letter to all our mission stations, exhorting the brethren to love God, and each other more, and stand by the work in a practical way. In order to do this I suggested they all give one-tenth of their income for God's work. I gave them Scripture to show them in giving tithes they were not under the law, as they had hitherto been led to believe, but rather under grace. I pointed out to them that Abraham gave tithes 415 years before the law was given through Moses, and that Jesus taught this, see Matt. 23:23, also Paul in the Epistles, see 1 Cor. 16:1, 2. When they received the light through the Word, they began walking in the light, gave their tithes and paid the rents of the missions. And we continued to support the workers.

(Experience has taught us if the workers are properly cared for and supported they will have courage and faith to go on in the work and accomplish more for God, than if they are not provided for in this way.)

In October, 1916, Mrs. Doney and I applied through the military authorities for permission to return to Egypt, and the work so near and dear to our hearts, in response to scores of letters from the workers and brethren urging our speedy return. But in December, while waiting upon God in earnest prayer for Egypt, the Lord showed me we

would not then be permitted to return, and with this the burden of the work came on me as when we were in Egypt. Then the Lord laid it on my heart to send the workers \$50.00 a month. This amount is only sufficient for their food. I did not know how this could be done as no one had pledged to help us in this, but the Lord has made it possible to do this each month, and every dollar has gone safely through.

The Lord is now opening our way to return, and we go forth with the assurance we are in the center of His will.

We strongly desire that we may have more Bible order in the work than hitherto. This can only be brought about by the faithful co-operation of the assemblies in the homeland, in conjunction with the General Council.

In the past some young, inexperienced people have gone out as missionaries with little knowledge of God, or the Word, and soon became discouraged, and have greatly hindered the work, and then returned home. We feel none should be permitted to go as missionaries without a deep experience of the saving grace of God, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost, really settled in God and the faith life.

Second: That they have some practical experience in the work of the ministry in the homeland.

Third: That they go forth with the approval and endorsement of the assemblies that know them, and if possible, endorsed by the General Council.

I would further suggest that new missionaries going to the field would be received by the old missionaries, and advised regarding the climate and sanitary conditions and how to preserve their health and strength. Also, not to have them plunge in the work as we have done, without the privilege or opportunity of getting adjusted to conditions and climate, nor having opportunity to study the language.

For several months on the field it seems better for a new missionary to simply, or chiefly, give themselves to prayer and the study of the language with the Word of God, thus much sickness and physical breaking of health might be avoided, fewer missionaries would be compelled to return home, and the work would be carried on aggressively.

While many assemblies in the homeland are building churches to carry on the work, here we have only had poor native quarters, for the most part extremely unsanitary. Some of our mission homes have been filled with fever germs and so forth. And in this way our health has been continually endangered, and the work greatly hindered.

If we could have buildings of our own, even cheaply constructed, that we could hold and keep clean and sanitary it would be a marvelous help in carrying on our work.

The Holiness Movement in Egypt have eight or ten buildings of their own, and property valued at over \$30,000.00. Our work in a spiritual sense, we believe, equals and perhaps surpasses theirs, yet we labor on.

Pray that God will help in the adjustment of these things, and that the work may be brought into Bible order and carried on aggressively, and that numbers in that dark land may be saved and filled with God and made ready for heaven.—Respectfully submitted in Jesus' name,

C. W. Doney.

ACTIVE SERVICE TESTAMENTS.

The publishers of the "Active Service" Testaments have increased the price, and in future they will be 22 cents per copy postpaid, or \$18.00 per 100, not postpaid. Even at the increased price, they are better value than any other Testament sold.

Do thou that which is good. 2 Kings 10:5.

THE PENTECOSTAL WORK IN SHANGHAI.

Nearly ten years ago, the Lord laid a mighty burden on my heart for this wicked city; and almost seven years ago—with my son fifteen and daughter sixteen—God let my feet first touch China's soil in Shanghai, where He had an open door. The most of the first three weeks (evenings) were spent in the Door of Hope in company with one whose home was thrown open for us. How graciously the Lord met us as we told the sweet old story to those dear girls. Many times have we seen them slain under the power. Praise our God. Then our own mission doors were opened for special meetings. What blessed times we did have, and the dear Lord sent in such as would be saved. It was indeed wonderful how the Lord sent in the Chinese from different parts and provinces of China. They were saved and received their baptisms, and some of them were called of God to carry the Gospel to their own people. Now three of these dear men are preaching: one in Nanking, where we have a station, another in Kiang-si province (the only Pentecostal station in that province), the other helping in Shanghai.

We arrived in Shanghai in December. The next spring there was an awful famine, and hundreds and thousands of poor suffering children were left with no one to love and care for them. Our hearts were so touched with love and pity that we looked to the Lord to open a way that we might care for just a few at least. He heard our cry. If you could have seen the sight of the first sixteen when we brought them to our home in Shanghai, your heart would have said a ready Amen to God for letting us just pick up (as it were a few little grains of sand to the multitudes who were suffering). Dear Sister Nichols went to the depot to help bring them home. At this time she was teaching in Miss Jewell's school. Home! what it must have meant to these dear children! How we had to be guarded how we fed them, and it was weeks before they were satisfied. In a very short time we had between thirty and forty of these dear children of whom Jesus said, "Suffer little children and forbid them not." It is not an easy task to care for these little lambs, filled with disease, but oh, He says, "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

So we labored with the dear boys and girls besides the mission work. Many wonderful things have our eyes seen among these children of the wonder-working power of our Christ. Crooked backs made straight, blind eyes opened, death made to flee because of the precious blood. But, oh, how the devil has fought, but our God is Victor. There came a time when we felt we could not keep the boys and girls together, and—as the Lord had spoken to our dear Sister Nichols while at our home to open up the girls' home at Ningpo—we turned over our girls to her and kept the boys. And how we have coveted these dear children for Him. We now look into some of their faces and think of such a short time ago how they were starving in soul and body, and how God has both provided food for the soul and body, and how we praise Him! True indeed, they are few in number, but we might have cared for many more had proper place and means been provided. We are in China to spend and be spent for souls, and the will of God is the sweetest thing on earth to us.

Shanghai is a city of over 2,000,000 people, and many from all over this great dark land come here. So there is great opportunity to give the Gospel. At present there are four Pentecostal workers in the Door of Hope; Miss Brown and Miss Scheidter have two missions in different parts of the city blessed of God. (Just a short time ago, one of their Chinese workers—with a native who had just received his baptism—went with two missionaries to Honan province to open up a new station.) The Lord is us-

ing Shanghai as a center to thrust out workers. Dear Bro. and Sister Dahlstein have had a mission in the native city (Old Shanghai) for over three years, and how the dear Lord has blessed their labor of love for Him. Though many times weak in body and sick, and—at one time called to lay a child away, and the pressure so heavy—but as they looked to the Bleeding Lamb, He lifted the load. Dear ones, pray that this "Native City Shanghai Mission" may be mightily used of God for the saving of the lost. These dear people need your prayers and support. They are also getting on nicely with the language. God is blessing Sister Moomau in her work of love for Him. She has a mission here and one at Soochow; and she goes with native workers to different parts of China with this blessed Gospel.

Miss Jewell has a "Rest Home" and her niece (Miss Dearborn) a school for European children. And the dear Lord has helped us to open two missions in this city: One on Haining Road (one of the busy streets of this great city). We have had great difficulty in finding a suitable place to live in as we have a large family of fifteen orphan boys besides helpers. The Lord has given some money for buildings, and—by faith—we are just looking to Him. For the present we have moved to a new part of the city, no missions in this district, and the people so eager to hear the Gospel. We will open a new mission about three blocks from our residence. Praise our God for the opportunity of carrying the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth.

With us is Miss Collins (a new missionary) who is studying the language and willing to do what her hands find to do. God has made our home a Missionary Home. Dear Bro. and Sister Steinberg of Shansi, North China, received their baptism here in our home about five years ago. Later on they went to Tai Yuan Fu, Shansi, where God has richly blessed them.

If as great an effort had been put forth to save souls as there is today to take life, many more would be lifted from darkness to light. (But the soldiers cannot fight unless the ammunition is sent them.)

Dear Sister Nichol's work at Ningpo is worthy of the best support God's children can give, for it is truly precious in His sight, and it has been going under great financial pressure. May God's children be stirred.

Do pray much for us for we do need it so. We feel our weakness keenly. We have the two missions on the interior (filled by native ministers and their families) and the two missions here in Shanghai and a native helper with wife and two children, also fifteen orphan boys to look to God for. Our dear son, because of the awful pressure, went to work. He has been so troubled, he says just seems God has spoken in thunder tones to him that he must preach the Gospel.—I am, your sister in His glad service, Mrs. H. L. Lawler, Shanghai, China. Later:—

The dear Lord is working and signs are following the preaching of the straight old Gospel. How I love it and how I love to tell others the blessed old story. We have had some blessed meetings of late. Just the other Sunday, after giving the message to the house of hungry souls, we gave the altar call and in a few moments the altar was filled with hungry souls, and one young man slain under the power and soon came through speaking in tongues and magnifying God. Hallelujah!

We open our new mission about the middle of September, D. V. Do pray that the power of God may mightily rest on the place.

We were called a short time ago to pray for a sick man, near our training mission; he was nigh unto death; had not been able to take any food for nearly two weeks. Partly heathen he was, but, bless God, He heard prayer,

and healed the sick man, and the idols have been taken out of the home, and the dear old father is seeking God. (As I look at the missionary statistics and think of the great number of lives going out in this awful war, and the large amount of money that is going forth to take life, how my soul cries out to God that He may so stir His people that we who are on this great battlefield, may be able to do more. In the war last year two million died in battle. In heathen lands thirty-three million died without Christ or hope. Oh I do wonder if we are rightly concerned about these precious souls, for whom Christ died. How many women are gathering together to prepare for the boys at the front, but I wonder how many gather together to prepare clothing and boxes for the missionaries who are in the front of the battle.)

I know good faithful missionaries who have laid their lives down who I believe would be here today if they had had proper food and a place to live. Some of the old boards on the field and at home said that they have learned that good buildings for their missionaries and the price of good food were cheaper than lives. They found that by the time the missionaries had the languages learned and ready to go to work, many of them died.

And our places of worship. If you should see some of the places we have to worship God in, your heart would be moved with compassion, I'm sure. When only a few hundred dollars that are laid on the shelves for the "rust to destroy and canker worm to eat," (and people crying "Jesus is coming soon") if they were gotten together and sent forth to build places of worship, would bring such big interest from heaven.

I have asked God for a chapel in Shanghai and if He carries I know it is coming. Am expecting any day to have the price laid in my hands.

Many of God's children are investing their money in mines, in flying machines, etc., fifty, hundred, and ten thousand dollars at a time, but when it comes to helping their missionaries on the field they think if they have given five dollars they have done so much. (How people could lay up their treasure in heaven by building homes and lighthouses in heathen lands.)

I was so glad when the dear Lord said to us "sell all thou hast and give it to the poor." We sold our beautiful home, and put what we had in His work and for eight or nine years have been trusting and preaching this precious Gospel. Some say "Jesus is coming so soon, we do not want to build." But He says "Occupy till I come," and when He comes wouldn't it be more precious to know our means that were laid by were used for building homes and lighthouses in heathen lands.

Mrs. H. L. Lawler.

DISTRESS IN PERSIA.

Many of you have read a little of God's work in Urmiah, Persia, which began during the last three years. How many babes were born in our blessed family of God. You have also heard slightly about their massacre and their loss of all they had. You also have a little idea of their present distress, but you do not know how they have been and are suffering; in fact, you can never know it except you experience the same, but we pray that you will never experience it for it is more than terrible. However, what we should be after is that we may do that which we ought to do and as God would have us to do, for unto this very purpose we are preserved in safety in this land of peace and liberty. What must we do? 1st, We must pray with importunity of heart and mind to our great Friend of all friendless to give us the three loaves (the fulness of the Trinity, Luke 11:5-10) for our tired and needy and hungry friends coming to us and calling upon us for deliverance from their present distress of spirit

and for food and material. 2nd, We must do that immediately, for tomorrow may be too late and we lose the God-given opportunity. 3rd, We must do it cheerfully for God loves such givers.

These nations' distress comes because of their sins, because the fulness of their cup, because of trusting the arm of flesh and forgetting the God of their salvation. Yea, it was this sin that brought the bloody massacre upon the Armenians and Christian Assyrians of Turkey and Persia.

While these nations collectively are turned away from God yet in their midst there were and are, a few of God's chosen and faithful ones who are burning with the same fire of wrath that came upon the thousands of dry ones. As our Lord was "the green tree" yet He came under the flame of God's holy wrath because of the sins of His people, so His representatives are green trees of righteousness, but as the great plague which comes upon all unfruitful trees it affects them also. "For the sins of her prophets and the iniquities of her priests, that have shed the blood of the just in the midst of her." Lam. 4:13; Jer. 2:9, 15.

This has happened to our beloved brethren in Urmiah, Persia; not only were they sorely affected by the general massacre, ruining of their homes, losing some of their dear ones in martyrdom, but since then the plagues of famine are upon them. Lack of food on the one hand, the threefold higher prices on the other, the terrible plagues of Asiatic cholera, killing hundreds this past summer, and their vineyards destroyed by other plagues. Plague upon plague, because people will not learn righteousness in the time of judgment. God help us to learn to do righteousness and keep the fear of God and get busy to do for His little ones that He may see us fit to be spared for the sake of His good will and purpose.

The kindness of the saints in the past and even now truly has been a wonderful help to the suffering ones in Urmiah, but it has been so very little in comparison with the help the other missionaries receive from their boards in this country. Therefore, in His loving name we want to appeal once more to your tender and compassionate hearts for further help to keep the poor saints encouraged (that they may feel the Lord loves them through His children in this good land. That their needs may be supplied according to His riches in glory by Jesus Christ in His saints here. That the workers with their families may be saved from temporal needs and sufferings, so their strength will be given to suffer for the Gospel and not for food.)

The work in five villages with the work in Urmiah city is kept by the power of God, although many discouragements and blows of Satan have come upon them. They are holding fast and expecting speedy help of a good number of missionaries from this country that will go to help them as soon as the war is over for greater victories in Christ Jesus' name for the whole country. Bros. Bob Lozar with Timothy D. Urshan and Bro. Yohanan Baboo and the women workers are busy every day, going from village to village holding meetings in the streets, in the fields and in homes everywhere. Of course, persecution is their bitter herb with the Lamb's meat. Ex. 12:8.

(Dear saints, let us pray and encourage these dear ones to go on. Let us see that they will not suffer for food and for clothes, but for the Gospel's sake only. Let us pray their present distress will turn to the unspeakable joy of winning many souls for Jesus. They are our brethren through the blood relation of Jesus Christ. They are our representatives, so they are called The Pentecostal Tongues' People, despised, misjudged and persecuted, looking to God and to us for help and encouragement.—Andrew D. Urshan.

We regret to announce that Bro. A. P. Collins writes to us that he cannot at this time accept the Editorial Chair of the Weekly Evangel.

THE MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

St. Louis, September 13-17, 1917.

"Praise the Lord, we have made a start!" This was Bro. D. W. Kerr's comment at the recent Missionary Conference at St. Louis. And we were greatly encouraged by the start that had been made as we conferred together with a number of returned missionaries as to how we could best help them and those on the field in the short while that remains before Jesus comes.

Quite a number of suggestions came from the missionaries on the field who could not be with us, and their letters were read and carefully considered, and many of the missionaries who were present were able to amplify and enlarge on the matters about which they wrote. Many of these letters are reproduced in the Evangel this week.

Bro. S. A. Jamieson of Tulsa, Okla., who is noted for the largeness of his missionary heart, was elected Chairman of the Conference, and Sister Anna Reiff, the editor of the Latter Rain Evangel of Chicago, Secretary.

The following resolutions were adopted:

I. Be it resolved that as a body we endorse the fundamental principles of the General Council of the Assemblies of God.

The importance of the missionaries giving a distinct Pentecostal testimony was brought out in discussion, especially their subscribing to the item that "the full consummation of the baptism of believers in the Holy Ghost and fire is indicated by the initial sign of speaking in tongues, as the Spirit of God gives utterance." Acts 2:4.

II. Resolved that an Advisory Committee of three missionaries be appointed in every large district of the foreign field where missionaries are now at work, and that this committee be appointed in a conference of the missionaries themselves.

Will our missionary friends on the field please take note and act on this resolution:

III. Whereas, missionaries who come home broken in health and worn in body, have no place to rest and recuperate, but are compelled to travel from place to place, almost begging an open door, and are obliged to hold meetings in order to get sufficient funds for themselves and their work on the field,

Therefore be it resolved, that the early establishment of a Missionary Home where they will be free from responsibility, be made a matter of definite prayer and agitation.

After this resolution was adopted, Bro. Geo. Thomas got up and offered his home in Arizona, and 320 acres of land attached, for use as a missionary home and a sister offered her furniture. Bro. Moffat of Toronto suggested that there should be not only a missionary home on the Western coast, but also one in the East. Since that time there has come into the General Council office the offer of \$200 towards furnishing such homes, and a promise of a further \$200 towards the maintenance the first year. Praise the Lord. The brother who makes this offer writes, "The missionaries give their lives to minister to others in the foreign field, and when they come home need to be ministered to, that they may return at their best for the Lord."

IV. Whereas, the work in the different fields has been stigmatized and seriously hindered by the intermarrying of missionaries and natives, therefore be it resolved that we strongly disapprove of any missionary entering into such a relationship. Be it further resolved that precautions be taken by senior missionaries on the field to prevent such alliances by discouraging intimacy, and, as far as possible, providing teachers of the same sex for the young missionaries.

This resolution, and also the next one, met with the decided approval of the missionaries present.

V. Whereas, experiences have proven that it is unwise for the missionaries and the native workers to live in the same quarters as a family, thereby causing too great familiarity,

Therefore, be it resolved that proper precautions be taken by all missionaries to avoid such conditions. Further, it is recommended that all new missionaries should seek the counsel and advice of senior missionaries who are acquainted with the conditions on their respective fields, especially with regard to their relationship to the native people.

VI. Whereas the lives of many missionaries on the field have been shortened by the unsanitary conditions of the native quarters in which they have had to live,

Resolved, that we recommend that steps be taken to present to the assemblies the imperative need of practically helping in the building of homes on mission stations, for the proper housing of our Pentecostal missionaries.

Sister Blanche Appleby told us of the way she and her co-worker had been living in China, with a buffalo on one side of their hut, and hogs on the other side, with the rains coming in continually, and quarters so small that there was hardly room for more than a third party to join them. She said it was much more important for the missionaries to have healthy homes than to have Rest homes where they would have to go when they were sick. If they could have healthy homes it would prevent them from being sick. She said it hurt the work for them to be away three months at a time resting. If they only had proper sanitary dwellings they could work in the cities at least eleven months in the year.

VII. Resolved, that every means should be employed for the encouragement of the native ministry, and that in case of pioneer work funds should be sent to the missionaries for the support of these native workers, but where the work is established the native pastors should be encouraged to trust the Lord for their own support. Further, that the native Christians should be encouraged to support their own pastors and evangelists.

Bro. Kaufman told us that the native pastors and evangelists, when properly supervised, could do more effective work than Americans or Europeans, and they could be maintained at a fifth the cost, but that when they were doing evangelistic work in new fields they had to be supported by their American or European brethren. He thought that the brethren at home should be induced to support these native workers. If means were granted him, he could look after many of these native helpers. Sister Nichols told us that she had trained her native workers in Ningpo to look direct to the Lord for support, and other brethren told us that where the work was well established, the natives themselves supported their own pastors.

VIII. Resolved that single women, new on the mission field, be discouraged from opening up new fields, but that they should become associated with senior missionaries, and only make new moves with their co-operation and counsel.

Further, that missionaries should be encouraged to go forth in the scriptural order, "two and two."

IX. Whereas the special need of the missionary field may be overlooked in the reading of the minutes of the General Council, especially by pastors not in attendance at the Council,

Therefore be it resolved, that this Missionary Conference recommend that the Chairman and Secretary of the Council send a circular letter to all pastors affiliated with the Council, outlining the general missionary policy of co-operation in the home and foreign field, and that special missionary days be set apart; also that a monthly missionary offering be taken in each assembly.

The Chairman and Secretary of the Council, in conjunction with the newly appointed Missionary Committee, hope to be able to send out these circular letters at a later date.

X. Be it resolved that the temporary organization of this Missionary Conference be declared permanent, and that the conference adjourn to meet at such time and place as may be determined by the Chairman and Secretary.

All who have matters that they wish to bring before the next missionary Conference should communicate to Pastor S. A. Jamieson of Box 1356, Tulsa, Okla., or Miss Anna Reiff, 3635 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill. It has been suggested that the next meeting of the conference will be held in Chicago next May. Due notice of this will be given in all the Pentecostal papers.

PORTO RICO.

Porto Rico has over a million and a half of people and the majority of them have not heard the Gospel.

Romanism and Spiritualism are the chief religions.

It has an aristocratic government, and it is Roman Catholic, with the exception of few that are Spiritualists. Immorality reigns right in the heart of society, and if this is among the higher class, what shall the lower be?

One man has three and five wives and some of them have more, because they have plenty of money and can afford to have them. Ninety-five per cent of the people live in adultery. Seventy per cent of the people live on a little black coffee, and many times without sugar, and green cooked bananas once or twice a day.

The money is in the hands of four or five men, and as I have said some of them have three and five wives.

The chief industries are sugar, tobacco and coffee.

During the school vacation the children work in the tobacco factories, and we see little boys about the age of nine and ten smoking. It becomes a habit with them and only the power and blood of Jesus can clean them up.

The majority of the ministers and their church members smoke, and should we dare declare them the truth of the blessed Word, they get mad at us and say the Bible says nothing about tobacco. But thank God, when they come to Jesus, they get cleaned up. "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin!" "It is finished," Jesus said on the cross. Thank God, it can be finished in the heart of every one that believes. "If any one is in Christ, he is a new creature," the old things are gone forever to the depths of the sea, and everything now is new and comes from the heart of our loving Father.

Some day, very soon, we will all be together, yea, together forever, and we will have much to tell of the many, many things that He, our Bridegroom, has done for His beloved ones. I am one of them, Hallelujah! "One of them, one of them, I am glad to say that I am one of them."

Last night we had a sweet heavenly service, some danced and others sang, and a sweet message was given forth in tongues and the Lord gave us the interpretation. The Lord said, "Be holy and ready, for I come quickly to catch away My church, yea, the sanctified and those whose vessels are filled with oil. Sinners, come to the light, because you are in darkness and you'll soon be lost. Come unto Me, come unto Me and be ye saved." The message was a very long one and I do not remember all of it. We are praying for a greater outpouring of the Spirit here in Porto Rico and all over the world.

Pray, pray, pray for poor Porto Rico and do obey if the Lord calls any of you to this dark island. Pray for my dear father and family that the Lord may open up the way for them to come.

Bro. Feliciano thought of going back to California because of his little children being without shoes and clothing and being sickly, but the Lord has given him courage and he will stay a month or two with Brother Lugo in Ponce and then go to Santa Domingo.

Yours in His service, waiting the soon coming of Jesus,
Frank D. Ortiz.

AMONGST CHINA'S MILLIONS.

Taianfu, Shantung, China. From time to time we have told you of the wonderful workings of God in this place, and we want you to pray especially that God will work even in a more wonderful way.

This is a very central place for spreading the Gospel, not because of the many railroads coming into Taianfu (we only have one), but because we can reach more people in one year from Taianfu than any place I know of in this section of the country.

The city is built at the foot of "Tai Shan," the sacred mountain, and each year, during the first three months of the Chinese year, there are hundreds and thousands of people who come here to worship on the mountain. During pilgrim season this year we sold over five thousand Gospel portions and over one hundred copies of the New Testament.

If we only had the money to print a few thousand good tracts each year and give out to these people it would be a grand opportunity to scatter the seed; in fact if we only had a small printing outfit we could furnish pure Pentecostal literature for missions in other places. It is hard for us to get hold of Pentecostal literature in Chinese, therefore we do not have any to give out to the people. Pray that God will move on some one or some assembly to take hold of this kind of work.

If it should please the Lord, we would be glad to have a few faithful workers to come and help in the work. We very much need a man and wife who can help in the Evangelistic work. A good faithful man to do the preaching and a good consecrated wife to help with the music, and singing, and work among the women. Then my wife and I need another man and wife to help here in the city with the school work and orphanage.

They will have to be consecrated and willing to sacrifice, and willing to work, or else they will do the work more harm than good. Pray that God will send just such workers as will be glorifying to His name. We have been enabled by the mercies of God to continue the work here and add some from time to time as God led, yet we have had to cut off some of the work in outstations on account of lack of proper workers.

We have a very nice little orphanage and school in the city and God has wonderfully blessed in this work. Every girl in the house and school except one has been saved, and nearly all have received the baptism of the Spirit.

God has wonderfully helped one of the eldest boys, and He is helping us to lead the smaller boys in the paths of righteousness. God has also blessed the boys, but they do not give up wholly to God so readily as the girls. It has been a great struggle for us to carry on the work, my wife and I alone, and especially when we have not had sufficient food for ourselves and children. Pray that God will put it on the heart of some of His people to help in the work of saving souls.

Our object is to train these helpless children for God. We let them go to school half a day, and work the rest of the time. The important feature of our work is to lead them to trust God and look to Him for salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord, and time is given to the Bible and prayer.

There are many more poor orphan boys and girls in this section of the country who would shine as precious jewels in the Kingdom of our Lord if only we could bring them in. We are crowded for room just now, and we are praying that God will give us the means to build a few more rooms to our house. We have the land and almost enough rock on the place to build sufficient rooms, but we need the means to hire the labor and buy the wood for building.—Yours in His name, L. M. Anglin.

"How much did he leave?" said a man when the death of a wealthy friend was mentioned. "He left it all."

BACK FROM JERUSALEM.

For over a year before leaving Jerusalem I received no mail, and so far as I can ascertain, none that I have written for over a year has reached America; so I wish to take this opportunity to thank every one who has sent me any money. I could not know who sent it—only that God, in answer to our cry to Him, "saw to it and provided for it," for His name is "Jehovah Jireh," and our needs even in the famine conditions were amply met, and we were enabled to minister some relief to a few of the hungry around us.

I left Jerusalem May 15th, and up to July 20th, when we left Constantinople, there had been no fighting any closer to Jerusalem than Gaza, where several battles, I believe, were fought. Famine conditions prevail throughout Palestine and Syria, the price of all food stuffs having risen to from twelve to twenty times what they were formerly, and the money having depreciated to one-fourth its value. Many staple articles, such as rice, beans, potatoes, sugar, meat, etc., were seldom to be found in the market. Also, there is no work for the people to do, and the wage-earners have been drafted into the army.

"Jerusalem the holy" is "trodden down of the Gentiles," and sin prevails in every quarter. Many houses have been opened where women sell themselves to sin in order to keep from starving. A plague of locusts, followed by sieges of spotted typhus, cholera, yellow fever, with actual starvation, have swept down into death scores of thousands. In some places whole villages have been depopulated; in others, the dead have been gathered up by night in wagons.

All missionary work of all belligerent powers is necessarily stopped: hence our native workers have no one to teach or counsel or encourage them. They need to be upheld by the strong arm of your faithful believing prayer. Pray also for the many women to whom God has permitted me to minister the Word, some of whom have through it learned to know the saving and healing power of Jesus; also for the Sunday School children and the village people to whom we have had the privilege of ministering. Pray, too, for those who are using the "Search the Scripture" Calendar, and through it are searching the Scripture daily. Death is reaping his harvest in Jerusalem. Pray that God's Word which has been sown may bring forth its harvest unto life eternal.—A. Elizabeth Brown.

SOME GOOD COUNSEL FROM CHILE.

We fully believe that the time has come for a better cooperation between home centers and the mission fields, in order that a greater work may be done and also that the support might be more equally divided between the missionaries. From various papers we have seen that some, apparently godly and faithful missionaries, have in the past year suffered the lack of the necessities of life, while others have been in great straits now and then. These sad stories tell us there has been a lack somewhere, and it would be a great advantage for the missionaries and the cause they represent if things could be put in better order for the future.

We personally have, by the grace of God, lacked nothing in the way of food and clothing, but our great need has been, and is still, how to get means to buy a site and erect a mission hall in Ancud, the capital of Chiloe. We would like to present this need before the conference, in case any one might respond to the call, and help forward the cause of Christ on this island in a practical way, so that we ere long might have a decent house to gather in the lost, and worship the Lord. For this purpose we would need about \$3,000.

Allow us to come with a few suggestions, although they may not be new.

1. The would-be missionary ought to have some experience in evangelistic work at home, and to be real sure that the Lord has called him for His service in the foreign field. Let him be tried at home. Many have gone to the

foreign field who never were called or sent by the Lord. We have seen this even here on this island.

2. That the saints at home fully realize the responsibility God has placed upon them, as co-workers with the missionaries on the field. In the measure they are faithful to their trust, prayer and support, does the work prosper on the field. They must hold the work up by constant prayer and systematic giving, so that the missionaries can live and work—without the burden how to obtain their daily bread.

3. The missionaries must do their part in sending in a report of the work, and state frankly the needs that are pressing; and though they cannot report wonderful things or great success, still to write to the stewards in the homeland, as they are willing to share the burdens as well as rejoice with those who have delightful things to tell. A faithful missionary, though his work is more hidden and obscure, is just as worthy of his support as one who has great success and can report wonders.

We fail to see how God's stewards at home can divide equally the means that are entrusted into their hands, if the missionaries do not write now and then and let their needs be made known. And not only with regard to support, but the letters from the missionaries are necessary in order to stimulate increased interest among God's people, that they may better know how to pray intelligently for each worker, and to present before God the work in general.

If we missionaries do our part faithfully, and by writing keep in touch with the home centers, we fully believe that great blessings, and a better understanding with more equality of support will be the issue, and thus the great battle will be won in the glorious name of Jesus.

On behalf of the assemblies of God on Chiloe and the south of Chile.—Marie and N. O. Gunstad, Ancud, Chile, South America.

SOUTH INDIA FULL GOSPEL MISSION.

Fraser Town, Bangalore, South India, August 4th, 1917.

We by His grace, and through His strength, are still pressing on, though the conflict is fierce, and we are being pressed on all sides; nevertheless we determine to be overcomers. "The strife will not be long; this day the noise of battle, the next the VICTOR song." We desire very much to take part in that song. May the Lord give us needed strength to overcome.

We rejoice to say that God has greatly blessed us within the past six months and we have reaped some precious fruit; gems to lay at the Master's feet; jewels for our crown. Many have turned to the Lord from darkness and night, and a goodly number were healed, and baptized in the Holy Spirit. One hundred and eight were baptized in water since February. All glory be to God; He it is that gives the increase.

Still our hearts' cry continues for souls. Souls! Souls! Souls! We do expect greater things to come. Pray that we may prove faithful in all things.

We now have five native workers in Travancore and now only two workers in Tinnevely District, and one Anglo-Indian. These are looking to us for support. We had until just recently five workers in the Tinnevely District, but I was compelled to dismiss three owing to the lack of means. Well the Lord knows our every need. May He give me grace to trust Him more.

We publish a little pamphlet half yearly called "Echoes from South India." This gives the people a good chance of hearing what the Lord is doing; it also stirs up a Missionary interest. And then we also save money by publishing it; that is we save stamps. Instead of sending a letter which costs five cents to our friends, we only use one cent for stamp, and the pamphlet costs one cent, so we save three cents. And I am sure the Lord is in it. Pray it may be a blessing to many.—In His glad service, Robert F. Cook.

SAILING FOR CHINA.

Praise God for His faithfulness which He does "not suffer to fail." Hallelujah! As we review His dealings with us during the past year, our hearts are full of praise to Him, our faithful God, that He has never failed us. We have daily proved His will to be our meat, and praise Him for the many opportunities of ministry He has given. As we look forward to returning to our dear ones in China, we know He "will not suffer His faithfulness to fail."



Sisters Ethel Webb & Nettie Nichols.

After much prayer and waiting upon God, He has shown us to affiliate ourselves with the General Council of the Assemblies of God. We had an opportunity during the Missionary Conference to see how truly these seek the wisdom of God, acknowledging Him as their Counsellor, seeking to find out the mind of the Spirit for heart co-operation without limiting or binding Him. We are not only members of His body, but are also members one of another, and as "workers together with Him" need to stand shoulder to shoulder in this great battle against sin. We praise God for His plan, which is timely indeed, which will strengthen our hands as we go forward, assured there will be more praying "with the understanding also."

We ask the members of the Evangel family to stand with them and us in prayer that we may stand perfect and complete in the will of God; that He alone may have the pre-eminence in all things; that our dear Chinese be kept "following the Lamb whithersoever He goeth," and that we, as a family, may be "caught up" when He, our beloved Bridegroom, comes for us.

We are expecting, D. V., to sail for China on the S. S. China, scheduled to leave San Francisco, October 11th.—Nettie D. Nichols and Ethel V. Webb.

TROPHIES OF GRACE IN CHINA.

Sainam, South China. God has blessed our efforts since our return to the field, and we feel that there awaits us a great harvest of souls. We are expecting at any moment to hear of the fire breaking forth from some of the stations and that it will be a revival that will reach to the remotest parts of this Old Kingdom. We are greatly encouraged at the results of our work among the Hakka tribe. It would seem that God is dealing with that tribe more at present than with others. They have always been a more receptive people than the Cantonese people. The Hakka people are poor, and most all of them are very poor, but God has found some among them that are willing to bear the reproach and suffer the affliction of the children of God, rather than enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.

Among those who have accepted the Lord, and who have had a revelation of His grace, I might mention two old people, man and wife. Both have been greatly blessed since their acceptance of the Saviour about two years ago. They were beggars prior to the time when they accepted the

Lord. They could hardly beg enough to sustain life, as the people among whom they had to beg were very poor. And this was the more difficult when the man became afflicted so that he could not go out through the country to the villages for their daily bread. But at last one day a Christian woman happened to go by their place, and called in to see this old couple. She preached to them and invited them to the church to hear more about the truth. They came when the man was able to get there. And what do you think was the result? The Lord healed them and saved them too.

The man did not live long to render service to this new-found Lord, but when he died he went away from this world happy, and the wife did not carry out the regular routine of burning old clothes, offering ducks, chickens and the such like, but she sang praises unto the Lord and she is preparing to meet him on the other side of the life that now is. She is a marvel to all those who know her. She had one son-in-law, but he had nothing to do that would support his mother-in-law, but when she believed the Lord He found work for the boy and the boy supported the old couple so that they did not have to beg any more. She, in order to show her appreciation for the great grace of God, keeps three days out of each week, and it is of her own choosing that she keeps these. Friday she will not work any, but she sings, prays and thanks the Lord for His love to her to give Christ to die for sins. Saturday she goes with the Bible woman to the different villages and witnesses to the love of Jesus, praying for those who are afflicted like she used to be. Sunday she attends three services at the chapel. She is sixty-seven years old, but one would not think so, to see her praising the Lord. To quote one of the Berlin Mission preachers, "There is no such Spiritual Christians in the mission to which I belong as at Nagu Pui Leng"—our station.)

There are others whose history, of how they were saved from heathenism, are very interesting.—Geo. M. Kelley.

SUGGESTIONS FROM NORTH CHINA.

Tai-yuan-fu, Shansi, North China. On the evening of July 21st, the following missionaries assembled together for to talk over conditions and to make such suggestions as they thought needful to be presented for consideration at the Missionary Conference at St. Louis, Mo., September 13th.

The work on the missionary field has been limited because of the limit of finance. The exchange at present is the lowest it has been and may drop dollar for dollar. In most places the missionary is only able to keep the home station open, and even the home work is suffering because of financial strain.

It would be to the advantage of the work at home and foreign if all the assemblies affiliated with the General Council would send all missionary offerings through the Council, whether it is designated to whom it is to be sent or not. This would help in bringing a closer fellowship with all.

The undersigned missionaries do not receive any definite amount of money or promise of any, from any assembly. We only receive such as the Lord sends, and all money received is used to the best advantage for the work.

Yours faithfully for souls in North China,

H. E. Hansen,

(Mrs.) Margaret Hansen,

Peking, North China.

Edgar C. Steinberg,

Mrs. Ida Steinberg.

Lloyd G. Cramer,

Tai-yuan-fu, Shansi, North China.

Morten J. Nelson.

Ping-ting-chow, Shansi, N. China.

FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST

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

FIELD REPORTS.

Salem, Missouri. The Lord led me into a meeting the night before the Council began, and His power is falling. One sinner has been saved and one dear old sister received the baptism of the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. There are others wanting to be saved and to receive the baptism. I need some one that is Spirit-filled that is a good singer, and will be grateful for information of any brother or sister that might be gotten.—J. C. Pace.

Electra, Texas. Our meeting in Electra, held in July, was a victory from beginning to end. There were about eighty saved and thirty-five received the Holy Spirit as in Acts 2:4. Since then there have been a number saved and baptized in the Spirit and the revival is going on, praise God. I have been to Bridgeport, Texas, for a few days' meeting and left them on Saturday night with victory. Several were saved and received the Holy Spirit. There is a good opening at Bridgeport for a blessed work. Pray for the work in this country.—E. F. Newby.

Bisbee, Ariz. Brother Brown has been with us for a few weeks and Brother Eiting has been holding street meetings and the truth is getting down in the hearts of sinners. The Lord is especially building up the Sunday School work in our midst. In 1916 we only had from two to five scholars, but now we have from twenty to thirty. Our children can all praise the Lord for what He is doing for them, and I can say to all Sunday School workers press on, for this is one of the greatest works that we can do for the Lord in these last days.—H. Harris.

Coffeyville, Kansas. A few faithful saints here have been praying unceasingly for some time for God to send a revival to this place, and thank God He has removed the stumbling blocks and a mighty revival is sweeping the town. We were surprised when it came, as God sent His humble servant Ozero Jones, a colored brother from Fort Smith, Arkansas, to take charge of it. But God is surely here in wonderful power and both white and black are finding Jesus.

About thirty-five have received the baptism as in Acts 2:4, and a number have been saved. Others are still seeking, and the altar is full every evening. Meetings are held practically all day for those seeking the Lord. There is no white pastor or evangelist here. We feel if there were, more of the white might accept. While there are many white and colored people attending the service, more of the colored people are accepting the truth. But we are thanking God

for the precious souls He is calling out, and surely the city is stirred as never before. We would be glad if some of the brethren living near would visit the meeting. Pray for Coffeyville.—Nellie Wright.

Carthage, Ark. This leaves us in a good meeting. Souls are coming through to salvation through the blood of Jesus. Some are being saved, some reclaimed, and some baptized with the Holy Ghost. We had a baptismal service on Sunday and there was a large crowd out to see it. We are having good crowds almost every night. One sister by the name of Freeman was walking on crutches and had been for a long time. We prayed for her and she got up in the name of Jesus without her crutches and has been walking ever since, and coming to the meeting without them. Pray for us in this meeting.—Evangelist Charles Williamson.

Social Hill, Arkansas. We praise God that we can report victory through the atoning blood of Jesus. Sister Mary Roxie Hughes of Fort Worth, Texas, preached the Word under the anointing of the Holy Spirit as in the days when Pentecost fell. She spake in thunder tones against sin, commanding men everywhere to repent, confess and forsake sin. Her sermons on holiness were strong and powerful, and conviction rested on the people from the beginning, men turning pale, and shaking, came to the altar and prayed through to victory. There were thirty saved and reclaimed, eight filled with the Holy Ghost, as in Acts 2:4, and many sick were prayed for and healed. There were twenty-eight baptized in water, the majority being men and women of mature age. The saints from Malvern and Ark Land Camp stood nobly by us. The powers of darkness were fierce, but God was strong to deliver, and some of the strongest opposers were won to the truth.

A few saints have been holding on in prayer for this place, and God, who is always faithful, undertook in a wonderful way, causing the seemingly impossible things to come to pass. Sister Hughes' sermon on the last night on the "Tribulation and reign of anti-Christ" was listened to with intense interest. Brother Lohman's help the last week was highly appreciated. The meeting closed with the altar full of seekers. If Jesus carries we are praying God to send them to us again next summer. As the crowds came forward with tearful eyes to say good-bye, we looked forward to a meeting in the air, where we will never part and shall behold the face of our Saviour who undertook for the lost in this place. Glory and honor to His name forever. May God help us to be ready.—Sister Brunette.

Davenport, Ia. This is a new field and a very prejudiced one, but thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Several have been saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit and there have been some wonderful cases of healing. One young man, a doctor from Newton, Kansas, came here to a convention and the Lord led him to the meetings. He testified to the baptism, but the Lord soon convinced him that he was only saved and cleansed, so he went down before the Lord in desperate earnestness for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Well, of course the Lord baptized him, and he spake with tongues as the Spirit gave utterance, and returned to Kansas with joy unspeakable and full of glory. An elderly brother came to the meetings so deaf that he could not hear half what was said, but he caught enough of the Word to believe God for his healing, and was perfectly delivered. Thank God. Another brother had been sick about nine months and had not been able to do any work. He received the baptism one night and was healed the next night. has been at work ever since and has gained about fifteen pounds. We have leased a large stone church just three blocks from the Rock Island Station and are badly in need of good workers. Anyone feeling led to come over and help us please write us at 620 Brady St., Davenport, Ia.—Evang. R. H. Davis.

PUXICO CAMP MEETING.

The Camp at this place was a time of soul-saving, Spirit-filling, and great edification to the saints. There was a large attendance all through the camp meeting and about thirty-two ministers in attendance. The Lord used Elder J. W. Welch in bringing some very edifying lessons to the saints during the day services. The night services were evangelistic and a number were saved, and about twelve received the baptism of the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. Others were healed. The expenses were met by a free-will offering, and the saints of Puxico have prepared for the camp by raising vegetables, etc. Truly there was no lack. Having been at several camps, I believe it was the best fed camp I ever attended, in both temporal and spiritual food.

At the close of the Camp meeting the pastor, W. J. Higgins, resigned, after a very successful ministry of a year and a half as pastor, and I have accepted the oversight of the church. Please note my future address will be box 171, Puxico, Mo. Let those in Southern Missouri remember the above address.—Yours for lost souls, E. L. Banta.

TO BE WITH CHRIST.

Bro. J. L. Goss of Cedar B'uff, Va., sends us the notice of the homegoing of Bro. Mack Jewell, the pastor of the Church at Tazewell, Va., and pays a tender tribute to his memory. He tells us that his little adopted daughter, aged six, received the baptism when she came in the room to see him after they had laid him in his casket.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

October 14, 1917.

RETURNING FROM CAPTIVITY.

Lesson Text: Ezra 1:1-11.

Golden Text: The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad. Psa. 126:3.

Practical Truth: The Lord is strong in behalf of His people.

Topic: Release from captivity.

Time: B. C. 536.

Places: Babylon; Jerusalem.

Last week the lesson was concerning songs of deliverance, but this lesson tells of the actual deliverance, suggestive of the fact that when we rejoice by faith for victory or deliverance in time of testing, the victory will follow. The book of Ezra gives us an account of the return of the Jewish exiles to Jerusalem after the Babylonian captivity. The return from captivity marks an epoch in Jewish history. The captivity, its duration and termination had been a subject of prophecy. The nation had sinned and must suffer the consequences. It was a punishment for national idolatry and disobedience to God's laws. Israel had experienced long bondage in a foreign land under a heathen king, and had learned the sorrow consequent upon sin. They were sufficiently chastened and cleansed from their iniquity to feel deeply how excellent a thing it would be to return to the city of Jerusalem and rebuild the temple of God. They came to value divine worship and the sacred Scriptures. The people of today in Christian lands have the privilege of worshipping God without being molested and of reading His precious Word, but they are neglecting and turning away from Christ and all He purchased for us on the Cross, and judgment is beginning to fall. When the great tribulation breaks on this earth and people are not allowed to worship God and read His Word, then many of the indifferent and nominal Christians will appreciate and value the Scriptures and the gifts of God.

The Lord God of Heaven Reigns. In the first year of the reign of Cyrus "the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus" to make a proclamation throughout his whole kingdom so that the prophecy of Jeremiah (Jer. 25:12 and 29:10) might be fulfilled. God is always faithful to His promises if we believe and wait patiently and expectantly. The Lord "stirred up" the spirit of Cyrus probably through Daniel, who continued "in the reign of Cyrus" (Dan. 6:28) and also directly by the Spirit of the Lord. Cyrus was prophetically named more than a century before his birth (Isa. 44:28 and 45:1-4) and we see in verse 2 that he acknowledges Jehovah the God of Israel even though he is king of an idolatrous nation. In this, we see God's omnipotent power, for He caused a people that knew Him not, to fulfill His will. And so, today, He makes "all

things work together for good" to them that love Him. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob has not changed; He is the same miracle-working God today as He was of old.)

Who is there among you * * * let him go up. The privilege of return was freely offered for all. It became a test of their devotion. There had been a seventy-year test to prove their devotion to Jehovah, and now at the close of those years they were given the opportunity of proving their devotion, by enduring the hardships of the journey and the labors incident to building up the city and temple, which had lain in decay all those years. And so today God is calling for volunteers to leave home, friends and the comforts of civilization to endure the hardships and labor incident with mission work, and carry the blessed Gospel to those in the regions beyond. Are we proving our devotion to Jehovah by saying: "Here am I; send me?" In verse 5, we read "Then rose up * * * all them whose spirit God had raised, or stirred" (R. V.); those who had lived true to God and were devoted to His service, those who were willing to face hardships and testings, and do real labor for God, they were the ones who rose up, ready to go. They had been faithful in the place they were, now, when told to go, they were ready. What a lesson for us! Let us be faithful in our homes, in our mission or church, let us witness for Christ wherever we are, then when He tells us to go forth to some mission field, we will be ready to obey.

But we notice in verses 4 and 6 that some remained in Babylon. It is estimated that not more than one in six of the Jews returned to Jerusalem. Some were too old and infirm to make the journey, others were not willing to go

because of the financial sacrifice that would be involved, they were not willing to leave their comfortable homes, and some may have been hindered by other reasons, but these were all charged to help those who went. "Let the men of his place help him with silver, with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, beside the free-will offerings." Here is a lesson for those who cannot go to the mission fields. Let us remember that those who face the hardships of the mission field need to have "their hands strengthened" by those about them, and it was "willingly offered." God loveth a cheerful giver.

The Holy Vessels Restored. The Jewish people had lost these vessels of the house of the Lord, when they went into captivity. For seventy years they could not use these vessels in the service and worship of God, but now at the close of their captivity these vessels of gold and silver were brought forth for them to use in the house of the Lord. (We might compare these vessels to the gifts of the Holy Spirit which the disciples used for God's glory at the beginning of the church age, but which the church lost for so many years, but now in "the time of the latter rain," God is giving to those who seek Him with their whole heart. And just as those gold and silver vessels were the same ones that had been in the temple before, so the gifts and manifestations of the Holy Spirit are the same as in the days when the "early rain" fell at Pentecost.)

Next Week's Lesson.

October 21, 1917.

THE TEMPLE REBUILT AND DEDICATED.

Lesson Text: Ezra 3:8-13; 6:14-18.

Golden Text: Psa. 100:4.

—Florence L. Personeus.

PLEASE HELP THE MISSIONARIES.

At the recent Missionary Conference, the collection for the missionaries amounted to \$1,014.62, \$477.50 of which amount was in pledges. We notice that one young preacher, whose income can not be very large, pledged \$3.00 per month for the next year. There were many who were not with us, who are in the fullest sympathy with the cause of Pentecostal Foreign Mission work, who would like to share in this missionary offering, and out of their tithes and offerings would like to send in either a

monthly, quarterly or annual offering. Every dollar given will go direct to those missionaries who are fully endorsed by the Council without any reserve or deduction whatever, not even for postage. Spend a quiet hour with the Lord and ask Him how much He would have you give during these next twelve months, and then fill in the pledge below and send it in to this office. In order for our missionaries to do effective work on the field we need the minimum sum of \$3000.00 per month.

PLEDGE.

Trusting in the Lord to enable me, I promise to pay to the Missionary Treasurer of the General Council of the Assemblies of God, for the support of their fully endorsed missionaries on the foreign field, the sum of the same to be paid within twelve months from the date hereof. It is understood that if through any unforeseen circumstances I should be unable to meet this obligation, this pledge becomes void.

Name.....

Address.....

Date..... (Please write plainly.)

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER.

"Please pray for the soldier boys."—T. G. M.

"Pray for one who is in His service now, and forever."

"Please pray that my whole body might be healed."—M. D., Hightower, Tex.

A sister in Dennis, Kansas, requests prayer for healing of spinal trouble.

A sister in Teague, Texas, asks for prayer for her husband, "a hard-hearted sinner."

"I am seeking the baptism; please pray earnestly for me."—D. B., Spokane, Washington.

"Please pray for God to fully heal my body for His glory and Christ's sake."—A child of God.

"Please pray that I may be healed and grow stronger in the Lord, and for a way to be open for me to attend meetings."—E. V.

"Please pray for me. I have pains in my side and head, also pray for my father who has stomach trouble."—S. H., Yorktown, Texas.

"Please pray for my husband and boys that they may be made hungry for the promise of the Father."—J. H. H., Boonville, Cal.

"Please pray that my husband's eyes may be healed; they have been sore for two months, and he is almost blind, also that he may receive the baptism."—M. E. P.

"Please pray for a young man who will leave October 3rd for the U. S. Training Camp in Kansas. Please pray mightily that God will save him for Jesus' sake."

A sister asks us to pray for her husband who has had an accident and hurt his leg, also for her little boy that he may be healed of sores in his head. Pray for a revival in Kingsville, Texas.

"Pray for the healing of my daughter who has been poisoned with arsenic, also for her husband and for her two little boys. They are better, but she is very sick."—M. L. G., Carenzo, Texas.

A mother requests prayer for her boy who is badly ruptured that he may be healed, and baptized in the Spirit. Also for her little girl, who is paralyzed. Also that Spirit-filled workers may be sent to Smithwick, Texas.

A sister in Dublin, Texas, requests prayer that she may have a satisfying experience of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, so that she may have no doubt whatever about the matter, also that she may be perfectly healed.

"Please pray that I may receive more of the love of Jesus and more patience, also that my husband may be healed of stomach trouble and that he may yield himself to the Lord so that he may receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4."—A. B.

"Pray much that my brother may be saved." He was seeking the Lord in the spring, but now is making no effort, and going backward. Pray God's work to be renewed in Him.—Z. B., La Belle, Mo.

A sister asks special prayer for her brother who is in an insane hospital, having lost his mind. Pray that God may give him perfect health."—J. M. M., Sampsel, Okla.

RETURNING TO GIVE THANKS.

I sent in a request for prayer in May. When I received the paper I placed it on my body in the name of Jesus, and He wonderfully healed me of tumor. I am thanking and praising Him for it.

I am suffering with catarrh of the head, throat trouble, also cough, and my voice is weak and I want to be loosed for the glory of God. I desire special prayer for my healing, and for my husband that he may turn away from the world and be saved and filled with the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. C. W., Havana, Ark.

I also want to return to give thanks for the prayers of the saints for the saving of my infidel cousin. God has saved him and he says he believes every word of the Bible and is praising God and giving Him the glory. He is going deep into God and is seeking the baptism.

Pray for my son. He is drafted and has passed his examination. He was saved in Denver last Sunday night, but needs more of Jesus before he has to go into this awful war. Pray that God will also exempt him or deliver him from the great hungry maw of war.—Mrs. H. E. North, Sterling, Colo.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Bro. John T. Wilson has accepted the pastorate at Thayer, Mo. All correspondence should be sent to this new address.

Please note the change of address: The Denver Tabernacle, Assemblies of God, 2412-14 Curtis St., Denver, Colo. H. J. Richardson, Pastor.

DAVIS CITY CAMP MEETING.

We met at Davis City September 5th, expecting the Lord to be present and He did not disappoint. Great victory and love prevailed during the entire meeting; there was no spirit of division manifested, and the services were a blessing and edification to all who attended.

About one hundred and fifty camped, besides those living in and around Davis City, which made the attendance run into the hundreds. Our God graciously supplied every need. Several were saved and received the Holy Spirit, and six were baptized in water according to Matthew 28:19.

Twenty-one were set apart for the work of Jesus, four being ministers. Officers for the State Presbytery were unanimously elected for the coming year: Bro. John Goben, Chairman, Bro. H. Hamilton, Assistant Chairman; Bro. W. Howell, Secretary and Treasurer; Bro. Roy Scott, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer; Brothers H. Hamilton, D. E. Boatwright, Kelly Campbell, Will Burchett, Presbyters.

The work of the General Council was unanimously endorsed.—Kelly Campbell.

CAMP MEETING NOTICE.

Pentecostal Camp Meeting located at Durant, Fla., will begin November 2, 1917. Services are to be conducted by Bro. and Sister McPherson, the Canadian Evangelists, with their helpers. There is a large Dormitory for ladies, apartments over the tabernacle for men, and a restaurant on the grounds.

There are several cottages that can be occupied by visitors.

For further information, write Mrs. L. P. Giles, Durant, Fla.

BIG CAMPAIGN FOR OTTAWA, CANADA.

A Pentecostal Convention will be held in the "Pentecostal Tabernacle" (Clarey Theatre), Bank St., near Gladstone, **October 1st to 14th.** Meals and lodgings can be had at reasonable rate by writing C. W. Butler, 141 Glen Ave., Ottawa. We are praying and planning that this convention will be only a mighty beginning for a city campaign for this winter, if Jesus tarries. Pray for us to this end.—Geo. A. Chambers, Pastor.

CONVENTION.

The United Pentecostal Association will hold their fourth annual convention, beginning October 6th to October 20th at 90 Broadway, Buffalo, N. Y.

All of God's children are invited to come and enjoy this feast with us. Ministers and workers will be here from Philadelphia, Wilmington, Baltimore, Troy, N. Y., and from other parts of the country. In these awful days we should come together in the name of the Lord for the salvation of those for whom Jesus died. Isaiah 37-3.—Pastor R. E. Erdman, 90 Broadway, Buffalo, N. Y.

PAWEUSKA, OKLA.

Convention of the District State Council of Oklahoma will be held at Pawhuska, Okla., October 30th to November 4th inclusive.

All ministers of the "Assemblies of God" in Oklahoma are urged to be present.

Entertainment will be furnished to ministers only. You will be expected to pay your own fare to and from the convention.

Please notify me as soon as possible if you are coming, so I can arrange entertainment. This will be the only notification.

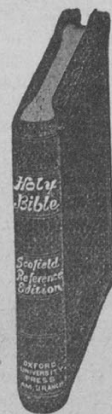
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