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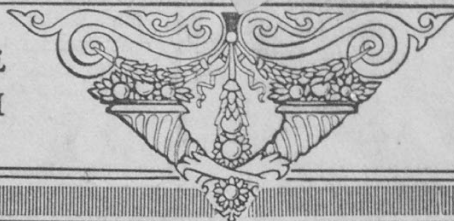


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THE GOSPEL TO EVERY
CREATURE. — Mark 16:15

THE NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE OF HOPE.

A Daybreak Song.

There's a break in the clouds over yonder—
And the promise of fair new day;
For the long stormy night has ended,
And the dark clouds are driven away.
The rising sun with its brightness
Tints the far-off hills with light,
Till my heart grows joyful in watching
Its glory and radiance bright.

There's a break in the clouds over yonder,
And the low-hanging mists of fear
Are scattered and driven backward
By His presence real and near.
Though the night has been long and heavy,
And the pressure hard and strong,
Yet the daybreak brings the assurance
Of a glorious deliverance song.

There's a break in the clouds over yonder,
And the form of a Coming One,
With a face as wondrous and radiant
As the glow of a noonday sun.
'Tis a long, dark night we have waited
With but few faint stars to cheer,
But the Morning Star has arisen,
And the Day of Rapture is here.

—Alice Reynolds Flower.

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GREAT THINGS — A NEW YEAR MESSAGE.

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

I wonder how many of us believe it! and yet they are the very words of the Master, spoken just before He laid down His life for us, thereby opening unto us all the treasure house of God.

To many His life had seemed a failure, there appeared such small results, and we are so blind, constantly estimating a success by numbers, judging from the outside, and setting little store by the hidden depths, the out of sight root life, the unseen essentials.

Small beginnings! how often we despise them, or set them at naught, forgetting it is written—"a little one shall become a thousand," and "who hath despised the day of small things?" Every beginning, begun in God, and having God in it, is bound to increase with the increase of God.

There are few who do not wish to achieve some great work, the desire is surely God implanted and the higher our ideal the better for us.

"We needs must love the highest when we see it."

The danger is that we may consider a thing great which God counts little, or, *vice versa*.

Let us note some of the things He considers great, and therefore to be sought out and striven after.

"God, who is rich in mercy, for His *great love* where-with He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ," (Eph. 2:4, 5.)

Was ever love like that? Only "great love" could love souls sunk in sin, dead to their own condition and interests; only "great love" could lift such from the pit of corruption and breathe new life into them, cleansing away the past and giving them a fresh start, with a new life implanted in them.

"Great love" has done that for you! Do you realize it? have you thanked Him?

If you study Eph. 2 carefully you will see that "great love" did not stop at giving new life, it *followed up the new life*, leading the soul on into increased blessedness, divine companionship, (ver. 6) divine communion, "made us sit together."

I think if we sat oftener in such divine company we should understand better the depths of His "great love."

The world is hungering for love, and we give so little because we have failed to realize what "great love" has done for us—and

"We make His love too narrow,
By false limits of our own."

Only as we drink deeply of His love fountain can we pour it out for others, and He says—"Drink, yea, drink abundantly, O beloved." (Cant., v. 1.) Don't be afraid to lay hold of the fact that *you*, personally, are "Greatly Beloved," (Dan. 10:19). "Keep yourselves in the love of God." (Jude 21).

"Oh, the love that sought me,
Oh the blood that bought me,
Oh, the grace that brought me to the fold!
Wondrous love that brought me to the fold!"

Now let this make you ask yourself a personal question—"How shall we escape if we neglect *so great salvation*?" (Heb. 2:3.)

It is a solemn question and it has never been answered. How easy it is to *neglect* anything. It does not say, "*refuse*," but "*neglect*," simply let it alone, ignore it.

Is this what you have been doing? you would not dare openly to turn your back upon God with words of refusal upon your lips, but, my friend, have you never turned from this great question—"What must I do to be saved?" and *neglected* to settle the matter with God?"

Neglecting leads to refusing, and refusing to despising. Prov. 1:24; Psa. 78:10; Jer. 8:5; Zech. 7:11; Num. 9:20; Isa. v. 24.

Take care then of neglect, it is the first downward step to losing your soul, that soul of whose welfare you think so lightly, but which it cost Christ His life to save.

There are some who fear to step out and take God at His Word, for they are haunted by a dread of "not living up to it."

It is right, quite right, we should face this matter! profession without Christliness in the daily life is what has put back hundreds of souls. "The greatest hindrance to Christianity is Christians," I once heard it sadly remarked. But is there any reason why *you* should be such? The Saviour God has provided for us is "mighty to *save*," and "able to *keep*." Peter, who had learned how, "out of weakness, to be made strong," had a wonderful system of arithmetic; have you ever studied it in the first chapter of his second epistle? Having "obtained like precious faith with us" (verse 1) he goes on to see how he can multiply it (verse 2) and tells us the secret is by *knowing Jesus better*. This thought so lays hold upon him that it is the last word he writes! (See ch. 3:18). *Knowing Jesus brings divine power, life and godliness* (verse 3) and to these he adds glory and virtue. Wonderful addition, is it not?

But he does not stop there. He has been enchained by the "exceeding great and precious promises given through Christ," (verse 4) he puts them out to interest and goes on with his addition, diligently adding up faith, virtue or courage, knowledge, temperance, or self-control, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, love.

Have you ever added these up and counted the result? "They took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus." You cannot be much in His company without becoming "a partaker of the divine nature." (v. 4.)

Multiplication must follow (v. 8), because progress is the divine order. Now will you not put these promises, or rather the Promiser, to the test? Let Him give you far vision. In verse 8 we read of blind souls "*seeing only what is near*, having forgotten the cleansing." (R. V.) When we do not count upon and use the innumerable benefits brought to us through the blood of the Lamb shed on Calvary, we grow short-sighted and narrow, stunted Christians.

The great things of God can only be apprehended in the light of Calvary. Great Christians are made by sinking into nothingness there. Thus all the power and glory remains His alone.

Oh, let us "count our blessings" more! Let us lay hold of the possibilities of God.

What glorious results follow as we launch out on God.

"Nothing before, nothing behind,
The steps of Faith
Fall on the seeming void and find
The Rock beneath."

The apostles found it so, for "with *great power* gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus." (Acts 4:33.)

Where had they got this great power? Well, first they got the promise of it (Acts 1:8) and then they found it in an upper room, having put themselves in the right position for receiving it. They "continued in prayer and supplication" (verse 14). Don't you see? They "*prayed through.*" They went on till the blessing came.

It was not only upon the apostles that the power came; simple men and women, 120 of them, waited, and received. There ought to have been 500 of them, as that number witnessed our Lord's ascension and received the command to "wait for the promise of the Father." Why did they not? were they too busy to obey? and is the world poorer to-day because of the disobedience of these 380, who never appropriated the blessing which they ought to have had, had they but "waited?" Who can say?

"The art of keeping what we find is an art which is only learned in an upper chamber on the day of Pentecost. Nor is there anything short of a direct occupation of our souls by the promised Spirit of God that will enable us to be "always what we sometimes are, and never what we sometimes have been." (Professor Rendel Harris). Surely the 120 had learned this secret, for we read in Acts 4:33 that not only *great power* but also *great grace* was upon them all. Their lives were changed, not their circumstances, and changed lives meant changed interests, so that a readjustment of their lives began to take place. Things seen under the magnifying influence of the Holy Ghost assumed a new aspect. Eternity became real, souls priceless, nothing too precious to yield to Jesus, until "there was not among them any that lacked."

A great salvation and a great revelation from God bring about great revolutions in lives, and it is indeed well for us when we yield to the gentle constraining influences of His Holy Spirit.

Have you ever thought what that "great grace" implies, grace-fulness, graciousness! What visions the words call up of sweetness and tenderness, of polite consideration of others likes and dislikes, of loving thoughtfulness for others, of Christlikeness in all things.

And it is a gift, to be had for the asking, for "Thou hast ascended on high to receive *gifts for men,*" "ask, and ye shall receive that your joy may be full!" The grace and truth and beauty, which so characterized our Lord, He desires to share with *you* because "God is faithful by whom ye were called to name all things in common with Jesus Christ." (1 Cor. 1:9, lit). He wishes to bring you into partnership with Himself, and "Oh, how great is Thy goodness, which Thou has laid up for them that fear Thee!" (Psa. 31:19). We can never fathom it, try how we will, there is

"Always more to follow!"

Hold out empty hands to Him to-day, and let God fill them with His priceless treasure.

Lastly, remember that in keeping the commands of God "there is great reward."—(Psa. 19:11.)

We do not realize this always at first, but it is true nevertheless. God never gives an unnecessary command, they are "for our good always," and like children who, as they grow older, begin to understand their parents' plans for them, and the why and the wherefore of many things, which in their earlier days were only mysterious, so, as we keep the commands of our God, we find His laws to be perfect, sure and wise (verse 7); right and pure (verse 8); clean, true and righteous (verse 9); precious and sweet (verse 10). It is indeed a happy day when we learn all this, and that "in keeping of them there is *great reward.*"

Let us press on them, filled with the great love of our heavenly Father, feeding on the "exceeding great and precious promises" He gives us, filled with great grace and great power, and pressing onwards towards His great reward.

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GREAT THINGS AND GREATER.

"The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

"The Lord hath done great things for us,
And therefore we are glad;
The Lord hath done great things for us,"
Why should our hearts be sad?
What He hath been, He yet will be,
A never failing power,
To those who launch out on His might,
And trust Him every hour.

"The Lord hath done great things for us,"
And by them lures us on
To attempt greater things for Him,
Whose is the power alone;
Our weakness leaning on His might,
May yet go forth to bless
A sin-stained world with evidence
Of His great tenderness.

"The Lord hath done great things for us,"
Then let us trust Him more,
'Tis good to know through untried ways,
He goeth on before,
To choose out for His chosen ones
Rest houses by the road,
Making each trial as it comes,
A stepping stone to God.

His name shall be called wonderful!"
Have we not proved it true?
Has He not come when all seemed lost,
And helped us safely through
The darkest night, the wildest storms,
The magic of His voice,
Luring us on, until we gained
The haven of His choice.

"Thou hast done wonders,"* surely then
We greater things shall see!
"Men wondered at" **Thine own were called
And yet again shall be,
Oh! Spirit of the living God,
Possess us, bend and break
These wills of ours, then work through us
Wonders—for Jesus' sake.

Oh, wonder-working, mighty God,
Oh! great unerring guide,
I place my trembling hand in Thine,
And nestle in Thy side.
"Let me not drift from 'neath Thy care,
But trace through days to come,
The greater things of Thy great heart,
The glories of Thy Home!"

Laura A. Barter Snow.

*Josh. 3:5.

**Zech. 3:8.

GENERAL COUNCIL MINUTES NOW READY.

The minutes of the 1917 Council Meeting are now off the Press. All who wish to follow the deliberations of the General Council should secure this important booklet. Price 10 cents per copy, or 60 cents per dozen, postpaid, from the Gospel Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo.

THE WORK AMONGST THE SOLDIERS.

A Call for a Day of Prayer and Intercession.

Bro. Raymond Richey of the United Prayer and Workers' League of Houston, Texas, writes: "I wish our people could see in a greater way our opportunity in this day for Soldiers' Work. We have been thinking and praying over this matter, and we wish to ask all the Pentecostal brethren to unite with us on the **Second Sunday in January** in a day of special prayer, supplication and intercession, and also for a special offering for the Soldiers' Work."

HE REMEMBERETH THAT WE ARE DUST.

Jesus knew the disposition and the limitations of His disciples and He came down to their level. He never gave the admonition of Paul to Peter nor of Peter to John. He knew the spiritual capacity of every one of His disciples. And to Thomas, the unbelieving one, there was a special manifestation of His patience. "Reach hither thy finger and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side; and be not faithless but believing." Not a word of reproof! He met Thomas on the plane he was on and the rest could profit.

At one time He took three of His disciples away by themselves upon a mount and as He prayed He was transfigured before them and His raiment became shining as white as snow as no fuller on earth could whiten it. They were so limited in their comprehension of words that He had to teach them through their eyes. And they came down dazed and stupefied, and they kept these things in their hearts. Why? Because the other nine were absolutely incapable of receiving the revelation. These three were most in advance so they received the advance revelation. But even they bungled on the mount. "Let us build three tabernacles!" This was Peter's remark, "not knowing what he said." Christ could not hold converse with them as He was transfigured, He had to hold converse with the other transfigured beings. Human limitations were never more manifested than on the mount of transfiguration. Booths put up to entertain the inhabitants of eternity! Booths in exchange for the mountains of glory! But booths were in harmony with the finite mind. Christ never reproved but made allowance, for they knew not what they said. Jesus would rather have ignorant bungling to clever indifference.

(The woman that washed His feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair was a sinner, but He preferred those hot tears of contrition to all the comfort and refinement of Simon's house. He knew the limitations and made every allowance.)

(He asked His disciples, "Could ye not watch with me one hour?" and they failed. And He had an excuse ready. And this seems to have been the one time when man did not deserve an excuse, when they failed the Son of man in the very crisis of His life at the time when He needed human sympathy, but He made excuse for them. All this shows that He was indeed the *Son of man*, for in making excuses for man He showed that He was entering in Himself into the very weakness of human nature.)

(As He sat by the well at Sychar He was weary and said to the Samaritan woman, "Give me to drink." He showed His weakness, His tiredness, and that touched the heart of the woman. He won her confidence and He revealed to her His own divinity. Tiredness and divinity! Revelation and petition! He gave to the woman the revelation that God was a Spirit: and that they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth. And yet He had deigned to ask her for a drink. He knew the character of the one of whom He was asking a drink. The extent of the depravity of the woman did not hinder the extent of the revelation, "I that speak unto thee am He!" revealing Himself as the Christ and His Father as a Spirit.)

(The disciples marvelled that He spoke to a Samaritan woman, but when they knew her character shock would follow marvel. But He was touched with the feeling of our infirmities. He knew the weakest point in this human character, but He knew she was capable of being the finest missionary.) Hear her as she testifies to her people, "He showed me myself and now I want to show you Himself." Christ never makes mistakes. He did not speak to that woman in vain.

(Do not lose sight of the character of Jesus Christ in

these days. *He has not changed.* He sees the depraved, the outcast, the misunderstood, but He sees the possibilities, what grace can do. He can make missionaries of Samaritans: Fallen women, but they can bring a town to the feet of the Messiah!

("He must needs go through Samaria," leaving the beaten path to come the untrodden way to speak to the woman of Sychar, the most noted character in the town. God wants people to-day who will go out of the beaten track to go after the noted characters that may become noted characters for Him.)

You study the side of His glory, His majesty, but study also the side of His character as Son of man, the tender, the considerate One. (He wants the Magdalens, the Samaritan women, the doubting Thomases, the boastful Peters, the passionate Johns and the persecuting Sauls. And He can turn these rough stones into stones for the foundation of the New Jerusalem.) Oh, the reality of the characteristics of the personality of the man Christ Jesus! Study Him as the man and as the Son of man. It is all in the Word.

PREACHERS WARNED.

The General Council has always stood for law and order. So at our last Council Meeting we took a strong stand for Loyalty to our Government and the President and to the Flag. Let all note this and be duly warned.

Since then we have noted with sorrow that a half dozen preachers have been arrested and put in jail by U. S. Marshals for opposing this war, failing to register in the draft, and such things. While some of these are of the Pentecostal faith, so far as we know none of them are affiliated with the General Council of the Assemblies of God. But knowing some are not trained in wartime laws, we feel like dropping a note of warning.

Many utterances allowable in times of Peace may be Treasonable in Times of War, such as the present. Hence all preachers should be careful to *be* and *act* in loyalty to our Country in this Great Crisis, and not to say a word in opposition to the Authorities or to the work of the Government in war matters.

It is one thing to be in our own faith opposed personally to taking human life, even in war, but quite another thing to preach against our Government going to war. It is unlawful to do so. It is none of our business to push our faith as to war on others or on the Government.

Everybody, preachers as well as others, within the ages of 21 to 31 were required by law to register and should have done so. All who have failed will be arrested as deserters sooner or later, and should at once, before that happens, go to the board and register. Even though you may suffer for your delay, they will probably not be so hard on you if you do it voluntarily as they will if you don't. This has been the rule in the past, though the hour for leniency may have passed by now.

These are trying days. It is no time or place for Slackers towards our country or our God. Preachers who are excused from war, old or young, are under double obligation to show their gratitude to God and the Flag for such religious liberty and prove this by extra service and sacrifices to the good of mankind, to the Government and to God.

While the editor is speaking for himself, it is nevertheless his conviction that the General Council cannot and will not try to help any preacher who wilfully disobeys the laws of the land. It is easier to keep out of trouble, by obeying the law, than to get out after into it. So let all our preachers be duly warned not to do anything *rash*, like these other preachers, that will land them in a Federal Penitentiary, or up before a shooting squad for Treason to the Country.—E. N. B.

THE PENTECOSTAL MOVEMENT AND THE CONSCRIPTION LAW.

For the benefit of those who are being drafted at this time and are writing to us for information, we desire to state what we have already set forth in a previous issue of the Evangel (August 4th, 1917), the principles that have governed the General Council since its inception at the first Council meeting at Hot Springs, Ark., April 2, 1914, and which were crystalized in the resolution sent to President Wilson on April 28th, 1917, and which was as follows:

Resolution Concerning the Attitude of the General Council of the Assemblies of God toward any Military Service which Involves the Actual Participation in the Destruction of Human Life.

While recognizing Human Government as of Divine ordination and affirming our unswerving loyalty to the Government of the United States, nevertheless we are constrained to define our position with reference to the taking of human life.

WHEREAS, in the Constitutional Resolution adopted at the Hot Springs General Council, April 1-10, 1914, we plainly declare the Holy Inspired Scriptures to be the all-sufficient rule of faith and practice, and

WHEREAS the Scriptures deal plainly with the obligations and relations of humanity, setting forth the principles of "Peace on earth, good will toward men." (Luke 2:14); and

WHEREAS we, as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, believe in implicit obedience to the Divine commands and precepts which instruct us to "Follow peace with all men," (Heb. 12:14); "Thou shalt not kill," (Exod. 20:13); "Resist not evil," (Matt. 5:39); "Love your enemies," (Matt. 5:44); etc., and

WHEREAS these and other Scriptures have always been accepted and interpreted by our churches as prohibiting Christians from shedding blood or taking human life:

THEREFORE we, as a body of Christians, while purposing to fulfill all the obligations of loyal citizenship, are nevertheless constrained to declare we cannot conscientiously participate in war and armed resistance which involves the actual destruction of human life, since this is contrary to our view of the clear teachings of the inspired Word of God, which is the sole basis of our faith.

In the Questionnaire which is to be filled up by the applicant for exemption there is a question as to how many adherents there are to the religious body to which the applicant belongs. The Pentecostal people have always been very suspicious of numbering themselves on the ground that it savored of boastfulness and so at headquarters we have never attempted to have a census of our people. There are 600 preachers holding ordination papers with the General Council and 140 assemblies who are legally affiliated, in addition to a large number of assemblies who have always considered themselves a part of the Council. At a low estimation we believe there are about 75,000 adherents directly connected with the Council.

THE JEWS AND PALESTINE.

A demonstration of Zionists was recently held in London to pass a vote of thanks to the British Government for promising to hand over Palestine to the Jews as soon as the Turk had been expelled from that country. It was very clear that an overwhelming proportion of London's Jewry is in favor of a proposed autonomous Palestine as a national home for the Jewish people. From the moment when Lord Rothschild opened the proceedings till the

final note of the "Hatikvah," or Song of Hope, the national anthem of new Judea, died away, the feeling was one of rising enthusiasm. Mr. Samuel, M. P., roused the meeting to a pitch of great excitement, when repeating in Hebrew the traditional prayer "Next Year in Jerusalem," he maintained that, consequent upon the promise of the British Government, the words have now a new and altogether hopeful significance.—"The Christian."

(Do not we, who are looking for the coming of our Lord, and the "New Jerusalem," feel a thrill go through us as we read of the dry bones coming together (Ezek. 36), and the words of Christ when He said, "Now learn a parable of the fig tree; when his branch is yet tender and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh; so likewise ye, when ye see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors." Matt. 24:32. The branch of the fig tree is indeed becoming tender in more ways than one, for we see signs not only of national life being manifested amongst the Jews, but their opposition to Christ is not so bitter as it was. Hallelujah, our summer is nigh!)

THE SUPERNATURAL IN CHRISTIANITY.

By F. A. Hale.

CHAPTER II.

The Bible is Supernatural.

Our Bible is not the product of the human mind, or effort to find God. It is God's effort to reveal Himself to man, a revelation from God to man. In it He undertakes to teach spiritual truths by the use of human language and by comparing them to natural things. When this is remembered, it is not surprising that He is often misunderstood.

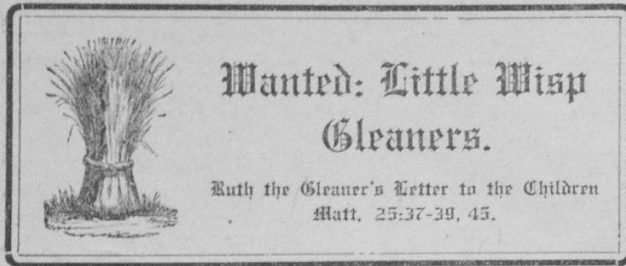
As to its origin the Bible speaks for itself: "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost," 2 Pet. 1:21. The value of the words spoken by these holy men of God lies not in the fact that they were holy, but in the fact that they were moved by the Holy Ghost. In the Bible we hear from God.

How do we know that the Bible is inspired? One reason is that Jesus, (who proved Himself to be the Son of God by the resurrection from the dead,) continually endorsed the Scriptures as inspired and quoted them as the words of God. He relied on them "even unto death," and not in vain.

Another reason is, that when we become obedient to the Scriptures we find that the promises therein are fulfilled in us to our satisfaction in both physical and spiritual things. We know this would not be the case unless there was some living and active Being behind it. The mere dead letter would not have the effect of healing the sick, binding up the broken hearted, and changing the hearts of men, and breaking the awful chains of sinful habits. This proves that God is back of it, and that it is His own supernatural word. Another reason for believing that the Bible is inspired is the fulfillment of prophecy. Man may conjecture at times what will happen in the immediate future, but God's word describes incidents in detail thousands of years before they happen. The foretelling of minute details forces us to admit these prophecies are supernatural.

Prophecies which have been fulfilled already are numerous enough to convince any one honestly seeking the truth. The startling imminence of other events foretold is enough to arouse the liveliest interest in every one having the least spark of spiritual life. Events indicate that we are on the eve of a change of dispensations, and that the change is going to be in accord with the prophecies of the Bible. The past fulfillment and the present fulfilling of prophecies made so many thousands of years ago force us to conclude that the Bible is inspired and supernatural.

(To be continued.)



"To live for others is life." Boaz said "let fall some of the handfuls of purpose for her that she may glean them and rebuke her not," so you see God prizes the *wisps* as well as the *great sheaves* and let us be willing to pick up the crumbs that fall from the table; they are crumbs *He* let fall. If Ruth did gather only broken dropped wisps, Boaz stayed out there in the field with her. Hallelujah, well, here are a few of these new wisps. They are a bit timid so reach out a welcoming hand and bid them welcome.

Wanted: A few little Wisp Gleaners. I want these little ones to begin early. I began at three or four years old to learn how to gather souls, one by one.

My first wisp is Conny Suyataka. She lives at the back of my garden. She is a dear little blackeyed Japanese girl. I heard she worshipped idols and I wanted her for Jesus. I saw her peeping at me through the fence and I said "Good morning," and she said "Tank ye!" She could not understand me nor could I understand her, but she was a lost, broken wisp and somehow I gathered her for Jesus. At last I got her to come and see me and she looked all around and I showed her picture after picture of Jesus. She looked so puzzled, so timid and sweet. I caught her in my arms and loved her, and *the ice was broken*. She understood the *love* language.

Again she came, and this time I got her down on her knees and I put my hands together and looked up and began to cry and pray, and she looked up too, to see what I was looking at and when she saw me crying, she was greatly troubled. I laid my hand on her head and asked God to write this little Jap's name in the Lamb's book of life and in some mysterious way, God reached this child's soul and her face shone like an angel's face. Now she is under the blood. Her first English word that I taught her was "Jesus," and her first sentence was "Jesus loves me!" and the next, "I love Jesus." The next I'll teach her to say will be "Jesus died for me," and the next, "His blood cleanses me from all sin." That will be a *long one*. I bought her a Japanese Testament and she is reading all about this wonderful Jesus who loves her. She has given up cigarette smoking because Jesus does not like it and she is trying to live pure for Him. We greet each other often now with a wave of the hand from our back porches and we taught her that the wave means, "Jesus loves me!"

Now, little gleaners say "Hallelujah!" with a true ring. I must meet this sweet pure soul at Jesus' feet."

The next one is Oh such a homely, filthy little brown wisp, so slippery too. He'll say, "I no cheat you, good lady, but I make up on 'nother lady I no like." This wisp is my little ugly John Chinaman who brings me my vegetables every morning. I told him about Jesus and he patiently listened morning after morning and then at last I got him to open his closely shut lips and he said "No know, no love, no love, no take." I then had him come in and look at my pictures of Jesus. He looked quietly and thoughtfully at the sweet face of Jesus and then said, "Sometime I take." Oh pray with me, big and little gleaners too, that God may find this beautiful soul hidden away in this little misshapen body. I've always loved little children and have faith in their earnest little prayers. How

pleased my little Chinaman will be when he stands before God in the image of his Christ and how grateful he will be that I taught him to love Jesus.

I used to watch my mother send the shuttles back and forth in the cloth loom, a shuttle for each color, a color here, a color there and I could see no sense in it, but when the cloth was done and spread before us what symmetry, what beauty! Well that's the way the great and wise Weaver will do with my wisps.

Come, now, lay down your playthings a moment and let me tell you how to be little wisp gleaners. Never do a thing until you pray and God satisfies you it is His will. I will tell you how I first thought of interesting the children of Spiritual Israel, for that's what we are. God's Spirit-born people.

A little boy, Alfred Black of Yolo, Calif., heard his mother talking about me and he went and got his savings and sent it to me "to do with as God wanted." I had just received a letter from Albert and Lou Page, missionaries to the Fiji Islands, and one from Mr. and Mrs. Johns of Honolulu, T. H. Islands, and the story of their hard times touched me. Mrs. Johns said "The homeland seems to have forgotten us," and so I looked at little Alfred's dollar and knew what to do with it.

When a saint sends me money to use to publish and republish these songs God gave, I use it for that and nothing else, but I've always taken one-tenth out of all sales to help the poor and always shall.

Now I know why God called me to the islands of the sea, giving me Isa. 49:1-4. The call was to have me, and others through me, to notice our neglect of the missionaries of the islands of the sea. I don't say *all* are neglected, for I've found out some who are not. I have had many calls to foreign fields, getting songs about it, but still I remain home and yet I've gone in desire and all the help I could give, and God rewards "a widow's mite" if done for love's sake, and so I'll continue to give my all to my Shepherd King and my tenth to His "least of these." I long to do more and greater things for the wonderful Friend who began in a stable and ended on a throne. Little gleaners, tell the saints to band you together to work for these little ones. So come, little home-landers, let us go into the big fields and villages in these islands of the sea and help these little ones so easily forgotten by the homeland, and the King will reward. Do you think that He expected only the grown-ups to live and love and even die for the "least of these?" Matt. 25:40.

I've been directed by God himself to these two addresses, Lou and Albert Page, Sijatoka, Fiji Islands, who have three little ones, aged five, three and one and a half, of their own to care for as well as others, and Mr. and Mrs. Johns, box 1104, Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands. They have two of their own and sixty native orphans to love and die for.

It's "nip and tuck" between my piano and sewing machine these days. Oh! I've found these island missionaries need more help. Come little wisp gleaners, let us gather our arms full of broken, dropped wisps and go marching home to God. Jesus will hear your song of praise to Him and come leaping across the hill, to meet you taking your poor "least of these" wisps and he'll lay them nearest His heart.—Sarah H. Payne, box 44, Ocean Park, Cal., composer of "I fell in love with the Nazarene" and other songs given in the Spirit. Can be obtained from her at 25 cents per copy.

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Bro. W. W. Simpson's Plans

Beloved in Christ:

Believing the Lord's time has come for me to return to China for His work I wish to lay our plans and prospects before you for prayer and such advice as the Lord may lead you to offer. I know the Lord's method of sending forth missionaries according to Acts 13:1-4 is for the Spirit first to call them, then the church to send them, and I want to be sent forth with the hearty co-operation, sympathy and prayers of the Church of God following me. I don't care for a Mission Board to back me up with pledged financial support, but I must have the people of God who are of like precious faith with me, to uphold me with their prayers and fellowship if I am to do the work the Lord expects of me in China.

On the 28th of March, 1918, it will be just twenty-six years since I left New York on my first missionary journey to the Tibetan border of China. I have been in China more than twenty-one years and in this country on two furloughs more than four years. I have had experience in all kinds of mission work from pioneering in far-away Tibet to conducting Pentecostal revivals in long-established churches in the ports of China, from buying or raising potatoes to managing the finances of a large mission field, from teaching a Chinese child to read to translating hymns, from building houses and digging wells to teaching a Bible School. And I am still in the prime of life, just forty-eight years of age, and in good health. And I have three children, Margaret, aged 20; Louise, aged 18, and William, aged 16, who belong to the Lord also for His work, and are eager to go forth to His service in China. Most of their lives have been spent in China, consequently they know the language and can readily adapt themselves to Chinese ways. They have also had educational advantages in schools both here and in China, both secular and Bible.

I mention these things simply that you may know what we have to lay on the altar for the Lord's service in China. What we are, we are by the grace of God, and everything must be devoted to His use.

I have already written to the leading Pentecostal missionaries of North China, suggesting the line of work I believe will be most suited to us and beneficial to the entire work in Mandarin-speaking China, and asking their co-operation. I now make it known to you for prayer and counsel.

First, Location, Chenchow, Honan Prov., China, as most easy of access to missionaries from America and to the Chinese from all parts of Mandarin-speaking China in North and Central China.

Second, Bible School for the Training of Chinese Preachers. The greatest need of the work in China to-day is Spirit-

filled Chinese men and women who know the Bible enough to preach the Gospel in its simplicity and purity. Foreign missionaries are needed to train, lead, encourage, and supervise them, but the Chinese themselves will have to do the most of the actual work of evangelization. Since I have had wide experience I believe I ought to take up this line of work. At Chenchow we could receive and train Chinese workers from all parts of the Mandarin-speaking field.

Third, Training Home for New Missionaries. This is also greatly needed for Pentecostal missionaries, for the lack of experienced missionaries to help and counsel and encourage them has caused many hardships, sorrow and even failures in the past. The plan for a Bible School and Training Home together will provide the new missionaries with teachers who speak the varying dialects of the numerous districts of Mandarin-speaking China so that each missionary can choose whatever dialect he wishes to study.

Another advantage in having the Bible School and Missionary Training Home together is that the students in the Bible School can help toward their own support by teaching the language to the missionaries. Thus the always limited funds at the disposal of the Lord's work will be made to go as far as possible.

Fourth, The Local Work. Both as a help to new missionaries and as furnishing practical training for the Chinese students and still more because I am still a missionary and must preach the Gospel to those who know it not, I shall maintain with the Lord's help and blessing both a hall for Gospel work and a local Assembly for the worship of God and the edification of the saints. Chenchow is occupied by a denominational Mission, but there is plenty of room for an undenominational Pentecostal Assembly.

Fifth, Business Matters. Being within easy reach of both Hankow and Shanghai I shall be glad to render all assistance in my power to missionaries passing our way and those living inland who may need help in buying and forwarding supplies, exchanging foreign money for Chinese, forwarding to destination and other ways as needed.

Sixth, Pentecostal Meetings, Conventions, etc. During the long summer vacation of the Bible School I shall be glad to help in holding such meetings and in opening up new stations.

Seventh, Needs. In addition to myself and children this work needs a man and wife to have general charge of the Home and look after the local work in my absence. I have in view an elderly couple who have had many years of experience in various forms of work in China and have already written asking their help. Several new missionaries, both men and women, have already

asked to be received into the Home. Two are preparing to accompany us. We expect to sail about March 1-5. On arrival about April 10-15 we shall have to rent or lease a house and fit it up so that we can live comfortably. Later we shall need another house for the Bible School which we hope to open about October 1. Also a hall for Gospel preaching will be needed in due time. Also I need two or three Chinese workers to help me in the Bible School and the local Assembly and Gospel Hall work. I have some in mind who have previously proved themselves and have expressed the desire to work with me. Financially it will require about \$1000 to take myself and family to the field and the same amount each year for our support. I think \$500 per annum will provide the needed buildings and another \$500 per year for the married couple. The Chinese workers will need about \$75 or \$80 each per year at present low rate of exchange. Altogether \$3000 will be needed to take us to the field and keep the work going for the first year. The new missionaries going with us and coming later will of course need money in the same proportion, that is, \$250 for transportation and \$250 annually for support. When they open their own stations they will need more for rent, etc.

Some other things could be used to much advantage, such as piano, organ, typewriter, bicycle, perhaps a small printing press later on. Out of the offerings given to my wife and me during the last two years we have laid by nearly \$400 which can be used toward furnishing the Home and School with stoves, beds, cooking utensils, dishes, etc. We have already in Shanghai a sewing machine, and on our former station on the Tibetan border many things needed to furnish a Mission Station, but it will cost a considerable amount to transport them to Chenchow. Already \$200 have been given us to buy our personal outfit. Join us in prayer that all needs may be met.

Eighth, Financial Help. Assemblies and individuals that are already supporting Pentecostal work and workers should not curtail their usual offerings for those objects and let them suffer in order to help us in this new work, but any who are led to make us an offering in addition to what they are already doing can do so and we shall thankfully receive it and use it toward the supply of these needs as above mentioned. Offerings may be sent to me at 61 4th St., Newark, N. J., till Jan. 31st, or care Weekly Evangel at St. Louis, or any Pentecostal paper which usually forwards missionary offerings to their destination.

While we expect to go forth in affiliation with the General Council of the Assemblies of God and expect to work in harmony and fellowship with all who love and obey our Lord Jesus Christ on the basis of the Bible, our dependence is on the Lord alone, whose we are and whom we serve.

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HELPING THE MISSIONARIES.

We praise the Lord for the way that the members of the Evangel fellowship are responding to our repeated pleas to help our missionaries who are preaching the Gospel in the uttermost parts of the earth. In order to meet the needs of the field we should send out \$3000.00 per month, and for the first time, at the end of this month we shall be enabled to send out this amount. This sum should be the minimum reached every month.

Letters from the field tell of increasing needs. Some of our Pentecostal native workers have been recently at the point of starvation in Egypt, and so have many of the brethren in Persia. The brethren in China now need to have double the amount that they once could do with, as exchange is low and prices are high.

In response to the prayer that God would thrust forth more laborers, God is sending forth a number of missionaries at this time. Bro. and Sister Schoonmaker and their five children are off to India. Bro. W. W. Simpson and his three children and another worker are soon to set sail for China. Bro. Hurlburt is going to South America and Sisters Hewitt and Hitchcock of Oakland hope soon to sail for the Fiji Islands. These are all Council missionaries and need our systematic support.

We are touched by the way some of the Evangel family are responding to our appeals. At Frostburg, Md., the Sunday School children sacrificed their Christmas festivities and sent us \$20.00 through their pastor, Bro. W. H. Pope. A sister had a fire and an accident and a number of people gave her help, and she sent in a \$5.00 tithe of the help given her, to be given to the missionaries. One housekeeper writes she is going to give a tithe of her cream money. Another writes he is going to give a tithe of his income to the missionaries. Pastor Secrist of Olympia, Wash., sends in a package of jewelry that he wants us to sell and put into the missionary treasury.

All missionary money sent in is despatched at the end of each month without any deductions whatever for cost of drafts, money orders or postage. Any wishing to designate their offerings to certain missionaries can do so. All amounts should be sent as far as possible by express or money orders addressed to the Missionary Treasurer, Stanley H. Frodsham, 2838 Easton Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

THE RADIANCE FROM THE THRONE.

Can you conceive the radiance that comes from the Throne of God? Every star is only a reflection from that Throne, a black mass reflecting that glory and passing it on, and there is more glory dispelled from that Throne than can be seen. The worlds only reflect a faint part of that radiance. The heavens declare the glory of God, but they only tell a part of the glory.

And when the heavens are rolled away the full glory will be seen, for they, the heavens, all shall wax old as they a garment, and as a vesture will He roll them up. They are impediments to the full manifestations of the glory, and they have to go. They are only material but the glory is eternal. The material must be done away with that the full glory may be seen. The whole universe filled with dazzling light, so marvellous that the strongest world will be melted in His presence! Light so great, so pure, so white that the seraphims cover their faces and cry, "Holy, holy, holy!" Therefore, you understand, sin has no place and never could have any place before that white Throne. And the only fitting power that can cleanse sin-stains and fit for the presence of God is the blood of the Lamb.

John saw a Lamb as it had been slain, and if he had not seen the Lamb he could have seen nothing, for he would have been consumed. The slain Lamb gives to the redeemed a place in glory and protects them all the time. And it tells them of their absolute purity. For they sing a new song, "Thou art worthy, for Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood." "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain!" Bringing from the power of sin and bringing to Himself! And the slain Lamb will still be the medium through which those in glory can have access to the presence of God.

The redeemed in glory are rescued souls, rescued from the power of the fallen light, from the hands of Lucifer, and brought into the inner light of the Temple of God. Our God is a consuming Fire.

O the radiance from that Throne
Where our God is all the light.
Radiance that lights the stars
Worlds on worlds beyond our sight.

These a mass of blackness were
But for radiance from that Throne,
And but dimly can declare
Glory that is God's alone.

When the heavens are rolled away
As our garments folded are,
Shall this dazzling holy light
Flood Thy universe afar.

Who in this devouring Fire
Through eternal years shall dwell,
Everlasting burnings share
Glory that no tongue can tell?

Seraphim doth veil the face
From the Lamb within the Throne,
But poor sinners are brought nigh
By the blood that doth atone.

Yea, the bloodwashed shall behold
All the radiance of that Throne,
Radiance of the Seven-fold Light (Rev. 4:5)
Of the Father and the Son.

O the radiance of that Throne
Radiance of consuming flame,
Radiance of the lowly Lamb
Through eternal years the same.

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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.

326. Is it a sin that will damn our souls if we saints take medicine?

Ans. Some of our missionaries used to think it was. But one was in my office the other day, and having sat by and seen eight faithful missionaries die of awful fevers in Africa in four years, he now says they say nothing if a missionary takes quinine to break the deadly chills.

It is best, on the one hand, to recommend only the Lord and hold up the glorious privileges in Him for all who will believe. Yet, on the other hand, we must not become harsh, become judges of our brethren. We must allow liberty where we have no "Thus saith the Lord." While I trust Jesus for healing and hold Him up as a full Saviour for spirit, soul and body, yet I know the Scriptures nowhere says taking medicine is a sin, or a sin unto damnation.

In taking medicine, however, a saint is liable to weaken his faith in God along all lines, liable to begin to trust in the arm of flesh, and if he does put man ahead of God, this is bound to displease God. The General Council has not presumed to sit in judgment where a brother has no faith and takes medicine. We leave him with the Lord.

In some states the law requires parents to call a physician for minors, no matter what the faith of the parents may be; and if they do not do so, and the child dies, the parents can be sent to the penitentiary for manslaughter. In view of this, it is the opinion of this editor that it is wiser to obey the law, especially if the authorities send a physician. In the case of grown people who voluntarily refuse medicine, there is no law that can compel them to take it. Such are free to stand against it to the end.

327. Did Christ become the author of eternal salvation before He died on Calvary?

Ans. On the manward side He did not, for man did not know of Him in order to believe on Him.

But in the mind of God Christ was "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." Jesus says Abraham "saw His day and was glad." The blood of bulls and goats could never take away sin. God was working all the time with an eye to Christ's sacrifice on Calvary. Then the look was forward to the cross, while now we look backward to it.

328. Did not the law, which was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ, entirely end at the Cross?

Ans. All the ceremonies and sacrifices and types that pointed to Christ were done away in Christ at the Cross. Its moral precepts, showing right and wrong, duty, etc., did not pass away. In the days of the apostles the Old Testament was all the Bible they had, and when they preached they used it as authority just as we do the New to-day. Paul said the law was spiritual and good, all right if "used lawfully." He meant it was unlawful to hold up circumcision or any law-keeping as a means of salvation. Christ is the end of the law for righteousness only, for the salvation only. Christ substituted the law as to dealing with sin. Christ only puts away sin. He did not put an end to the laws, "Thou shalt not steal, not covet, not commit adultery, not worship idols," etc., by any means. All such teaching in the law, the

prophets and the psalms are as much in force to-day as they ever were. Genesis alone is quoted over 60 times in the New Testament. But these are only duties. Christ is the only way of salvation, and by the law shall no flesh be justified. But it is still right to do all the right things taught in the Old Testament.

329. Was tithes given as a law to the children of Israel only.

Ans. "As Law" to them only. But as a duty paying tithes was practiced before there were any "Israelites." The law strictly speaking consists only of the Pentateuch, or first five books of the Bible written about 1400 years before Christ. But nearly 1000 years before God gave the law, Abraham was paying tithes to God's priests (Gen. 14:20; Heb. 7:4-9). Jacob paid God tithes long before the law was given (Gen. 28:10-22). Law says, "Thou shalt." Duty says, "ye ought." Now in the New Testament Jesus says we "ought" (Luke 11:42). So the Christian does not pay tithes "as under law," or because he "must," but under the Gospel merely as a duty, because Jesus says we "ought."

330. Under the Gospel does not all we have belong to God and to be used to His glory?

Ans. Yes, but he that is unfaithful in little will be also in much. If a man is too covetous to pay as much as a tithe to God, you may be sure God will not rule in the other larger 90 per cent. Paying tithes to God is like paying God 10 per cent interest on what belongs to Him and in so doing we own His right to all. But if we deny Him the 10 per cent interest, we thereby refuse to own His right to the rest. The man who is faithful in tithes, as a rule, is more faithful in handling the rest to the glory of God. If you are not faithful in one-tenth, how can God trust you with the other 90 per cent?

331. Did Jesus pay tithes?

Ans. Certainly He did, for He came to fulfil every jot and tittle of the law, and He would have been breaking the law if He had not paid tithes. He even paid the half shekel tax to keep up the temple when He had to work a miracle to do it (Matt. 17:24-27).

332. What is the "woe" in Matt. 24:19?

Ans. It does not mean that it is a sin to be a mother or to nurse a child. It simply means that mothers with infants, or those helpless ones about to become such, will suffer more because of the great hardships such helpless ones will be subjected to in those great tribulations. It will be a blessing to any woman who enters the tribulation to enter alone, rather than with helpless children. There is no woe to proper motherhood in itself, only in view of the tribulation hardships.

New Year Supplies.

"Ask on . . . I will not say thee nay." 1 Kings 2:20.

"Ask on, I will not say thee nay"—
Father, can this be true,
My hands are empty, dare I come
Expecting Thee to do
Far above all I ask or think?
"Yes, child, I bid thee eat and drink.

You have not, for you do not ask,
Why fear to trust My word?
Come, prove Me now, a blessing take,
Thy simplest prayer is heard;
My fulness waits you day by day—
Ask on, I will not say thee nay.

My Holy Spirit waits to fill
The heart that yields to Me.
Come then, and merge thy will in Mine
And great things thou shalt see.
All things are your's—in Me abide—
Ask on, thou shalt be satisfied!"

Laura A. Barter Snow.

In The Regions Beyond

MISSIONARY NOTES.

Bolivar, Argentine, South America. Bro. N. C. Sorenson writes praising the Lord for an offering sent to him when their purse was about empty. He writes, "God is working and souls are being saved. We believe God for greater things. Do pray for us, please."

Shanghai, China. Bro. Gideon A. Dahlstein writes, "The work in the native city is going on, and the Lord is blessing as the Gospel message goes forth. Just today we baptize six Chinese in water. Pray for them that they may grow stronger in the Lord." Bro. Dahlstein and his eldest son have come over to this country for a much needed furlough, leaving the work in charge of Sister Dahlstein and Bro. and Sister Anderson who have recently arrived from Chicago.

25 De Mayo, Argentina. Sister Alice C. Wood writes of a big railroad strike in Argentina which has delayed mail reaching her. She praises the Lord that it has given her more time to study the Word and great blessing has been attending her Bible class, where she has been teaching prophecy. She reports that their prayer room is getting too small for those who come. They are having many hard trials but are thankful to God for victory. She writes, "We want a mighty revival, we are praying for it, and so the enemy is putting up a fight to hinder. Jesus is victor, by the grace of God."

Nicaragua, Central America. Bro. E. A. Barnes writes, "We are just on the eve (myself and native boy) for an evangelizing trip to Honduras and N. W. part of this country. We have printed several thousand tracts and will carry as many of these and Gospels as we can carry in our saddle bags. I went through a part of this territory six years ago—a field where there is no missionary, nor did I meet a single converted person after traveling several hundred miles. In this trip we expect to be gone a month—over about four hundred miles of miserable roads, and to visit about thirty towns and villages. I praise God for the privilege of giving these people the Gospel—to be a humble servant of Jesus—the angels would gladly do it if they could. I sometimes wonder why so many preachers are in the homeland, crowding each other and jealous for a chance to preach and are fighting over doctrines among themselves when there are such need of devoted ministers here to fight against the powers of darkness and sin. I will write again on my return if God permits. Continue to pray for the work and for us."

Sai Naam, South China. "Yesterday (Sunday) I went out to my outstation feeling a wee bit discouraged, and that enough wasn't being done. But when I got there God gave me such a message and such an anointing that a crowded house sat for half and hour and hardly a person stirred. Real conviction seemed to rest upon the people, and when I finished several asked for prayer, and remained for an hour after the service enquiring of the native preacher about our religion. The women's work is steadily growing too, until I can hardly get my women's class into the women's room. A large number have already expressed their faith in Christ, and some have given up the idol worship, while a number of others are "almost persuaded," but are hesitating because of the ridicule or persecution. Two nice looking girls from a distant village stayed throughout the meeting, and when they left, asked me to implore the "True Spirit" to make their husbands willing to allow them to leave their work to join my class each Sunday.

We here at Sai Naam are trying to spend at least one day of each week at the distant villages.—Yours in Him, Willa B. Lowther.

Alexandria, Egypt. Bro. A. H. Post writes to us that he has recently been visiting the work in Upper Egypt. He writes that having been eighteen months without any missionary, has told on the work, and although on the whole the native workers have stood true and endured some real tests, yet in many places the enemy has gotten in, scattering and causing confusion. None are more glad than these native workers to have the help of a missionary again. Owing to the very high price of living (now more than double) the money that was quite sufficient eighteen months ago will now scarcely buy food alone, to say nothing about other needs. Scarcely any money has come in for the native helpers during the past three months.

He writes, "The orphanage at Assiout, under the management of Sister Lillian Trasher is prospering. They now have their own home, no debt, over eighty children, and a good school. The Word of God is taught without any restriction and the full truth can be given out. While the Egyptian government help them each month, this help is only sufficient to pay about two-thirds of the bread bill. This house is in every way worthy of the support of the saints at home. Sister Sarah Smith is now with Sister Trasher and is helping in teaching smaller children English, and also helping in the spiritual and other work. A young man of our mission at Assiout, baptized in the Spirit, and most thoroughly devoted to his work, gives all his time to the school.

Sister Carrie P. Anderson, Paknai Fa Uen, South China, writes: Last week Mr. Kelly and Mr. Doyal came out here to have a baptismal service and baptized two converts. One was an old man of seventy-five years and the other a young boy. I praise God, she adds, that He is choosing out for His name's sake these souls, and I know that they must be very precious in His sight. Please pray for them and the work in this great needy field.

Sam Shui, South China. Sister Mattie Ledbetter writes of her safe arrival at her old mission station. Sister Hofer, who has been in charge of it during the past eighteen months, has now left the station and is on her way to America. Sister Ledbetter writes, "A Council meeting of our missionaries is held this week at Canton to arrange a course of study for all of us, but especially for new missionaries. We are glad the new missionaries coming out can profit by our experiences and there is to be a little more system coming into our work." Sister Ledbetter requests prayer of the Evangel family for herself.

Hong Kong, China. We are glad to report increased interest in the services. The mission is crowded with eager listeners at every service. Praise God! We already hear the sound of abundance of rain. Seekers are coming forward to the altar, praying God for salvation, and we feel in our souls that God is soon going to work mightily in saving and baptizing precious souls. The work of the four colporteurs who have gone out preaching and selling portions of the Bible this past year has been greatly blessed of God.

With occasional help from others the four colporteurs have sold over 25,000 Gospels, and other portions of the Bible. This is a precious work indeed and has a large part in evangelizing China.

Our Sunday School is progressing; we now have about a hundred pupils and interest increasing.—We write a Scripture verse on the back of the Sunday School cards sent us by friends, and the children memorize this, and in this way the Gospel also enters the homes of their parents.

My wife's work among the women is also encouraging. Altogether we have eight meetings each week and as we (feeling led of the Lord) have let our native preacher go to fill a vacancy elsewhere we are kept very busy preaching and attending the services, also doing the work of the missionary home. However God is renewing our strength and blessing our souls.—John D. James.

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I say they all hear me, for I am superintendent of the Pentecostal work in Chije, and so make semi-annual trips over the field.

The work here in Chile started in 1909 in an amazing revival in the Methodist Episcopal Church in Valparaiso, of which I was at that time pastor. It came because it was sought, we having heard that God was doing great things in other lands. We sought the same blessings from the same God, and He sent them to us.

This same blessing brought upon us the same reproach and enmity of our colleagues. The work spread to various other places; but the reproach having been stamped upon the work, it had no more room "in the inn" and so we are outside of the church, I should say that church, and are now a Pentecostal people with some twenty congregations in different towns and cities. We have not as many pastors as that, for in several cases a number of those congregations are looked after by one pastor. The total in Chile is not far from 2500. The Lord blesses with the conversion of many and the baptism with His Spirit. As I have noticed in every place, there have been difficulties that have retarded the work after the first glorious outbreak: considering every voice, every impulse, every interpretation as undoubtedly of God, and so neglecting to "try the spirits;" esteeming such as superior to the Word of God; hence impatience of counsel or correction; spiritual pride; artificial means of producing the desired speaking in tongues; self-constituted messengers going about and sometimes declaiming against the constituted authorities, though such authorities were wholly engaged in leading on the full Pentecostal work; these, and perhaps some others have caused a retardation in the work. But, blessed be God, the Word is still supreme, false spirits are discovered, there is a more teachable spirit, and the Lord is again working with more power than for some time past.

Here in Valparaiso we are unable to get a room that will contain all our people, so we are meeting simultaneously in five places scattered over the city. We would need from fifteen to twenty thousand dollars from the United States to buy a place, that is the ground, for

property is very dear where we should have to be. The Lord has maintained us for seven years, wholly self-supporting, a thing which amazes our friends and critics in the church we left, as well as in the other churches. In all the crisis of the war, the Lord has not failed us nor left us to want. To Him be all the praise.

Yours in His name and in the blessed hope of His speedy coming,

H. C. Hoover.

Tokyo, Japan. Sister Marie Juergensen writes encouraging news of their work during the past twelve months. She writes "Many souls have turned to the Lord and thousands have heard the Gospel." During the past year the Lord has given them a third station in a part where the Gospel is sorely needed. She desires to thank all the Evangel readers for their prayers and loving thoughtfulness on their behalf. Five recently have followed the Lord in water baptism and there are several more willing to be baptized at an early date. She asks prayer for a young girl who recently gave her heart to Jesus who always attended the meetings, and wanted to know more about the way of salvation. Her family have stopped her from going to the meetings, telling her that she was too young to believe on Christ.

Miss Constance Swinfen Eady writes from Singapore, where she is holding meetings. At the time of writing she was just about to sail for Calcutta. She writes, "I feel the Lord would have me write to let you know of the new work to which He is calling me. Since I received the certificate of ordination from the General Council of the Assemblies of God, the Lord has taken me to Japan, China, India, Australia, New Zealand, Samoa, Tonga and Fiji with His message, and has let me see many saved, healed and baptized in the Holy Ghost, and I do praise Him for all. I have been in many parts of India, and have seen much of mission work there, but feel the great need there today is for more workers baptized in the Holy Ghost, who shall go forth with the Word of Life to the thousands and thousands of men, women and children who have never heard of the love of the Lord Jesus, and who are still bowing down to their idols. He says 'the harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few, pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth laborers into His harvest.' As I prayed the Lord has shown me that He has already many in India, among Eurasians and others whom He wants trained, and I am looking to Him to open the way for a Pentecostal Missionary Training Home in Calcutta. There has been a great stirring spiritually among the Eurasians lately, and many only need training to go into the field. May I ask that you and the Council will pray much over this matter—that the Lord will open up the way for the work to be begun—that He will give wisdom in every detail, and that He will supply all the needs."

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Sunday School Lesson

January 13, 1918.

JESUS BEGINS HIS WORK.

Lesson Text: Mark 1:12-20.

Golden Text: Repent ye and believe in the Gospel. Mark 1:15.

Home Bible Readings. Matt. 4:1-22; Luke 4:1-14; Luke 5:10-11; John 1:35-42; Luke 9:54-62; Luke 14:26-33.

Time: In the few verses of this lesson Mark characteristically covers a year and three months of the ministry of Jesus, from Jan. A. D. 27 to March A. D. 28, when John the Baptist was imprisoned by Herod.

Place: In the wilderness and Galilee. There are three helpful divisions of our lesson.

1. The temptation of Jesus, vs. 12-13.
2. Jesus begins His ministry, vs. 14-15.
3. The call of the first disciples, vs. 16-20.

The Lesson, v. 12. Immediately or straightway following His wonderful experience of the opened heaven, the Holy Spirit descending upon Him, and the Father's voice, the impelling power of the Holy Spirit (so strong as to be called here "driveth," Matt. and Luke "led") takes Him into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. How many have erred, not knowing the Scriptures, and have thought that the baptism of the Spirit would immediately lead them into a life of successful soul-winning and inroads upon the kingdom of darkness, and so have had to learn by experience that they have been introduced into a spiritual realm in which they wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of the world, against spiritual wickedness in high places (the heavenlies) and that they need the whole armor of God to stand against the wiles of the devil, to withstand in the evil day and having done all to stand, (victorious on the battle field). See Eph. 6:10-18. I have never known a Holy Spirit-baptized child of God, of any experience, who questioned the personality of the devil or the reality of the conflict in the Christian life. I have known, however, those high in the service of the church who, knowing not Jesus as the Baptizer with the Holy Spirit, questioned the very existence of the devil.

V. 13. We have the wilderness, the temptation, Satan, the wild beasts and the ministrations of heaven. It is the very brief account of a struggle, powerful, personal, and intensely real. It is said that Martin Luther on being asked the chief qualification for Christian workers replied "temptation." It is surely the tested and tried ones whom the Lord can trust and use.

Jesus came to do the Father's will. He came to seek and to save that which was lost. He knew there was no short cut to

the glory of the Kingdom. He was to be obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. See John 14:31. Can we say? "Humbly we follow the way of the cross, then crowns of glory and gain for all loss!" There seems to have been a "needs be" in this temptation of our Lord, for only thus could He become the merciful and faithful High Priest and give to us the succor needed in our hours of temptation. Because of His temptation it is possible for our hearts to have boldness in coming to Him to obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Meditate on Heb. 2:14-18; 4:14-16.

When Satan came to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, it was with a "yea, hath God said?" and here in our lesson, "If thou be the Son of God"—ever his way to introduce into hearts a doubt and a questioning of what God has said. At the root of every sin is unbelief of God and of what He has said. The Christian's only proper conflict is to "keep the faith." When we read of a "fight" it is "the good fight of faith," 1 Tim. 6:12. We read of a "race," but the great example is "Jesus the leader or perfecter of 'faith' (Heb. 12:2); of 'resistance,' but it is 'steadfast in the faith,' 1 Pet. 5:9; of 'shipwreck,' but it is 'concerning faith;' of a 'good warfare,' but it is 'holding faith,' 1 Tim. 1:18-19; of 'victory,' but it is 'our faith,' 1 John 5:4. All along our way as to victory over sin, temptation and final salvation we are "kept by the power of God through faith," 1 Pet. 1:5. Jesus suffered, being tempted; and we are at times in heaviness, perhaps, through manifold temptations, but may the "trial of our faith, being much more precious than gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ," 1 Pet. 1:6-7. "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation," Jas. 1:12. See also 1 Cor. 10:13; Luke 22:31-32.

Jesus met every attack of Satan with the "word of God which is the sword of the Spirit." Unless we have a living faith in the living word of the living God, we have no weapon with which to meet his attacks. If we have that faith, we will certainly let the word of Christ dwell in us richly with all wisdom, Col. 3:16. To accept the truth that the word of God is His ordained means for coming off victorious in our conflicts with the devil, means that we shall get busy. We find a splendid picture of the Christian warrior in Acts 27, where Paul stands forth with, "I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me." If, in our hour of trial, we say the same, the end with us will be as with Paul—"and so it came to pass," vs. 23-24, 44.

Vs. 14-15. The time of preparation was over, the ministry of John was ending (Luke 3:19-20), and that of Jesus

was to begin. "The time is fulfilled." "When the fullness of time was come, God sent forth His Son." See Gal. 4:4-5. There is a number of references in the earthly life of Jesus to the Father's clock, His time-piece. Note "mine hour is not yet come" John. 2:2; cp. 12:23; 17:1; 13:1. With the crucifixion of Jesus Daniel's sixty-nine weeks were fulfilled. The message is the same, but fuller than that of John. Repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ is ever the message, whether of John or Jesus, Peter or Paul, cp. Acts 2:38; 20:21; 2 Pet. 3:9. The meaning of the Hebrew word from which we get the word "repentance" is sorrow, but sorrow alone does not constitute repentance, it must include turning away from sin, a change of mind. The important point is not how much we have sorrowed, but how completely we have left the sin which caused the sorrow. Our Lord said that Nineveh "repented," Matt. 12:41. As we refer to the prophecy of Jonah 3:8-10 we see that they "turned from their evil way." "These things write we unto you that ye sin not." At this time Jesus the King was in their midst, but the Jews crucified their King and there can be no Kingdom until the nation looks upon Him whom they pierced and shall mourn for Him and accept Him as their King. Then He will set up His Kingdom. Today we preach the "Gospel of the Grace of God" to Jew and Gentile, but after the close of this church age and during the great tribulation and immediately preceding the coming of the King in His glory, this Gospel of the Kingdom will again be preached.

Vs. 16-20. Sea of Galilee, also called Sea of Chinnereth, Lake of Gennesaret, and Sea of Tiberias.

More than a year previous, these disciples had become acquainted with Jesus. See John 1:35-42. Andrew and probably John were Jesus' first followers, and we see them looking unto Jesus, v. 36; following Jesus, v. 37; abiding with Jesus, v. 39; bringing others to Jesus, vs. 41-42. From the first they showed great earnestness. It was a long journey in those days to get from Galilee to John the Baptist and these two seem to have identified themselves very closely with the first teacher. Following the light they were led to greater light and privileges. It is ever so. They return later to their avocation of fishing, but now Jesus calls them to leave all and follow Him and become "fishers of men." Peter caught 3000 on the day of Pentecost, and not for death, as before, but for life eternal. So far as the record goes the apostles were called from some occupation to service. They are here called in pairs, and the Lord later sends out His disciples two and two. May we not learn from this that the best service is rendered in fellowship with others. "One shall chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight." The condition of becoming successful fishers of men is to follow Jesus. It is possible to be a great preacher in the estimation of men without being "fishers of men." Fishing may be

by net, catching large numbers at one time, or by line, one by one. Our Lord employed both methods. Are you a fisher of men? There seems to have been no delay, no hesitation on their part, for we read, "Straightway they forsook . . . and followed Him." What they left may not seem much as we read about it, but it was their "all," and the conditions of discipleship remain the same—"whosoever he be of you who forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple," Luke 14:33. It is all for all, and as we take this step of whole-hearted following, we shall be so happy and satisfied with Himself that we shall be sorry for all who are unwilling to comply with the conditions of having the same joy. "I have seen the face of Jesus, tell me not of aught beside" will be the satisfied language of our hearts. In our Lord's life on earth there was an inner circle among His disciples. There is an inner circle today? Are you in it? How great the need today of more Johns. Those who press close to the heart of our Lord and learn heavenly secrets.—C. Susan Easton.

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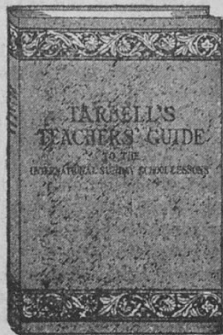
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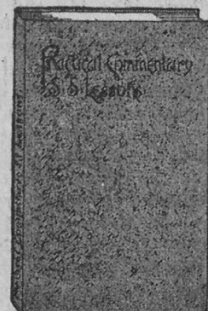


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MISS MARY GERBER WITH JESUS.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day." Surely as to Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, so also might these words be applied to the life of our sister, Mary (Maria) A. Gerber, "the angel of mercy to the down trodden Armenians," who has now gone to be with Jesus. She fell asleep Thursday morning, December 6th.

Some months ago Miss Gerber was stricken with paralysis and the Lord gradually but wonderfully restored her. The very evening of her last illness she was feeling unusually well, had been in attendance at a service with a company of the Lord's children, but after returning to her home was again overtaken with a paralytic stroke and the next morning with the look of victory in her eyes and the very glory of the Lord shining in her face she went on before us into the presence of our Saviour. Those who were at her bedside said it was a wonderful sight to see the triumphant and peaceful expression that filled her whole being.

The following Monday morning a large company of friends with loving hearts gathered at Bethel Temple, where a service in memory of our departed sister was held, and her body laid to quietly rest on a green hillside awaiting the trumpet call.

With the business like precision which characterized her life, Miss Gerber had made careful plans for the continuation of the work which the Lord had laid on her heart. She had caused to be legally incorporated an association composed of herself and four others to be known as the Zion Orphans Home. All property and monies which she held in trust for the Armenian work were, by her will, conveyed to the Zion Orphans Home, and through the members of this association the work is now being taken up. All correspondence and contributions for the Armenian work formerly carried on by Miss Gerber should be sent to Bro. C. R. Knudson, 1337 Waterloo St., Los Angeles, Cal., or to Pastor Harold K. Needham, 1405 La Prada Park St., Los Angeles, who are co-executors of the estate of Miss Gerber, and also members of the Zion Orphan Home Association. The other members of the committee chosen by Miss Gerber are Bro. J. C. Turnbull and Samuel Zeligian. Pastor Aram Yeretzian, pastor of the Armenian church in Los Angeles, has since been named to make the fifth member on the committee. Funds for this work can still be sent to the Evangel office and will be forwarded to these brethren.

There is still on hand a considerable number of copies of the book recently published by Miss Gerber giving the story of her life, the wonderful development of the work, where hundreds of Armenian orphans and widows were cared for and led to Christ, and telling also of the present conditions in Armenia. All money received from the

sale of this book will be used for the direct purpose of carrying on the work which our sister has begun. It is on sale by the Gospel Publishing House, St. Louis, or orders will be received by Brothers Knudson or Needham, whose addresses are given above. Price \$1.00.

Friends, as Miss Gerber has been called to lay down this work that was so dear to her heart and to the heart of Jesus, it is a call to us to stand in the gap, to pray that money may continue to come in for the support of the helpless and perishing, and that ways may be opened to get the money safely through to those who are so needy both in body and soul.—H. K. N.

BRO. W. W. SIMPSON'S PLANS.

(Continued from page 7.)

fulfill the Scriptures, that is, measure up to the standard of a church of God of the New Testament, filled with the Spirit and possessing the gifts and ministries which characterized the churches in Apostolic times which we believe is the God-appointed pattern for this age. From this center we purpose as the Lord enables us to work out into the great central provinces of China, where, as yet, no Pentecostal work has been started.—Yours in Christ, W. W. Simpson.

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Reports From the Field

St. Louis, Mich. We are having fine meetings here with a crowded hall, and the power of God is wonderfully manifested. One soul was baptized with the Holy Ghost on Saturday night and we are looking for greater victory. We have Brother Miller from Albion here with us. Please pray for the work here.—Mrs. J. C. Carlson.

Electra, Texas. The Lord is blessing in Electra and souls are being saved and baptized every week. Praise the Lord! On Sunday night, Dec. 16th, the service was coming to a close and the power fell and for an hour and a half the saints were singing and shouting and magnifying God in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Backslidders were weeping and crying out to God for help, and sinners were weeping while the saints were shouting. For nearly a year the Lord has been adding souls to our mission almost every week. Praise God.—E. L. Newby, Pastor.

Davis City, Iowa. God is wonderfully blessing here. We began a revival here Nov. 24th, and although the weather was against us, the Lord was for us. Crowds were small for a while but we held on and believed. The power of God broke through last Thursday and six came to the altar for deliverance from sin, eight on Friday night, nine on Saturday night, and six last night, some getting saved. Other new ones are coming in and receiving the baptism. Praise the Lord. Our convention begins December 27th.—Kelly Campbell and band.

Doran, Minn. I want to say, to the glory of God, that the work is going on here in a wonderful way. The campmeeting started in June last and gave great results and the "end is not yet." Glory to the Lamb of God, slain for sinners, Hallelujah! About twenty-four were saved during the campmeeting and two received the baptism with the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4. The Lord continued the good work and will till Jesus comes. About ten have been saved since the camp, and fourteen have received the baptism with the Holy Ghost. This place never heard of this full Gospel until late, and at first fought it, but the Lord gave the victory through the name of Jesus, and the walls of sin are falling fast, Hallelujah! and the saints are possessing the land; the enemy being slain and overcome by the testimony of the saints and the blood of the Lamb! The Lord led me back here again a short time ago, and the meetings are generally blessed by the presence of the Lord. The assembly has called me to take charge of the work here. Join us in prayer for this place.—Yours in Him, R. A. Fredricks, Pastor.

BETHEL TEMPLE CONVENTION.

Sister Maria Gerber at Home with the Lord.

The second annual convention of Bethel Temple, Los Angeles, Cal., convened December 2nd, continuing over the following Sunday.

Brother Eldridge, the pastor, presided, and was ably assisted by a number of ministers and missionaries. Among the speakers present were Bro. W. E. Moody of San Diego, Bro. Wm. Manley, Los Angeles, Bro. Gortner, Cucamonga, Sisters Easton, Baer and others.

The tide of blessing and inspiration increased from the first service which was most precious. In this service we partook of the emblems of the broken body and shed blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

There was a goodly number of missionaries present expecting soon to go forth, or return to their respective fields of labor in the regions beyond. Among them were Bro. and Sister Harvey and Sister Parker of India, Bro. Hurlbert, Central America, Sister Francisco, China, Bro. Schwede, Africa, and the writer and Mrs. Doney, Egypt.

The closing Lord's day was truly the best of the feast, the Latter Rain poured down copiously from heaven upon us. A free-will missionary offering was taken of over \$2,500.00 in cash and pledges. There was rejoicing not only among the saints here, but also among the angels over there, as a number of sinners were saved, believers were baptized with the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4, and many sick and afflicted were healed. To God be all the glory.

On Thursday December 6th, while the convention was going on, our beloved Sister Maria Gerber, missionary to Turkey, and for over 20 years in charge of the orphanage work there, passed away. The Lord in tenderness took her away from the sorrows and troubles that are fast coming on the face of the whole earth.

Sister Gerber true to the call of God, and faithful in the work so near and dear to her heart has gone home to join the great church triumphant.

May the Lord of the harvest raise up and send forth many more true missionaries to fill the gaps made by our comrades falling by the way, for the harvest truly is great, and the laborers are few.

The funeral service was conducted by Bro. Eldridge in Bethel Temple. Few, if any, felt we were attending a funeral service, but rather that our dear sister had just preceded us to the realms of endless day.

"Forever with the Lord,
Amen so let it be;
Life from the dead is in that word,
'Tis immortality."

C. W. Doney, Missionary.

THE ARKANSAS STATE COUNCIL.

Some Suggestions.

I hope to attend our State District Council to meet at Russellville, Jan. 13, 14, 1918. I would like to make some suggestions for the brethren to pray over with a view to establishing the work, whether I am able to come or not.

I find all about in Southern Arkansas little missions, here and there, where evangelists have held blessed revivals and left the work to dwindle or to become a victim of false theories. I do not believe that the Great Commission in Mark 16:15, 16 should be forced into ecclesiastical harness, or in any way restricted to mission boards or conferences. I believe we should maintain a hands-off attitude to the open fields of evangelism for all true men of God, but at the same time we should look well to the conservation of the established work. Neither do I believe that it is the prerogative of any man, Presbyter or Council to interfere with an Assembly which has a settled pastor, but I do believe that the interests of those neglected points should appeal to us as a whole. We should make a diligent effort to hold all that we have gained. This, of course, involves a method of co-operation.

The consideration of a co-operative method leads me to enquire as to what is the assigned mission of our several State Presbyters. We have seven, including the Chairman and Secretary. It seems to me that the five should not have a mere nominal official existence, without a well defined ministry. Wouldn't it be wise to style them as Conservation Presbyters to be appointed conveniently in so many districts outlined by the State Council, or the seven-fold Presbytery?

In no sense should such appointees be considered Ruling Elders to lord it over God's heritage, but to meekly and humbly look after the Spiritual interests of the work in his assigned territory, to visit those neglected missions from time to time until a worthy pastor can be installed, to keep in touch with evangelists, and as much as practicable assist in opening fields for operation; to keep in touch with pastors and assist in promoting the spirit of unity, fellowship and co-operation. The Chairman and Secretary could also be assigned such territory, or remain free to be chief counsel for the five.

A reform ministry of almost a quarter of a century has convinced me that a well-devised system of co-operative fellowship is the life of unity and progress. I have observed also that nothing is so productive in the creation of such co-operative fellowship as stated rallies in which the masses can take part. These can be arranged in his section according to the pleasure of the Presbyter and the convenience of the masses. These rallies are in no sense to be business bodies distinct from the State Council, but mere convocational gatherings of the saints for the purpose of cementing unity, cultivating fellowship and promoting co-operation.—W. Jethro Walthall, Camden, Ark.

REPORT FROM MARYLAND.

Just a few lines to the glory of God in the way of a report of the work of our Lord in Alleghany County, Maryland, during the past four years.

The writer came to Cumberland, Md., January 16, 1914, with a hungry heart seeking after God. On the morning of February 18, 1914, the blessed Holy Ghost wondrously possessed this temple according to Acts 2:4. Praise God, He still abides in His sweetness and power.

Georges Creek valley reaches from Cumberland to Kitzmiller a distance of fifty miles. In the past four years there have been four churches erected to the glory of God in this section. Many precious souls have been saved and numerous temples have been possessed by the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. Very many sick bodies have been touched by the healing hand of the Great Physician. Out of the multitude of souls who have accepted Christ some have fallen by the wayside; but, thank God, many, with victory in their souls, are pressing on toward the mark for the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus. We feel that eternity alone will be able to reveal in full detail the extent of God's working in this valley during these four years.

Among the ministers used of God in this blessed work are: J. R. Reckley, A. B. Cox, D. R. Moreland, H. V. Clarke, G. W. Burkhart, C. B. Webster and Richard Hawkins. Along with these preachers many more of God's dear saints have been used. This good work is still going on and His precious saints are looking for the soon coming of the blessed Bridegroom.

We are glad to say it is a clean work with very little if any of the doctrines or theories of men.

A visit from any of God's ministers who preach Jesus Christ and Him crucified, would be heartily appreciated.

Also God is blessing the District Council work. At the Camp-meeting last August at Shaft, Md., we were impressed that it was God's mind for us to form a District Council. Bro. E. R. Fitzgerald of Arkansas and W. H. Pope of Oklahoma being with us, we undertook this work on which God has graciously set His approval. We chose W. H. Pope as our district Chairman and God's blessing is resting upon him in this work. Feeling sweetly led of the Lord, we decided at once to hold a District Convention, which convened Nov. 23 to Dec. 2nd at Lonaconing, Md. Pastor Andrew L. Fraser of Chicago, and Elder C. H. Schoonmaker of Burdett, N. Y., were engaged as special workers. Bro. Schoonmaker came, but Bro. Fraser was providentially hindered from coming, much to our regret. Many saints from different parts of the field were present for the opening service and a most blessed spirit of love and unity prevailed throughout the entire convention. God graciously met us from the very beginning and the tide kept rising higher until on Wednesday night the glory of God so filled the place that the priest could not minister in the temple. Precious hearts were sweetly saved

and filled with the Holy Ghost. The time was devoted entirely to worship and evangelistic work up till Thursday afternoon. God graciously blessed our dear Bro. Schoonmaker in bringing forth the Word and in presenting the needs of the mission fields. The results of this ministry was manifested on Thursday evening by twenty young people presenting themselves to the Lord for the mission field. It was a soul-stirring sight to see those dear young people with faces turned heavenward and tears flowing down their cheeks, saying to God, "Here am I, Lord; send me."

We praise God for His divine hand that is leading in this blessed work. Truly we are looking forward with faith for gracious results this coming year.

O. P. Brann, Westernport, Md.

(A full report of the District Council at Lonaconing can be had from Bro. Brann in the minutes of the meeting, which are just off the press.)

Wellston, Okla. Just closed a blessed revival out near Binger, Okla. Twelve souls were saved, and we had splendid interest. Bad weather hindered us and we were only there about two weeks. This is a new field and they are very eager for the truth and want us to return next summer. Pray for this little band that they may go right on and be filled with the Spirit, and other unsaved ones may be born again and added to their company.—Thos. J. O'Neal.

Sun, W. V. There is a good work near here at Tamroy, a small mining town. There are nine saints there who have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and a number more are seeking. The saints are faithful in holding cottage meetings and are gradually winning souls for Jesus. I have preached there several times and am encouraged with the progress. I ask the prayers of the saints that God may be glorified with many souls in this neighborhood.—J. W. L. Payne.

CONVENTION.

The Annual Missionary Convention of the Apostolic Pentecostal Assembly, 54 Harrison Place, Troy, N. Y., will be held from January 13-20, 1918. A hearty invitation is extended to all. Entertainment will be provided for all Foreign Missionaries who are at present in the homeland who can attend. Special meetings: Wednesday, for Tarrying; Friday, Divine Healing; Sunday, Missionary Day. We expect to have with us missionaries from various countries. Pastor C. K. Henningson, evangelist.

MEXICAN MEETING.

There will be a special gathering of the Mexican preachers and workers, also missionaries, in Kingsville, Kleberg County, Texas, January 13-21 inclusive. We expect to have a representative body from all parts of the State and are looking to God for a time of spiritual blessings. The work has so grown as to necessitate a season of council together. We also expect to see many saved and baptized with the Spirit at this time. All prospective missionaries should attend these meetings (or convention) as we will be able to assist in finding fields for study of language, etc. and will see that the Spanish language is properly taught to each missionary. We also understand that there are several missionaries in the homeland from South and Central America that should attend these services. Pray for this meeting.—H. C. Ball Kingsville, Texas.

FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE PENTECOSTAL CITY MISSION.

Affiliated with the Assemblies of God. 518 Wylie Ave., Pittsburg, Pa. One block from Court House. January 18th to 27th, 1918.

Workers: Pastors J. T. Boddy, Youngstown, Ohio; D. W. Kerr, Cleveland, Ohio; R. A. Brown, New York, N. Y.; D. H. McDowell, Scranton, Pa.; Thos. E. Float, Wilkingsburg, Pa.

Missionaries: Miss Macy Boddy, Liberia, West Africa; Mr. and Mrs. Ayad A. Elmalick, Egypt.

Accommodations: Rooms may be secured at reasonable rates for those coming from a distance. For further information write Joseph Tunmore, 608 Virginia Ave., Pittsburg, Pa., Mt. Washington.

NOTICE TO ALL BRETHREN IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

Bro. Jamieson of Tulsa, Okla., will conduct a short Bible School for all the young preachers and workers of this State, and others if they want to come, at Russellville, Ark., beginning January 1st and lasting till the 15th. Make your plans to be here. This Bible School will be run on the Freewill Offering plan. We will furnish the meals and a place to sleep, but we expect you to pay your railroad fare to and from the school. Friday and Saturday, the 13th and 14th, the State Council will convene. We especially request all the brethren of the State to be here on that date and counsel together with us for the work of the Lord in the year 1918. All of the assemblies of the State should send their pastor or a delegate to this Council.—Pastor E. R. Fitzgerald, Chairman of State Council, Russellville, Ark.

CONVENTION.

A local convention will be held at Walbert Church, near Gerald, Missouri, Jan. 17th to 27th inclusive.

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REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Pray for my backslidden husband.—M. L., Hershey, N.

Please pray for the pastor and flock at Tyler, Texas.

I am suffering dreadfully, pray for my bodily healing.—M.

Pray for me to receive the Holy Spirit.—M. B. S., Brandon, Miss.

Pray for La Feria, Texas, as God is working there.—Alvina Ball.

Pray that I may hold out faithfully to the end.—S. W., Nemo, Texas.

My husband has pains in his breast and side, pray for him please.—E. F.

A sister writes, "Pray earnestly for me. I am suffering so with my neck."

Please pray for my eyes that they may be healed.—J. D. G., Sundre, Canada.

Please pray for a Spirit-filled preacher to start a work at Big Spring, Texas.—Frank Polasek.

Pray for me and family that we may prove true to our God in these last days.—E. F. M., Sturgis, Miss.

Breathe a prayer for me that I may more fully know and do God's will in all things.—T. B., Union City, Ind.

Prayer requested for Flat River, Mo., and for the services being held there, and that God would bless His servant.—C. R.

Please pray that my husband may be saved and that we might both be united in the Baptism of the Spirit.—A. E. and M. B.

Please pray for this community as there are only one or two families here who believe in Pentecost.—C. A. P., Arapahoe, Col.

I am an old woman, please pray for me. I am very unhappy and I do not know where I am spiritually.—N. J. W., Twisp, Wash.

Request that prayer be made for Amarillo, Texas, and that God's people be united, and that a good evangelist be sent that way.—A. Jaynes.

A mother requests prayer for herself and family that they all get right with God, and that hindrances may be removed.—C. R., Midway, Texas.

Pray for my little brother that he may be healed of eczema, and that God may have His own precious will in my life.—M. M., Pattonsburg, Mo.

Prayer is requested for a sister who has two organs dislocated and afflicted in many different ways. Knows little about Pentecost.—I. M. McC.

A Dutch brother in South Africa requests prayer that he and his wife may receive the Holy Spirit and may have influence in leading sinners to Christ.

Please unite in special prayer for a sister in the Hospital with a demented mind, that she may be healed and filled with the Holy Spirit.—W. O. S.

Pray for our cottage meetings and pray for a deeper work of grace, a settling down and a deepening in Himself for us all.—K. U., Eureka Springs, Ark.

Prayer is requested for a brother who is witnessing for God in a training camp, and that God would baptize him with the Holy Ghost and fire.—A. E. S.

Pray for one who desires that she may still be able to read the Bible; requests prayer for her eyes and also for her ears.—H. P. M., Flat Rock, Ala.

A wife requests prayer for her husband who at times becomes insane and tries to kill her and himself. Pray that we may receive the Baptism of the Spirit.

Pray that God will send the full Gospel to Sausbury, Tenn., that my two brothers may be saved before it is too late, and pray for me and mine.—N. E. P., Malvern, Ark.

A mother requests prayer for her backsliding son, and the son also desires prayer that he may be restored. Pray that the mother may be healed from pain in the side.—W. E. S.

Pray for an aunt not expected to live.

Earnestly pray that my husband and children may be saved and filled with the Spirit, and that my eyes may be healed.—S. E. B., Wesson, Ark.

Pray for a sister whose home has been destroyed by fire, and foot sprained, that she may be healed, that her daughter who is seeking the Baptism may receive the Spirit, and that the other children may get hungry for God's best.—L. H., Richland Center, Wis.

A request comes from Wannika, Okla., that prayer be offered that a faithful servant of God be sent to River View, to stir up the people and get them saved; also pray that the husband and daughter be saved, and that the one who makes request may live as God would have her live.—K. M. P., Parker.

All the saints of God are asked to pray for a sister who has been bed sick for years with internal troubles, also that the Lord bless each of her large family. That two

girls may be healed of bronchitis, and that the father and brother may be saved. That God would send a Holy Ghost filled preacher to Carbondale.—Mrs. Alice Brown, Carbondale, Kansas.

RETURNING TO GIVE THANKS.

Two months ago I asked the Evangel family to unite in prayer for my husband to be saved, and now he is gloriously saved. Please continue to pray that he may have the Pentecostal power.—L. K., Paducah, Ky.

Return thanks for a girl whose mother requested prayer for her, as she is in better health. The girl now desires prayer for her cousin who has been afflicted all her life, and that she may be strong in the Lord.—L. R., Hamlin, Texas.

Will as many as possible of our Evangel readers pray for these cases, some of them very sad. You will thus carry out the Scripture injunction to pray for one another. You might be glad of the prayers of others yourself later.

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM DEC. 14th TO DEC. 27th INCLUSIVE.

Table listing missionary contributions from various locations including Los Angeles, Dallas, St. Louis, and others, with amounts in dollars and cents.

Table listing names and locations of contributors, such as Mrs. D. S., Supulpa, Okla., O. J. T., Summerfield, La., M. L., Hershey, Neb., etc., with corresponding amounts.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

Having been in the evangelistic ministry for a number of years, we now feel it would be more profitable to do pastoral work for a time. Any assembly needing a pastor can address us at Overton, Texas, care M. K. Flagler, Route 2. We are in full fellowship with the General Council. G. C. Mangum and wife.

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