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The Saviour to the Saint.

He said to me, "You are in Me, and wherever I am you are there too. I took you with Me to Calvary, so that when I died you died too, and each day you live you shall become more like Me, more and more conformed to My death. My soul was poured out unto death, and you shall share with Me in this travail; and this travail deepens each day. My heart was broken and melted, and your heart is broken with Mine. The hosts of hell were met and conquered at Calvary, and in Me you share My victory. United to Me you pass with Me to where I am on the throne in the place of power, and here you reign with Me and all things are under your feet as they are under Mine. Seated with Me on My throne you share with Me My intercession and claim with Me all the completeness of the victory which is Mine through Calvary."



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THE LAST GREAT MEETING

Some Important Matters in the Last Great Council Meeting in September at St. Louis.

A general report of the recent General Council meeting was given in the Evangel before the writer came to this office to aid in the Publishing House work. Hence it is not our purpose to attempt a general report, only to emphasize for the benefit of our readers some *striking features* of the Council and note some very *important matters* before the Council.

A Large Crowd of New Faces.

One of the things very noticeable to a regular attendant of all former Council Meetings was the large number of new and interested faces. The old ones were on hand, to be sure; but it seemed to the writer that about half the attendance was made up of splendid looking, sturdy, sober, determined, godly and sweet spirited men and women who had caught a glimpse during the past year of the great things for which the General Council stands, and had come up to cast their lot with us and to do business for the King. Thank God for all the new recruits in this great army of the Lord. They gave a new inspiration to all the older ones, and made us to shout, "I feel like going on!"

Growth of the General Work.

The year before, the General Office work had been a mere adjunct to the editor in the Publishing House. But with an eye of faith, last year the Council instructed the Chairman of the General Council, Bro. J. W. Welch, to open up a separate and distinct office for General Council matters proper. Not only had this been done, but God had also blessed this effort by supplying means for support of said office and by causing the work to grow in such a way that Bro. Welch felt like he could not handle alone the increasing business matters before the general office for the coming year. An enlarged list of ministers, co-operating heartily with us, was reported. Calls on the chairman to visit all over the field to aid in setting things in order and help take care of the increasing interests were many more than could be responded to. These calls at this moment are increasing. Thank God for growth and increased interest everywhere.

Enlargement of Publishing House.

During the year the Publishing House had done a business involving the amount of about \$20,000.00. While not making expenses for itself, still this showed a greatly increased sphere of usefulness for God in spreading twenty thousand dollars' worth of good literature to the very ends of the earth.

The house has paid off during the year a debt of a few thousand dollars, and is now ready for the next great stride forward in procuring a home for the plant. It has outgrown its present rented quarters, and must move to larger quarters soon. With faith in God to provide, the General Presbytery has instructed the management, in making the necessary move, to buy a home for the plant to be held in trust for God's work and only for His glory. God is able to make this new provision for the enlargement of His own work, and we ask all our readers to get hold with us, in your prayers, of the very horns of the eternal altar of God, and never turn loose a bulldog grip until the thing is done. Then we can come up next year if Jesus tarries and have a big shouting time together over what our God has done for us. If we are caught up before

then, we shall have a still bigger time, shouting at the marriage supper of the Lamb—our King!

Schools Started.

For years there has been a felt need for Bible Training Schools for our young men and women—especially for those called of God into His vineyard. During the year Bro. W. W. Simpson, a returned missionary from China who knows personally the needs of young missionaries, has become the principal of the Bethel Bible School, Newark, N. J. Thus the needs for our Eastern workers are being provided for.

Bro. T. K. Leonard has for some years been doing his best along this line with his school at Findlay, Ohio. During this year he has united with the Mt. Tabor Bible Training School under Bro. Andrew L. Fraser at Chicago, Ill. See further particulars about this blessed effort and future prospects under heading of this school in this issue of the Evangel. Thus the Lord is moving on these lines, and we have reason greatly to praise God for this open door for our coming young workers.

Great Missionary Interests.

One of the chief aims of our first coming together in the General Council at Hot Springs four years ago was, to stimulate missionary interests and help these soldiers of God at the front fighting for King Immanuel. Well, surely every lover of God and missions heard at this last Council, things to make his heart rejoice.

(1) *More Money Sent On.*—During the past ten months of this year \$11,964.98 has been received and sent on by the General Council alone to the foreign missionaries. This is double the amount sent on during the entire previous year. The Evangel is withal a missionary paper, and it was through information in its columns that this money has been collected and sent on for God's glory without any pay whatever for said service. In estimating the value of the Evangel to the glory of Jesus Christ, the price of the dollar is to be forgotten in our thanks to God for such a medium of blessing to the missionaries in spreading the Pentecostal message to the ends of the earth.

(2) *Best Lot of Missionaries.* Quite a lot of new and old missionaries were present on their way to the foreign field. A number of these going out had just finished courses in special training at Bible Training Schools for their life work. About that time God baptized them with the Holy Spirit, and so their new and blessed experience threw them in line with our great message for the closing of this age, and they are going out, already trained, under our banners. Altogether the writer can say before God, he has never seen such a *fine lot* of Pentecostal missionaries on their way to the regions beyond. Things are getting better sure. Reader, what are you going to do in getting behind these blessed soldiers of the Cross who have left their all on faith to go to the front to "wave His banner high" till Jesus comes? When I saw them I wished I were going and one of their number! But—there are other things we can all do for them and for Him! Let us do it!

(3) *The Missionary Conference.* In connection with the Council, following immediately on its heels in the same building, a great Missionary Conference had been called. Bro. W. W. Simpson was to have presided at this conference; but the serious illness of Mrs. Simpson kept him away at her bedside. After a long hard fight for life since her return from the foreign field, she finally ceased struggling and in the faith she went to sleep in the arms

of Jesus. God bless our brother in this sore bereavement! But in spite of our brother's absence, a splendid and profitable conference was had. It lasted over through the next Monday. A noble beginning was made in the right direction—a coming together of the missionaries themselves to confer together and agree on the solution of their own problems on the foreign field. It also gave the home-folks firsthand reports of conditions and problems in the great regions beyond. We cried and rejoiced as some of them told of their hardships, sacrifices and victories. We felt ashamed that we had ever murmured one word in our life at our little hardships in His blessed service. You all should have been there and heard them.

(4) *Steps for Order and Progress.* Both by the General Council proper, an entirely separate thing from the Conference, and by this Missionary Conference, steps were taken for better order and better methods of doing foreign missionary work. While separate bodies, many of the same persons attended both, and in love and sympathy both were striving together largely for the same things.

It is not desired by the Council to hamper any man of God on the foreign field, rather to put our hand in his and let us pull together to help him on to victory for God. Every thought was for real and substantial progress on the field to our Master's glory. We cannot give details here of the many things done and the good suggestions made. The Minutes of the 1917 General Council are now being published. In these will be found just the details you want to know. Send 60 cents for a dozen copies to the Gospel Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo., and read them and spread them among the saints. A single copy can be had for 10 cents.

(5) *Foreign Missions Committee.* A standing committee, with an Atlantic port center in New York, and a Pacific center in Los Angeles, and a Midwest center at St. Louis was appointed. The great centers at Chicago and Cleveland are close enough that St. Louis can keep in touch with them. Bro. W. W. Simpson, assisted by Bro. Robert Brown, will keep in touch with incoming and outgoing missionaries at the New York sailing point. Bro. G. N. Eldridge, with a corps of assistants in Los Angeles, will keep in touch with those sailing from Pacific ports. Mrs. Montgomery at Oakland, no doubt, will render much assistance.

This committee will confer with every outgoing missionary who will co-operate with us, aiding on to the utmost of our ability every worthy efficient missionary, and lovingly counseling with those who for good reasons ought not at this time to go out. To have the financial and moral aid of the General Council, outgoing missionaries hereafter must secure the endorsement of this committee. No new missionary should plan to go out until after he has conferred with this committee. The brethren on this Foreign Missions Committee will be open, heart and soul, to co-operate with every Pentecostal man of God called to the foreign field. Their services are at the command of the missionaries.

The Corresponding Secretary of this committee will have some interesting correspondence soon for all the missionaries in foreign lands.

Increased Unity.

The solidarity of the Council, along the lines laid down last year, was a marked feature of this council meeting. If any one last year supposed that there was lacking conviction in our midst to continue strongly for the Fundamental Truths of the old Book, for which a stand was taken last year, he should have been on hand this year to see the increasing unity among the brethren along all these lines. The attendance and sentiment, at this last Council, showed beyond all doubt that the saints of God generally, and the preachers in particular, have greatly

appreciated finding out just where to place the General Council as to these great matters. The past year's correspondence, as well as that of the present with the General Office, shows increased confidence, increased unity, increased conviction for the truth, and increased love among the fellowship of the Council. Praise God forevermore!

A Glorious Future.

With the nations of the earth in a death-struggle, with millions yet to hear this last day message and final call of God, and with the signs of the times big in portent of His soon coming—who will dare to fail God! Ministers of the coming King of Glory, exempted in the mercy of God from service in this earthly war, if we ever intend to be real men, to do things worthy of our Master and of our high calling, surely this is the hour of all hours to prove it. If our soldier boys face the bursting shells, the deadly gas and the living liquid fire, who of us will not be man enough to face the dangers less, in service to mankind and to please our Great Captain. Despite every foe in air, earth, or hell, seeing the glorious present and future, we unfurl our banners to the breeze in His mighty Name who never lost a battle! Come on, boys, and let us follow our Captain into this glorious fray.—E. N. B.

P. S.—Don't neglect to send at once for the last General Council Minutes, and get the rest of the story.

GOD'S FAN.

John the Baptist said of Jesus: "Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable." When the Lord commences to put His fan on things connected with our life it soon proves what is pure gold and what is dross. It may be our worship that God puts His fan on; and, let me tell you, if you are just following a man instead of worshipping God in Spirit and in truth, that which is being done after the flesh is going down and out; but that which is being done after the Spirit He can fan it and fan it, but it will make it shine the brighter. Perhaps it may be the tithe offering on which the Lord puts His fan, and the people to whom you gave your money come back at you, and you are sorry you gave it; but if you are giving it to God and they don't make use of it as you would like, you can say: "It don't matter, I gave it to you Lord." Or you may be walking hand-in-hand with someone and you have such sweet fellowship with them that you cannot be separated from them—look out when God puts His fan on that fellowship, that which is your good feeling and your flesh is going down; but that which is real fellowship in the Spirit will stand the test and will come out as pure gold, all the brighter. Glory to God, these things work out.

You say you are so filled with peace and joy. But remember there is true peace and there is false peace, there is real spiritual peace and there is natural peace. Look out when God puts His fan on that peace of yours, for He may have a sharp-tongued neighbor somewhere, and look out for your peace. He is going to have a true and tried people, if it is only three hundred, like Gideon's band.

Let me tell you, beloved, I have known people to speak in tongues—if you speak in tongues as the Spirit of God gives utterance and with an eye single to the glory of God, it is all right and you will not care whether it is interpreted or not; but if you get all stirred up because it is not interpreted, I say that God is putting His fan on that thing. You know experience keeps a pretty dear school, but it is the best one. It is well for these things to be tried out.

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THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB.

"And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunders, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready (Rev. 19: 6, 7).

I.

The event of the ages! The multitude, whose occupation was glorifying God, worshipping Him, add this to their Alleluias, "Let us be glad and rejoice!" A great event was about to take place in heaven. It was wonderful when the Son departed from heaven to earth. The heavenly hosts accompanied Him, and at His birth they broke through with their songs of praise. By special permission they left their habitation. (Satan and his angels left their habitation without permission.) And they sang, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." There was another great event in which heaven was mightily concerned, when the Son of man was crucified. But great was the joy, wondrous was the welcome, when He returned, Victor. "Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory." The heavens rejoiced in the return of the glorified Son of man.

But a new note is now added to the song of the heavens. "Let us be glad and rejoice, for the marriage of the Lamb is come." And the occasion of a marriage is always a season of happiness, a time of festivity, a period of rejoicing. But this is the marriage, the result of which will last throughout eternity. And it will be a real marriage. The Son of God actually became incarnate, *was very man*; was touched with the feeling of our infirmity, human in every degree, and as the risen Son of man he was raised with a body like unto ours. "Handle me and see," He says, "For a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have." He was a *man* after His resurrection.

God said to Adam, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make a help meet for him." If God had such great consideration for the first Adam, think you that He has less consideration for the last Adam? "It is not good that the man should be alone." A help meet for Him will be provided. Eve was taken from, taken out of Adam; bone of his bone, and flesh of his flesh. God clothed the rib taken out. The unsightly was clothed upon. A rib is not a very sightly thing, but God clothed it and produced the form of a woman, the most lovely, the most beautiful, that no artist could excel. So will it be when God has prepared a bride for His Son.

II.

"His wife hath made herself ready." "Whatsoever she desired was given her" (Esth. 2:13). There must be *desire* first of all, and then the things will be granted to fit her for the King's presence. "And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white." Everything necessary for the fitting, for the purification, for the clothing of the bride is ready and at her disposal. God clothed the rib to produce a help meet for Adam. God has all things necessary ready to clothe that which was unsightly, to make, to fit and to clothe upon the bride of the last Adam.

The clothing is going on unconsciously. Ask, ask, ask, and these things will be supplied. And the Spirit of God will go farther and beyond the asking or even thinking. Esther found favor with the keeper of the women before she found favor with the King. And this servant was especially active on her behalf. He had the best ready for her. Abraham's servant, Eliezer, had the things ready for

the bride of his master's son before he even saw her. So, the Holy Ghost, in His activity, is fitting up and providing with everything necessary for the presentation to the King.

What did Esther do that she was selected to fill her high position? She was only one among many. But she was chosen from the virgins. *It was grace.* The Holy Ghost is choosing here and there likely ones to become the bride of Christ. And when the selection is made, abundance of that which is necessary is at the disposal of the bride elect, the oil of myrrh, sweet odors, clothing, spices, perfumes. You may not be conscious of them maybe, but seek, ask in faith, and *believe they are actually being supplied.*

III.

The whole thing is so real. Christ was a babe. He grew to manhood. He was touched with the feeling of our infirmities. He died, and was raised by the power of God, still a man. So much so that He was mistaken for a gardener, for a stranger on the roadside, could actually kindle a fire of coals, and could eat and drink. But all this was done on a higher plane. He could be seen and become invisible at will after His resurrection. But He was a *man*. And as the glorified man, then, and not till then, would He desire or would God provide a help meet. But as surely as God saw the need of the first Adam and provided for him, so surely will He supply the need of the last Adam.

John saw this, and in the Spirit, he heard the great multitude shouting, "Let us be glad and rejoice, for the marriage of the Lamb is come!" The great event of heaven. The incarnation was for this purpose above all other purposes, that it might be possible for the marriage of the Lamb to take place (Heb. 12:2, Isa. 53:11). Mystery of mysteries! We are on holy ground. But the veil is withdrawn for the moment. These things the angels desire to look into, and man is amazed at the revelation.

IV.

"And his wife hath made herself ready" with the things He provided. Think you that God will have a bride unworthy of His Son? The incarnation, the humble birth, the lowly life, the agony of Gethsemane and Calvary, the laying in the grave, think you they will all be in vain? This was part of the price to pay to provide for the very things the bride requires. We read, "They made their robes white in the blood of the Lamb." *The blood, the blood of the Lamb of God* was the purchase price for the apparel, for the robes, for the jewels, for the ornaments, for the accomplishments, for the very glory coming to the bride. Nothing is too costly or expensive in God's wardrobe for the bride, because the Bridegroom's blood paid for it all. No wonder He says in His Word, "Come boldly to the throne of grace." It is a throne of *grace*, because everything can be given. The applicant presents a receipt; the price is paid, the very blood of the Son of God. And with such a price paid, the bride is at liberty to draw everything necessary and everything to beautify. Some only take necessities, others come boldly and take necessities and they take more, they take the extras. The one price pays for both. "All things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

Rebekah took the first presents from Eliezer, but when she agreed to become the wife of Isaac she took the other things the servant gave her. She never hesitated. There was no mock shyness about it. It was her right and she exercised her right. It was as much her right to receive those costly jewels as it was to mount the camel and start towards Isaac.

V.

The great hosts of heaven sing, "Rejoice and be glad, for the marriage of the Lamb is come." But nothing is

said about the joy, the gladness of the Bridegroom and the bride. It is only hinted at here and there in other parts of the Word. It is too sacred, too wonderful, and the veil is not withdrawn. "As the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee" (Isa. 62:5). It hath not entered into the heart of man to conceive! Enough is said to make one long to seek, to strive for the prize of the high calling.

Even at the last moment Esther could not be sure whether she would obtain the favor of the king or not. But she did her best to fit herself, and the king loved her. Paul says, "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Paul, who had wonderful revelations and wondrous grace, never presumed in the natural. But the blessings ahead were assured in the spiritual (2 Tim. 4:7).

THE SAD EFFECTS OF THE WAR ON THE PERSIAN PENTECOSTAL SAINTS.

The horrible effects of the war upon our poor and destitute brethren in Persia cannot be described by pen. But I will endeavor to give a few facts about the condition of things at this critical time so that it may be seen what these brethren are passing through.

The Moslems as they passed through those Eastern lands shed the blood of practically every professed Christian, and thousands of Armenians and Assyrians were cruelly murdered, amongst whom were some of our Pentecostal workers in Urmiah, Persia. Today their poor widows and orphans are in lamentable distress.

The second pitiable effect was the ruining of their homes and robbing the people of all the comforts of this life, leaving them without food, clothing or bed, making them like those who live on the cold ashes.

The third bitter effect of the war upon the Persians was that they were left for months seeking protection under the refuge of the American flag, and while they were hidden behind the walls of these American places of refuge to save their lives they could not attend to their farms and vineyards. In consequence they could make no preparations for the future, and now there is great lack of all things.

The fourth evil effect to the inhabitants of Urmiah was this, that Urmiah, being the center of the fighting armies of the Turks and the Russians, caused that there should be a greater demand for food because of the greater number of men there, and because of the great lack of food, famine began; and all things went up to three and four times the price they were before.

There they are, *robbed of all things, no money on the one hand, and famine on the other.* Put yourself in their place for a moment, please.

God has been very graciously allowing us to send to these needy ones, through the co-operation of His saints in America and Canada, about \$3000.00 during the past two years. But the American dollar and the English pound are only worth half their face value at the present rate of exchange, so that when we send \$2000 it only makes one thousand there. What a loss! But this is one of the terrible effects of the war.

The present need of the saints there.

1. They need the special and earnest prayers of the saints here that they may obtain grace to contend for the faith which is delivered unto them. They are very much despised by their fellow men and they suffer bitter persecution as a result.

2. They need money for their daily bread to keep them from starving, and their broken hearts need to be encouraged through our fellowship and charity.

3. They need workers, for there are only six active workers among them, three men and three women. Let

us pray that God will open the way for some more of our consecrated Persian brethren in Chicago, that they, with some American brethren, might go soon and help these weary but faithful soldiers of the Cross who have held the trenches against many persistent foes.—A. D. Urshan.

Brother Andrew Urshan was the means of great encouragement and comfort to these brethren, but he was compelled through necessity to return to this land, and he is kept busy in evangelistic campaigns, and he does not feel at liberty to go back until this present war ends, safe journeys are possible and the Russian crisis is ended.

Our brother Urshan is now preparing for this great future missionary field and he trusts for a band of God-given missionaries to go with him to Russia and Persia. He appeals to all the saints who love the Lord in truth to help these distressed saints in Persia in the meantime by their prayers and means. The Gospel Publishing House will gladly receive and forward such gifts and donations to these children of God so greatly in need. For further information, write to Bro. Andrew D. Urshan, 167 Institute Place, Flat 4, Chicago, Ill.

At the present time we are preparing for publication Bro. Urshan's biography. It is entitled "The Story of My Life," and it is one of the most fascinating books that we have read. As you read it you can feel the power of the Spirit in every chapter. We expect to have it ready in about three weeks' time. The book will be bound in cloth and the cost of the same will be 55 cents post paid from this office.

We have also recently published five special messages of Bro. Urshan entitled "Timely Messages of Warning." These are special messages dealing with practical holiness, and the dangers of lukewarmness in these last days. The price of this book is 25 cents in paper covers, or 50 cents in cloth. The purchase of either of these good books will help Bro. Urshan's missionary work.

What is the Pentecostal baptism? We have heard one brother's reply to this, "It is a baptism into a tender conscience."

THE GREAT PHYSICIAN.

O suffering one, by Satan sorely tried,
The Great Physician standeth at thy side;
From all thy sickness He can set thee free,
For on the Cross He bore thy pains for thee.

Chorus:

Then come to the Great Physician, come,
Oh, come to the Great Physician, come;
The blind shall see, the deaf shall hear,
With grace and cheer, Christ healeth thee.

Fear not to trust Him with thy hopeless case,
Look up into His pitying, loving face;
Hear the kind words that fall so tenderly,
"My child, I am the Lord that healeth thee."

Into His arms of love thyself resign.
Yield all thy will unto His will divine;
He ever wills to heal, and save, and bless
The soul that leans upon His faithfulness.

Let that sweet will be done, and thou shalt be
From every burden and disease set free;
And His life-giving Spirit shall impart
Health to thy body, gladness to thy heart.

Hinder Him not by sinful doubt and fear,
On His sure promise rest with faith sincere;
Only believe and thou shalt prove the word,
All things are possible unto the Lord.

—Miss F. Forsaith.

(Sent by M. Martin.)

PICTURES OF PENTECOST IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

Picture XX. (Cont.) The Refiner and His Work.

Mal. 3:1-10.

In the former part of this article we looked at the work of our blessed Lord as the Refiner, who by the Fire of His Holy Spirit, searches, cleanses, and makes ready for His use the yielded soul. Let us now pass on to notice what Malachi tells us of the blessed results of this refining.

(1) *A pure offering, acceptable to the Lord.* "Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in former years." The prophet in ch. 1 had rebuked the people sharply for the unworthy, polluted offerings with which they had defiled the altar of the Lord; but in the same chapter he gives the promise of the church age, and the acceptable sacrifices that would then be offered. "For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same, My Name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto My Name, and a pure offering: for My Name shall be great among the heathen, saith the Lord of hosts." It is the child of God who has been cleansed and refined by the Pentecostal fire, who can worthily present spirit, soul and body as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God. How wonderful to think that He deigns to accept this poor, unworthy offering—yea, and to express His delight in it! In Gen. 8:21 mar. we read, "the Lord smelled a savour of rest," as the smoke of Noah's sacrifice arose to heaven. Even so the whole-hearted consecration of His children to-day brings rest and joy to the Father's heart. "The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty: He will save, He will rejoice over thee with joy; He will rest in His love, He will joy over thee with singing." (Zeph. 3:17.)

(2) *A life kept free from evil.* "I will come near to you to judgment. . . for I am the Lord, I change not: therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed." The tempter is always at hand to decoy and ensnare, the old enemies and besetting sins, spoken of here as the sorcerers, adulterers, false swearers and oppressors, are ever seeking to overcome us again. But, glory to God, *He changes not*; and since He has made us clean, He is able to keep us clean. His Spirit abiding within us will be the "swift witness" to execute God's judgment upon these old enemies whenever they try to overcome us. "The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace." (Ex. 14:14.) This thought seems to be brought out in the Revised Version as the true meaning of Gal. 5:17. "The flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are contrary the one to the other, so that ye may not do the things that ye would." You have not to do the fighting against the flesh, it is the Spirit who will do it all. Your part is to reckon it dead once for all, to put it on the cross and Jesus on the throne of your heart, and then to continue serving Him with joyfulness of heart in the glorious liberty with which He makes His people free. The flesh will lust: but leave the Spirit to deal with it. *He will lust, or fight against it for you.* God has given you the blessed Comforter to be "contrary" to the flesh in you "so that ye may not do the things that ye would" do without His abiding presence i. e., that you may not be overcome again by the world, the flesh or the devil.

(3) *Tithes and offerings brought into God's storehouse.* "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse, for ye have robbed Me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house." The tithe was the tenth part of what a man possessed, and under the Mosaic Law it was most strictly

taken out (whether from the harvest, the flocks and herds, or from the money of the offerer), and given, by God's command, to the Levites. These Levites again were required to take out the tenth part of the offerings made to them, and this tithe of the tithe was for the support of the priests. See Lev. 27:30-33, Num. 18:21-32, Neh. 10:37, 12:44, and 13:12, 2 Chron. 31:5, 6, 12. The freewill offerings were gifts over and above the tithes: the latter are never called freewill offerings, but they are looked upon as a *debt*. God claimed the tenth part of each Israelite's income as His own, and after paying that, the freewill offerings began. Some scholars who have studied diligently the law of Moses and the customs of the Jews, have expressed the opinion that a pious Jew often gave to God as much as a *third part* of his gross income.

Now some Christians say, "Oh, we are not under the law, but under grace." Exactly so: and therefore you are expected to give to God *much more* than those gave who were under the law. Jesus Himself said, "Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven." (Matt. 5:20.) *But it is a fallacy to suppose that tithing originated with the law of Moses.* It was an accepted custom in the time of Abraham, who "gave tithes of all" to Melchisedec, God's Priest-King. (Gen. 14:20.) We find Jacob also, at his conversion in Bethel, making the promise to God, "Of all that Thou shalt give me, I will surely give the tenth unto Thee." (Gen. 28:22.) Even among the heathen nations of great antiquity, there are indications that they observed the custom of giving tithes to their priests.

And we Christians, living in the dispensation of the Holy Ghost, rejoicing in the light of the full Gospel, shall we do less for our God and for His ministers than the heathen used to do for their false gods? It is a bad thing for the spirit of bondage or constraint to come in among us, and of course we ought to look upon *all* that we possess as belonging to the Lord. (But at the same time, the New Testament teaches us that we are to be regular and systematic in our giving, also that every Lord's day we are to lay aside a certain portion of what we have gained during the past week, and give it to the Lord's work. 1 Cor. 16:1-3.) Read also Acts 11:29 and 24:17, Luke 11:42, Matt. 23:23, Rom. 15:26-28, 2 Cor. 8 and 9 (the whole chapters). I should feel ashamed to suggest a tenth as being altogether *too small* a proportion for a Pentecostal Christian; but experience has taught me how very few there are who give even as much as a tenth, unless they have adopted the tithing habit. Certainly it is a good plan to lay aside ten cents out of every dollar that comes in, and to call it "the Lord's money," to be given prayerfully as He shall direct. Then we ensure that He really receives His portion, and that we do not rob Him, like the Jews of Malachi's time. Otherwise we are too prone to spend the money in buying first all that *we think we need*, and then give to the Lord what is over—often, I fear, a very inadequate sum.

(4) *An outpoured and overflowing blessing.* "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house: and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." When we fulfil the conditions, God is always as good as His Word. "He cannot deny Himself." I have been told by those who have begun systematic tithing what a wonderful blessing it has brought them, even when they have begun it in times of drought and great poverty. A sister in the country only a week ago said, "Since we have begun to give our tithes regularly to the Lord, we have had a crop of sweet pota-

toes such as I had never seen in my life before." Others have testified to the way in which the Lord has preserved their crops from various pests, according to His promise in the next verse, "I will rebuke the devouring insect (Spanish Version) for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground."

And it is not only of money, but of our *time* as well, that we ought to give to the Lord a regular portion. O beloved, let us learn the lesson of *entire consecration* to the blessed Lord who has done so much for us; and thus we shall be, as it were, drawing back the bolts of the windows of heaven, and letting loose the blessings which are just ready to fall on us. It is *unbelief*, as well as disobedience, which bolt and bar those celestial windows; even as the incredulous lord of 2 Kings 7:2 said, "Behold, if the Lord would make windows in heaven, might this thing be?" To the childlike, trusting soul all things are possible, and such always receive the outpoured blessings. And it does not end there: for there is "not room enough to receive" them, therefore they must overflow to other needy souls around. It is the fulfilment of the promise of Jesus, "he that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of Living Water," bringing life and fertility to the parched and thirsty ground all around. Down through all the ages the Divine Challenge has been ringing out, "PROVE ME NOW!"

Shall we not hear it, and obey?

A. E. L.

GOD'S FAN.

(Continued from page 3.)

Beloved, if things are done with an eye single to the glory of God, they are like pure gold, the more fire you put on it, the purer it will get, but the baser metals will go. You take a pile of oats and start your fans; by the time you get it winnowed out there is not so much as when you started; when you turn on the fans there is a lot of it comes out aback of the machine, and when God turns His fan on you, that which is chaff is going.

Now, don't you be offended at me for telling you these things; for if you are, God is putting His fan on that thing.

May the Lord richly bless you, dear people. I know these things hurt, I have been hurt many and many a time, but these chastisements which God puts upon us, if we can see His hand in it, we can go through with a confidence good and strong that, "all things work together for good to them that love God."

(Extracts from a message delivered by Brother Carl Garrett.)

NOTICE TO THE ASSEMBLIES OF MARYLAND AND WEST VIRGINIA.

Especially every assembly and field that has no pastor and desires one, ought to send at least three delegates to the convention of the District Council at Lonaconing, prepared to present the needs of their field. We are expecting great refreshing times from the presence of the Lord. "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord," Psa. 122:1.

.. Notice of convention on another page.

W. H. Pope,

Chairman of District Council.

SPECIAL MEETING.

A special meeting will be held for the saints of this district at Malvern, Ark., December 21 to 30, 1917. Details later.—Fred Lohmann, Pastor.

DAILY PORTION FROM THE KING'S BOUNTY

MRS. A. R. FLOWER

(Sunday. "Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgot him," Gen. 40:23.)

Would we not deem it an ungrateful act on the part of the butler to so quickly forget Joseph? Perhaps Joseph, too, considered it so, as the days of those next two years slowly passed. Then came the time when God quickened the butler's memory, and he repented of his forgetfulness. Until then God's time and purpose had not been ripe for Joseph's deliverance and enlargement. Sometimes we chafe and grieve over the like apparent forgetfulness of others, forgetting that God is back of all, and no hand can hinder or prevent the full accomplishing of His purpose, when the set time has come.)

Monday. "Be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee," Heb. 13:5.

"They live contented with what they have, whether it be little or much, because they know that they receive as much as is profitable for them; little, if little be profitable, and much, if much be profitable; and that they cannot tell what is profitable for them, but the Lord only can, who has an eternal end in view in all things which He provides."

Tuesday. "In thy name shall they rejoice all the day," Psa. 89:16.

"Everlasting joy upon their heads!" This is the portion of God's ransomed ones, independent of circumstances or conditions. Mere happiness depends upon what happens,—the "hap" of life; joy is connected with our relationship to God. The more we know "His name" in all its revelation of God's nature, the more we shall have joy therein. What ever comes from without we still can "Rejoice in the Lord always." This was why Paul could say under heavy trial, "Sorrowful, yet always rejoicing."

(Wednesday. "Behold, I will pour out my Spirit upon you, I will make known my words unto you," Prov. 1:23.)

"The crown of God's anointing oil
He placed upon my brow;
And oh how smooth within my soul
The wheels are turning now."

Thursday. "And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it," Rev. 21:22.

How often even the loftiest moments of our worship and praise come so short in expressing the love and joy of our overflowing hearts! But ah, there, when we see Him in the fulness of His perfect glory, our worship will perfectly satisfy our hearts. No sanctuary then will be needed, for we shall cast our crowns at His very feet. Hallelujah!

(Friday. "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect," Matt. 5:28.)

"Perfection in outward conduct consists not in extraordinary things, but in doing common things extraordinarily well. Neglect nothing: the most trivial action may be performed to ourselves or performed to God. If love be in your heart, your whole life may be one continual exercise of it. Oh if we did but love others! How easily the least thing, the shutting of a door gently, the walking softly, speaking low, not making a noise, or the choice of a seat, so as to leave the most convenient to others, might become the occasion of its exercise."—Mere Arnauld.)

Saturday. "And guided them on every side," 2 Chron. 32:22.

The very best advice of a human counsellor fails on some side to meet the whole need of the case. And when we depend too much on earthly counsellors God sometimes permits us to find to our great sorrow that "it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." How glad, then, we should be to commit our every way to the all-rounded wisdom and every-sided guidance of our God. We will be constantly proving its sweetness and completeness.

"NOTHING."

"If a man thinketh himself to be *something*, when he is *nothing*, he deceiveth himself. Gal. 6:3, R. V.

(The words "to make nothing," according to Bullinger's Lexicon, mean "to displace, abolish, get rid of, make void, render null," and in some places it has a strengthened negative in the Greek. All words marked thus**, have this strengthened negative.)

I. What we are before God.

"All...before Him are as *nothing*...less than nothing." Isa. 40:17.*

"Ye are worse than *nothing*, and your work...nought." Isa. 41:24. m.

"Their works are *nothing*." Isa. 41:29.

II. God has to show us we are nothing.

1. "Nothing" as regards our wisdom.

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to *nothing*." 1 Cor. 1:19.

2. "Nothing" as regards our knowledge.

"If any man think that he knoweth anything (intellectually or spiritually) he knoweth *nothing*** yet as he ought to know." 1 Cor. 8:2.

3. "Nothing" as regards ecclesiastical prejudices.

"Circumcision is *nothing*, and uncircumcision is *nothing*, but the keeping of the commandments of God." 1 Cor. 7:19.

4. "Nothing" as regards the most devoted life apart from LOVE.

"If I bestow all my goods to feed the poor...but have not LOVE it profiteth me *nothing*." 1 Cor. 8:3, R. V.

5. "Nothing" as regards credit, however much we labour.

"Though I preach the Gospel, I have *nothing* to glory of." 1 Cor. 9:16.

6. "Nothing" in anything apart from Christ.

"Without Me ye can do *nothing*."** John 15:5.

7. "Nothing" as regards even power to receive.

"A man can take unto himself *nothing*, except it be given him from heaven." John 3:27, m.

The summing up is that "the flesh profiteth *nothing***" (John 6:63). *It can do nothing! It knows nothing! Its religion is nothing! Its sacrifice is nothing! Its labour is nothing.*

"We brought *nothing* into this world, and it is certain we can carry *nothing* out." 1 Tim. 6:7.

III. Brought to "nothing;" God can do something for us!

1. In Salvation.

"When they had *nothing* to pay, He frankly forgave." Luke 7:42.

2. In Healing.

When she "was *nothing* bettered, but rather grew worse," the woman sought Christ and was healed. Mark 5:25-29.

3. In Service.

When they had "toiled all the night," and "taken *nothing*," the Lord interposed, and gave them a multitude of fish. Luke 5:5.

4. In Prayer.

When we have "nothing to set before" the needy ones, we become importunate and receive from God. Luke 11:6.

IV. The perfect example in the Lord Jesus.

The Lord of glory emptied Himself, and took the place of absolute dependence upon His Father. The place of "Nothing" that God might be "All." Hence He said it was:—

1. "Not I" doing the works.

"The Son can do *nothing* of Himself, but what He seeth the Father do." John 5:19.

2. "Not I" in the judgment given.

"I can of Mine own self do *nothing***; as I hear, I judge." John 5:30.

3. "Not I" in the message given.

"I do *nothing* of Myself; but as My Father hath taught Me, I speak." John 8:28.

4. "Not I" honouring Myself.

"If I honour Myself, My honour is *nothing*; it is My Father that honoureth Me." John 8:54.

V. The Spirit of Christ in the Apostle Paul.

"In *nothing* was I behind the very chiefest Apostles, though I am *nothing*." 2 Cor. 12:11, R. V.

VI. God's choice of instruments.

"God hath chosen...things which are not, to bring to nought the things that are." 1 Cor. 1:27, 28.

VII. God gives ALL to those who have nothing.

"As having *nothing*, and yet possessing all things." 2 Cor. 6:10.

Therefore, in Christ, the soul:—

Lacks *nothing*—"When I sent you...lacked ye anything? And they said, *nothing*." Luke 22:35.

Is careful for *nothing*—"Be careful ('anxious' R. V.) for *nothing*." Phil. 4:6.

Is ashamed of *nothing*—"My earnest expectation...that in *nothing* I shall be ashamed." Phil. 1:20.

Is terrified of *nothing*—"In *nothing* terrified by your adversaries." Phil. 1:28.

Is hurt by *nothing***—"Nothing shall by any means hurt you." Luke 10:19.

* References from A. V.

"All sufficiency in all things." 2 Cor. 9:8.

THE HOLY TRINITY—A MYSTERY.

"The seed of a watermelon has the power of drawing from the ground and through itself 200,000 times its own weight. When you can tell me how it takes this material, and out of it colors an outside beyond the imitation of art, and then forms inside of it a white rind, and within that again a red heart, thickly inlaid with black seeds, each one of which in turn is capable of drawing through itself 200,000 times its own weight—when you can explain to me the mystery of the watermelon, then you may ask me to explain the mystery of God."—W. J. Bryan.

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? Questions and Answers ?

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

291. If a man's wife quits him, and takes up with another man as if married to him, has he a right to marry another woman?

Ans. He has a right to divorce her at least, but is not compelled to. I am not sure he has a right also to marry. If I were you, I would stay single.

291. Does Heb. 4:8-11 refer to the rest of the Sabbath day? Please explain these verses.

Ans. Two things need to be noted about this passage. The first is the peculiar usage of the name "Jesus." Many readers might understand this to refer to Jesus Christ. Not so. Here and in Acts 7:45 the name "Jesus" refers to Joshua. The name Jesus here in the original Greek is simply the Greek way of spelling Joshua. An understanding of this point throws a flood of light on both passages.

The second point is that God's seventh day rest from His work of creation is here used as a type, of the believer's rest in Christ. The word "rest" in v. 9 of the A. V. is rendered in the A. S. V. as "Sabbath rest," and while it could also be rendered "keeping of a Sabbath," this rest is not the rest of one day, but refers to the time when a man ceases his own efforts to save himself by his own works and by faith enters into the rest that God has provided in Christ. He says in v. 3, "We who have believed do enter into that rest." Our own self-effort ceases and we trust in the salvation completed by Christ.

So many of us, even after we are saved, get, in principle, back under law; and begin to fight and struggle, as if we could save ourselves. Beloved, Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth Rom. 10:2-4. "I am resting, sweetly resting" is a good thing to sing every now and then.

292. Please explain 1 John 3:6-12.

Ans. Please do not ask us merely to "explain a passage." Give us in addition some hint of the special point in the passage that bothers you. Otherwise we might write a commentary and still overlook the one little thing that bothers you. This passage will be made clear by a little paraphrasing of its meaning as follows:

"Whosoever continually abides in Christ does not go on sinning: whosoever does go on sinning hath not seen Him (as the real Deliverer from the ruling of sin over us), neither does he now know the Lord (in His real saving power). My little babes in Christ, let no man lead you astray (from Christ into sin): the believer who continually lives a righteous life is really righteous, just as Jesus is righteous: the one who lives a life of sin is like the devil (as his own works prove): for the devil has been sinning and working sin in the lives of men ever since Adam was created. With this very end in view the Son of God came from heaven, lived in the flesh, and died on the cross, and rose again, that He might destroy these works of the devil (in sinful lives). Whosoever is made a new creature in Christ does not continue in any sin, because the living Christ continues to abide in such an one, and it is morally and spiritually impossible for this new creation to be a sinner, because he is made in nature like Christ. In this very fact the children of God

are clearly seen to be different from the children of the devil: whosoever, therefore, does not practice righteousness is not a child of God, neither is he a child of God who does not love other Christians. This is the message that we have preached all the time, that we should have love for all God's children. We are not to have hatred in us as did Cain, the child of Satan, who in malice killed his own brother. Why did he kill him? Because his own works were evil, like himself, and Abel's good."—John.

WHEN HE COMES.

The following verses were recited at a recent Wednesday afternoon service at Bethel Temple in Los Angeles. A request was made that they be published. The first two verses were composed by Bertrand Shadwell: the last two by the undersigned. Mr. Shadwell's verses appeared several years ago in a Chicago denominational weekly, and numerous requests were made a year or so later that they be reprinted. They are, in the writer's opinion, among the most beautiful verses composed by American verse writers in recent years. The line, "O the fires of His encampment star the firmament on high," is a poetical way of saying that the signs of the times point toward the coming of the Lord. Jesus is so near that the fires of His encampment can be seen as they are reflected from the glory of the heavens above us.

There's a King and Captain high who'll be coming by and by;

And He'll find me hoeing cotton when He comes!
O the fires of His encampment star the firmament on high;
And He'll find me hoeing cotton when He comes!

When He comes!
When He comes!

All the sainted dead shall rise in answer to His drums!
You will see His legions charging in the thunder of the sky,
And the heavens shall roll asunder when He comes!

There's a Man they thrust aside, who was tortured till He died;

And He'll find me hoeing cotton when He comes!
He was hated and rejected; He was scourged and crucified;
And He'll find me hoeing cotton when He comes!

When He comes!
When He comes!

He'll be ringed by saints and angels when He comes!
They'll be calling out "Hosanna" to the Man that men denied;
And I'll kneel—among the cotton—when He comes!

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He is coming soon, they say! O 'twill be a blessed day!

And He'll find me preaching Jesus when He comes!
From the woes of tribulation He will bear His saints away;
And He'll find me preaching Jesus when He comes!

When He comes!
When He comes!

O the joy of seeing Jesus when He comes!
His disciples, scorned, neglected, will receive from Him their pay,
And will mount on angel pinions when He comes!

O I'm sure 'twill not be long! Help me sing the joyous song!
And He'll find me preaching Jesus when He comes!
Saints and angels will be with Him. It will be a happy throng.

And He'll find me preaching Jesus when He comes!
When He comes!
When He comes!

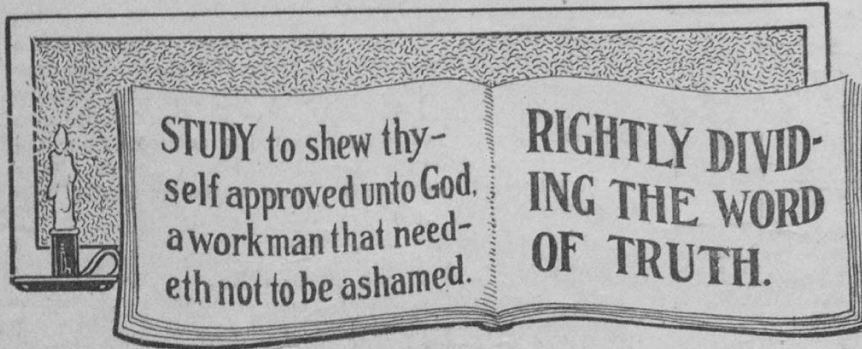
'Twould be blessed could we only eat the crumbs,
But we'll sit down at the wedding with the great and mighty King,

And we'll feast at Jesus' table when He comes!

—J. Narver Gortner.

Lucamonga, California.

The thought that another had done us an injury would not hurt so much, if we did not attach so much importance to ourselves.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

November 25, 1917.

A PSALM OF THANKSGIVING.

Lesson Text: Psalm 103:1-22.

Golden Text: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, Psalm 103:2.

Practical Truth: It is a duty and a privilege to praise the Lord.

Topic: Spiritual Meditation.

Time: The date of this psalm is unknown; probably written late in David's lifetime.

Place: Probably Jerusalem.

This lesson does not follow in order the lessons about Ezra and Nehemiah. Although out of chronological order, yet it furnishes a suitable lesson for the day set apart as a day of thanksgiving throughout the United States. It is well to have a special day to remind us of our duty to give thanks to our God for all His mercies and great blessings, for there are many who scarcely ever stop to think that they owe thanks and praise to God for life, for sight, hearing, moving, understanding; for home and friends, and most of all for the blessed salvation we have through Jesus Christ. But David did not believe merely in one day of thanksgiving out of the whole year. In Psalm 34:1, he says: "I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth." Let us, like David, make every day a day of thanksgiving unto God for "all His benefits."

Praise for Personal Blessings. Vs. 1-5. David begins this psalm with: "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name." The word "bless" means to praise and adore, to worship and give thanks, and also expresses deep affection. The psalmist called his whole being to worship and praise Jehovah. "His holy name" stood for all the divine attributes and nature of Jehovah. Then he says, "Forget not all His benefits," for he recognizes the great tendency of the human heart to forget all the daily mercies, blessings and benefits received from God's loving hand. If we look up the words "forget" and "remember" in a concordance, we will find many places where we are told to remember the mercies of God and many warnings that if we forget the Lord and all His won-

derful works, we shall suffer for it. If we would count our blessings and meditate more upon the goodness and the power of our God, our lives would be more filled with joy and faith and power. Oh, let us "forget not all His benefits."

After mentioning in a general way the mercies and blessings received, he begins an enumeration of some of the benefits received. First forgiveness of "all thine iniquities." I wonder if we realize what a wonderful thing it is to have all our iniquities blotted out forever. Next he says "who healeth all thy diseases;" God not only meets all spiritual needs, but our physical needs also, and there is no case too hopeless for the Great Physician. He is able to heal "all thy diseases." Often we limit God by considering some ailments too serious to trust to the Lord, others too small to bother Him with. Thus we fail to "tread the young lion under foot." Remember, "He healeth all thy diseases," both great and small. He "redeemeth thy life from destruction." Yes, and many times when we never realize how near death we have come. Often to me it seems a miracle that we have escaped some dreadful accident. It is all through the mercy of God. But He also redeems our souls from eternal destruction! Let us love Him, praise Him and thank Him for His matchless love and mercy. He "satisfieth thy desire with good things." (R. V.) Again we read, "No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly." God is able to satisfy every desire of the heart, and He alone. We do not need the world for joy and pleasure. All it offers is merely sham, and never gives rest or peace. But the close walk with God brings satisfaction and the peace of God that passeth all understanding, so that thy youth or strength is renewed like the eagle's, which seemingly knows no fatigue.

God's Great Love and Mercy. Vs. 6-18. Here is set before us the greatness of God's mercy. He is mindful of the oppressed. God is no respecter of persons, and although the wicked around us may seem to prosper for awhile, they are sure to reap what they sow. But if we are true to God and seek first His face, He will add all the things we need. Paul tells us in 1 Cor. 10:13 that God will not allow us to be tempted or oppressed above what we are able to bear. David mentions here some of the

many ways in which God's love and mercy are shown. God has no pleasure in chastening us. He does it in love for our own good. Although His holiness and righteousness cannot tolerate sin, still He loves the sinner. But His great love and forgiveness are for "them that fear Him." Sin must be judged. But when we confess and forsake our sin, then God removes it, "as far as the east is from the west," the greatest distance possible. Verse 13 pictures God's great fatherly love for those who have that reverential trust signified by the word "fear." God's love is infinitely stronger, wiser and more loving than any earthly father's love; but even with His great power and wisdom, He remembers our frailty and weakness. Oh may God's children have more of this spirit toward those who are weak in faith and character. We see so much criticism in those who should be full of love and compassion for the weak.

From verses 14-16 we get a picture of man, and what this strength and power amounts to. Man is as grass that withers so quickly in the hot sun. In verses 17-19, by way of contrast, we get a glimpse of what God is, His mercy is "from everlasting to everlasting."

A Call to Praise the Lord. Vs. 19-22. As we realize that all power is given unto Him and that nothing can happen to us but what He allows and that He will "make all things work together for good to them that love God," we shall praise Him continually. David calls upon everything in the universe to praise Jehovah, even the angels in heaven: "Bless the Lord, all His works in all places of His dominion; bless the Lord, O my soul." This exhortation is to everyone of us, for we are the works of His hands. It rejoices the heart of God when we render unto Him the thanks and praise due Him. Stop looking at the things that do not go just the way you want, the things you cannot understand why God allowed them to touch your life. God knows best; He sees into the future, so trust Him and praise Him. "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits."

December 2, 1917.

NEHEMIAH REBUILDS THE WALLS OF JERUSALEM.

Lesson Text: Nehemiah 4:1-23.

Golden Text: Heb. 13:6.

—Florence L. Personcus.

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WAR PRICES IN JERUSALEM.

We are indebted to Sister A. E. Brown for the following figures which show the prices of food before the war and what they were at the beginning of this year before she left Jerusalem.

	Before war.	War prices.
Wheat per barrel..	\$1.20	\$20.00
Flour	6.00	79.64
Bread per lb .....	.05	.40
Potatoes per lb .....	.03	2.66
Rice per lb .....	.04	2.00
Onions per lb .....	.01	.65
White peas per lb..	.05	.80
Carrots per lb .....	.01	.16
Navy beans per lb.	.05	1.20
Milk per qt. ....	.08	.40
Butter per lb. ....	.35	1.28
Beef per lb. ....	.07	.75
Mutton per lb. ....	.10	.80
Vegetable oil .....	.07	1.00
Oil per qt. ....	.10	1.00
Lentils per lb. ....	.03	.45
Olives per lb. ....	.03	.70

One of the staple foods for six months in the year are grapes which sold at the rate of five cents for six pounds. At the beginning of the year 90 cents had to be paid for three pounds of grapes.

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!"

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER.

Pray for my backslidden husband, and for my healing.—M. L.

Please pray that my brothers and sisters and friend may be saved.

Please pray that I may surrender all and be baptized with the Holy Ghost.—A Mother.

Please pray for my husband. He uses tobacco. Pray that he will get hungry for God.

Please pray for my wife who was struck by a train and received a serious back injury and pelvic arch injury.—I. M. G., Lineville, Ia.

We are in a revival effort here at Kellerton, Iowa. Pray for us that souls will be saved and baptized in the Spirit.

A sister requests that her brother may be delivered from military service and especially that he may not have to go to France.

Pray for me for a fuller manifestation of the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues.—One who seeks and wants all God has for him.

Pray for God to save a young woman no matter what the cost may be. She is now living in sin, though she has had an experience of salvation and the baptism.—Mrs. B. H.

Pray for my brother that he may be saved, and that God will save and baptize me. Pray for mother and for me to receive what was received in the upper chamber.—R. L. S., San Antonio, Texas.

A sister in Caney, Kansas, returns to give thanks for answered prayer in the disposal of her city property, a request for which appeared in the Evangel. She asks for earnest prayer that her son may be granted military exemption.

MISSIONARY OFFERINGS

From Nov. 1 to Nov. 8 inclusive.

M. L., Tacoma, Wash.....	\$ 10.00
Mrs. H. Santa Barbara, Cal....	.75
D. D., Russellville, Ark.....	5.50
A. L. S., Garland, Ala.....	1.95
Mrs. B., St. Louis, Mo.....	10.00
O. R., Bayard, Fla.....	3.00
E. H., Ephraim, Wis.....	21.60
R. C. S., Williston, N. C.....	5.00
L. L., Arroyo Grande, Cal.....	10.00
A. M. W., Katy, Tex.....	5.00
V. C. D., Buffalo, Okla.....	5.00
E. L. T., Summerfield, La.....	2.50
O. B., Rector, Ark.....	1.50
L. P. R., Winchendon, Mass....	4.20
V. H., Dixie, Okla.....	6.50
Z. M. J., Neelyville, Mo.....	5.00
I. H. P., Midway, Tex.....	4.50
E. J., Owassa, Okla.....	8.00
G. R., Euch, Okla.....	125.00
S. R. E., Malvern, Ark.....	19.54
E. L. B., Puxico, Mo.....	7.50
C. E. J., Cooter, Mo.....	.20
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B. K., Panhandle, Tex.....	2.50
Mrs. F. W. H., Corpus Christi, Texas.....	1.50
H. B., Commerce, Tex.....	5.00
J. S., Conneaut, O.....	100.00
M. P., Malvern, Ark.....	6.50
G. B. M., Cloar, Ark.....	25.45
Mrs. J. C., Ericson, Neb.....	25.00
W. C. A., Granite City, Ill....	10.00
L. C. W., Clayton, Mo.....	3.00
R. A. M., Grantsville, Md.....	5.00
H. H. H., New Castle, Tex....	4.00
D. K., Pea Ridge, Mo.....	4.00
J. B., Canalon, Mo.....	3.00
G. D. M., Kinde, Mich.....	1.00
H. H. H., Camp Kearny, Cal....	14.50
K. F. B., Colo. Springs, Col....	5.00
R. W. M., Conroe, Tex.....	5.50
J. L. M., Smithville, Tex.....	50.00
T. L. H., Lumberton, Miss....	10.00
Mrs. W. H. K., Perry, Fla....	1.00
J. B. C., Pascagoula, Fla.....	5.00
Total	\$559.19

ALABAMA AND FLORIDA COUNCIL.

The Alabama and West Florida Council of the Assemblies of God is called hereby to meet at Enterprise, Ala., on Dec. 4, 1917. Let all our ministers come, also all others who are interested.

The assembly that sends a minister or a delegate should provide them with means to pay their expenses, as the Enterprise assembly is small. But rooms and board will be reasonable. Let all the saints begin to pray and come praying that all business may be transacted in the Spirit of the Master.—W. F. Hardwick, Secretary.

DISTRICT COUNCIL OF MARYLAND AND WEST VIRGINIA.

The first annual convention of the District Council of the Assemblies of God of Maryland and West Virginia is to be held at Lonaconing, Maryland, Nov. 23rd—December 2nd.

Pastor Andrew L. Fraser of Chicago and Elder C. H. Schoonmaker of Burdett, N. Y., (missionary to South India) will be our special evangelists. Many other ministers and workers from this district and adjoining States are coming. D. V. Each assembly in Maryland and West Virginia should send at least three delegates to this convention.

Those wanting to know about entertainment please write Pastor C. B. Webster, Lonaconing, Maryland. For further information about the convention write W. H. Pope, chairman, Frostburg, Md., box 347, or O. P. Brann, Secretary, Westernport, Md., box 612.

NOTICE TO MINISTERS.

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

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

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

Let us urge all ministers in the Council to be prompt in these matters. The number is increasing and the work of caring for the lists requires much time and patience. Care and promptness on your part will relieve the pressure here. The Credential Committee directs you to send these and all other General Council matters to J. W. Welch, 2945 Madison St., St. Louis, Mo.

NEW YORK CONVENTION.

The tenth annual Pentecostal convention will be held at "Glad Tidings Hall," Assembly of God, 454 West 42nd St., New York City, beginning November 16, 1917.

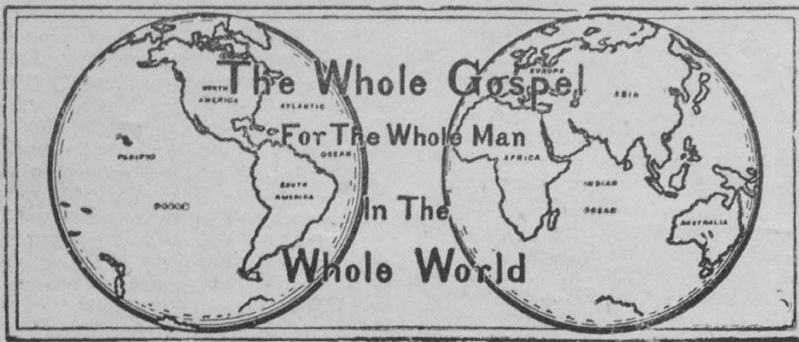
The following special workers are expected: Pastor D. W. Kerr, Cleveland, O.; Pastor Joseph Tummore, Pittsburg, Pa.; Pastor D. H. McDowell, Scranton, Pa.; and Pastor Wm. K. Bouton, Corona, Long Island.

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SOULS BEING SAVED IN PORTO RICO.

The Lord is working on the hearts of the people here in a remarkable way. We had the privilege of having Bro. Ortiz, Sr., and Bro. Lucena with us for four days. Those were glorious days when the mighty power of God was manifested in our midst. Ten were saved during the four days; we also had a glorious baptismal service when fifteen were immersed.

We held one service in San Antone, a new field that I have opened up where for two months now I have been holding meetings. A woman who had been a spiritualist for 25 years stood up and said, "I am tired of spiritualism, I have been looking for peace for the last 25 years and have not been able to find it. But I feel happy tonight, for I am sure that Jesus can give me peace." She and two others gave their hearts to the Lord and are now rejoicing in Him.

Many have been saved, healed and baptized. It is wonderful what God has done during the past month in Porto Rico.—Yours in Him, J. L. Lugo, Ponce.

FROM SOUTH CHINA.

He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be His God and he shall be My son, Rev. 21:7.

Am glad to report real victory in my soul, though I have been tested almost to the limit. Have had chills and fever nearly all summer; but a few days before I left Hong Kong the saints prayers reached heaven and I was delivered. What a wonderful Saviour we have! How I love Him.

Have been back on the station almost a week, and find the work in a prosperous condition. Last night at prayers, the young man who had been sent away by his uncle to get rid of his religion, came back bringing two others with him. "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me."

Your last offering reached me just in time for me to get a supply of groceries to bring up country. God is good and worthy to be praised.

As the end draws near we feel that we need the prayers of the saints at home as never before. The South China missionaries have had several conferences, and we feel God is joining us together for the last great battle.—Yours for souls, Sarah A. Kugler.

FROM THE ORPHEANAGE IN ASSIOUT, EGYPT.

Sister Sarah Smith writes, "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord! His promises have not failed me, and they are sweeter than ever. He calmed the ocean, subdued the storm, delivered from the snare of the fowler and from the noisome pestilence. The haven is reached.

"There was joy at the end. It can not be described. All the children rushed in, Mr. Shacker came from the school, and after the first salutations were over we all dropped on our knees to thank God, and we have been praising Him ever since.

"I started from San Francisco May 17th and arrived in Assiout the 10th of August. This is a delightful place at the orphanage. The house was planned by Sister Trasher, the superintendent and the one who started the work, and there are now more than eighty of Egypt's uncared-for children in the home, their happy voices sounding through the rooms and up and down the walks."

Sister Lillian Trasher also writes, "I wish to write you and let you know how delighted we were at the safe arrival of dear Mother Smith. Our children have been looking forward for weeks for the chance of welcoming her back. How we praise God for the courage that He has put into her heart to enable her to cross the seas in this perilous time. But God has said, "Thy strength shall be renewed like the eagles."

"She finds so many things to do, mothering the little ones until she feels that God has certainly brought her back for a purpose. The children love to sit in mother's room and learn to sew, read and to pray, and feel the tender touch of mother's love, for the which even men and women have so often longed in this cold world but have not been able to find. Pray for her that God may give her strength for the great task that lies before her."

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DISTRESS IN CHINA.

Our mission hall looked like a battered fort when we arrived; the heavy rains leaked through the roof and the ceiling is all ruined. Then a thief broke in the compound and had taken out the windows of the mission hall and had them lying against the wall outside. Our worker felt he would walk down to the mission hall and to his surprise he saw the windows; then he heard the thief trying to pry out some more windows inside; he ran back to the house to call us to come; when we arrived the thief was gone, but left the four windows. He must have heard Bro. Feng walking and made his escape without the windows.

Praise God that he did not get the windows. It would have cost us about \$8.00 to replace them. One week before this, a thief stole two of our large mission lamps. The worst part is, I fear that we can not rebuy the same kind of lamps, as they were German make and fine lamps. I think we paid about \$3.00 apiece for them.

The recent floods in North China has caused great suffering among the poor people; no doubt many are forced to steal or die of gradual starvation.

We felt it best to make a start from Tai Yuan Fu to Peking even without the trains running. I think I told you about our stopping with Bro. Steinberg at Tai Yuan Fu, pending the trains running again. Well, praise the Lord, He surely did help us along the way. We arrived here at our station a few days ago. Sister Hansen stood the trip very well. We had to hire men to carry our baggage and also a chair had to be fastened to a pair of poles to carry Sister Hansen. The villages are a deplorable looking sight; the grainfields are nearly all ruined; the water standing, with no way of escape only as the earth can absorb it and the sun can evaporate it.

We feel greatly benefited by our rest, and by the grace of the Lord we can start another year's campaign for King Jesus.—Yours in the bonds of the Gospel, H. E. Hansen, Peking, China.

SAILING FOR CHINA.

Greetings and farewells to all our dear friends of America.

We are just boarding the "Steamship China" for distant lands. How happy we are to go, and how full of praise to God! He has blessed us so in body and in spirit while in the homeland, and He has supplied all our needs for the journey. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord! Let us press the battle, for surely the time to work before He comes is short.

Won't you pray for me? Ask God to give me souls. Pray for poor benighted China. Please write me as soon as you can. Remember we will be on the waters a long month without a scrap of mail. So start a letter now that we may get it soon after we reach our destination, which is Sam Shui, South China. Have just received good news from my work there. Several souls have been saved. Good bye, God bless you.—Yours in Jesus, Mattie Ledbetter.

MISSIONARY DISTRIBUTIONS.

We have just sent the following sums to our missionaries. With high cost of living and low rates of exchange we should send \$3,000 each month to meet the needs of the work in the foreign field at this time.

Nettie Nichols, China	\$ 70.00
Ethel Webb, China	70.00
Mrs. Lawler, China	65.00
W. Burton, Congo	65.00
J. Salter, Congo	50.00
H. E. Hansen, China	50.00
G. Kelley, China	50.00
Ivan Kauffman, China	50.00
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G. Dahlstein, China	30.00
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B. S. Moore, Japan	30.00
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Total	\$11,964.98

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OPEN DOORS IN MEXICO.

After two months in this great city, I wish to write a few details of the way the Lord has led us, to the glory of His holy name, and to ask very special and definite prayers from our fellow-members in the great Evangel family in a most critical time of our work.

Monterrey is a city of about 80,000 inhabitants, situated in an elevated valley, surrounded by an amphitheatre of the most majestic mountains. If only the place were thoroughly developed, it would be a veritable Garden of Eden; but instead of that we find nothing but dirt, degradation, devastation and waste on every side. The whole scene just spells ROME. Look at any land where Roman Catholicism has held sway for hundreds of years, and you will see the same picture—no development, no progress, but a blight upon everything, decadence and decay.

After searching the city for two weeks, praying at every step, and making friends in all parts through inquiries after a house, the Lord enabled us to rent a very suitable one, with a large corner room, capable of seating 100 people, and we entered it on Sept. 21st. Ever since then the Lord has been opening up the work before us in a truly marvellous manner, sending people to our windows all hours of the day to ask for Gospels or to inquire the way of salvation, and giving us as many as we could seat at our nightly meetings, with large crowds standing outside the three wide windows, listening most attentively, and taking away Gospels with them.

There are some who we believe are really saved, and others are very near; while others again, we hope, will soon begin to seek definitely for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. One young sister who is seeking with all her heart lay under the Spirit's power last Wednesday from 10 a. m. till 6, praising God all the time without a moment's intermission—a thing which would have been utterly impossible to any human power—but she has not yet come through to the fullness.

Sisters Mureutt and Marshall are with me, also a dear young Mexican girl from Texas, and we expect two more young sisters from the States next week, so we shall be a family of six. I want to ask your special prayers for them all, that they may be enabled to get the language very quickly, and that I may be guided in teaching them. I believe we can expect the Lord to work a miracle in this matter (as He really has done already in the case of Dr. Mureutt), that they may be able to speak in an incredibly short time, because the days are so few before the coming of our precious Lord.

There is a Roman Catholic home on the other side of the city opened to us for cottage meetings, and we go there regularly every week. We are also distributing tracts and Gospels by the thousand, as so many dear ones have lovingly supplied us with them, and are still sending. May I just mention here that we have no use for English tracts,

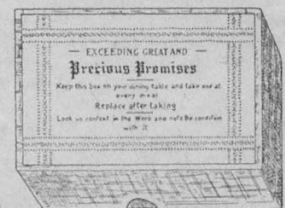
but that Spanish tracts and Gospels can be sent by parcel post, and we are most grateful for them. We have to pay duty on all parcels that contain Gospels, because they call them "books," but not on any of the tracts, they all come through free of duty.

Of course when God is working, the devil is on the alert to do all he can to stop the work. We have had stones and mud thrown in on us at nearly all the meetings, and one night the windows were broken; but, glory to God, the more the enemy raged, the more of the Spirit's power came on the meeting. Now through the influence of the priests we have received notice to leave our house as soon as possible. We have just succeeded in making it comfortable, clean and thoroughly free from all pests, with infinite labor—and this means that we have now to begin the weary tramp house-hunting all over again, and to start the business of cleaning another dirty place, perhaps a good deal worse than this one was. I confess I do grudge all the time thus taken from more active work for the Master—but at the same time, it may be that the Lord wants us to take the light into another part of the city which might not have heard otherwise. Anyhow we are just pleading the precious Blood of Jesus over the house that HE wants us to have, be it this one or another, and we are resting in Him to work everything out for the good of His work and more blessing to souls.

Brethren, pray for us! for this is a most critical time in the work in this city. The enemy is doing his very utmost to turn us out, not only by the outward opposition, but also by his attacks on our bodies through the climate, etc. But if the Lord raises up some real intercessors for us, who will pray through for this city, I verily believe the power will fall in our meetings, souls will be swept into the Kingdom, and all the raging of the enemy will be overruled for good. Jesus is coming soon! Oh that we may have some sheaves from Monterrey to lay at His feet in that great Harvest Home!—Your sister, looking for that blessed hope, Alice E. Luce.

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Thy rich grace to me imparts
Strength to my fainting heart.
My zeal inspires.

As Thou hast died for me,
So shall my love for Thee
Pure, warm and changeless be,
A living fire.

While life's dark way I tread,
And griefs around me spread,
Thou art my Guide.

Darkness shall turn to day,
All tears be wiped away;
And I will never stray
From Thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream
And Jesus' glory gleams
Around my soul,
Thy voice I'll hear in love,
Thou'll bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul.

FIELD REPORTS.

Bantry, N. Dak. I have an audience of about one hundred to preach to twice on Sunday. God is blessing but the enemy is at work too. What we need here is the baptism in the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4. So please pray for us.—Pastor E. J. Hartz.

Eldon, Iowa. We sent a report last week and this is in addition. God is wonderfully working here. Twelve adults seeking salvation last night; eleven the night before, about thirty-two in the past five nights! In twenty years I have never seen converts get through brighter, nor as soon! In the month we have been here the Sunday School has increased from thirty to seventy. The building has been enlarged, but last night was too small still. The fight has been hard, but the victory is worth all it cost. So many young people. Saints are overjoyed, and are standing by us beautifully. So many young men. Some who scoffed are now shouting God's praises. We see no end to the revival.—Herbert Buffum and Band.

Bradley, Okla. I came to this place at the beginning of the year and found it to be a wicked town. The Lord sent along Bro. G. W. Brown and he surely preached the Bible, and since he came to this town God has saved forty-two souls and baptized several with the Spirit. I was running a hotel here and God

has saved me and my family and baptized us with the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4. We are taking steps to build a large church. Pray for us that God will keep His approval on the meeting. Bro. Brown is only a young man, but God has put His approval on his work: twenty were saved at Eureka Springs, thirty-seven at Yellville, Ark., and forty-two saved here. God has turned my hotel into a church and has surely made my family a happy one.—E. F. Williams.

Houston, Texas. Just returned from Elgin, Texas, where we had the privilege of helping dedicate their new tabernacle, all complete and painted inside and out. J. D. Shoemack, Jr. has been called as pastor and is doing splendidly. We had three services on Sunday, 10:30, 3:00 p. m., 7:30 p. m. The Holy Spirit was there in power, men and women being baptized as in Acts 2:4, and if I remember correctly the youngest was about 40, the oldest 67. All men and women of mature age! Well, glory! The Lord gave us good liberty and large crowds. Many could not get in tabernacle Sunday evening, so stood outside for at least two hours very attentively and orderly. There is a band of consecrated young people at Elgin who have the fire and zeal for souls, who, with the older ones, who have recently come in, are backing up and helping their pastor and his consecrated wife. This purchasing of lot and building this splendid tabernacle has all been accomplished in eight months' time. Two workers from San Antonio started the work with outdoor meetings.

I must not forget to mention the splendid dinner at the tabernacle, plenty of everything and more than twelve basketsful taken up after dinner. The city bakery made a long cake with the whole of the Lord's Prayer on top of it. The butcher sent several joints of beef already roasted. Many other merchants contributed, which showed their friendly feeling at least. Thank God for splendid unity and fellowship of saints at Elgin and many other places recently visited and heard from. Bro. Fred Lohmann has been with us ten days. Fair attendance and splendid interest.—Faithfully, E. N. Richey.

LOCAL BIBLE SCHOOL.

A local Bible school for Western Arkansas and Eastern Oklahoma will begin at Home, Okla., December 2nd next and will run for about two weeks. A second school will begin at McCurtain, Okla., on December 15th, and will run for ten days or two weeks. The prayers of the Evangel family are requested for these schools.—Evangelist Jacob Miller, Ft. Smith, Ark., and Pastor E. R. Fitzgerald, Russellville, Ark.

Plumlee, Ark. I was called on to come to this place to set a little band of saints in order. I had difficulty in getting here, as this place is 25 miles from the railroad. It was blessed to find a band of 40 or more saints filled with love and power and all hungry to do the will of God. I was there four days and the power fell and we had a wonderful time. They lined up with the General Council. They had a baptizing on Tuesday. The water had ice around the edges, but they did not care for that. They went in with a shout and came out with one and God's approval. Let us pray for these brethren that God will keep them and lead them on. They have no pastor.—J. G. Neal.

Douglas, Ariz. This is one of the hard needy fields. There are about four thousand soldiers stationed here and five thousand inhabitants. There are, perhaps, a half dozen holiness folks scattered through the town. I want to ask if there are not some who are filled with the Spirit (none but such are needed) that can give some time in testifying and singing the full Gospel. I have opened a mission here by the help of the Lord; the building cost nothing, as it belongs to the government. Anyone who can give a short time to the work of saving precious souls here will be welcome.—Evangelist J. C. Brown, 1309 Green Street, Douglas, Ariz.

NOTICE TO THE SOUTHEAST MISSOURI ASSEMBLIES.

The Lord willing we will have a union meeting at Puxico, Mo., on Dec. 1st and 2nd. We are expecting a good attendance from many assemblies. Let as many come as possible. The District Council has recommended union meetings amongst neighboring assemblies as a means of cementing the tie of fellowship which exists between them as bodies of believers. Come expecting a feast of good things and a blessed time of waiting upon God. We hope to continue these union meetings. D. V., from assembly to assembly as the Lord may lead.—Pastor E. L. Banta, chairman Southern Missouri District Assembly.

NOTICE OF CONVENTION.

The Pentecostal Assembly of God at Binghamton, N. Y., (3 DeRussey St.) will hold a convention December 2nd to 9th inclusive, 1917. We expect Pastor Joseph Tunmore, of Pittsburg, Pa., and Pastor Robert Brown and wife of New York City to be with us. Two meetings daily, 3:00 and 7:30 P. M.

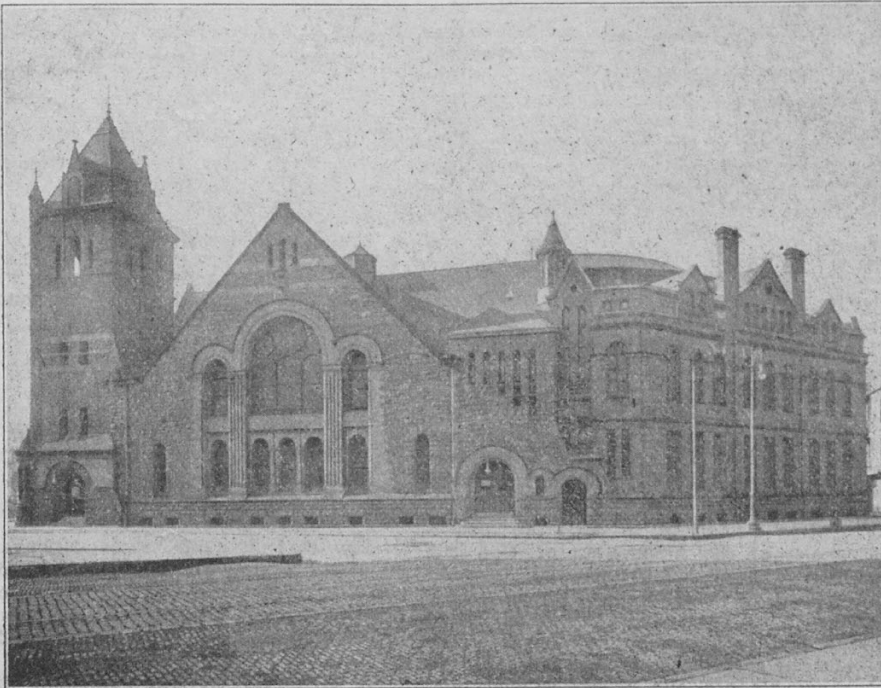
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The above picture is a cut of Bethel Temple in which this Training School is being conducted. Underneath is the brief announcement or card from the President concerning the same. But such a school is of too much importance to the Assemblies of God to allow it to pass with only such a brief mention. Those who know we have been talking and praying about a Bible School worthy of the name for our younger workers will be glad to know that God has moved upon hearts to provide this school, and that it was Recognized and Endorsed by the last General Council in St. Louis. We clip from the Prospectus of the school the following on this point.

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"During the sessions of the fifth annual General Council of the Assemblies of God, held at St. Louis, September 9-17, 1917, the long-felt need for a reliable Bible Training School to which the Assemblies of God with fullest endorsement could send their students, found voice. The general and enthusiastic desire was expressed in a resolu-

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Note further the
Courses of Study.

Believing that "all Scripture is given by inspiration of God" the main textbook in the school will be the entire Bible. God in His infinite wisdom has given His revelation in the best possible way; therefore it should be studied primarily in the order in which it is given; and later according to such methods as are sanctioned by Scripture. Peter declares that people who are ignorant of parts of Scripture "wrest" other

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parts "to their own destruction."

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

"Doctrine" (or teaching) is the setting forth of the thoughts of God on all subjects as revealed in the Scripture—Creation, Sin, Redemption—in all their manifold aspects and applications to the world as a whole and to individuals. Let it be noted that the word "doctrine" is always singular. Only the enemy has "doctrines", as in 1 Timothy 4:1. It is our aim in this school to learn the mind of God on all subjects on which He has spoken.

Special attention will be given to Missionary Training in the consideration of practical missionary problems, the conditions obtaining in various missionary fields, methods of work, etc., so that the student may go forth to his chosen field prepared in a measure to avoid the dangerous rocks on which so many promising missionary lives have been wrecked. The principal himself has had experience as a missionary in China. Frequent addresses by visiting missionaries will add greatly to our fund of knowledge of missionary conditions and needs.

Practical Work.

As the Lord Jesus, even when He was training His disciples for His service, sent them out to do the work in which He was giving them instruction, so disciples in this school will be given ample opportunity to gain experience in practical work in Missions, Bible Classes in private homes, teaching in Sunday Schools, street work, hospitals, prisons and other institutions, rescue work, visiting the sick and others in need, and in any other ministry to which a door may be opened. We regard this practical work as of great value to the student preparing for active service.

Special lecturers will visit the school from time to time.

Courses will be so arranged that a student may by diligent and creditable work obtain his diploma in two years.

The Support of the School.

The school is conducted entirely on faith lines. But let each reader of this prospectus understand that there is a vast difference between faith and presumption. To presume on God's providential guidance or assistance outside the realm of his government is nothing short of presumption, and instead of honoring God makes Him a liar. The Scripture is very plain on this question of faith. James explicitly states that faith without works is dead, and therefore of no value. "If a man work not, neither shall he eat" is still a good proverb. With such apostolic endorsement as Paul's behind us, and the unexampled parallel of Abraham the father of all the faithful who was justified by putting his faith to work, we feel justified in placing upon the individual student the responsibility of his own

support. Bethel Students' Home will be conducted on the co-operative plan under the direction of a competent matron. Under this plan each student will bear his proportionate expense of operating the home. And as in the schools of the prophets in Bible times the "sons of the prophets" assisted in the manual work connected with the school, so our students are expected to assist in the care of the home, thus materially reducing the cost of living. To those worthy students unable to meet such expenditure, there are numberless opportunities in a large city like Chicago for finding lucrative employment during unoccupied school hours, in offices, stores, homes, elevated roads, etc. References will be furnished our students and all possible co-operation given in the securing of suitable employment. This same plan is followed by other Bible institutes with marked success.

God also offers to the large constituency of the Assemblies of God the privilege of being "laborers together with God" and "fellow-helpers to the Truth" in the support of the home and of the teachers who will be necessary for the carrying on of such a school. We have pledged our hearty co-operation, but moral support alone will not suffice. We should have for this movement school the financial support of the movement. This can be done in such practical ways as the people assisted the "man of God" of old in his work for God (2 Kings 4:42-44); as our Lord Jesus Himself was assisted (Luke 8:1-3); and as the apostles and others were helped in their ministry (Romans 16:2; Phil. 4:16-18; Eph. 6:19; Col. 4:2-4; and 2 Thess. 3:1, 2).

The Training School is located in Bethel Temple, Ashland Blvd., West Monroe Street and Ogden Avenue.

Tuition will be \$5 per year for regular students; \$1 per month for special students.

Students should bring their own sheets, pillow-cases, towels, napkins, napkin rings and other articles calculated to make their rooms homelike and attractive.

* An opportunity will be given for orchestral work. All students who have musical instruments are invited to bring them.

Instructors.

Andrew L. Fraser, President.
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Miss Laura Radford
William J. Bennett

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William J. Bennett
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Director of Evening Bible School

Special Lecturers

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(and others.)

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All ministers of the assemblies of God, with as many as possible from each assembly, should plan on coming, and all others of like testimony as matters of mutual interest will be taken up and a District Council formed.

Come fully prayed up, for a royal feast is fully anticipated. Entertainment may be had at reasonable rates near-by. Special workers, Andrew D. Urshan, evangelist, Orville Benham, cornetist.—Robt. J. Craig, Pastor.

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