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FOR THOSE WHO TRUST.

One of God's own sweet surprises  
Waits the patient heart of trust;  
They who question not nor doubt Him,  
Find His ways are always just.

Life's most bitter disappointment  
Is the portal sure and broad  
To a plan of rich unfolding—  
Blest are they who wait for God.

And the seeming contradiction,  
Failure, crushing, dark defeat  
Causes faith to grow more quickly  
Into God's perfection sweet.

Mystery, past human finding,  
Is His will from day to day;  
They who shun the trackless journey  
Miss God's own blest pilgrim way.

(For the fire and cloudy pillar,  
Heaven's manna rich and rare,  
Are for those of His dear children  
Who will cross the desert bare.)

Grieve not then, if God would move thee  
From the old familiar road;  
Look above the strange new testings  
Right into the face of God.

His, the same dear hand of guidance,  
Holding safely and secure;  
Every strange and fiery trial  
Only makes thy faith more pure.

—Alice Reynolds Flower.

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## THE WONDERFUL TESTIMONY OF A FRENCH CANADIAN.

It is impossible for me to tell all that the Lord has done for me, but I will mention a few of the blessings He has given to me. I am a French-Canadian, and was raised a Roman Catholic. When my husband died and I was left to provide for myself and baby, which was a year old and very sick, I was heartbroken. All the help I knew was my prayerbeads, and having no other light I prayed round and round those beads day and night, till I was a slave to them. But one day the Lord took pity on my suffering and undertook my case.

A doctor came to examine my baby, who told me at once that the child could not possibly live. Oh, how it hurt my heart! It seemed as if a knife went through it; I could not give up my baby. I nearly suffered death while the doctor stood there. As soon as he left the room I fell down on my knees and cried out for the first time in my life, "My God, my God, my God!" At that moment I noticed that the prayerbead which I carried on my wrist seemed to turn into a fiery serpent, and I shook it off with an awful force. Then, though I cannot tell you how, the light of the Lord Jesus was on my soul. He undertook Himself to convince me of my ignorance and sin. I cried, "My God, save me!" (for I knew I was lost). "Save me and save my baby." I don't know how long the fight lasted, but when I came to myself I was praising God and shouting in pure English, of which language I had never spoken three words before. I have been speaking English ever since. My baby was healed, praise God. I was in the hospital at the time with my baby, and the people were afraid and would have sent me to the asylum, but I did no harm. The glory of God was so great that I could not contain myself, and He led me to get out of there. Praise Him! That very night I had forgotten all about the baby being sick. For three months I had taken a cup of milk to the bedside for the baby to have a drink during the night, but always the biggest half was left in the morning. This night the first time I gave him a drink he drank it all up. Praise Jesus. I squeezed the baby in my arms and wept bitterly at my unworthiness. I surely knew from God that he was healed. He slept well and drank well and in a very short time he looked the picture of health. After that he never was sickly, and now he is 27 years old and the father of four children, and without a mark of God's displeasure upon him. The doctor said he must die, but God raised him up.

### A Home Found.

The next day God led me to get out of the hospital. I was a stranger in the city and did not even know my way down town; but my heart was full of praise and glory. I went to a little home, and the Holy Spirit led me to say that I had nowhere to go that night, but I had twenty-five cents, and would pay that if they would let me stay, as I did not want to go to a hotel, and I was willing to trust God for the next day. I was of course a stranger to the people, but just like Jesus, He was working, and the woman proved to be a Christian. He had led me to one of His own, and before I knew where I was she was all in tears and cried, "My God!" and said to me "You shall stay with us, you shall live with us." Then, snatching my baby out of my arms, she hugged him so tenderly and said, "Just like the baby I had, who died. You shall live with us as long as we have a roof over us." I knew then that Jesus had come with us and had opened the door, and I wept with unworthiness. The Holy Spirit manifested Himself mightily amongst us four (this woman and her

husband, the baby and myself), and the whole house was full of praise. Hallelujah!

### Tormented.

After prayer we went to bed. In the middle of the night when I was awake, the devil tortured me (God suffered him to do so), saying, "These people will not keep their promise; they'll get tired of that sick baby; he will wake up and cry for hours, and they won't put up with it. You can't go to your father and mother; they are Catholics and won't have you now. Jesus is not going to give you shelter." With such suggestions he mocked me, and I wept bitterly, for I had not yet learned to fight him. I was helpless, and for a few minutes I felt as though I was in his hands, and he did not spare me. I thought, could I go home and say nothing about the Lord Jesus Christ; for I had a good home to go to if I gave Him up. All at once I began to cry, "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" (for I felt forsaken) and the next thing I knew I was full of praise and glory. Oh how I do love Jesus! A voice said to me "Keep thine eyes upon Me. If you are not willing to leave your own father and mother for My sake, you are not worthy of Me." So I saw that He knew what was in my mind.

Oh, how I love Him! The baby slept very soundly all night, and time proved that he was really healed, though I could scarcely realize it at first. The devil is a liar; time proved that also.

### Led to be Baptized.

As I was dozing asleep a voice, loving and tender, called me by name, "Harriet!" three times. I turned to look, but could see no one. The Spirit of the Lord was upon me, and presently I said, like Paul, "What wilt Thou have me to do, Lord?" for I knew it was He who was speaking to me. Then the Lord said, "Get up and kneel down." Immediately, as I obeyed and knelt by my bedside, a fire came right through my window into my room. For a second I was startled, thinking the house next door was on fire, as there was only about two feet between. It was a real flame, breaking right through the window. The fear of the fire left me, and a warmth came into My soul, and I was filled with joy. The Spirit of the Lord was upon me in power, and every breath I took I seemed to be going up, up, up. I felt as though I was tranced by the power of God, I saw Jesus and He spoke to me, saying, "Repent and be baptized and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord, and if you will obey the Voice of My Holy Spirit I will lead you, I will guide you, I will direct you into all truth; I will show you things to come, I will bring things to your remembrance, for I am Jesus, the same today, yesterday and forever, and with the same joy that's upon you now, you will meet Me in the air when I come."

When I came to myself I was surprised to find it was daylight. O, how I rejoiced! I wanted to be baptized because God and His Holy Spirit and my Redeemer had asked me to be baptized. I know that baptism (by immersion) is of the Lord. It was Christmas morning and God gave me the desire of my heart. As I told the man in the house what the Lord had done, he never stopped to eat breakfast, but went straight for some one to baptize me. The ice was two feet thick, but they chopped it to baptize me. Some women tried to persuade me against going into the cold water, but I did not feel the cold, although my clothes were frozen stiff about me. I came forth shouting and praising the Lord, and have been do-



ing so ever since. A large crowd of people were on the bank of the river at the time of the baptizing, mocking. The brother who baptized me announced that I was the lady spoken of in the papers the night before, who was saved and had the miracle of speaking the English language in the General Hospital, also that there was to be a meeting in his house at 2 o'clock to which all would be welcome. We had a glorious meeting and I had given to me four converts, and three wanted to be baptized after the meeting when they saw the power of God upon me. They were to be baptized at 8 o'clock p. m., a married couple and another sister, whose husband did not want her to be baptized, he thought the water was too cold and was just demon-possessed for a while to keep her from being baptized.

**The Star from Heaven.**

When the first couple stepped into the water somebody shouted "Hello, they got a lantern." I looked and saw nothing. Then some one said, "No, it is a big star, look!" I looked and saw a star, about the size of an apple, swinging on a thread. Then I knew by the Spirit it was the Lord. The star came down to what seemed about twenty-five feet from the earth, and seemed to enlarge like a ball of fire and then exploded, throwing light in the shape of a big bell right around the persons in the water, and there appeared to be two persons (angels) over their heads ascending and descending inside the bell. When the man, who objected to his wife being baptized, saw this, he fell right on the earth and yelled with fright, "Lord, have mercy on me, I'm a sinner; don't burn me up; I'll do anything; I'll be baptized. Have mercy on me!" So he was baptized then and there as he was (without previous preparation) with his wife. The crowd had disappeared, frightened. We watched the light ascend gradually until it seemed as one of the other stars. So in three days God had saved my soul, gave me the English language, healed my baby, gave me four souls saved and baptized. Glory to God! How I praise Him, and much more I cannot tell.

**Sanctified.**

About ten years ago the Spirit spoke to me and told me to go to the altar and be sanctified and be set apart for the work of the ministry. Special meetings were being held at this time in the Christian Workers' Church, King street, this city. I obeyed and the Spirit witnessed to my sanctification through the blood of Christ. One step higher. Glory to His name!

I have been blessed with the gift of faith to rebuke sickness in the name of Jesus Christ, and the sick have recovered, glory to Him. At other times it has been prophecy; other times wonderful dreams from the Lord; sometimes the Lord has turned me in the street to go and look after people whom I found were alone and dying; and time would fail me to tell of the many blessings the Lord has poured on me; and the discernment of false teaching that the devil has tried to deceive me with. For I am no scholar and never knew one word of the Bible when I came to the Lord; it was really a sealed book to me. But the Holy Spirit is my guide.

**Baptized in the Spirit.**

Well, I thought I had all the blessings the Lord had for me until a little over a year ago, when I heard testimony on the baptism with the Holy Ghost and with fire, as the disciples of the Lord Jesus received on the day of the Pentecost. At first I thought surely I have been baptized with the Holy Ghost, and as there was difference of operations, I thought all would not receive alike. However, the Scriptures were read to me and I said I am going to pray for that too, which I did for a few days, but receiving no answer, I became less interested until the subject came before me again in a Bible talk at a missionary prayer meeting. I became more interested and began to

pray more earnestly. I cannot read the Word, but asked the Lord to give me a message, so I opened the Bible and rested my finger on a verse which I was impressed was especially for me, and I asked a sister (who lives with me in the house) to read it to me. It reads as follows, "I, indeed, baptize you with water unto repentance, but He that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear. He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with Fire." Then I was convinced, and began to pray the Lord to give me this baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire. I prayed for it for five days, and on Friday night, July 17, 1908, after I had gone to bed and to sleep I was awakened with the sound of a mighty wind, but it brought no fear. It filled my tabernacle and I saw the fire in stripes and the Spirit of the Lord in the form of a dove descending upon me. The fire went through me, the Spirit of the Lord filled my tabernacle. I was not conscious before that I still lacked, but I wanted all the Lord had for me. I was filled with praise, abiding praise, and the power of God, such as I never knew before. Now there is a fulness of God and an anchor in my soul that is there to stay since the Holy Ghost has come unto me. The Spirit of God quotes Scripture after Scripture, and brings it to my remembrance (as though I could read the alphabet). It is a surprise to the people, and some will not believe that I cannot read; but the power of God is just the same today, and I trust Him.

Pray for me that I may have more chance to deliver the message. I could fill a little paper myself if I told you all: this is only a drop in the bucket, in the ocean of God's love. I am called to work in the vineyard of the Lord. I also distribute tracts as the Lord permits. I want to be found watching when Jesus comes. The fight of the Lord is on, Glory to God, and I want to help with my prayers and my means as the Lord permits.

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## ENCOURAGING REPORT OF THE WORK IN THE BELGIAN CONGO.

By Bro. W. F. P. Burton.

It is some time since I wrote a report of our work here, and I have to thank you all that your care of us, and prayer for us, have not waned. You will remember that at Christmas time we were "spying out the land" with a view to establishing a second mission station, in view of fresh on-coming missionaries, expected in answer to your prayers.

As a result of this I made the necessary official arrangements with a view to taking up a grant of land, and in March, I went to the selected spot to erect a temporary house. This sounds simple until you understand March weather in Congo-land.

### Wet Season in Congo-land.

March is at the end of a six months rainy season. Violent thunder storms, preceded by the most furious tornados, occur practically every afternoon; and often far into the night. The deluges of rain in a few seconds turn the hill-sides into rushing torrents, and the level land into pools. During the six times that I went that journey of twenty-five miles between our present station at Mwanza, and the prospective one at Ngoimani, God in His faithfulness always held off the rain. However for a large part of my journeys I had to travel bare-footed through mud and water from a few inches to waist deep.

Building occupied a month, together with marking boundaries, and cutting the necessary paths, and the diverting of a little streamlet to permanently irrigate the mission land. During this month I had some splendid services, and God graciously confirmed the Word by stretching forth His hand to heal in the name of the Lord Jesus. On my return I found the two sisters suffering with fever, which has eventually necessitated their leaving for a complete change in South Africa. Also I was suffering with fever off and on.

### Native Villages Asking for the Gospel.

At this time the brother of a chief of a large village five days journey to the south came to beg us to go and help tell the Gospel story in that place. As I was not strong enough at the time, Bro. Salter went, experiencing considerable hardship on the road, but great blessing at the end of his journey. To understand rainy season travel, imagine travelling in a ditch nine inches wide, and with grass twelve feet high, sending down drenching sprays at every step. This until 10 a. m., after which add a scorching tropical sun to raise the standing water to uncomfortably near boiling point, and to blister the bare arms and legs of the traveller. When you have thoroughly gripped the above description, I trust that when you next mount a street-car, or sit comfortably in a railway train, you will spend a few minutes asking God's blessing on His African missionaries on the tramp.

### Bro. Salter Down with Blackwater Fever.

Bro. Salter returned to find Sisters Richardson and Hodges packed and ready to leave for the south and myself weak with fever. As soon as I pulled round a little Bro. Salter left for Ngoimani, and to continue the work which I had started in villages to the west. But he went down with the dreaded "blackwater fever," of which you will remember dear old Daddy Armstrong died on the Congo, when we first arrived in this land. For five days, unknown to me, Bro. Salter was lying almost unconscious at Ngoimani, and was raised up by the faithful prayers of our beloved black friend Shalumbo. However so dazed in mind was he on the finishing of the fever, that instead of returning here at once, he set out for a sixty-mile preaching tramp, with boys and tent, beyond Ngoimani, and was finally found more dead than alive by a friendly trader, who persuaded him to come home.

Meanwhile I was ignorant of what Bro. Salter was doing, but had a mighty burden of prayer for him. When he arrived, so pitiable was his condition that the native Christians went away and wept. A pale, sunken-cheeked, staggering skeleton, with an uncanny low rattle in his voice.

I got him to bed at once, and for two or three days he hung between life and death, with a temperature bordering on 106. How grateful I was for the Horlick's Malted Milk, Oxo, and the other strengthening foods sent on by loving Preston friends. Everyone prayed, and it seemed as if even the chickens and goats entered into the situation, giving more eggs and milk than ever before. I could only watch and pray till at last God gave Bro. Salter back to us and the work.

### An Unusually Unhealthy Season.

The wave of sickness was general, owing to the rising of the Congo river far above its usual level, and the long-continued rains. Practically all our natives have been down with malaria, and in the villages the wailing for the dead was almost continual, while even the wild animals were affected, and hundreds of thousands of fish died in Lake Niange.

### Increase in Meeting Attendances.

During this time attendance at our services increased by leaps and bounds. Our little chapel, holding 150, has been packed, and scores have had to listen from outside in the tropical sun. People come in regularly from ten and twelve miles away, and I am often encouraged, when visiting villages at a distance, to find that some one has come to service at the mission, learnt a hymn, and gone back to teach it (with variations!) to the rest of the village.

### A Big School and Church Building Commenced.

Hence as soon as the rain ceased I started, having previously prepared moulds, etc., to make the bricks for a big new church and school building, to hold 500 inside and 500 outside (with a squeeze) on the verandahs, which will run about four feet wide all round the building.

### Roman Catholic Encroachment.

One day I was at work, Bro. Salter having gone over for a stay at Ngoimani, to put up a cozy little sleeping room, etc., I was surprised to see a Roman Catholic priest appear, in long white robe and full regalia. After a little upward look, I felt free to invite him to sit down and take a cup of tea. He then told me he was on his way to establish at Ngoimani, and wished me to resign all claims at that place. I told him I would sooner lose my life than yield an inch. Before many minutes he deliberately tried to hypnotize me, but I realized the wall of fire round me, and took refuge in Him who said, "Behold, I give you power over all the power of the enemy." In course of the conversation he gave me a glimpse of Roman Catholic methods. He is one of a sect which has a vow to poverty, and that of course sounds beautiful and aesthetic to the outsider, but he has all his food, wines, mineral-waters, etc., sent and transported free, and his "humble pittance" sees him with the best cigarettes, while he refuses to buy from the natives, but if he wants anything he takes it, and threatens natives who refuse with superstitious calamities. **Catholicism here is contrary to law and government.**

Naturally the natives all hate him, and since the law of the land demands that a mission shall only be established by the consent of local chiefs, these Roman Catholics simply defy the law. This priest asked in a lordly way, "Who are the Administrators? Who is the Governor-General? I take my orders from my spiritual superior, who is directed by God." The priests do not submit to law. They defy it.

The priest left with many protestations that I was mistaken and that he was actually my friend. But later, in



the villages, he warned the people not to listen to us as our doctrine was false.

#### The Priest Divulges His Evil Intentions.

Hence, when later he passed me, before all his following he offered his hand, and I of course refused, explaining that under the circumstances I should be a hypocrite to take his hand. Whereupon, and I see how clearly God was in it, for in his indignation at my "insult," he gave away his whole campaign. The Roman Catholics evidently are determined to encroach and encroach upon us until we have no free village left to preach in. Black-mail, threats, bribes, immorality, playing upon the superstitions of the people, using political influence to remove and to install officials, all these play their part. But the same Captain of the Lord's host who appeared to Joshua, is with us.

#### Necessity for Native Evangelists and a Forward Movement.

These matters throw added responsibilities upon us. The Roman Catholics are teaching youngsters a catechism, and then sending them out as "catechists." By such methods villages are likely to be taken from us, where the sick have been healed, fetishes have been burned, and a blessed work of God commenced. So we must train our Christians, teach them to read, put Testaments in their hands, and send them out. We must carry on an extensive programme in other ways. A couple of months ago I wondered why suddenly a considerable sum of money came to hand. More than we apparently needed. Now we see that every penny of it will be needed in our forward march for God, and we thank those in the blessed name of Jesus, who were so faithful in sending it. I expect that before this letter is in print, we shall have another European worker with us.

#### Lubans Coming to Jesus' Feet.

Now what is being done in individual souls? Scarcely a week goes by without young fellows yielding to Christ, but alas, we have our disappointments, as well as joys, in these dear lads.

Since we are busy on the building of the big church and school building all day, I do most of my evangelizing at night. And very blessed happy times we have together, as a hundred or two sit around the crackling bon-fires listening to the word of life, and singing the songs of Zion.

A free rendering by Mrs. Richardson, of "Shall we gather at the river," is a special favorite. The natives never tire of a song. They get up with it in the morning and go to bed with it at night. They sing it as they bring in the timber for the mission building, and, as I sit in the cool of the evening, it comes floating up to the hill from the villages all round. "Up from the grave He arose" is another great favorite. We now have at least a dozen verses to it, and it is still growing.

#### Our Faithful Native Helpers.

I feel it would be most unfair to close this report without reference to our two beloved and faithful black brothers Shakayobo and Shalumbo, with their wives, Napaula and Masele. Also the younger man Shakitu. They are never weary in the work of God, going out continually when we are needed nearer home, telling with eager earnestness of "this *Great Salvation*," and never so happy as when they come marching home with a handkerchief full of charms to burn.

Often I am almost constrained to urge a rest, but they say, "Now we realize that war and famine are sounding out Jesus' coming, and we want everyone to know." Their lives, their love, their prayers and their faithfulness are exemplary. We praise God indeed for these black co-workers, and trust that they may soon meet their fullest desire, in being filled with the Holy Spirit.

Beloved, the land is very sunshiny, but hearts are, oh, so black. Pray for them and us.—Wm. F. P. Burton.

P. S.—Since writing this report a note comes to hand from Bro. Salter in which he mentions praying for a blind girl in the village of Kalembi. After a little while the boys came running to tell him with delight that one eye was already opened, and I doubt not that God will complete this miracle speedily, since this is one of the villages in which the priest has told the people to refuse to listen to us.

Here also a man who has suffered for nine months from a terrible bullet wound in his right arm, and has tried all sorts of native charms, came to us with his wounds so putrid and foul that one wondered that the arm had not rotted off. We prayed for him, and recommended pure water in liberal applications, with the result that God has beautifully healed up the arm, and though deep scars remain, they are perfectly sound, and covered with firm hard skin.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood,  
Shall never lose its power.

#### (BEING FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT.)

A piece of iron is dark and cold; imbued with a certain degree of heat, it becomes almost burning, without any change of appearance; imbued with a still greater degree, its very appearance changes to that of solid fire, and it sets fire to whatever it touches. A piece of water without heat is solid and brittle; gently warmed, it flows; further heated, it mounts to the sky. An organ filled with the ordinary degree of air existing everywhere is dumb; the touch of the player can elicit but a clicking of the keys. Throw in not other air, but an unsteady current of the same air, and sweet but imperfect and uncertain notes immediately respond to the player's touch; increase the current to a full supply, and every pipe swells with music. Such is the soul without the Holy Ghost; and such are the changes which pass upon it when it receives the Holy Ghost, and when it is "filled with the Holy Ghost." In the latter state only is it fully imbued with the Divine nature, bearing in all its manifestations some plain resemblance to its God, conveying to all on whom it acts some impression of Him, mounting heavenward in all its movements, and harmoniously pouring forth, from all its faculties, the praises of the Lord.—Wm. Arthur.

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## PICTURES OF PENTECOST IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

### Picture XVIII. Devastation and Deliverance. Joel 2.

In the first chapter of the prophecy of Joel, we have one of the most graphic pictures of devastation contained in the Word of God. A plague of locusts has passed over the land, laying waste vine and figtree, reducing the green fields to a howling wilderness, and the beautiful trees to bare skeletons. The latter rain has been withheld, and the parched ground is crying to God: "the seed is rotten under their clods, the garners are laid desolate, the barns are broken down; for the corn is withered. The beasts of the field cry unto Thee; for the rivers of water are dried up, and the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness."

This scene of desolation is a picture of the spiritual condition of the world at the first coming of Jesus; and it is a picture of the professing Christian world today. On the Day of Pentecost Peter, by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, told the assembled multitude that the outpouring of the Spirit on that day was a primary fulfilment of the prophecy of Joel 2. Similarly in these last days, God is sending a "latter rain" outpouring of His Spirit, to change this present scene of spiritual devastation into a garden of the Lord.

Jesus told His disciples to tarry until they were endued with power from on high; and we know how faithfully that little band continued in prayer and supplication with one accord. They were searching the Scriptures, too: the Old Testament books being all they had in those days. I can imagine how they would read the prophecy of Joel over and over again, because of its clear promise of an outpouring of the Spirit; and how they would ponder over the conditions there laid down, the steps necessary in order to receive that outpouring.

"Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping and with mourning; and rend your heart and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God. Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children. Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare Thy people, O Lord, and give not Thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?" Literally were these exhortations obeyed in that upper room; fervent and continuous were the supplications that ascended to the throne of Grace; and on the day appointed the answer came. The former rain came down in copious showers, and on the very first day 3,000 thirsty souls were quickened and satisfied.

Our God is no respecter of persons nor yet of places. His promises of spiritual blessing apply to all times and all locations. If you find yourself in a place of spiritual destitution, like that described in Joel 1, if you will but fulfil the conditions just quoted, you may confidently claim a similar outpouring of the Spirit. If there are enough faithful souls to gather together in an assembly, so much the better; but if not, God will hear the prayers and note the tears of the two or three who gather together in His name, and definitely take hold of Him for an outpouring of the Spirit, to convict, convert and equip for service.

Let us note the sevenfold promise of God to His contrite, believing people. "Then will the Lord be jealous for His land, and pity His people." He gives them: (1) *A satisfying portion*. "Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith."

(2) *Restoration to His favor and to the place of blessing*. "I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen."

(3) *Deliverance from old enemies*. "I will remove far off from you the northern army."

(4) *Victories over fresh foes*. "Fear not, O land, be glad and rejoice, for the Lord will do great things."

(5) *Showers of blessing*. "Be glad, then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for He hath given you the former rain moderately, and He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain and the latter rain, in the first month. "And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil."

(6) *Compensation for past failures*. "I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten. . . . and ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you; and My people shall never be ashamed."

(7) *The Baptism of the Holy Ghost*. "And it shall come to pass, afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my Spirit."

Glory to God for such a wonderful mountain of blessings! Beloved, shall we not set ourselves to seek them, each in the place where God has placed us? Peter quoted this passage in his sermon on the Day of Pentecost, saying, "This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel," and every one who will meet the conditions today will find these seven glorious "I wills" of God fulfilled in his life and experience. It is well said, "I will pour. . . . I will pour. . . . I will pour"—for it is such a gracious fulness, such a gift of life more abundant, that the vessel cannot contain it all. The filled soul becomes the overflowing soul, and from the innermost depths of a being that has been baptized (i. e., immersed) in the Holy Spirit, flow forth the Rivers of Living Water.

Perhaps someone says, "How can you prove that what is happening now is the same kind of Baptism as the early Christians had? It is a legitimate question, and we ought to be ready at all times to answer it. Dear one, when drops begin falling from the clouds and you see your sidewalk getting wet, why do you say "It is raining?" Is it not because *you have seen rain before?* It is the evidence of your senses. Many times in your life you have seen, heard and felt the showers; and all the philosophers in the world could not persuade you that the shower you now see falling is not rain; because, though you may not have the ability to refute their scientific arguments, yet the fact remains that *you know rain from past experience*.

Now it is just the same in spiritual things. Every child of God, however humble or illiterate, may learn from reading or hearing the Acts of the Apostles what were the signs accompanying the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, when He was poured out as the Former Rain. And during the past ten years, a wonderful outpouring has been given in all parts of the earth. To begin with, every one when they receive the Baptism speak in other tongues as the Spirit gives them utterance. Then the results are seen in their lives. Coward Simons shrinking from the laugh of a servant girl, are changed into bold Peters, preaching fearlessly the full Gospel. The saints live together in a blessed unity, bearing one another's burdens in brotherly love. Signs and wonders are done in the name of Jesus: the dead are raised, the sick healed, demons cast out, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them. Persecution also follows, as it did in the early church; and the religious leaders are specially bitter and active in their opposition. It seems as if every one but a blind man must see that "This is that," and exclaim, "Well, I have read the description of the Former Rain in the Book of the Acts, and I see that this outpouring resembles it, therefore I can be sure that this is the Latter Rain, according to the promise of Joel."

Beloved, it is not reason nor philosophy that make you



recognize rain as rain in the natural; *it is the evidence of your senses*. Similarly in the spiritual realm. It is not arguments nor reasoning, but *the use of your spiritual senses* that will enable you to recognize the Latter Rain. And the spiritual senses may be all summed up in one word—**FAITH**. To the humble, believing soul, the Lord always manifests Himself and reveals His truth. Study the following passages, 2 Chron. 9:5, 6; Psa. 25:8, 9 and 32:8 and 131:1, 2; Isa. 57:15 and 66:2; Matt. 11:2-6, 25; John 7:17; 1 Cor. 2:22-31 and 2:10-16.

May the Lord give every reader of these lines such a truly childlike spirit that the deep things of God may be revealed and appropriated; and not one fail to receive the gracious outpouring of the Latter Rain.

"There shall be showers of blessing!  
Send them upon us O Lord!  
Grant to us now a refreshing;  
Come, and now honor Thy Word! —A. E. L.

### THE INEXHAUSTIBLE TREASURY.

"The inexhaustible riches of Christ."—Ephesians 3:8.

I once heard Dr. Rendell Harris read the chapter in which these words are found, and he read from his pocket Greek Testament, and gave his own translation. And I remember how, when he came to the above passage, he threw out his arms in a wide gesture, as he repeated the words, "the unexplorable wealth of Christ." We had a suggestion of a vast continent, not yet tracked out, with roads only here and there. We may have discovered the continent, we have not yet explored it. We have apprehended it, we have not comprehended it. Columbus discovered America; we are still exploring its illimitable resources. We have tasted and seen how gracious the Lord is; but there are the waiting wonders of an eternal feast. And that is how the life in heaven will never become stale. We shall never lose the sense of wonder, we shall have constantly expanding powers of discernment, and every new discovery will give the soul a novel and joyful surprise. Mr. Spurgeon used to be found of telling how he once laughed when preparing a sermon—the only time he ever remembered to have laughed in so serious a business. He was preparing a sermon on Joseph; at least that was where he began; but everybody knows that no matter where Spurgeon began he had a short cut to Christ, and he quickly made the journey. He had drawn a picture of the colossal stores of corn in Egypt, every granary bursting with the abundance. There was a supply of corn for seven years. And there in the midst of his vivid conception Spurgeon saw a little mouse in one corner of a granary worrying itself to skin and bone in the fear that there wasn't enough to live on!

But I am afraid that believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, who have obtained access by faith into the granaries of grace, are often found worrying in the uncertainty as to whether the resources of grace are adequate to carry them through. "Shall I be able to stand?" they ask themselves in fear. "Can my sinful inclination be really conquered?" "Shall I really be perfected at last?" It is the fear of the mouse. Yes, there's corn enough in the granary! "Where sin abounds grace doth much more abound," and there is enough for all eternity. "Having loved His own He loved them unto the end." We shall never outlive our Saviour's love! It is a world which will never give up its last secret; it is the "unexplored wealth of Christ."—J. H. Jowett, in the British Weekly.

Bro. S. A. Jamieson of Tulsa, Okla., expects to hold one or two Bible Schools this coming winter similar to the meeting held last winter at Malvern, Ark. Look out for the dates of these, which in due course will be published in the Evangel.

## DAILY PORTION FROM THE KING'S BOUNTY

MRS. A. R. FLOWER

Sunday. "Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called." Mark 10:49.

"Do we not sometimes feel, in trial or perplexity, that others might help us if they would only stop and listen? But they will not, and in their constant hurry we know it is of little use to speak. Let us note the lesson for ourselves, and give what we ask,—leisure to hear, attentive, concentrated, not divided,—calm, patient consideration. It may be our busy work, as we think, for the Master, which so over-crowds our lives that we have not time for this 'standing still.' (Sad eyes meet ours, but we cannot stay to read their story. Some look to us for help in battles which we fought long ago, but we cannot turn aside to see how it fares with them in the strife, or to whisper the secret of victory. But He would have said, even though some plans of our own for His service were put aside, 'Ye have done it unto me.'")

Monday. "His rest shall be glorious." Isa. 11:10.

"Resting in the fortress while the foe is nigh;  
Resting in the life-boat while the waves roll high;  
Resting in His chariot for the swift, glad race;  
Resting, always resting in His boundless grace."

Tuesday. "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord." Psa. 37:23.

This is God's definite promise to you, dear child of God, as you step forth through the open portals of each new day. We expect and look for guidance in the great undertakings; but He desires to direct our very steps. What is less than a step! Oh praise God for the fulness of His loving provision.

Wednesday. "Truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the Lord." Micah 3:8.

Strong in the strength He giveth,  
Brave with His courage true,  
Filled with His power and unction,  
Yielded His will to do,  
Ready for sharpest conflict—  
They who are thus prepared—  
Nothing can overwhelm them  
Who His great might have shared.

Thursday. "The cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?" John 18:11.

"It is wonderful what miracles God works in wills that are utterly surrendered to Him. He turns hard things into easy, and bitter things into sweet. (It is not that He puts easy things in the place of the hard, but He actually changes the hard thing into an easy one.)"—H. W. Smith.

Friday. "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." Rom. 8:37.

**Super-conquerors!** Through our Lord Jesus Christ! Hallelujah! How does it sound to you beloved? It is something more than a bare victory—just getting through by the skin of your teeth. Rather does it speak of a perfect and overwhelming conquest over the enemy. And this is what God has intended all along that we should be—"super-conquerors." Victory and more than victory is assured us by His favor. Never again will we rest satisfied in the puny victories of the past.

Saturday. "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit." Eph. 6:18.

"The inner sanctuary is our home, we dwell there. And he that lives so near to God, and knows that he has been brought near to bless those who are far, cannot but pray. Christ makes us partakers with Himself of His prayer-power and prayer-life. We understand then that our true aim must not be to work much, and have prayer enough to keep the work right, but to pray much and then to work enough for the power and blessing attained in prayer to find its way through us to men. It is Christ who ever lives to pray, who saves and reigns. He communicates His prayer-life to us; He maintains it in us, if we trust Him. He is surety for our praying without ceasing."—Andrew Murray.

**GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES  
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**JUST A WORD FROM THE GENERAL OFFICE.**

Thanking God for past favors and trusting Him for all future needs, we at headquarters are looking for a year of real development. The vision is before us of a greater work for God in the World Wide Field. The vision calls for a forward movement on our part. Not a reckless plunge, but a certain and unwavering *walk of faith*. God is on ahead! Hallelujah! The way is open! No man can shut the door! Glory! As I write these few words to the great Evangel Family, I feel that this coming year is to be the very best year of service for many of us; and that when we come together again in Council, we shall hear glowing reports of the success of the Gospel in all lands.

*God's part!* God's part in the advancement of His Kingdom is to lead—opening the way everywhere; to provide all needed resources; to furnish all needed power, wisdom and grace, to all who trust Him.

*Our part!* Our part is to give ourselves into His hands; and to be faithful in doing His known will. Let us ALL give ourselves to God, without reserve, for a year of ABUNDANT fruitbearing; and such loyal and valiant service as will glorify God, whom we love.

**Brother E. N. Bell at St. Louis.**

In arranging for the work at St. Louis, the General Council asked Elder A. P. Collins to accept a place upon editorial staff of the Evangel, and to act as one of the managing committee at St. Louis. Bro. Collins thought he might come, but after more extended consideration, decided not to do so. In meeting the deficiency thus created, God has given us the help of Bro. E. N. Bell, who has in the past been greatly used of God in the movement. Bro. Bell has sacrificed much in coming to St. Louis and it is but just that we all bear him up in prayer and sympathy as he puts his "shoulder to the wheel" here. The arrangement of last year will continue, with Bro. Bell occupying the place first offered to Bro. A. P. Collins.

**About the Fellowship Certificates.**

It is now time to renew the Fellowship Certificates. All certificates which are not otherwise marked are to be renewed as soon as possible and will be extended to November first, 1918. Some certificates which were issued during the later months of the year have been marked "valid for one year from date" and need not be renewed until the year is up. The reason for having so many expire at one time—Nov. 1st, 1917—is, the revised list of ministers is to be made up in time to have it ready before the new year begins.

Please send in your certificates for renewal now. All old certificates should accompany the application for renewal, as it is desired to keep them for reference if needed. Your certificate will be renewed without question if there is no complaint against you in the hands of the committee.

**About the Missionary Money.**

A change was made in the Missionary Treasurer at the last General Council. Brother Stanley H. Frodsham is now Missionary Treasurer instead of Elder J. W. Welch and all missionary money may be sent to him direct, addressing him at the Gospel Publishing House, 2838 Easton Avenue, St. Louis, Mo. This arrangement was made to relieve the Chairman of the Council from the care of the Missionary Funds.

**Change of Address.**

The General Council Office in St. Louis has been moved from the building occupied this past year and is now located in the same house with the Chairman's family. The address has been 1243 North Garrison Ave., but is now changed to 2945A Madison Street, St. Louis, Mo. Will the whole Evangel family, and especially all ministers, take notice and remember, as far as possible, to address all GENERAL COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE to the Chairman of the Council at this new address.

J. W. Welch.

**THE SIGNS OF HIS APPEARING.**

"When shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of Thy coming, and of the end of the world?" This was the question of the disciples, and it should be the question of His church. The intimate ones will ask it. The conditions at the time called for the question. And if the condition of things called for it then, how much more do the conditions of today call for such a question?

When shall these things be? The Lord was not displeased with His disciples for asking this question. Nay, He gave a complete, minute, exhaustive description. But in later days He can and will give later information. But there first must be the asking, "When shall these things be?" and the Holy Spirit is waiting to give the answer. "He shall shew you things to come." The majority of the Church of Christ have kept the Holy Spirit inactive by not asking Him to exercise His office in shewing things to come.

**The Office of the Spirit.**

"When He, the Spirit of truth is come... He will shew you things to come." He has come. You know it. You have evidence of it, and you boast in the fact, and yet have you asked Him to exercise this one of His offices? You have asked that the Holy Ghost convict of sin, of righteousness and judgment, but have you asked Him to shew you things to come?

Christ was pleased with His disciples' question, and Christ and the Holy Spirit long to answer the question as regards His return. Note the time when the disciples asked this question. It was shortly before His departure, and He wants the question asked again shortly before His return. The Holy Spirit can amplify and make plain the very words of Jesus Christ that He gave to His disciples. He said to them, "Behold, I have told you before." Matthew 24:25. The Holy Spirit takes the things of Christ and reveals them unto us. It is all in the Word. The Holy Spirit never gives a revelation outside of the Word.

**Spiritual Abominations.**

Jesus warned His disciples of the abomination that would be seen standing in the holy place, which was one of the signs that preceded the tribulation. And can we not truly say that in almost every place set apart for the worship of God, set apart as holy, abominable things that make desolate are creeping in. Profanity brought into the sacred and passing off the profane as sacred, have you seen that? You have not far to look for it. Have you not seen the Word of God profaned? Man's interpretation beclouding the real meaning? The subtle unbelief from high places of learning thrust into every book? In olden days they just burned the book. They destroyed the letter. That was inconvenient to the saint if he could not buy another copy. The leaders of thought of religion today are taking the letter and by means of a letter are seeking to destroy the Spirit. This in a real sense is bringing in an abomination to make desolate the Holy place of truth.

**The World in the Church.**

If you have understanding and wisdom you will see it all around bringing in the world into the church. An



abomination making desolate! When avowed men of the world are called in to sing for money the praises of Jehovah, the cry of the penitent and even the words of prophecy. And you can look round and multiply these things. When you see these things you can understand the signs of the times. These spiritual abominations are the precursors of the literal. When these things reach their climax there must be a divine interference.

Oh, yes, it is quite legitimate! Custom ordained it, to have the money changers and sellers of doves in the court of the temple! Anyhow, our courts are much better than the heathen temple courts! We are an improvement on them! Sophistry did not save them from the coming of the Son of Man. He cleansed the temple with His own presence. "It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves." Would it do for men today to call houses of God dens of thieves? But what man does not say, Christ does say it.

The depths of depravity demanded an interference, and the same thing will be repeated. Veneer does not hide from God nor does a whited sepulchre hide the bones inside. Dead men's bones!

#### Beware of Men.

"Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not." Jesus wants us to beware of men, but He does not say "Beware of the Word of God or of the Spirit." If man says, "Lo here is Christ," we are not to believe him, but when the Word speaks of His coming, and the Spirit emphasized the Word, then we are to give heed. Then we are to go forth and meet the bridegroom. Men's voices may be loud and they may be numerous, "He is coming, He is here, He is there;" but the voice of the Holy Ghost is clear and unmistakable, and He makes alive, makes real, the promises, the words of Christ as to His return.

God has many ways of directing and pointing to the event of events, the sure word of prophecy given in Daniel and elsewhere, the signs of the times, acting on the hearts of His people, making real the words of Christ and the subsequent writers, but above all the crying of the Spirit and the Bride, "Even so come Lord Jesus." The Bridegroom's ear is attuned to hear the cry of the Bride, "Come, Lord Jesus." Amidst all the plaudits of heaven, the hallelujahs, the cries of "Worthy the Lamb," the harmonious chants and anthems of heaven, away through it all comes the cry, the cry of the bride, "Come! Come! Lord Jesus," and that cry it not lost or swallowed up in its passage through the throng of sound around the Throne.

#### The New Tongues.

To emphasize the cry, He has given the bride a new tongue to utter it, yea to whisper it, so the world shall not hear it, and the enemy cannot understand it. It is the language direct from the Throne and therefore it is bound to return to the Throne. They spoke wonderful things on the day of Pentecost. That was the beginning that was given the church, but they are speaking more wonderful things in this latter Pentecost. They are speaking about the exodus. The first Pentecost inaugurated the Church, the last is giving the finishing touches. It is necessary to have the supernatural because the Church is soon to be called into the supernatural.

#### PRE-WAR THEOLOGY RIGHT.

The followers of Pastor Russell have been distributing their literature from door to door in St. Louis of late. We cull the following extract from a copy of their "Bible Student's Monthly," which was dropped at the door of the Evangel Home.

#### "Pre-War Theology Wrong."

A Methodist preacher in a prominent Canadian pulpit recently found himself faced with this question from a bereaved mother:

"My son, who was not a Christian, has been killed in France. Must I believe that his soul was lost?"

The preacher made the question the theme of a sermon. Had he adhered closely to his creed, he would have been compelled either to answer her question in a cruel affirmative or to have evaded the direct issue by supposing the miraculous conversion of the dying soldier in the hour of his extremity.

But the preacher met the question fairly and told the mother she need not doubt the salvation of her son.

To do that he had to confess that his pre-war theology was astray. He declared the theology of the old, stern orthodox type must be revised in the light of what the war has taught us of man's capacity to sacrifice, suffer and die in behalf of others.

#### Critical Times.

The nations of the earth, and we as Christians face the most critical situation the world has ever seen. We love our country and the freedom guaranteed by the Stars and Stripes. Every Christian will and must do everything consistent with his faith in Christ to uphold our country in the midst of its present great struggle. It is mightier than most people realize, and tremendous issues are at stake. We must make it possible for our country to win out for right and freedom in this world-wide struggle. I am sure we mean to do it.

But in our enthusiasm for our country and our soldier boys we must not be swept off our feet and lose our true bearings in reference to God, to the truth and the eternal destiny of man, as the Canadian preacher above referred to did, nor the writer of the extract who holds out the false hope. Mahomet promised immediate transport to glory to any soldier, however wicked, who was killed in the battlefield fighting for Islamism. We cannot throw our Bibles to the winds because we are loyal to our country or because we love our soldier boys.

#### True to Them and God.

There are no lessons learned from this or any other war that change the eternal truth of God; and if we allow these awful times to cause us to act or to teach as if they did, we shall prove untrue to God, untrue to the souls of the dear boys, and really untrue to the highest interests of our country also. Those who die in their sins, refusing to yield their hearts to our great Captain and King, Jesus Christ, are *lost*, no matter how much they suffer or in what battle they die. We are not true to these mothers' sons going to war, if we hold out, as this extract does, the false hope that if they are loyal and good soldiers their souls sweep into glory, despite of their sins, and despite of their rejection of the cleansing blood of Jesus to save them from their sins.

Sin is just as horrible today as it was two thousand years ago when Christ died on Calvary. Paul says though he gave his body to be burned and had not the love of God in his heart, even such a death would profit him nothing. Our boys can do no more than give their bodies to be burned (as some of them no doubt will be with liquid fire), and we should lose no time in holding up to them now in their camps the solemn truth that God is just the same now as before the war, that sin is just as ruinous now as ever, that a soldier boy is just as responsible for rejecting Jesus Christ as any other man, that all truth in relation to God, to Christ and to salvation is now just exactly what it was before this awful war.

#### They Need God's Love.

We should let them know the advantages in this world and that to come of being a true Christian. No boys will need the consolations of Christ's love in their hearts, of the sweet assurances of heaven in their souls, than our soldier boys amid the awful boom of the death dealing cannon in the trenches. The highest loyalty to them and to God lies in our now calling them to Christ and His great love in no uncertain tones. If they die in their sins they are lost, just the same as others who reject Christ.

# ? Questions and Answers ?

BY E. N. BELL

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

## 277. Who is the Bride?

Ans. The Bible nowhere explicitly answers this question. All believers are espoused or engaged to Christ as chaste or pure virgins, 2 Cor. 11:2. The whole body of Christ in the Spirit have through grace an open door to the Bridehood. If any fall, it will be their own fault. It may be reasonably inferred from all that is in the Scriptures that all full and true overcomers of the body of Christ will share in the Bridehood. Surely all who are under the blood and walking in the Spirit when they fall asleep or are so walking when he comes will go up to meet him in the air.

## 278. What is the sin against the Holy Ghost?

Ans. I take it the questioner wants to know what is the blasphemy or unpardonable sin against the Holy Ghost. It is wilfully and knowingly to attribute the supernatural, miraculous seen power of God through the Holy Ghost to the devil. Ignorance has saved many on this line. Many believing they are right, that the power seen is really the power of Satan, ignorantly ascribe the seen miracle of God to Satan, and yet afterwards obtain mercy when they see and repent of their mistake.

## 279. Will the world still stand after Jesus comes and gathers His saints unto Himself?

Ans. A proper answer will depend on what is meant here by the word "world." Three different words in the Greek are translated into English by the one word of "world."

**Kosmos** in Scripture is often used to mean the godless world-system organized on the Satanic principles of greed, selfishness and force. **Oikoumene** means the "inhabited earth." **Ionas** means age. Matt. 24:3; 28:20 and other places where we have this translated "end of the world." It means the end of this age.

This world in the sense of this age will end when Jesus comes to earth again; but time or the ages will not stop, for the new millennial age will then commence. The world in the sense of the inhabited earth will continue with Christ as supreme King over all the nations of the earth. The armies, the backbone and resisting power of these nations, will all be destroyed in the battle of Armageddon. But the remnants of all these nations will live on in the flesh, and flourish as never before under the righteous reign of King Emmanuel.

The evil world-system of force will be destroyed and a new world, a system based on righteousness and justice, will be organized when Jesus comes. The earth itself will also stand, and blossom as the rose under the wise and righteous reign of Christ.

## 280. Should one or two control an assembly, put in or put out pastors? Or should the whole assembly be called together in a church meeting and have a voice as to who should be pastor?

Ans. In the absence of a real church, or where the church has committed its government into the hands of elders, it is customary for them to rule. In all cases the elders, including the pastor, are the rightful rulers in the church, in the sense of executive officers who should nourish the flock and keep it in scriptural order. No assembly has any right to do anything contrary to the Scriptures. But an assembly in scriptural order, and willing to receive a scrip-

tural pastor, has a right to come together and express their choice for a pastor. It would be wrong in one or two men to insist on their own way or own will as against the will of the whole church, unless the church was out of order and against the Bible.

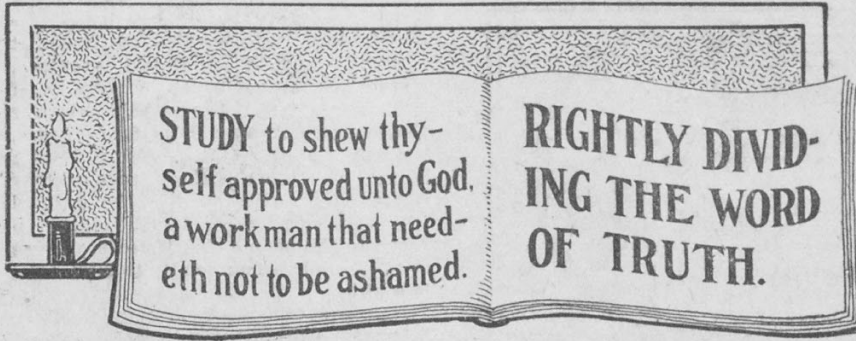
## IN THE "HOLY CITY."

It is about eight months now since I left Dhond to take charge of the work at Benares while my brother is away in America. Thus far God has been with us and has given us His aid. Living in a large city where you have to pay rent is a little expensive. During these twelve months we have received nearly twelve hundred dollars and our expenses have averaged nearly \$150 a month. One reason for this high expense is the number of Christian workers we employ. They receive a fair allowance and we expect good faithful work from them. Some are employed as colporteurs who sell and distribute the Scriptures and Christian tracts. Others go out preaching. They will take their stand on some street corner, sing a hymn to draw a crowd, and then talk to those that gather, about God's love and the salvation He offers through Christ. It takes some courage for our young men to stand up before the Hindoos in this "holy" city and preach Christ, for the enemies of Christianity are very numerous here. I personally go with our men when I can and we have often had large crowds right in the heart of the city who have listened very respectfully and attentively. Often tears will stand in the eyes of the people as they listen to the sufferings of Christ for them.

Our colporteurs have sold several thousand portions of the Scriptures like the Gospels. Many Scriptures have been given away. These are usually sold and given to pilgrims coming here from a long distance. So these Scriptures will go into various homes all over India. It is seed sown "by all waters" which we trust will bear some fruit for eternity. Sometimes Benares is visited by a large number of pilgrims. A few days ago while there was an eclipse of the moon there may have been about half a million pilgrims in the city. They had come to bathe in the Ganges during the eclipse. The Hindoos's idea of the eclipse is that a demon is trying to swallow the moon and they must do something to appease the demon. So they make the long weary pilgrimage, give offerings, shave their heads and bathe in the Ganges to save the moon. The eclipse was on about two in the morning, and hundreds of thousands of pilgrims were waiting on the bank of the Ganges to get a dip while the eclipse was on. But they cared more about getting a dip in the Ganges than about each other, so several of the weaker ones were crushed and trampled to death in their crush. And this was done in spite of the aid given by the police of the British government. Real Hindooism is seen in these large melas. The Hindoos are so governed by the superstitious fear of their gods, that they are ready to destroy their own lives and the lives of others. Every once in awhile we read in the papers of a child being offered in sacrifice. And if it was not for the Christian British government these human sacrifices and the burning of the widows alive on the funeral pyre of their husbands' body would be very common.

Day before yesterday the Hindoos had a great day worshipping the snakes. I presume this was done all over India. They think it is a snake that is holding up the earth. The ignorance and superstitions of the Hindoos is great. But they cling to them most tenaciously, preferring to be guided by custom rather than by reason. But we believe the light is gradually penetrating and a day of awakening and of a large ingathering into the Christian fold may not be far distant. We are glad of the privilege of letting our light shine in a dark place. We are very grateful to those who have stood back of us with their finances and their prayers. We want to show our gratitude by being faithful out here and in seeking to do effectual work for God. We earnestly ask for more prayer.—John E. Norton.





**SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON**

November 4, 1917.

**DEFEAT THROUGH DRUNKENNESS.**

Lesson Text: 1 Kings 20:1-21.

**Golden Text:** Let not him that girdeth on his harness boast himself as he that putteth it off. 1 Kings 20:11.

**Practical Truth:** Strong drink counts its victims by hundreds of thousands.

**Topic:** The God of battles.

**Time:** About 900 B. C.

**Place:** Samaria.

This incident, we notice, is out of its chronological order, but it furnishes a suitable subject for the lesson on the world's temperance Sunday. Ahab, the king of Israel, had disobeyed God and with Jezebel was responsible for the apostasy in Israel. The nation had become weak through idolatry and other forms of rebellion against God's laws; and the Syrian invasion was God's punishment for their sin. But even in His wrath He remembered mercy and delivered His people. The defeat of the Syrian army was God's punishment of Syria and their king Ben-hadad.

**An Arrogant Demand.** Ben-hadad, the Syrian king, made an insolent and unreasonable demand of Ahab the king of Israel, declaring that his gold and silver, wives and children and everything he valued belonged to him (verses 1-10). This stirred up Ahab to resistance, and, after talking it over with his counsellors, he sent word to Ben-hadad that he would not submit to this demand. Ben-hadad, full of pride and self-confidence which often is the case of men who indulge in strong drink, sent back a boastful reply, referring to his large army and inferring that resistance to his power was useless. The king of Israel answered him with a very appropriate warning (ver. 11.). Ben-hadad was boasting as though he had already won the battle, and Ahab reminded him that he was only preparing for the battle, not laying aside his armor, after the battle was won. And so today we must remember that we cannot lay aside our armor at any time. Eph. 6:11 and 13 tell us to "put on the armor of God," and 1 Peter 5:8 says "Be sober, be vigilant."

This warning from Ahab came to Ben-hadad as he was drinking with the thir-

ty-two kings that were fighting with him. He felt so strong and secure with all these kings and their large armies besides his own great army to fight against the small nation of Israel. It came "as he was drinking." Paul tells us in Eph. 5:18, "Be not drunk with wine." These kings had given themselves up to revelry, and the liquor had dulled their senses so that they were incapable of thinking clearly or acting wisely, and it has the same effect today on those who indulge in it. The liquor traffic blights all it touches, it ruins manhood, womanhood and childhood, it destroys beautiful homes, and great business interests. Some of the brightest intellects in the world have been ruined by strong drink. There are many warnings in God's Word against strong drink. In Prov. 23:31 we are told not even to look upon wine "when it is red," which means when it is fermented, and in Prov. 20:1 "wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Strong drink is one of Satan's great instruments in dragging souls down to perdition. But, praise God, "the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin" if we walk in the light.

Echold, there came a prophet. Just in the great crisis when the vast army of Ben-hadad and the united armies of the thirty-two other kings were setting themselves "in array against the city," a prophet came to the king and told him that the Lord would deliver that great multitude into his hands and added: "and thou shalt know that I am the Lord." What a wonderful picture of God's great mercy! This king, Ahab, and his people had turned their backs upon God and worshiped heathen idols, and deserved judgment rather than mercy. But God, in His great love, was willing to give Ahab another chance to turn from his sinful ways, for God is "not willing that any should perish." This deliverance from the great Syrian army showed God's great power and proved that He was Jehovah. He said "I will deliver." Ahab looked out upon the "great multitude" and could see no way for such a marvelous deliverance to be wrought and so asked the prophet, "By whom?" and "Who shall order the battle?" When the prophet told Ahab that he was to order the battle, he must have felt humbled to think that after all his wickedness that he should be entrusted with so great a commission. "The young

men of the princes," two hundred and thirty-two in number, and probably all the men available for military duty numbered seven thousand, a small number compared to the hosts of Syria.

**God's Promise Fulfilled.** Although the Syrian army was much greater in numbers there was a vast difference between the two sides; on one side was a great army with drunken leaders, on the other was a small army, but with the promise of God: "I will deliver." When we stand on God's promises, we can be sure of victory. Ben-hadad and the other kings with him were "drinking themselves drunk," and had already been conquered by alcohol, and their intellectual power was weakened and confused, as we can see by the order to take the young men alive whether they came for peace or war. But these young men were fully alive to the work before them, and they were going forward at God's command. There need be no fear or wavering on the part of the soldiers of the cross when we are in God's will and are believing in His promises and not in our own strength or wisdom. The young men of Israel came forward in a systematic, organized attack upon the Syrian multitude whose leaders were drunk, and so the Syrian army, without any leaders, fled panic-stricken, and were pursued by Israel's army. On the Syrian's side was disorder, dismay and defeat, on Israel's side was order, courage and victory, because God was with them. The victory was of such a nature that neither Ahab nor his army could boast of what they had done; all the glory belonged to God. (And so in our lives today, all great victories are through the grace and power of Jesus Christ. "Not of works lest any man should boast." In his darkest hour, when there seemed to be no help, Ahab found a prophet of God by his side. How often God extends mercy to those who forget Him and reject Him until they come to some dark hour of sorrow or trouble and then they turn to Him and He answers prayer and delivers them. No wonder that David says: "I will praise thee, O Lord, for Thy mercy is great above the heavens.")

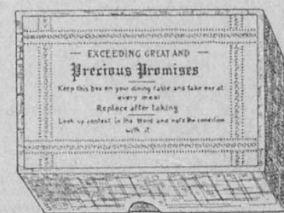
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#### A FEW RAYS OF SOUTH AFRICAN SUNSHINE.

**Mafetang, Basutoland.** The Lord is giving us great encouragement, not the least of it being that the devil is continually around seeking to spoil the work. I have great hopes always when I see him prowling around. His presence ought never to discourage us, but ought to make us fly to our precious Saviour who is Master of air, earth and sky. I believe nothing can be emphasized with more success today than the fact that Jesus is stronger than Satan and sin, and that Satan must bow to Jesus. We are daily knowing the need of hiding under the shadow of His wing.

Your precious paper is becoming increasingly a link between the different companies of warriors in the different fields.

At Christmas time we hope to have a large meeting and thenceforward make a united "offensive." Basutoland is open, the people's hearts and minds are opening and we are now asking God to open the windows of heaven and pour out the floods upon the dry ground.—Yours in His loving fellowship, David Fisher.

#### DIFFICULTIES IN CENTRAL AMERICA.

These are testing days for us here—the ten years that I have been in Central America, I have never seen such times as we have passed through during the past few months—I do not speak in regard to means—God never has nor never will let us be put to shame as beggars while faithful in His service, but in the matter of contending for the faith and protecting the flock of God. The devil has tried time and again to bring in false doctrine.

First there came a missionary (?) teaching universal salvation; then some seventh day adventists with utter annihilation and the law, and last came one denying three persons in the Trinity and to receive the baptism of the Spirit it was necessary to be rebaptized in the name of Jesus only.

None of these persons stayed to work but only time enough to sow their special doctrines and passed on.

Would to God that they would stay and suffer for the Gospel in giving it to those in darkness—their efforts seem directed to dividing God's heritage.

It makes our work much harder, for while there is dissension among the believers the Spirit of God does not work.

I write this that you may know the state of affairs here and enlist your prayers in our behalf, and those of the saints with you. Some precious souls are enquiring the way—seeking God. One last night confessed Jesus saved him, and I praise God for the precious fruit He gives us and the encouragement to press the battle until Jesus comes—if He permits us.

Conditions are becoming worse here each day. About a year ago the Roman Catholics came in power in the government and the Jesuits, who were forced to leave the country many years ago, are now returning in numbers. If you know their past records and what they are capable of, you can imagine how we must be on our guard against their schemings. They have not reformed, nor become converted, but with the world are become more evil.

My health is fairly good—nervous but praising God. My wife is taking a needed rest with some of the members of the congregation who live twelve miles in the country.—E. A. Barnes.

#### CALAMITIES IN CHINA.

This land is not exempt from the suffering and calamity which appears to be enveloping the entire world, even as the Word says. China is not only at war with Germany, but a civil war also appears to be before us between the north and the south. Besides North China has this summer been visited by floods, which have destroyed many houses and left thousands without a home. Here in Tai-yuan-fu we have never had so much rain in one summer as this year. It has been raining the last few days again, and the sky is still cloudy. The grain in the fields is suffering very much. The

houses here in Shansi, being more substantial than in other provinces, have not suffered much. In Chihli province, where houses are built principally of mud, some of the houses occupied by our Pentecostal brethren have fallen down, and they are, so to speak, left without a home. Yet, though the enemy destroy our trenches, still we must be faithful and resist even unto the end, holding up Jesus to the people, for He offers peace unto all who will surrender to Him. Hallelujah!

Our meetings are good and also good interest. Our duty is to hold up and preach only Jesus. Jesus, Jesus, and He will draw men unto Himself.

God bless you in your labors in behalf of the missionaries and lost souls the world over.—Edgar C. Steinberg, Tai-yuan-fu, Shansi, China.

#### FLOODS AND DESOLATION IN CHINA.

We have left the mountain and have started for Peking, but on account of the heavy rains and the river overflowing between Shih chia chuang and Peking, we are compelled to stop here at Tai yuan fu with dear Brother Steinberg and family until the railroad is in operation again. The train cannot run on account of the roadbed and steel bridges being out of commission from the flood.

It may be a month yet before we can make a start. If so we will work with Brother Steinberg and do some witnessing here for Jesus. We feel badly but, praise God, Rom. 8-28 is still in the "Good Old Book." Hallelujah!

The floods in North China this year have been the greatest in years. From Shih chia chuang to Peking nearly four hundred villages have been destroyed and the suffering is indescribable.

At Shih chia chuang, a city of more than ten thousand, eight out of every ten houses fell down.

At Peking it rained for one week steadily and the roofs of many houses caved in and walls fell down; the poor people had to stand in their rooms partly filled with water and all their belongings wet and ruined.

Our compound stood the rain well except the new addition built to the mission hall leaked badly; we will have to re-paper the ceiling.

I fear that there will be a shortage of grain in North China this year on account of the floods. The prices on all articles before the rains this year was bad enough, but now it will be worse.

We missionaries on the field need the prayers of all the Pentecostal saints.

We have been strengthened in our bodies by our stay on the mountain and want to thank every steward of God who was instrumental in helping us to make the trip and spend a quiet time there through the hot months.

We need the prayers of all the saints that our hands may be held up for another year if the Lord tarries that long.—Yours in the bonds of the Gospel. H. C. Hansen, 26 Hsiao cha yeh. hu tung, West City, Peking, North China.



**SOUTH CHINA MISSIONARIES IN CONFERENCE.**

Canton, South China. Greetings from China. Your letter just received, and truly our hearts are full of praise and thanksgiving to God for the enclosed offering. We are preparing for an evangelistic campaign to begin this month, and the expenses will be heavy, but God is faithful and already He has begun to supply.

One of our Christians from Sai Nam was arrested about three weeks ago and put in jail and the authorities want to kill him. Some five years ago this man was an ally to a gang of thieves, and had to leave his village, so came to Sai Nam, and there in our mission heard the Gospel, and two years ago he was saved, and has been an honest, straightforward Christian since. He felt such a desire to return to his home, and tell the people about Jesus. He often asked us to go with him to his village, so that he could witness there. Finally a Chinese preacher went with him, and while out selling Gospels, the soldiers arrested him, and as is the custom here, they kill a thief without even having a trial, but Mr. Kelley and Bros. Finch and James went up there nearly two weeks ago and demanded a trial. The magistrate has put them off from day to day, but they are camping there, and in the meantime God has given them an open door to preach the Gospel and great throngs of people are coming to hear the message. A Baptist chapel has been opened to them, so we thank God that the "Word of the Lord is not bound," and wherever this Gospel is proclaimed hearts and lives are touched by it. God does not leave any people without an excuse.

Some phases of the work are very encouraging, souls are being saved at the different stations, and many of the Christians are being established. We feel also to have a week's meeting for the native preachers, to get them together and teach them from the "Word," that they may be better prepared to give out to their own people.

This seems very necessary, as a great deal depends upon the native ministry. God is helping to get the South China mission work on a proper basis, and we feel encouraged. The last of August we had a missionary meeting and there were eighteen missionaries present, many vital problems were discussed, and such unity and love existed, it was precious.

I might say, that we adopted the "Fundamentals" of the Assemblies of God as our creed, and that seems quite a step when all know just what they do believe.

We are praying for the Missionary Council, (which convenes this week) and we feel God will direct you, and we know some steps must be taken to bring about a closer union between the home field, and the workers at the front.

The China missionaries are facing now the money problem, especially since gold has gone so low, that we get about one-third what we could get two years ago, and they say soon we will not get one Mexican dollar for one gold. Well God is above, and greater than all these prob-

lems. And we will trust and not be afraid. Hallelujah!

Pray with us for a mighty sweeping revival in South China. Souls are being saved by the ones and twos, but God is able to bring them in by the scores, yea hundreds. We are groaning deeply in our hearts that God will break through and bless in a greater degree than we have yet seen.

Thanking you again for the kind remembrances of us. In the hope of His coming,

Mrs. Geo. M. Kelley.

**A MISSIONARY OFFERING.**

A sister in Arkansas writes to us, "The enclosed order for \$5.00 is money that was to have been used for bodily ailments, but the Lord wonderfully healed and I send it to you to be used for Brother Urshan in Persia and for the needy saints in Jerusalem, Palestine."

Are there not others who have been healed of the Lord who would like to give a thank offering to the needy missionaries?

**THREE NEW TRACTS.**

In connection with the series of Evangel Tracts for the Times which we are now publishing at the Gospel Publishing House, we have now ready "A Vision in the Heavens," the remarkable account of a number of Norwegian school-children seeing the words "Be ye converted, Jesus is coming soon," written in the heavens, which appeared in a recent number of the Evangel. The price of this tract is 5 cents per doz., 20 cts. per 100 postpaid. We have also a 6-paged Gospel tract by Bro. Andrew Urshan, entitled "Glad Tidings of Great Joy." The price of this tract is 25 cts. per 100. Also an 8-paged tract on "The Life of Continuous Contentment." This latter is written by the author of the tract "Putting the Enemy to Flight," and we believe will bring help to many hearts. The price of this tract is 8 cts. for 20, or 35 cts. per 100.

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**GREAT BLESSING IN PORTO RICO.**

The Lord is blessing the work here. Our new hall was opened on September 24th, and since then eleven souls have confessed Jesus as their Saviour and Lord. Our new hall, with 350 chairs, has been full every night in the week since opened. About 500 crowd in every night of every class, both rich and poor, black and white, to hear the message of salvation. Most of these people are under conviction and are studying the Bible to see if these things are so.

The month of September was my hardest month, as I was preparing this new hall and building the little chapel at Don Alonso, and after the hall was opened I cried unto the Lord for help, as I was alone with Bro. Lopez and it was too much for two men, and the Lord sent my father and Bro. Lucena just at the right time. They are both wonderfully used of the Lord, and God greatly honors their ministry. I did not expect them so soon, but the Lord prepared everything for them and sent them very rapidly.

We are now preparing for an evangelistic campaign through all the island. The Lord is raising up some good workers and these will be able in a little while to take charge of the different stations already opened. Bro. Pedro Moreno, one of the first converts who received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and our Bro. Rodriguez, who was once an M. E. minister but now Pentecostal, are in charge of the work in DonAlonso, and they write me that in these last three nights twenty-five souls have come to the Lord.

The Lord has given us a large tent, and we expect to start as soon as it arrives. The tent is still in San Jose, Cal., but we hope to have it shipped shortly and to have it in use here.

Our work in Ponce and San Anton is going on nicely, and the brethren there write of good times. Souls are getting saved almost every night and some have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost lately.—Frank D. Ortiz, Jr., Arecibo, Porto Rico.

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### THE FALLING LEAVES.

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"Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as of a shock of corn cometh in his season." Job 5:26.

The woods are clothed with beauty  
And the leaves are falling down,  
We admire their Autumn splendor  
As they fall upon the ground.  
In their dresses of bright crimson  
They are falling one by one,  
But their Autumn beauty tells us  
That their day at last is done.

So in life we have our Springtime,  
And we have our summer joy  
When it seems that all is sunshine  
And there's nothing to annoy,  
But the time of Autumn cometh  
Just before the chilly breath  
Of that cold and wintry season.  
Known to mortal Man as Death.

But if we, like leaves of Autumn,  
Have in beauty grown for God,  
As the leaves rest 'neath the Snowdrift,  
We will rest beneath the sod.\*  
And as season follows season—  
As the Springtime comes again,  
So shall we come forth in beauty  
With a glad and sweet refrain.

Yes with voices of thanksgiving  
We will 'wake to hear Him say,  
"Lo, the winter now is passing,  
Rise, my love, and come away."  
Come where leaves no more shall wither,  
And where life shall never wane—  
Come where flowers of youth eternal  
Grow within a grand domain.

Then while gazing on the splendor  
Of these days of beauty rare,  
Let us listen to the music  
That is wafted on the air:  
'Tis a still and silent music—  
Music with out word or sound,  
Nature singing life's last hymnal\*  
As the leaves fall to the ground.

—William Burton McCafferty

Overton, Texas.

\*Job 14:13-15.

### FIELD REPORTS.

**Havana, Ark.** God is still working at Havana, for which I praise Him. Twenty-seven have been saved, thirty-one baptized in water and twenty-four have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4. The meeting closed with good interest. Went up to Vanburen County near Clinton and preached two weeks; fifteen were saved and seven received the Holy Ghost. It was a new field, and the devil was stirred up when the power of God began to fall. Praise God, the Lord gave the victory.—L. L. Riley.

**Brownsville, Texas.** We had a glorious time yesterday. Four were baptized in water. One man came twenty miles from the interior of Mexico for baptism. A large multitude witnessed the service. At the night service the house was full and crowds outside in the streets. We so badly need a hall or tabernacle.—H. C. Ball.

**Minneapolis, Minn.** Glad to report victory in Jesus' name here in Minneapolis. Our convention closed the 7th after a steady eleven days' feast at the dear Master's table. Truly it was good to be here. God brought forth His message and many got through to victory in salvation and the baptism in the Spirit. The old Bloomington tabernacle was crowded to its utmost capacity and the praises shook the very place. It was quite impossible at times to do anything but look up and magnify the Lord. Brother Hansen and I had charge of the services. Brother Fuke has returned to Minneapolis and will again undertake the pastoral charge, assisted by Brother Westman of Menominee, Michigan.

I shall remain for a week's revival here following the convention, as there seems to be a revival spirit in the people. Pray for us.—Evangelist W. F. Kirkpatrick.

**Stowers, North Dakota.** Twenty-six received the Holy Ghost and forty-three were baptized in water. This is the result of meetings began July 30th on the Selma school house grounds in a large tent. By September 1st it had become so cold, but the Lord graciously tendered hearts and opened for us a large North Dakota sod barn, 60x16. The Spirit of God was present to bless from the very beginning, and the devil was present to devastate and destroy. The Catholics and sympathizers cut our tent down once and repeatedly caused riot, but the sword of the Lord conquered. Greater manifestations of the Spirit we have never seen before. As the meetings were held in a settlement of many nationalities, Scandinavian, Sweed, Russian, German and English, it gave us splendid opportunity to see the work of the Spirit. Different individuals gave testimony and prophecy in many tongues. The interpretations were given out by the various nationalities represented. Visions were often seen and the glory of God revealed from heaven so that people on their way home from meeting hurriedly returned to relate the mysterious signs seen from heaven. We are expecting to go to Salem, South Dakota, for our next meeting.—L. E. Brown and T. O. Andrew, together with families and Sister Hanna Peterson.

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**Anguilla, Miss.** Just closed a meeting at Anguilla, Miss., where I was assisting Pastor Jas. O. Savell. We had a good meeting in spite of the odds against us. We held the meeting in an arbor and the nights were so cool most of the time it was uncomfortable, and then the meeting was held in the most busy season, for the farmers were gathering their crops, and its considered the most sickly time of year in the Delta, and this year was no exception to the rule. But the Lord blessed us anyway and several were saved and two received the baptism in the Holy Ghost and many others were seeking. We also had some blessed cases of healing during the meeting. This work was started two years ago by Bros. Jas. Savell and Fred Eiting, and they have a very blessed little assembly, but have been handicapped by not having a building to worship in. But we raised over \$500.00 the last Sunday of the meeting to begin the erection of a church immediately. Besides this we raised almost \$50.00 for missions the last Sunday. They also did good by their evangelist financially in this meeting, for all of which we are very thankful to the Giver of every good and perfect gift. We left Bro. Savell and the saints much encouraged and blessed for our short stay among them.

There is a fine field over in that Mississippi country that is almost untouched by this Gospel and largely neglected by the churches as well. Let us join the dear saints and Bro. Savell in prayer that the dear Lord may soon send them some good level-headed and Spirit-filled workers over there.

We came back through Vicksburg and looked over the situation there some, with a view to opening up a work there and in some of the other large cities of the State in the near future. We are now at Huttig, Arkansas, with the saints for a few days' meeting before returning to our work at Wellston, Oklahoma for the winter. They have a nice large building here not quite finished and a good little band of saints, but have suffered some from the efforts of the "New Issue" folks, etc. Pray for us that the Lord may help us to get the work in good condition here and that the Lord may raise up a good Spirit-filled man to take charge of this work as pastor.—Thos. J. O'Neal, Wellston, Okla.

### WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS.

To the saints abroad:

Greetings in Jesus' name. We feel like thanking our blessed heavenly Father for His goodness to us since we lost our new tabernacle in the early spring which we had only used a short time God has enabled us to pay out all of the indebtedness and now we are preparing to build again. Now we ask the readers of the Evangel to ask God if it pleases Him for you to help us bear this burden. If so, we shall appreciate it. All of our people are just laboring men and just a little from each assembly will greatly relieve the brethren here. We earnestly desire your prayerful co-operation.—Yours in Jesus' name, W. W. Hall, Pastor.



**AN ANNOUNCEMENT.**

Dear saints of the General Council or the Assemblies of God:

I send greetings in the worthy name of Jesus, and hereby announce, through the Evangel, that the time has come for me to take my stand with you. I endorse fully the Fundamentals adopted in the council meeting of 1916, and ask for credentials from the proper authority. I send as references, if you desire to know more of me, the names of S. A. Jamieson, A. P. Collins, E. R. Fitzgerald, Fred Lohman and Z. J. Launius.

Allow me to say that, since the year 1895 I have been identified with a local movement in Southern Arkansas that has stood for full Gospel ideals called Holiness Baptists, feeling all the while that there would be sometime a general awakening along this line. From the inception of the great Pentecostal movement I have watched its trend, feeling sure that at sometime there would come out of it just such a body as the General Council. However, there has been so much erroneous clash here and there, that I have awaited the adjustment of full Gospel teaching. Since the adoption of the Fundamentals shut the door in the face of error, I have known we are one people, but have awaited our annual meeting, hoping to line up as a body. Our recent meeting, however, revealed the fact that there is a small discordant element that we couldn't afford to carry into the General Council until it is adjusted.

This discord arose over speaking in tongues being the initiative accompaniment to the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Our ten ordained ministers, with two or three exceptions, believe and teach it, and practically all the spiritual element of our people stand with the General Council, and I hope by further waiting that we may move as a whole. My waiting, however, has reached its limit, but I shall labor with them as formerly, as the Lord may lead, and do all in my power to help adjust matters. I feel sure, though, that other ministers will act independently as I have done and possibly some churches.

Give me a place in your ministerial fellowship, and I'll find a place in the battle line.—W. Jethro Walthall.

**RAISED FROM THE DEAD.**

An extract from a letter to a friend.

"Every Wednesday we meet for special prayer. L. and I go to a little village a few miles up country for a meeting. A Boer and his wife, both baptized in the Holy Spirit, have opened their house. Last week we started by singing about the power of the Blood, and got down to pray, when a little girl, two years old, who had come with her mother, had a fit. The neighbors wanted to send for a doctor, but we told them 'Jesus could heal the child.' We laid hands on her, anointed her and prayed, but she grew rapidly worse and soon died. The mother shrieked wildly, but would not pray. She professed to be a Roman Catholic, but had been to several meetings, and the Holy Spirit was working. It was a

terrible time, neighbors looking on to see what would happen. Knowing that Jesus had conquered death, we held on to God, pleading the precious Blood for mother and child. I don't think I've ever pleaded it so earnestly as that afternoon. After a time the woman began to yield and pleaded the Blood for herself. Then L. had the message in tongues: "I will reserve her for My glory." And we began to praise. Then Jesus came and touched little Kathleen, and the lips began to move and she sat up. You can imagine how we shouted "Hallelujah to Jesus," as we gave her back to her mother, after having been laid out for one hour and twenty minutes. Glory forever to Jesus! for this

manifestation of His power. Soon after we had to go, but left the little girlie quite well, eating biscuits. Saw her again this week. She looked so sweet and bonnie, and has not had a fit since, though subject to them before. Praise His name.—Margaret —, Durban, South Africa.

Sent by A. Blackburn, Keighley, England.

Jesus Christ is selecting His bride among His own people. He was born down here amid the earth scene, the earth strife and strain. He was born among men. So He proposed to find a bride among the lowly inhabitants of the country where He was born.

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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 Erskine 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.

**PAWHUSKA, OKLA.**

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

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

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

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

Pastor J. R. Evans, Chairman,  
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**CAMP MEETING NOTICE.**

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

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Meetings daily at 10:30 A. M. and 8 P. M. For further information, write Robt. A. Brown, Pastor.

**NOTICE.**

To any assembly in Oklahoma without a pastor and desiring one. You are requested to send a delegate to District State Council Meeting at Pawhuska, Oct. 30th to Nov. 4th. Also anyone desiring license or ordination, must appear before council with necessary credentials of recommendation from your assembly,

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**REQUESTS FOR PRAYER.**

Pray for one who has weak eyes.

Pray for one who needs financial help.

Pray for one suffering with extreme nervousness.

Pray for a man who is an infidel, whose wife is a Christian.

Pray for a Christian woman whose eyesight and hearing are failing.

"Please pray for my family, also for your sister in Christ.—C. IN., Carthage, Miss."

Prayer is requested for one whose ear is affected in some way and whose hearing is obstructed.

Prayer is requested for a woman that has been afflicted for years with kidney and bladder trouble.

Prayer is requested for one who has become discouraged, that this one may be healed and indwelt by the Holy Spirit.

A brother in Longview, Texas, requests the prayer of the Evangel family that he may be healed of articular rheumatism.

A sister in Kingsville, Texas, requests prayer that her husband may be saved, also that she herself may get closer to the Lord.

Pray for one who has a nervous breakdown, that he may be restored to his family, and pray also for the family.—M. P., Iowa.

Prayer is requested for one who uses tobacco and is a great spendthrift that he may be saved. Also that his wife may be healed.

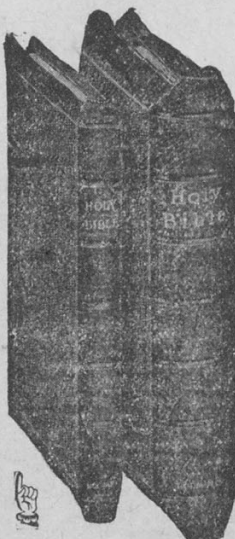
A child of God requests prayer for a fuller manifestation of the Holy Spirit in her life, and that she may be stronger in her prayer-life.

Pray for a young woman who has to work so hard from early morning until late at night that she has no opportunity of attending a place of worship.

"Please pray for my healing of nervousness, also of head and heart trouble, and that the Lord will have His way with me and put me where He wants for His glory."—A saint in Portland, Oregon.

Pray for one who is lonely, who has seen the last loved one carried out of her home. Also for a man in a similar situation; that both of these parties have their hearts filled with Jesus, and His joy and praise.

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