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THE FAMILY PAPER

= The Prospects =

"What are the prospects? Will the House ever be erected? If so, when?"

In a filthy jail in Burma, Judson lay bound with chains and bamboo poles, when a fellow-prisoner sneeringly said, "Dr. Judson, what about the prospects now for the conversion of the heathen?"

Judson quietly replied: "The prospects are just as bright as the promises of God."

God is the Architect who drew the plans. He is also the Contractor who is under bonds to complete the House. "All flesh shall see the salvation of God." He is likewise the Master Builder who is ever at work on the structure. "It is God that worketh in you to will and to do of His good pleasure." And "He will not fail nor be discouraged."

In Habakkuk, God says: "Behold ye among the nations, and regard, and wonder marvellously: for I work a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though it be told you." "The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

To Abraham, the first Christian Missionary, God said: "I will bless thee, . . . and thou shalt be a blessing: . . . and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed." That is a promise, and it still awaits fulfilment. God also said: "All flesh shall see the salvation of God." And Jesus said: "This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a testimony unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

And so today the prospects are just as bright as the promises of God. "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the Word of our God shall stand for ever." HATH HE SAID, AND SHALL HE NOT MAKE IT GOOD? —Fishers of Men, Kobe, Japan.

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THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT OF GOD'S WITNESSES

A message given at the Missionary Conference by
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I am pleased to be at this Missionary meeting, and as I covet your prayers and want you to pray intelligently for me, I want to tell you of the future ministry that I believe my Lord has in store for me. I expect to be going to Montreal in Canada for a short ministry. God has been wonderfully blessing in this city and within this last year over two hundred have received the baptism of the Spirit there. Then I believe the Lord has some ministry in Los Angeles, Cal. I trust this war will soon be over so that missionary work will be unrestricted, for I desire to go to England and to Russia and to Persia. What has happened in Russia during the past year is little short of a miracle, and in that great land there are over seventy millions of people to whom the message of the full gospel can be preached for the first time. At the present time I am a missionary to this country. You sent missionaries over to Persia, and I am a missionary from Persia to America.

It is not long since I came from the midst of the terrible scenes of this present awful war where so many of our people were killed and where three of our Pentecostal workers sealed their testimony with their blood. Our vineyards have been destroyed and we as a nation have been left desolate. Every denomination in this country has sent help to their people, and we must not forget the poor, destitute Pentecostal people of that land. Things are so high there, and the exchange is so low. Every American dollar is only worth 50 cents at this present time in Persia. Don't forget to pray for the Pentecostal people of Persia. They are depending on the God of Pentecost and He is going to feed them until Jesus comes.

There are also great openings for laborers in Greece. What openings everywhere! When the Moslems were surrounding me, and it looked as if my life would be taken, God said to me that He had a message for me yet to deliver to His saints. I have written this message or rather series of messages and they have been published under the title of "Timely Messages of Warning," and can be gotten from the Gospel Publishing House for the sum of 25 cts.

The One Thing Needed.

I want you to read with me the eleventh chapter of John, in which we have the wonderful story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the grave. Note especially verse 35, *Jesus wept.*

What is the most necessary equipment for the missionary? This is the question on the heart of every sincere Christian worker. What is the secret of a fruitful ministry? Is it to have a good training, or to get a good hold of the language of the people to whom you are sent; is it to have a message from God; is it to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost and to speak in other tongues? I believe all these things are very good, but they are not the thing. *The thing is here.* It is to have this wondrous Jesus, with His tender heart of infinite compassion and pitying love, with you, and to go forth *with Him* weeping as you sow the precious seed, and you will doubtless come back rejoicing, bearing many sheaves.

These Scriptures give the seat of the power of God and of the power of the resurrection. If you have this you will have the throne of God, you will have God with you. What is the seat of His power? A compassionate heart. Not a heart filled with human compassion; but a heart overflowing with Divine compassion, a loving heart, a

Divine heart, the heart of God and the heart of Jesus Christ controlling us within.

There is apparently no reason that Jesus should weep. Why should He? Did He not know that Lazarus should rise? Did He not know that the disciples' faith should be revived, and that they would not only have faith in God but in Himself also? Did He not know that the hearts of the two sisters would be gladdened at the restoration of their brother? Did He not know that His enemies would be made to see His power? Why did He weep? He surely ought to be glad and rejoicing. But it is written, *Jesus wept.* "Lord Jesus, why art Thou groaning, why art Thou troubled?" (*Because of His great, compassionate, tender, broken heart.* He could not help but weep, for in all their afflictions He was afflicted, and as Son of Man He was so closely identified with man.)

The Presence and Power of Jesus.

The people said, "How He loved Lazarus, how was it He could not have come along in time and then Lazarus would not have died?" They thought Jesus was weeping because He could not raise him up. Jesus was willing to be misunderstood. He wept. Beloved, when you are in trouble, when the dark troubles are so keenly felt, forget not there is One who feels them just as keenly as you do. Don't you think that every one is against you, there is *One* who is on your side. Yes, in spite of your unbelief, He of the infinitely compassionate heart comes and weeps with you in your distress.

How they tried to defeat Him with their unbelief. When He told them to roll away the stone, they cried out, "Why, Lazarus has been dead four days, by this time his body has decayed." Jesus said, "Said I not unto thee, that if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God." I believe Jesus is the same today as then. He has the same spirit and the same heart. And if you have not this same Spirit of Jesus, though you may preach the letter of Scripture, your ministry will have no value. Try all the spirits by the Spirit of the Lord Jesus. (O God, help us to have the broken heart of Jesus, to have the tender spirit of Jesus!) The secret of power in the life and ministry is here. "Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest? For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord: but *to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at My word.*" (Isa. 66:1, 2.) And again, "Thus saith the high and holy One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, *with Him also that is of a humble and contrite spirit,* to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones." (Isa. 57:15.) Beloved, the seat of God is a broken heart and a contrite spirit.

Do you want to go from here to China? Go with the infinite heart of compassion of Jesus for China. Are you returning to Japan? Go with the tender spirit of Jesus towards those people. (God had weeping prophets, Jesus had weeping apostles, and they all went forth with this tender, loving heart of our God with them, and because they were humble in spirit and contrite in heart they accomplished things for God. This is our need, *the heart of Jesus.*)

The Compassionate Saviour.

Jesus saw them weeping and He had sympathy with them, and He did not wipe His own tears away until theirs

was gone. Yes, Jesus weeps with you, and He does not wipe away His tears until yours are gone. Human sympathy is all right as far as it goes, but human sympathy does not amount to much; it is the sympathy of God we need, the love of God, the tenderness of God. All the miracles Jesus performed because He was moved by Divine compassion; and because of this infinite compassion, the blind were able to see, the deaf to hear, the dumb to speak, the lepers were cleansed. What was the source of this? The love of God, the compassion of God filling Him. And if we are filled with this same Divine compassion, we shall do the works that Jesus did and greater works, because He has gone to the Father. And that is why the Holy Ghost has come, to shed abroad in our hearts this love of God, yea, to shed it abroad out of us to others. Yes, the healing of the sick will be the result of the heart of God being within you.

If we receive the gifts of the Spirit without this compassion of Christ there will be a danger of our ministry to the people becoming false. We pray for the gifts, but why not cry to God for this compassion of Christ? If we have this compassion God will give all the gifts necessary. When gifts come with the compassion of Christ, we will not be puffed up, but rather, hidden away. The foundation of all is *love*. Why did God bring the children of Israel out of Egypt? Because He is good and His mercy endureth for ever. He is good. That is why. His loving, gracious heart delighted to do such things.)

The spirit of envy is not the spirit of Jesus, the spirit of mastery is not the spirit of Jesus, the spirit of criticism is not the spirit of Jesus. He says, "Learn of me, for I am meek and lowly of heart and ye shall find rest for your souls." When you learn of Him, you will find God will work through you.

The Power of Love.

When I went to Persia I knew the horrible hatred the people had for me through the false reports that had preceded me, and everyone did their best to discourage me. I would go out and sit and play my accordion; I would close my eyes, and how the tears would flow, and when I would open my eyes I would see the people round me with the tears streaming down their faces. Before I preached I wanted to have the compassion of my Saviour behind me. I cried, "O God, all I want is Thy compassion!" And when the battle begun, the love of God overcame. (O to be channels of God, saved from stiffness, saved from false things, and filled with God's love, God's groanings of spirit, and travail of spirit.)

Jesus said, "Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down and I have power to take it again." Have you that kind of love? Suppose people spit upon you. Have you power to let them? Let people do all manner of evil against you. Have you power to take their ill-treatment in the Spirit of Jesus? The power of love! O God, give us power that will kill selfishness! Give us power that will let the people of the world spit upon us, and the people of God speak evil of us, the power that will love them through it all. This is the Spirit of Christ. This is the Spirit God has come to fill us with.)

God help us to confess our pride, our envy, our selfishness, for behind all these things is the spirit of the devil. God blessed the devil and gave him high position in heaven, but then envy crept into his heart and he fell, and a whole host of the angels fell with him and were made devils. This was the spirit that got into Cain and made him kill his brother. Let each one of us cry to God, "Give me a broken heart, and a lowly spirit, the spirit of one who is willing to be trodden upon. Give me the compassion of Jesus.")

ANGELIC MINISTRY.

"He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways." (Psa. 91:11.)

Special providence sometimes demands special angelic intervention. Abraham entertained "angels unawares" when they came to warn him of impending events and of destruction coming to Sodom and Gomorrah. They materialized and ate and drank with him.

The angel Gabriel was sent to Mary to announce the incarnation, and with the first advent the angelic hosts came down to earth. And think you not that God has not got His heralds in reserve to announce the second coming of His Son? Tier upon tier, hosts beyond hosts, and many degrees of angels in strength, quality and beauty! You think a big city has many people, crowds and crowds. God has His millions where earth has its thousands, a company that no man can number. Each being is perfect and each one as much superior to a full grown man as the sage is to the infant. "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" They that be for us are more than they that be against us. The majority are good angels, good spirits.

As God is bringing forth these spirits and giving them their special commission, their special work, so Satan is bringing up his reserves, and he is emptying hell of his reserves. God does not need to empty heaven.

Salvation is so precious and so valuable to the individual, and because it is so valuable Satan seeks to destroy it as he sought to destroy the author of salvation; and it is so precious that God, in addition to the Son, in addition to the Holy Spirit, in addition to the Word, is adding this, the hosts of heaven to aid in the ministry of salvation. He gives prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. They are all helpful, all valuable, but they are human, and a teacher may teach error though he started with the truth. But these ministering spirits never make a mistake and never tire. They hearken to His voice. (Psa. 103:20.) With ear attuned to hear the voice of God they are filled with divine strength to execute His commands.

Daniel knew the ministry of angels both for revelation and for protection in the den of lions. Angels bring prophecy, and God has angels to deal with beasts. When you are surrounded by beasts He has His special angels to deal with them, and He has His special angels who minister truth. "O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding." The same one was sent to Mary to announce the coming of the Holy Spirit upon her. And He is sending forth His ministering spirits now as the advance, the prelude, of the second advent.

It was one angel to Mary, but it is hosts now, not only in the assembly but on the battlefield. Where sin abounds there grace does much more abound; and where evil spirits are, the ministering spirits do much more abound. The Word of God is true, the angels are real, and their work effective, definite and for eternity.

(No one who is sincerely striving to serve God should ever be discouraged because of God's chastisements. When the Lord is correcting us it proves that He does not ignore us, that His eye is upon us, and though His hand may seem heavy, yet the very fact that such an infinite God condescends to lay His hand upon us at all should cause us to run into His arms. But the chastisements to God's disobedient children are all fashioned in grace. So, however dark the night or however heavy the blow, it reveals to us the fact that we have a place in the attentions of God, that poor and mean as we are we occupy a place in His infinite regard, and this radiant fact that God's eye is upon us should be the fountain of a thousand encouragements.)

«IN AND ROUND ABOUT THE TRENCHES
IN FRANCE.»

One fine day a few months ago, as several of the Lord's servants were distributing Testaments to the ——— Brigade of R. F. A., two of their number came to the cooking department of the camp. Busily engaged preparing the mid-day meal were some eight or nine cooks, surrounded by several bags of potatoes and tin baths of carrots and onions, whilst several huge joints of meat were lying in all kinds of vessels around. One bright-faced soldier cook—looking the very picture of health, on receiving a Testament, opened it, and turning to his comrades, laughingly remarked, "Shall I read you a verse?" Without waiting for a reply he proceeded thus:—"Beef, carrots and onions, Beef, carrots and onions."

This necessarily caused a roar of laughter from his comrades. "That's your translation of the verse," remarked the other distributor. "Now shall I read you a verse?" The Christian (himself an old soldier) began, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting Life." (John 3:16).

"When I was in India, God by His Holy Spirit blessed that verse to my soul's salvation," he went on, "and may God bless it to each of you." It's a wonderful verse, a great God, Creator of all, a great Love. For God so loved (who can measure it), "A great company," the world, none can say, not for me, "A great Gift," His only begotten Son, "A great Invitation," that whosoever believeth in Him, king or beggar, old or young, civilian or soldier, "A great Deliverance" (should not perish), and a "great Inheritance," but have Everlasting Life.

Adjoining the cook-houses were half a dozen or more soldiers cleaning limber wagons, shell cases, etc. Each man gratefully accepted a copy of the Testament, one fine stalwart fellow of this party, saying, "Look here, I enlisted to get killed; did you?"

"Yes, well, and suppose you do get killed, what then?"

"Well, you've only got to die once, and there's an end of it."

Turning to Heb. 9:27, the Lord's servant read, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment."

"Yes, but that's only a matter of opinion," he went on.

"Indeed, it is not, it is, the infallible Word of the Living God, who cannot lie. Why I have just come from the prisoners' tent, over there by the cabbage field, and been chatting with one of your comrades who is doing C.C. (confined to camp). When the Colonel sentenced him to ten days' C.C., did he say, 'Ah, well that's a matter of opinion?' Of course not, at any rate there is an armed guard watching over him, and two or three others. Death does not end all, there is that after death which makes the stoutest heart to quail." "After death the judgment." Thank God, death to the believer in the Lord Jesus Christ is everlasting gain, it is only a quick transition from earth to heaven, to be absent from the body and present with the Lord. What fruit for God and eternal blessing to the men of the ——— Brigade R.F.A. the distribution of those thousand copies of the Khaki Testament will produce, "That day," will declare. Some of these men have been killed, others wounded, whilst a number are "missing." Only in one solitary instance was the Word of God refused in terms such as these, "No, I don't want it, I'm a R.C. and proud of it."

"And I am a believer in the Saviour of sinners, and prouder still of that," was the prompt rejoinder.

"Shall I tell you of one of the soldiers in that brigade, who received a Testament in that camp, and one to whom I have spoken on more than one occasion? After a terri-

ble battle at ———, this brave fellow, observing a badly wounded comrade lying in the open, some distance away, and in the direction of the enemy, volunteered to go out and bring him to a place of safety, and he went."

"Brave fellow," you say, and rightly so, "heroic conduct!" It was indeed. How glad I am that I had the privilege of speaking to him, give him a Testament, and shake his hand that day in the camp. Did he get the V.C., you inquire? No, he did not.

"Your gold will waste and wear away,
Your honours perish in a day."

The V.C. could only have been conferred upon him posthumously (although there are not wanting instances where this has been done). He was rewarded with something far above any mere human honor or distinction. Whilst performing this gallant deed, a piece of shell from the enemy's guns ushered him into the presence of Christ. On what ground? Because He gave his life for King and country in performance of an heroic deed? *No! No! No! Ten thousands times no!* But, you ask, "Does it not say in the Bible, 'Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends?'"

"Yes, John 15:13, tells you this, and the words fell from the lips of the Eternal Son of God, the Upholder of the Universe, and the Saviour of Sinners," but He also said, "Ye must be born again." Look it up, comrade, in your Testament, it's John's Gospel, third chapter, seventh verse. This brave soldier was a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, and by reason of faith in His finished work, his spirit is now with Christ, whilst his mangled body lies "somewhere in France," awaiting the fulfilment of 1 Thess. 4:14-17. The Bible teaches that Salvation is the free gift of God, and cannot be obtained by anything man can do, whether it be by prayer, money, penance, pilgrimage, doing one's duty, acts of bravery on the battlefield, or anything else. No.

"Not all the honors of the world,
Nor all its gold combined,
Can give relief, or comfort yield,
To one distracted mind
But blessed news,—thrice blessed news,
The ever precious blood;
Of Christ can bring the sinner nigh,
And give him peace with God."

And yet there are people, and their number is legion, who strive for earthly honors, and live in this world as though it were never to have an end, and for the next world as though it were never to have a beginning.

A Jewish soldier, Corporal Seager, was offered a Testament by a comrade. "I don't want that book," he replied, "and I don't believe in the Jesus it speaks of; my religion forbids me to have anything to do with Him," but he took the book, nevertheless, and John 4:22 was quoted. Not long afterwards he wrote, "I have studied the New Testament, and I am convinced that Jesus is the Messiah, and I have trusted Him for His salvation." Then, like Andrew (John 1:40-42), he went to his brother, A——, and brought him to Jesus. Although in different regiments, these two brothers were killed within a few days of each other, a short time ago in France.

Another Jewish soldier wrote the other day, "Please send me an Old and New Testament, and I will certainly read it and make the most of it." Yet a third of Abraham's race wrote: "I will treasure now and for all time a New Testament if you will send me one."

A few weeks ago, a Christian sergeant asked a rifleman why he was not saved. "I don't know," was the reply, "I want to be, and have for a long time past." Ah! how glad he was to listen to the blessed story of Redeem-

ing Love, and to receive Christ into his heart by faith. The following night he brought a comrade, who was also anxious for salvation, and he soon went on his way rejoicing. "I am very happy," this latter one exclaimed, "but if I was not, I should still be saved, because God says, 'He that believeth on the Son hath Everlasting Life.'" "Happy the child of God who rests upon what God hath said and not upon 'what I feel.'" Two or three nights afterwards, the two came to the Christian sergeant and said, "There is another comrade of ours who wants to be saved, but he is away on duty."

"Only Christ, only Christ, will do for these lads," writes the sergeant. One of the two mentioned above wrote a few days following: "I have no Testament. Please send me one; it is a good comrade for the trenches."

A K.R. Rifleman wrote a little while ago: "Me and my comrade have decided for Christ. A corporal has been telling us so kindly and gently the simple plan of salvation, we could not but feel God's power behind his words, and our prayer now is, that he may point many others of our comrades to Christ."

My dear readers, soldier or civilian, I am not telling you fairy tales, I am telling you facts, blessed glorious facts, and I could go on for hours. Oh! this hungering and thirsting for the Word of God amongst our soldiers and sailors. A soldier on active service was given a Khaki Testament. He read it, trusted Christ, and confessed Him; he was killed in battle recently, and his will, made on a scrap of paper, disclosed the fact that he had left his savings (some twenty pounds, or one hundred dollars) to the Bible Society, to provide Testaments for his comrades in the army.—J. J. P., 18 The Broadway, W. Worthing, England.

((YOUTH RENEWED.))

"Thy youth is renewed like the eagle's."
Psalm 103:5.

What is this? Oh! Glorious truth,
He, my Lord, renews my youth,
Creates in me a new delight,
Fills me with His glorious life.

No longer old, and worn, and gray,
Traveling on my weary way,
Expecting all the woes of age,
With mournful thoughts my soul engage.

But gladly now the morning breaks,
As He to joys anew awakes,
With life abundant as of yore,
Of youthful days long gone before.

The joy of life in Him to know,
While in this vale of tears below,
Of life that bubbles o'er in praise,
And fills with gladness all the days.)

Oh! Hal'elujah, it is true,
He does in fact my youth renew,
The loving One abides within,
Victor o'er disease and sin.

And death and age are held at bay
While we go on our gladsome way,
Exulting in this glorious truth,
That He, my Lord, renews my youth.

Oh, Hallelujah! what rare and precious promises the Word of God contains, all checks on the Bank of Heaven; yet how few are cashed. They are taken out, and looked at, wondered over, longed for, and then put away for presentation on some future date—perhaps.

Meantime the enemy is busy, for he is always issuing his checks, yes, and pays them too in doubt, and fear, and loss to spirit, soul, and body; for when we don't present one of the Lord's checks we practically present one to the enemy, and he'll cash it right enough, as many find to their sorrow. All of us are leading a life of faith—or unbelief—and we reap what we sow continually; we don't have to wait for the hereafter for this harvest for we gather the products day by day.

Just think for a moment, how many believe that this promise is *literally true*—"Thy youth is renewed like the eagle's." How is the youth of the eagle renewed? I have read somewhere that as it gets old its beak gets very long, or *part of it*, so long that it cannot eat its food, and consequently it loses its health and strength and would soon die, but by a process of nature the beak is shed, and immediately the bird can eat again, its strength is renewed, and it becomes young again. I am quoting from memory, so there may be some discrepancies, but the *fact remains*.

Some may say, how does that affect us? Our youth cannot be renewed in like manner, true, but the old man of sin, and disease, and helpless old age can be done away—yea, even death itself—as we present this promise to God for fulfillment, and refusing to admit the feebleness, ailments, and want of life, and energy which accompanies old age, we constantly renew our strength day by day. Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, glory to His name, and how happy we are, as we come from the Bank of Heaven every morning with a fresh supply, and how God is glorified in finding a soul in whom He can manifest the *life abundant* according to His word? "He that hath the Son hath life," not a poor weeny little bit of it, but life in its fullest measure according to our capacity, as we believe and lay hold by faith on the promises of God.

I remember reading about some one who said that they dreaded to die by disease but saw no hardship in dying with old age, but when they felt old age creeping on, and the old ship breaking to pieces as it were plank by plank, it wore a very different aspect. And when we speak of coming to the grave as a shock of corn fully ripe, we must remember that it is there in its prime, full of vitality, not in a decayed and mildewed, or mouldy condition. Oh! Praise the Lord, for a few who will pass on like Moses with eye not dim, or natural force abated, if He tarry. Glory to His Holy Name, I have felt the fulness of His power with every line He has given me to write, and the witness of His Spirit praising in tongues. So I know it is of the Lord. One thing is certain—if He does not work in some of us,—who are getting into years,—as people say—the victory over old age, as well as over disease and death, we shall not be among those who will be caught up to meet Him in the air when He comes; but He who has planted the desire in our hearts will fulfill it for His own praise and glory. Amen. So be it.—M. Martin, 196 Upland Rd., E. Dulwich, London, S. E., England.

A crimson salvation is the only salvation. In Christ's soul He endured God's wrath against sin, and in His body He endured the malice and murder of wicked men against a holy God. In His soul He was smitten by the law of justice, and in His body He was smitten by the nails of the hatred of sinners. But in reality all flesh is made of blood; every atom of human body is produced from the blood in the heart, and again, the worth of any blood is measured by the character and dignity of the creature who owns it. Oh! what blind fools men are when they treat, by word and act, the Blood of the blessed Son of God as a common thing; and know not that it will cost them hell fire for thrusting at that precious Blood.—Sel.

PICTURES OF PENTECOST IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

Picture XVI. Life from the dead. Eze. 37:1-14.

Another incident from the life of the prophet Ezekiel, to illustrate the mighty power of the Spirit of God! The prophet was carried out under the Spirit's power (as Philip was lifted in Acts 8:39, 40) and set down in the midst of a valley filled with dry bones. He was caused to examine them very closely, and to grasp the whole situation, and then the Lord asked him the direct question, "Can these bones live?" Note well the answer. Ezekiel knew that from the human point of view it was impossible; but he had too much experience and knowledge of God to judge the matter without reckoning Him into it; he knew that "the things which are impossible with men are possible with God;" so he replied, "O Lord God, Thou knowest."

Then came the object-lesson. As the obedient servant of God prophesied to those dry bones, crying to them, "Hear the Word of the Lord," there was a noise and a shaking, the bones came together, sinews, flesh and skin covered them; and an immense army of corpses lay there on the plain. "But there was no breath in them." Next came the command to prophesy to the wind, and as the breath from God entered into those corpses, "they lived and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army." A whole multitude of dry bones transformed into a host of living warriors, by the entrance of the Breath, or Spirit of God.

This is what Pentecost has come to do for the churches: to bring life out of death, to infuse zeal and vigor in the place of somnolence and decay. But where there has been failure, where hidden sin has been tolerated, or the first love departed from, the very Pentecostal assembly itself has become dead and dry in its turn. What is the remedy? Surely what the Lord here showed Ezekiel in vision: a twofold prophesying, (1) to the dry bones themselves, in the life and mighty power of the Spirit, and (2) to the wind, that the Breath of God may come and impart the new life.

Oh how we need prophets in these days! May the Lord send us many of them, humble enough to get His message, and bold enough to proclaim it without fear or favor. They need to be men of strong faith, able to read the conditions of the world and the church without becoming discouraged or weakened in faith; able to walk around the dry bones and estimate aright the whole situation, and then to look up to God and say, "Ah Lord, God, behold Thou hast made the heaven and the earth by Thy great power and stretched-out arm, and *there is nothing too hard for Thee.*" (Jer. 32:17.)

There is a two-fold ministry for the prophet, (1) manward, and (2) Godward. He has to preach to the dry bones in faith that they will indeed "hear the Word of the Lord." If the Lord sends you to preach to a very dead and dry church or assembly, do not fear to obey. But remember that *the prophet must not be dead or dry himself.* It takes a mighty infilling of the Spirit of God to preach to dry bones without becoming dried up oneself. Ezekiel gives us the secret of his success when he says, "The hand of the Lord was upon me, and carried me out in the Spirit of the Lord." Abiding hidden in the hollow of that mighty Hand, we find a perennial spring of Living Waters, and the Spirit's life is ever fresh and powerful.

And the second part of the prophet's ministry—the Godward side—is the one so often neglected. "Prophesy unto the wind. . . Thus saith the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." This means the effectual, fervent prayer in secret, without which all the public preaching will be in vain. After the preaching to the dry bones,

there was a "noise" and behold a shaking"—just what we see so often in these latter day Pentecostal meetings. (Would you not rather have the noise that denotes *life*, than all the quiet, orthodox stillness of the cemetery?)

Why does the Holy Spirit so often *shake* people when His power falls upon them? (He tells us in Heb. 12:27 that it "signifieth the removing of those things that may be shaken, as of the things that are made; that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.") He finds so much "in us that is of the flesh, of this present world—"things that are made"—and He wants to shake them out, so that He may come in with His mighty power and fill us with the Spirit-life, i. e., "the things which cannot be shaken." When you feel the Spirit shaking you, just *yield* to Him. It is the unyielded soul with something *still left* (perhaps unconsciously) of the *flesh or of resistance, which has to be shaken.* The utterly yielded soul does not get shaken: is just lifted up by the Spirit and moved hither and thither like the cherubim "whithersoever the Spirit was to go."

(And after the shaking we read that "the bones came together bone to his bone." What a blessed uniting is that of the Holy Spirit's work! "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body," and He it is who unites His people together as nothing else can, making them in reality *members one of another.*) "And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above"—a closer union still! It reminds one of the formation of the General Council of the Assemblies of God. A man-made organization? No, indeed! But the indwelling Spirit was drawing the members of the body of Christ closer together, making them feel more of the organic unity which existed between them; and so the sinews and skin uniting them began gradually to appear. We are members not of an *organization* but of an *organism*—all the difference in the world—Hallelujah!

But the all-important work is that of *prayer* effectual, fervent, persevering, secret intercession, that the Breath of God may come into these slain ones, so far changed and awakened, and fill them with LIFE. From the ascension of Jesus, His disciples were waiting in the upper room, drawn more and more closely together, "with one accord," continuing in prayer and supplication. Then on the day of Pentecost came the rushing, mighty wind, type of the Spirit's life-giving power, "and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." "So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the Breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army." And after the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, that feeble band of 120 humble fisher-folks went forth as "an exceeding great army" in the power of the Spirit, to win the world for God.

Eleven years ago another humble little army went forth from the old Azusa St. Mission in Los Angeles: and ere long the Latter Rain had fallen in all parts of the earth. Why should it not be so again? Come from the four winds, O Breath of God! Come in whatever way Thou wilt, either as the south wind of prosperity or the north wind of adversity and persecution. Come as the gentle west wind, bringing showers of the latter rain; or as the bleak east wind, withering all the goodness of the flesh; but oh *come*, in all Thy power, and fill us afresh with Thy life, yea, with the life more abundant; that wherever there has been nought but deadness and dryness, a host of mighty warriors may be raised up, to be Thy witnesses unto the uttermost parts of the earth!—A. E. L.

(The greatest thing with man is His contact with God; to watch the dealings of God is his highest occupation, to trust God is his highest security, and to love God with a pure, constant love is his sweetest joy.)

FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

In what sense may a man be filled with a spirit? Parallel expressions present no difficulty. Elsewhere we read: "They were all filled with *wrath*," "they were filled with *fear*," and "were filled with *madness*," "they were filled with *indignation*," "they were filled with *envy*." When we read that men are filled with wrath, fear, envy, and such like stormy passions, we understand that all their faculties are dominated by such forces, and that these passions urge them on to energetic deeds, which fitly express the hold such passions possess upon their understanding, wishes, and affections.

If a man is filled with wrath, then, for the time being, that wrath overmasters and tramples down every other principle of action. Forces which for the most part lie dormant, suddenly rise, to the mastery of the whole man. Every faculty is roused to abnormally intense activity; so much so, that men in such a condition are often said to be "beside themselves." When one gives way deliberately to such evil passions, he may be said to be "filled with Satan." "Why hath Satan filled thine heart?" said an apostle to a deliberate liar.

Men might be overmastered, not merely by their own passions, but by powers of evil from without. Such were those who suffered from that mysterious malady—demoniacal possession; and when so "possessed," men became the vehicles of superhuman energies; they became violent, dangerous, unnaturally strong, snapping chains, breaking fetters, injuring themselves, and any others who might chance to come within their power. Such phenomena were fearfully common in that day, and no one was ignorant of the fact that a man might be possessed, swayed, and dominated by a spirit other than his own. But if evil spirits could exert such sway over man, why not the Spirit of God also? Is that to be considered impossible? Parallel expressions present no difficulty. Elsewhere we the Spirit of Evil?

Here, then, is the real glory of Pentecost: "They were all filled with the Holy Spirit." The Divine Spirit took complete possession, dominating every faculty, swaying every power, and using every energy, just as He willed. Supernatural effects immediately followed. Of course they did. Such effects were conclusive proofs that men were now possessed by another Spirit than their own. The Lord had *suddenly* come to His temple! Man was now a temple of the Holy Ghost—willingly and gladly so.

At Pentecost the Spirit was *welcomed* to human hearts. One reason, at least, for that strange silence and waiting of the ten days, while the Spirit tarried, was to show to all concerned, that Jesus Christ had prepared and left a people separated unto this very work of yielding themselves entirely to the possession of the Spirit. There was no forcing, no victimising an unwilling character. God and man were at one again in the purpose that human nature should be controlled, dominated, filled with the Divine.

"Filled with the Holy Ghost!" Thrice-blessed word! Thanks be to God that ever the tongues of men were taught it! It declares not only that the Lord has returned to His temple in the human soul, but that He has filled the house with His glory; pervaded every chamber, every court, by His manifested presence.—A. Gregory Wilkin-son.

The minute you get under condemnation, away goes your faith.

It is a good prayer, instead of clamoring for God to speak to us, to pray Him to still all our souls until we can hear Him speak.

DAILY PORTION FROM THE KING'S BOUNTY

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Sunday. "His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness." 2 Pet. 1:3.
"Blessed be the God and Father of our Saviour Jesus Christ, Who hath blessed us with such blessings, all uncounted, all unpriced;
Let our high and holy calling, and our strong salvation be Theme of never-ending praises, God of sovereign grace to Thee."

Monday. "For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ." 2 Cor. 1:5.

The more real our union becomes with Jesus, the more we shall know of suffering, for He was a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief. There is always a lack somewhere in those lives that have suffered little. You miss the mellowness, the ripeness, the fragrance; this only comes into the lives of those who have known the power of His consolation, reserved for those who suffer with Him. Accept then the cross He permits with a heart of thankfulness. Glory unspeakable lies beyond.

Tuesday. "Who against hope believed in hope." Rom. 4:18.

"What you see in the light do not doubt in the dark." Supposing then you have left the mountain-top of heavenly vision, and are plunging alone through the dark, misty valley of testing—God's promise is just as sure as it was to Abraham, who sorely tested "staggered not at the promise through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God."

"God is faithful, God is working,
Only wait."

Wednesday. "When my Spirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou knewest my path." Psa. 142:3.

"Do not yield to the temptation of looking at everything at once, as if everything would happen at once, and all the events of the day be crowded into an hour. Do not thus forecast, but take each thing as it comes to you, and look upon it as the present expression of the will of God concerning you; then regard the next in the same way, and thus receive your day piece by piece from Him who will remember always when He gives you work to do, that you need strength to do it."

Thursday. "Let not your hearts faint, fear not, and do not tremble." Deut. 20:3.

How like our faithful Lord to speak
Such words of reassurance blest,
That, midst earth's fierce and threat'ning strife,
Breathe, in our souls His peace and rest.

Friday. "All these are the beginning of sorrows." Matt. 24:8.

A bit of data from a current periodical should impress us deeply with the present unspeakable horrors of the world war. In Belgium 3,000,000 people are living on one meal a day, supplied through the Commission for Relief in Belgium. In northern France 2,100,000, mostly women and children, are going barefooted, and lack sufficient food. In Servia 5,000,000 people are deprived of their living and of any chance to make it. In Poland 11,000,000 women and children are suffering from exposure, hunger and disease. Of the Armenians 1,175,000 have no means to help themselves. Albania presents the spectacle of a nation dying of hunger. The armies that have swept over the country have taken everything, leaving the women and children to starve. Corn sells at \$50 a bushel, flour at \$80 a sack, macaroni at \$80 a pound.

Saturday. "His compassions fail not." Lam. 3:22.

He cannot fail,—tho' all the universe
Be swept apart from this its natural course;
His hand is outstretched still to mark thy way.

THE SEARCH FOR TRUTH.

A warning against the error of "Spiritualism."

Many, since Pilate, have asked, "What is truth?" It is the universal query. As relating to religion, it becomes a question of immense importance, since on the correct answer depends the salvation of immortal souls. (Men are saved or lost through acceptance or rejection of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus, *not by that which they may deem to be truth.*)

"Truth is absolutely imperial. You may trifle with it, but you cannot force it to adapt itself to your wish or will. You can neither twist it nor distort it, nor by any loud assertion of what you think it is or think it ought to be, force it to be other than it is. (It is the searchlight of the Almighty God, before which the darkness flees.) It is the last analysis of man in the mental, moral and physical part of him. Truth leads to freedom when it is owned, accepted and followed."

"Truth is God's view-point." There are many religions or systems of worship, and there is but *one* true religion. Jesus said to Pilate, "to this end was I born and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth." Jno. 18:17. "Pilate saith unto Him, What is truth?" and contempt rings through his words.

To those who believe on the Word, the answer is simple; for those who do not, there is *no* answer in this present world, there is *only endless speculation.*

"The WORD was made flesh and dwelt among us." Then said Jesus, "If ye continue in my word (in Me), then are ye my disciples indeed, and *ye shall know the truth* and the truth shall make you free. (Jno. 8:31, 32.) Behold the answer to the query, "What is truth?"

Finite beings are struggling today as ever, to fit the infinite truth into the moulds of their own minds, but they cannot force it to adapt itself to any form but its own. ("I am the *way*, the *truth* and the *life.*" One who strays out of the way loses sight of the truth, and spiritual life speedily merges into spiritual death.)

Among the clever and ingenious inventions of Satan's intelligence which are taught and received as truth in this age is what is termed "Spiritualism" or "Christian Spiritualism." This like "Christian" Science is an usurpation of the name, Christian, for which there is *no* warrant. Two systems of belief more opposed to the teaching of Christ could not well be devised, even by Satan himself. That they are a fulfilment of prophecy, however, Jesus's own words prove, for He said, "For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ, and shall deceive many." (Matt. 24:5.)

If there is one sin that God denounces more than another it is that of meddling with spirits of the underworld. The case of Saul is one of the clearest in the Old Testament. Since, because of his disobedience, he could get no word from God, Saul, determined to *know*, broke God's laws and his own. Saul had, as he supposed, driven all traffickers in the unholy game of sorcery or divination out of his kingdom. But it was no easier then than now to abolish evil. There still lurked at least one witch in Endor. In his wilfulness, he turns to her for the information which God had refused him. The disastrous result of his presumptuous inquiry is recorded in 1 Sam. 28th chapter, (also read 2 Kings: 6-16.)

Judah and Jerusalem were the objects of terrible threats, and of a more terrible fulfilment, "because they have done that which was evil in my sight and have provoked me to anger since the day that their father's came out of Egypt, even unto this day." A continuous course of sin, murmuring, unbelief, idolatry and witchcraft!

The modern manifestations of spiritualism are very similar to those of the times above noticed, only in order

to catch Christians as well as sinners in his net, the devil has prefixed the word "Christian" to his hell-born doctrine, and precious souls are being drawn into this delusion, even souls who have been saved through the blood of Jesus. They are caught by the bare-faced assertion that "this is exactly what Jesus and the Apostles taught," and by the bait of higher spiritual development.

Christ said repeatedly, that He came to do the will of God, to speak His words. "I can of mine self do nothing. . . . I seek not mine own will but the will of the Father which hath sent me." (Jno. 5:30.) Jesus came to bear witness to the truth. Would or did he teach abhorrent practices which the Father had always forbidden to His chosen people? "I and my Father are one." Does that mean anything or not? Tested by the Word which is pure and cannot contradict itself the flimsy foundation upon which this lying doctrine is built up becomes at once apparent.

Grant that a semblance of some departed friend does *seemingly* come and communicate with you. How are you going to prove that it is not a Satan-sent demon? Has it ever been proved that the spirits of the dead came back? Jesus expressly said that the spirits which tormented men were "spirits of demons" and unclean.

Truth dispels darkness. Truth is not afraid of the light. The works of spiritualism must be done in darkness. Turn on the light and manifestations cease, except such as are not quite quick enough to get away from the sudden exposure.

We do not deny that there are spirits doing their hellish work among men. We do dare assert that much of the so-called messages, rappings, apparitions are pure fake; but much is of the devil.

The serpent in Eden, Simon the sorcerer, the damsel who had a spirit of divination, were all exposed and routed. The witch of Endor was more terrified and astonished than Saul when the spirit of Samuel appeared, showing that she expected no great results from her incantations. The things practiced by those that pretend to be (and perhaps are) under control of spirits, are surely foolish and absurd enough to open the eyes of anyone to the falsity of the whole thing.

We know of one woman who has her walls covered with scripture mottoes. She claims to heal to the glory of God, and whose special aid is onion poultices. She also uses angle-worm oil. She prays over a glass of water, and gives a part to her patient; drinks a part herself, dips her

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fingers in the remainder and applies it to the affected part. She says her "control" tells her to spit in the patient's eye. The astonishing thing is that she finds those that believe in her.

We would say to any one who are being deceived by these things to put away childish things and become *men*. It is a shame to anyone to be taken in by such pitiful deception. It would seem too foolish to notice were it not that precious souls are going to destruction under the influence of this awful delusion. The most casual reading of the following Scripture shows the risk men run by disobeying God in this matter. 1 Sam. 28th chapter, Ex. 22:18, Lev. 19:26, Lev. 20:6, Deut. 18:10, 2 Chron. 33:2-6, Mic. 5:12, Mal. 3:5, Gal. 5:19-20, Rev. 21:8, Rev. 22:15.

Sinners who know not God nor His loving care over His children may be deceived in their search for help, healing or comfort, but a Christian, never, except he be one of those who is "ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." (2 Tim. 3:7.) Then indeed he is in danger lest God send him a "strong delusion." (Isa. 6:4, 2 Thess. 2:11.)

There is only one God-given Spirit to guide His children. Remember truth can only lead to freedom when it is recognized, accepted and followed. Freedom from delusion and from danger is to be won and kept only through a humble looking to God for guidance, not by running hither and thither, chasing the will-o'-the-wisp sent before you by Satan to lure you into the pit of destruction.—Emily S. Hubbell.

THE PRESENT CONDITION OF THE LOWER MEXICAN WORK.

I have just read the report of the Mexican work in the Evangel of the 6th inst., and I have felt strongly impressed to inform you as to the present condition of our work. A few days can sometimes greatly alter conditions, and so in this instance the report submitted by Dr. Murcutt at the General Council does not at present apply to the work, great changes having been wrought in this short time.

During my visit at the Council one of our strongest missions, Los Indios, located twenty miles from Brownsville, on the banks of the Rio Grande, suffered what all of our other missions have suffered, an exodus into Mexico. That mission has been ever since its birth a self-supporting church, supporting first myself as pastor and then a native worker, Jose Garza. They had drawn up plans to build a small church building for the winter, were about to secure a lot for building, when all at once from about thirty-five the church has dwindled to fifteen, so of course they cannot now build nor support a pastor.

This exodus has been caused by the draft, as these men were all drafted into service, and as soon as they were requested to present themselves, in my absence at the Council, they, with their families, fled into Mexico, where they have now established themselves, started a new congregation, and one of the new converts came twenty miles last Sunday and was baptized here in Brownsville. We look upon all this as at the exodus at Jerusalem, as it will reach Samaria and Antioch, yea, even Rome (Mexico City), but with all this a new condition has arisen, and I do believe that we are now in the crisis of the Mexican work here on the frontier and in all Mexico.

Here is the condition as it is: We now have Pentecostal Mexican people scattered into eighteen (18) towns, fifteen (15) in Texas and three (3) in Old Mexico, no church now passes over twenty in number (unless it is Kingsville with about twenty-five), all desire to have preaching services established among them as soon as

possible. We now have eight Mexican workers, two are in the active ministry, the others should be, and all except one could be kept in the work upon fifteen dollars (\$15) per month, until these small congregations grow into larger congregations that might become self-supporting. *This is imperative*, and unless we do something for our scattered people they may let the wolves in, as they have just recently been rescued from the darkness of Romanism, weak, not yet established in the Word, they have a zeal and will make a true people when they have a leader, yet easily fall if not pastored. This is the condition of the present Mexican work of the Lower Frontier, and it is, I believe, the crisis of the work. If each Mexican worker could be now placed in the field for a few months, I believe, we would see a most glorious harvest, as the Mexican people now seem so open for the Gospel.

Funds have been received from Chicago to buy a wagon and burros to be used as a Gospel wagon to distribute Bibles, Testaments, Gospels, papers, tracts and hold services throughout all Texas. We hope to soon have this wagon in motion, a Mexican with companion to go from town to town to encourage the believers, distribute the Word, etc., and when they have finished with the Frontier, then cross over into Mexico and start with Tamaulipas and Nuevo Leon States, and thus through the Republic. What a great opportunity this will be for the glory of God! Can we comprehend it? Yet this native worker will need support for his family and funds for literature, as we will need thousands of Gospels and tracts. We should increase the number of our publication, "La Luz Apostolica," from 500 to 5,000 or 10,000 monthly, if we meet this opportunity.

China, India, Africa, Japan and Mexico all stand open for the Gospel, so may God help us to prayerfully and earnestly enter the work He has given us till He come.

H. C. Ball.

If I understand what Christ was for me on the Cross, there is no sin for me before God.

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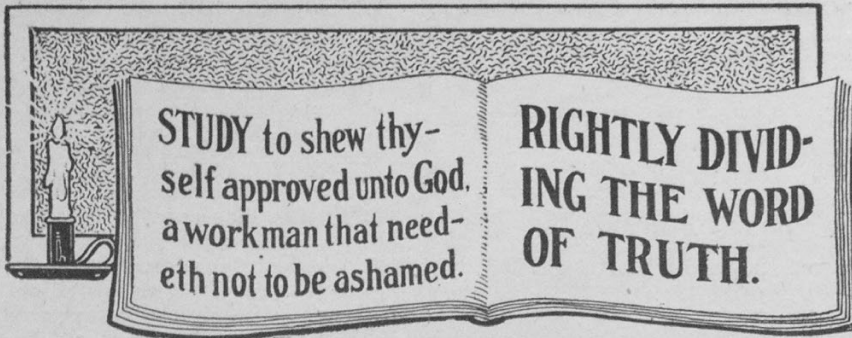
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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

October 28, 1917.

EZRA'S RETURN FROM BABYLON.

Lesson Text: Ezra 8:15-36.

Golden Text: (The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek Him. Ezra 8:22.)

Practical Truth: (The Lord guides and protects those who trust Him.)

Topic: Armed faith.

Time: B. C. 458.

Places: Babylon; Jerusalem.

Two weeks ago our lesson was about the proclamation of Cyrus, allowing the Jewish exiles to return to Jerusalem. At that time about 50,000 Jews went to Jerusalem and began rebuilding the city and temple. Last week our lesson told about the temple being finished and dedicated fifteen years after their return to Jerusalem. This week's lesson tells of a second company of Jews who returned from Babylon under Ezra's leadership some seventy years later than the first company, who returned under the leadership of Zerubbabel. It had been fifty-eight years since the second temple was completed. Jerusalem had not been prosperous and the walls still lay in ruins. They were surrounded by idolatrous people and had made the great mistake of intermarrying with their half-heathen neighbors; they had let down on the high principles they had first held, and as a result were in a discouraged and dissatisfied condition. (People cannot enjoy the blessing and approval of God when they do not obey Him.)

Ezra was a priest and scribe and we read that "Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it;" very significant record. (God reveals His will to the ones who are willing to do His will no matter what the cost, and they are the ones whom God can lead forth into new places in the knowledge and fellowship of Jesus Christ, His Son.) Because of Ezra's personal devotion to God, he was chosen of God to lead this second company of Jews back to Jerusalem. There were about 7,000 of them, but when Ezra "viewed the people," he found there were no Levites present, so sent for some, for they were carrying vessels for the temple, and they should be carried by priests and Levites. Quite a number responded.

Prayer and Fasting. When the people gathered by the river of Ahava, ready to start, Ezra realized his great responsibility and the dangerous journey before them, and so proclaimed a time of fasting and prayer, "to seek of Him a right way." They were carrying a great amount of gold and silver with them, amounting in our money to more than \$4,000,000 which the king of Persia and the chief men of the kingdom and also Jews in Babylon had given as an offering for "the house of the Lord." The country between Babylon and Jerusalem, through which they had to travel was infested with bands of robbers, ready to attack unprotected travelers. Ezra recognized this danger and knew they could have an escort of soldiers if he would but ask the king. But he also knew that to ask protection of the king would be exalting him rather than God. He had spoken to the king, declaring his faith and confidence in God, that the Lord would guide and protect those who seek Him. To reveal anxiety and fear to him now would appear as a practical denial of his faith in God's power. With fine spiritual perception Ezra saw this was a wonderful opportunity to reveal the power of God and His gracious and glorious overshadowing of those who trust Him. He wanted to show that God was the object of his supreme confidence. (God often gives His people the opportunity of proving His power and faithfulness in times of sickness.) He tests them to see if they will stand by what they profess, or whether they will resort to things of the world for help, and send for a doctor instead of trusting God. I have heard people say they believed one should take medicine and trust the Lord to bless it and heal them through it. That would have been like Ezra getting the soldiers to go with them, and asking God to protect them with the help of the soldiers. If he had done that, it would not have brought any glory to God, and when we go to doctors and take medicine, it never exalts God, but it shows we do not believe that the God who made the universe can take care of us. Oh, let us exalt our God by trusting Him like Ezra did, and not turn to man for help. **Have faith in God and expect great things of Him.** There is a place of daring trust and dependent risk which is honoring to God and teaches you real faith.

When they fasted and asked God's protection, He heard their prayers and

brought them safely to Jerusalem. When they were ready to start, Ezra "separated twelve of the chief of the priests," and verse 30 implies there were as many Levites chosen also, to carry the gold and silver on the journey. It was "weighed unto them," in the same sense we would say it was counted into their hands, but in those days money was reckoned by weight. It was carefully weighed and strict account taken so there would be no loss. When Ezra put it into the hands of the priests, he charged them with their trust, "Ye are holy unto the Lord; the vessels are holy also," and then he says "Watch ye." We, too, have received a sacred charge: "For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." We belong to Christ and He has entrusted us with a great treasure, the knowledge of His salvation, and at the end of the journey we must give account of how we have used the blessed Light that He has given us. Possession always involves responsibility, and when He says "Let your light shine" before men, He does not want us to hide it under a bushel. "Watch ye," "lest coming suddenly He find you sleeping." These priests and Levites were warned to watch, not only were they expected to watch for robbers and enemies who might try to rob them, but they had to watch their own hearts that they would not covet any of the gold or silver for themselves. They were to "keep them until ye weigh them * * * in the chambers of the house of the Lord." Not until they reached the end of the journey were they to relax in their care and watchfulness over the treasure entrusted to them. (May the Lord impress this on the hearts of His children, that there must be no letting down until we reach the end of our journey. He tells us: "Be thou faithful unto death," not to give up when we encounter bitter trials and hard testings, but to press on until we can lay our treasures down at Jesus' feet in the house of the Lord when we reach the end of the journey. "Behold I come quickly; hold that fast which thou hast that no man take thy crown.")

Next Week's Lesson.

November 4, 1917.

DEFEAT THROUGH DRUNKENNESS

—World's Temperance Sunday.

Lesson Text: 1 Kings 20:1-21.

Golden Text: 1 Kings 20:11.

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"GREATER THINGS."

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto MY FATHER."—John 14:12.

What is this, that thou debatest?
Days of Pentecost are o'er?
That the Spirit so long grieved
Ne'er in signs will visit more?
Hilt! now after man thou speakest
Check thy thoughts, thro' books
derived;
See instead what saith the Scripture—
Legends, aye His word denied.

List ye then! Thus saith Jehovah
"Of my Spirit I will pour,"
"Not by measure":—rivers, waters
Still increasing more and more.
Does His word not make thee
thirsty?
Fulness too, would'st thou not
share?
Ask the Lord to make thee hungry;
Can aught else with this compare?

Art thou willing to be emptied?
Or dost fear His chastening rod?
'Tis the hand of love 'twill prune
thee,
And prepare thee for thy God.
Sinful pleasures long have vanished?
But there may be weight and care,
Self enthroned or pride, or error,—
Prejudices—lurking there!

Dost thou say thou hast the Spirit,
Fruits e'en in thy life are seen?
Praise the Lord! but fuller measure
Waits thee on before, I ween!
Dost thou say thou hast a message
Day by day from Him to give;
To souls sick with sin's diseases
And He makes such souls to live?

Praise His Name! for every token;
There are greater things in store.
Praise the Lord, for all that's given
But He wants to give thee more.
What about His grand commission
Given e'er "received up!"
Do we find it altered, lessened?
Faith receives o'erflowing cup!

What about "the works and greater"
That the Master said should be
Done by those believing on Him;
Hast thou faith these works to see?
Dost not know that God's Anointed
Went about here doing good;
Healing lepers, curing sickness,
Ere they nailed Him to the wood?

Hast not heard how legions, devils
Left men's bodies at His word?
Women too, and little children
Felt the quickening touch of God.
What about "these works and greater"
What about dead raised to life!
Dost thou do them? Face the ques-
tion,
Stay thine unbelieving strife.

And if "no" must be the answer,
Ask thyself the reason why?
Whose the fault? Thine own most
surely
Word of God can never lie!
Now most true. Thou never thought-
est
Works like His, thou hadst to do!
Yet the world expecteth, length,—
Jesus longs,—expecteth too.

Wilt respond to such desiring?
"Sons of God" they wait to see,—
Who their Father's might acknowl-
edge,
Wilt thou thus His channel be?
Signs are for the unbelieving?
Surely faithless age is this!
Full of doubt, and strife, and reason-
ing,
Wilt exchange thy thoughts for
His?

Just thou dread the consequence,
"Perfect love shall cast out fear."
Wouldst not share in His rejection?
Thou hast been so far acknowledged,
Understood, admired, and seen;
Now His Cross shall be thy glory,
And His Name where thine has
been.

Dost thou fear the pow'r of Satan?
Who is greater, Christ or he?
Should his spurious imitations,
Make thee dread God's power to
see?
Wilt not trust Christ's Blood to cover,
And protect His trusting child?
Wou'd not God the Holy Spirit,
Keep thee safe from action wild?

Why then dost thou longer linger,
Seeking fresh the power of God,
In these latter days of waiting,
While the Spirit is outpou'd?
Dost not fear that thou may'st miss
Him,
Fear that He may pass thee by?
Haste and pray for deeper filling,
Lest He leave thee high and dry.

Haste, and ask that He may fill thee,
Leave the "signs" and "tongues"
to Him!
He, Himself, is what thou wantest.
Wilt thou not invite Him in?
Deeper is the revelation,
That thou needest still to know—
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—
Wilt not yield thee here and now?

He will visit hearts contrited,
Humble, lowly, broken, sore;
Pray that He may qualify thee,
Thus for filling from His store—
Has He not thy heart oft sated,
With His love and tender care?
Haste thee then, delay no longer,
Seek unto thy Lord in pray'r!

Other hearts around are waiting,
Till thine own shall overflow;
Stay not then, nor keep them hungry,
Would the Master treat them so?
What and if His heart is yearning
To be satisfied in thee!
Wilt thou keep Him hung'ring, wait-
ing?
What shall now thine answer be?

Lord! I thank Thee for the vision,
Tho' unworthy, yet I yield;
That Thine own all-glorious purpose
Thro' this vessel be fulfilled.
Earthen, weak, and frail, I know it,
But Thy Spirit is Divine,
And the Life—henceforth I own it—
And the doings, shall be Thine.

Lord! I praise for love so tender,
That should o'er have chosen me,
Vile and sinful, base and foolish,
With so little thought of thee,
But I stand upon Thy Promise,
And I rest me on Thy Word,
That whate'er I ask—Thou doest,
Blessed, Holy Lamb of God!

So I ask, as well as yield me,
By Thy Spirit filled to be,
That, what Thou hast linked to-
gether,
Fruit and works,—the world may
see;
Yet myself, more deeply hidden,
In Thyself, than e'er before,—
Through Thy Life in fuller measure,
Rising in me, more and more.

Now instead of "consequences,"
I will "dread" Thyself alone;
And instead of "fear of evil,"
Thee the Lord of Glory own.
Thou henceforth shalt be the Con-
queror,
Thou the Vict'ry, Thine the Pow'r;
Thine too, endless thanks and praises,
Till Thou com'st—from hour to
hour.

So when others come to seek me,
Let them find Thyself instead;
And may I always acknowledge
Thee, my Risen, Glorious Head.
Thou in hour of deep temptation,
When the enemy presseth sore,
Rise Thou up Thyself, and face him,
Triumph in me evermore.
—Edith E. B. Rogers.

THINGS AS THEY ARE IN SOUTH CHINA.

Sister Blanche Appleby writes, "The Missionary Number of the Weekly Evangel has been received and read with eagerness and appreciation. Our hearts rejoice at the advancement our Pentecostal people are making on missionary lines.

"On page ten, under the heading of 'The Missionary Conference,' were some statements made by me in regard to proper housing, or sanitary mission stations. Unfortunately, most of these statements seem to apply to Lo Pau, where we are now stationed, while I spoke of three different stations, Waang Kong, Pak Nai, and Lo Pau. At Waang Kong my co-worker and I lived from January to May in one room, cooking outside; the walls were green during the rainy season and our clothing and shoes moulded over night at Pak Nai. We lived with Miss Maude Rodkey in two rooms; one room was used for a kitchen and dining room, the other to live, sleep and study with the language teacher in; during the rainy season it was also used as a dining room, and we shared it with two native women at night. In September, 1915, we moved to Lo Pau, where my co-worker and others are at present. This building is also native, and while large enough to accommodate several missionaries, yet it is situated on an alley where there are two or three pig pens (pigs and people live in one house together), and water buffalos on one side of us, while the garbage of the town is dumped a short distance from us. It usually floods every summer."

It is this condition of things that has cost us the lives of many valuable missionaries, and that we need to remedy.

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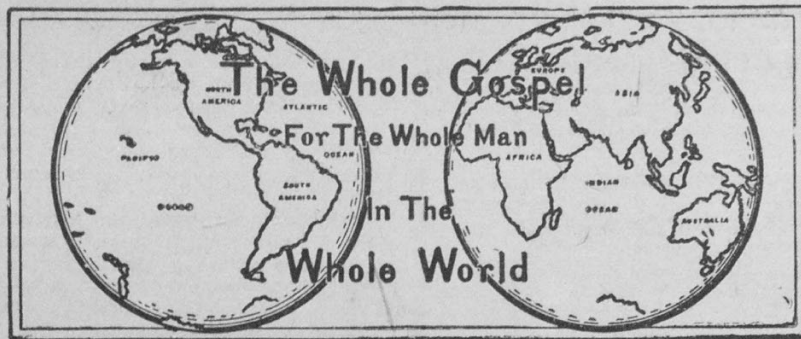


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THE ARGENTINE WORK.

Pastor Miller, of the Christian Alliance Mission, has just spent some four days with us very acceptably. He lives in Saladillo, some fifteen miles east of this. He is a holy man of God, and was a blessing in our midst; held meetings every night, and the attendance was good. The hall was full Sunday evening, and order almost perfect, while he preached salvation in an unmistakable manner. He has good command of Spanish as he was a missionary in Mexico six years before coming to this country over two years ago. He and wife are members of the Nazarene church, so have a good holiness experience, though they have never received the Pentecostal baptism and do not yet see that truth, so please pray earnestly for them. They are afraid of the false manifestations, such as they saw in Mexico years ago.

I praise God I can report victory for the work here as never before. Our people are very perceptibly deepening in the Lord, learning to take hold in strong intercession, and we see the answer come immediately some times. New voices are being heard in prayer and testimony, some are bubbling over with joy over their newly found treasure in Christ their Saviour. One sister cried to the Lord in the Spirit for healing, and the Lord healed her immediately in the meeting for prayer and fasting last Saturday evening. Last evening in the Bible class she stood and gave God the glory for healing her perfectly so she can now go on with her work which she thought she would have to give up. Oh, praise the Lord for His presence and power in our midst; may the full old time power soon be manifest. The signs of our Lord's soon coming are more and more apparent, and we are filled with the blessed hope as never before. How we long for Him to come!

This afternoon, God willing, I take the train for Bolivar, to visit Brother and Sister Sorensen, my former co-laborers in Gualaguaychu. They have written asking me to come over and see them, so I am going, with the expectation of seeing them and their work there, and returning on Monday next. D. V. Bro. Johnsen and Camilo, the Indian boy with him, report good health, and they are very busy putting up the new mission building. They live so very far away, we have little hope of ever being able to visit their work, but we believe it is truly of God, and that He will bless it for

the salvation of the dear Indians. The climate is most trying in summer, and they need our fervent prayers. Here in the south, where I am working with Bro. and Sister Barrio, the climate is good, especially in winter. Those of you who have been praying for my health will rejoice to know that God is answering prayer, and I have been going from strength to strength until now I am enjoying a good degree of health, and am able to accomplish much in the work, which is a great joy to me. It is the marvelous life of Christ manifest in this mortal body, and I praise Him with all my heart. He quickens spirit, soul and body. Glory to Jesus!—Alice C. Wood.

THE NEW TRAINING HOME IN MADHUPUR, INDIA.

I am in Madhupur at present, where, as you may have heard, a Bible Training School has been opened by Miss Lynne, who was for many years a missionary of the Baptist Mission. Miss Lynne has been in the United States for over a year, associated with Mrs. Easton. We are being made very conscious of the presence of the Lord in the home from its very inception, and the prayers of many are being answered in the work being opened in this place.—Elsie H. Gordon.

B. C. H. Mission, Bahraich, U. P. India. We are in the midst of the rainy season and are very busy making repairs on buildings to keep them from being washed away by the rains. We have not been able to get out with the message of late as we should like to do, but the Lord knows best and He has wonderfully kept us from sickness and scorpions and snakes, we have all been wonderfully preserved when scorpions and poisonous snakes were very near. Praise the Lord! There are about sixty-five people here on the Compound and surely the Lord shows His mercy day by day in these troublous times in protecting, feeding and clothing us. All are busy also in making garden and we trust the Lord may bless the land and cause it to bring forth fruit. Surely the tribulation cloud is gathering more and more thickly around us on every side, but thank God He is able to keep and we are told to have the "Upward Look" when these things begin to come to pass. Greetings to all the saints in Jesus' name.—Yours for the Gospel in India, A. A. Blakeney.

FROM A FAITHFUL LABORER IN SHANGHAI, CHINA.

Your letter received informing us about the Missionary Conference to be held at St. Louis the 13th of September which was read with much interest. We truly praise God for this move towards a better understanding of condition and needs on the foreign fields. We pray earnestly that God's blessing and guidance will rest upon this conference, and all be done for His glory and honor alone. As we were conferring together here we agreed that Sister Lawler should write about conditions in Shanghai. Bro. and Sister Lawler have a good work here and are earnest and zealous workers in the Lord's service. As you know our work is in the native city of Shanghai, the first Pentecostal mission in that place, also as the Lord leads us we go out to villages surrounding Shanghai at times. Last letter we wrote to you we mentioned about our mission in the native city being torn down and rebuilt. It is now completed and the location is even better than before, the street being much wider. It is with very thankful hearts to the Lord that we reopen meetings here in this very needy place. We desire your earnest prayers for this place that the Spirit of God may be more mightily manifested than ever before to the pulling down of the strongholds of Satan and many precious souls whom Jesus died for may be set free into the liberty of Christ. Much more could be accomplished if it was not for lack of means. We are looking to God and trusting Him to lead and direct, and our desire is to be faithful in the place we know He has put us. We are among God's little ones, but how we praise God for the blessed privilege to be witnesses for Him in this dark land. Glory to Jesus! We shall soon rise to meet Him in the air.—Gideon A. Dahlstein.

Tsiningchow, W. China. We began the mission work last year in December, but organized the church January 7th, 1917, with six members. The Lord blessed the work after this and saved a few souls. The people are getting more and more interested in the Gospel and I believe that the number of saved ones will increase if we are able to do the work without any impediment.

It has been impossible for my family to live with me at the Mission Station because of the lack of rooms, and I could not stay all the time, especially during the hot summer. If God leads, my family will be with me this coming winter. It is not so difficult in the winter to stay in narrow rooms as it is in the summer time.

The Lord has given us some money for a new building but it is only enough to buy the ground. We trust in God that He will supply all the funds for the building as well as for our own needs. The Lord has given us an open door in this big Tsiningchow City, but we need help to get better established. Our hands need to "be stayed up" like "Aaron and Hur stayed up the hands of Moses;" and Amalek will be defeated.—Adolf Wiencke.

MISSIONARY DISTRIBUTIONS.

The following represents the missionary offerings of the past forty days. We are grateful to the Lord for being allowed to send out this amount, but in order to meet the increased demands on the field, the low rates of exchange, and the high cost of living, we should receive the sum of \$3000.00 each month. Let us pray and labor to this end.

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Nettie Nichols, China.....	75.00
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Amount forwarded this past month	\$ 1,636.00
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Total	\$10,364.98

We have been asked the question during the past week whether we make any deductions from the amounts sent us, or whether the missionaries get every cent

that is sent in for them. In reply to this we would say that no deductions are made whatever. The drafts we send cost us nothing, and we pay the postage on all missionary letters out of our own pockets, so that the missionaries get 100 cents of every dollar sent in.

Owing to the increased rate of postage to be instituted next month we purpose acknowledging all sums received in the columns of the Evangel rather than send a separate postcard of receipt to each donor. We shall just put the initials, town and State of those who send in offerings, or the name of the assembly. Where anyone wishes their offerings to be strictly anonymous, we will acknowledge their offerings as such. Send all offerings by express or money order addressed to Stanley H. Frodsham, 2838 Easton Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Tokyo, Japan. We give many thanks and praise unto our heavenly Father that you have remembered us in our needs for the work and thank you for the offering of \$20.00 which came in time of great need, an answer to our prayer. Praise His holy name. We praise and thank God that He is with us and works with us here in Tokyo as we are sowing the seeds of the living Word in our three stations. God is wonderfully blessing it and many souls are turning from sin and darkness unto the living God.

One earnest young man who got saved in our mission, brought four of his friends and they all are now saved and earnestly following Jesus. Praise God. Also another man, a cripple, came several times and at last gave His heart to God for a better life and many others, all of whom we cannot mention. Please stand with us in prayer for the young converted souls. Another young girl passed our meeting place and stepped in, heard the Gospel message and afterward said, "I feel like home here; it is just what I am seeking for, the baptism of the Holy Ghost." We are holding special prayer meetings and waiting on the Lord. Please pray for this hungry soul that she will receive the Holy Spirit, and many others, that God will give us a great revival and outpouring of His Spirit; this is what we need and are expecting and praying for. We also hold street meetings and many hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Many tracts and Bibles are distributed and God is blessing. Souls come that have heard the blessed truth at our street meeting and give their hearts to God. So we are pressing on, trusting God, praying with you in one spirit and one mind for a great success in His work everywhere as the end is drawing nigh that we may see great multitudes drawn into His kingdom, ready for His coming. Amen. Hallelujah.

With Christian love and kindest greetings to you all.—C. F. Juergensen and family.

Send for a roll of the Missionary Number of the Weekly Evangel, 25 copies, 50 cents; 50 copies, \$1.00.

BROTHER DONEY IN LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

Bro. and Sister Doney were not able to sail to Egypt on October 3rd, as they expected, not having received the necessary permit from the authorities. Their present address is 1534 E. 3rd St., Long Beach, Cal. They write, "We want you dear ones to join with us in earnest prayer that the way may soon open up for us to proceed."

PENTECOSTAL WORK IN HOLLAND.

The Pentecostal work in Holland is going on in a blessed way, there is a perfect union through the whole of the country and souls get saved and baptized regularly. Our Pentecostal people in Holland feel much for missionary work, and we have sent out from our midst five missionaries to Likiang, China, and the Congo Belge, West Africa. The Holy Spirit is a Missionary Spirit and therefore must every baptized Christian be a missionary at home or abroad.—Yours in our blessed Lord, G. R. Polman.

NOTICE TO MINISTERS.

The time is approaching when all Fellowship Certificates issued up until about July 1st of this year, are to be renewed. About July 1st we began to mark all Fellowship Certificates "valid for one year from date." These, so marked, may be retained until the time they expire. Certificates issued before that time, are renewable before Nov. 1st, 1917, and should be attended to during this month.

In getting the Certificates renewed, please send in the one you have. This is quite important as it will save us a great deal of labor in issuing the new ones. All changes of address and all changes of Ministry should be mentioned, that the official list may be correctly revised.

It is hoped that we may have all certificates renewed—that need renewing—before December 1st, as the new list is to reach the R. R. Bureaus before the first of the new year. Names of persons who do not renew their Fellowship Certificates, will not appear on the list, as the official list is composed of those who are in regular standing, having the certificate of fellowship. At the 1916 Council meeting the brethren adopted a resolution that all the ministers should send in the sum of 50 cents towards the heavy expenses of maintaining the Council Office, with their applications for new Fellowship Certificates.

Let us urge all ministers in the Council to be prompt in these matters. The number is increasing and the work of caring for the lists requires much time and patience. Care and promptness on your part will relieve the pressure here.

THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST

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

FIELD REPORTS.

Forrester, Okla. The Lord is still blessing here. We are having cottage prayer meetings and souls are hungry for God. We covet your prayers that we may stay in the right way, and that God will confirm His Word with signs following.—R. K. Parker.

Kenefick, Okla. I want to tell what God has done in this place. Twenty-six have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and a number of others are seeking. We had a service on Sunday for baptism, and God honored the service. Thirteen were baptized in water and there was a large crowd on the banks to witness the scene. We are going to set the church in order and establish a Sunday School. We would like to have some spiritual man to take charge of the work here and to act as pastor, and I would like to hear from someone who has been called for this kind of work. I am under obligation to hold a meeting or two in Arkansas. Address me at Kenefick, Okla.—W. T. Mack.

Oneida, Tenn. I wish to report for the glory of God some meetings Brother T. L. Kilbourn and I have conducted. We began meeting with the saints at Jewell Ridge on August 28th. The Lord was present in a blessed way in giving out His Word. Several were saved, reclaimed and baptized. One sister was healed of blindness in one eye and testified to it. All the saints were greatly strengthened. This meeting was held in what was formerly Brother Mack Jewell's charge, who departed this life to be with the Lord a short time before. After leaving this place we began a meeting near Oneida, Tenn. Here we met with some opposition, but God gave the victory and seventeen were saved or reclaimed.—Evangelist H. B. Laws, Nickelsville, Va.

Gasoline, Texas. We have just closed a meeting at Gasoline on Sunday night and God was with us in a wonderful way. A number of souls got through to God. One man's wife got saved and was seeking the baptism, but he stopped her from coming to the meeting for a few days, but one evening he came in and asked her if she wanted to go to meeting. Of course she did. In a day or two he came in and told her that if she would pray for him he would throw his pipe away. We will go to Elite for our next meeting, October 12th. We hope the saints will pray much for that place. We will be glad if any workers will meet us there. Elite is seven miles west of Memphis, Texas. Anyone wishing to come if they will let us know in time we will meet them at Memphis.—W. R. Farris and wife, Elite, Texas.

Kirk, Colo. Brother and Sister Griffin have been with us holding meetings for the past ten days. Brother Griffin had wonderfully liberty in preaching the Word and some good seed was sown. We had good attendance and splendid order. People were really interested and two found the Lord. Brother and Sister Griffin go to Denver from here to hold some meetings, after which they will come back to Kirk if the Lord will it. Please pray for the meeting.—Mrs. J. H. Laughlin.

Roswell, N. Mex. Have just closed a two weeks' meeting last Sunday night. One received the baptism of the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4 and others are seeking. Sinners are interested and they ask us to pray for them. Help us to hold them up to God in prayer, that they may find Jesus precious to their souls. I have a call to go to Caprock, N. Mexico, to hold a meeting. It is a new field where this Gospel has never been preached. Pray that God will send workers to New Mexico and preachers that will preach the whole Gospel, for there are many places here where they have never heard the full Gospel. We held a meeting for four weeks at Stamford, Texas; one received the baptism of the Holy Spirit as in Acts 2:4, one was reclaimed and one was saved. Seed was sown that we may never see the result of until we meet up yonder. Pray for the healing of my body and head, and that God will keep us humble and give us souls for our hire.—J. M. Gibson and wife and workers.

McAlester, Okla. We have returned after the summer's evangelistic work in different fields. There is an assembly of nearly thirty saints here. Pentecost has been preached here about five years, but there has not been a regular pastor here during all this time to feed the flock of God. About everything in the way of error has been advocated here. We are glad, however, to meet some hungry, God-loving saints, who have in spite of all that has passed, a "go through" in them, and who are made glad with the good Word of God once again. We have accepted the invitation of the church to take charge of the assembly for the winter and to co-operate with them for reaching lost souls. We feel God leading us to this field especially, and the Lord has placed a burden upon our hearts for this city and the nearby towns. Any assembly near here needing help will receive our hearty co-operation as far as we can extend help. Abiding in the unity of the Spirit until we come into the unity of the faith.—Fred Eiting, Evangelist, 501 E. Grand Avenue, McAlester, Okla.

Montreal, Can. The weather has been very bad here during the last seven days of our campaign, but God has blessed, eleven have received the baptism of the Spirit and others have been saved. Hallelujah! We will begin a revival on the 22nd in London, Ont.—Andrew D. Urshan.

Searcy, Ark. Just closed a ten days' revival at the tabernacle out from Searcy. God met us in great power and many souls were saved and nine received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and people who have fought this way all along were converted and received the baptism. The crowds are large and for miles around the people are accepting Pentecost. We had a baptizing Sunday at Little Reed river and the mighty power of God fell and the shouts went up from the saints on the bank and in the water, and as the candidates went down in the water in obedience to the command of our Lord, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, the mighty power of God fell upon them as they arose and God's approval was on the service. We have a church of between sixty and seventy baptized saints on fire for God. Pray for us that God will have His way. J. G. Neve, Pastor.

Landon, Ark. I came here about six weeks ago, and started fighting sin and the devil. I was here about a week by myself, then Brother E. R. Fitzgerald of Russellville, Ark., came and was with us for a week. The Lord used him in giving out the Word. Sister Dollie Drain came and was with us the last three weeks of the meeting. The Lord used her in a wonderful way and about fifty souls were saved and about thirty-two received the baptism according to Acts 2:4. We had a baptismal service on Sunday and about thirty-one were baptized in water according to Matthew 28:19. We are going to build a church here and have raised about \$500 already for this purpose. We will start building right away if the Lord permits. We praise God for what He has done and give Him all the glory. We ask the prayers of all the saints that God will continue to work at this place.—Evangelist H. E. Sims, Huttig, Ark.

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Please pray for the healing of a little boy that is in a very bad condition with asthma; the doctor has failed to do him any good. Pray that God will get the glory for his healing. Pray for me, I am the only one of this faith here.—E. M.

Please pray that I may get cured of pellagra and that pellagra may be banished from our home, also that my husband and I may be baptized with the Holy Spirit, that our children may serve the Lord and that we may prosper financially.—M. F., Dierks, Ark.

Please pray that I may receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, also pray mightily that the Lord will save my dear mother, also that she may be healed, she has a very painful sore on her foot. Also that my brother and sister may be saved.—D. W., Kirwin, Kansas.

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DETROIT CONVENTION.

The Annual Convention of the Pentecostal Assembly of Detroit will be held, D. V., in the chapel, corner National Avenue and Bernard Street, November 4th to 14th inclusive. We are expecting a good corps of workers, including some leading missionaries. We should like to ask that all saints from other places who can do so, arrange to be with us. Especially do we invite all pastors and workers in the State of Michigan to come together for mutual counsel concerning the work of God in our district. Entertainment can be secured at reasonable rates. For information write to Pastor J. R. Kline, 365 Brainard Street.

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The Fourth Annual Convention of the Pentecostal Church at Cleveland, Ohio, will open October 25th, at 7:30 P. M., to continue to Nov. 4th. A cordial welcome is extended to the readers of the Evangel to attend this gathering. We are looking forward to a time of much blessing. Entertainment can be secured at reasonable rates near the church. Provision has been made to accommodate those who are satisfied with light lunches, which they can prepare in the basement of the church. We do not assume expenses of any but special workers. For further information write to D. W. Kerr, 6403 Linwood Ave., Cleveland, O.

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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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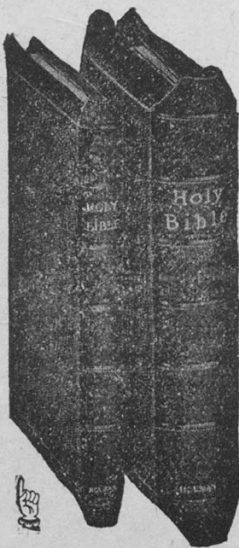
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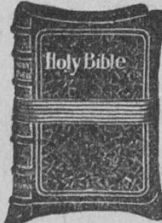
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