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CREATURE. — Mark 16:15

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HAVE YOU A PASSPORT?

"Blessed are they that wash their robes, that they may have right to the Tree of Life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination or maketh a lie; but they which are written in the Lamb's Book of Life," Rev. 22:14; and 21:27.

In these days of war, revolutions, spies and intrigues, it is becoming increasingly difficult to pass from one country to another, and the necessary qualifications for obtaining a passport are becoming more and more stringent as the days go by. My recent experiences on the U. S. border, when expelled from Mexico and desirous of re-entering the United States, have taught me many lessons in the spiritual life; and I trust that the Lord may graciously make them a blessing to those who read these lines.

Dear reader, I want to ask you a plain, straight question right at the outset:

Have You a Passport to Heaven?

I do not ask whether you are a church member and attend Sunday School regularly, whether you partake of the Lord's Supper, associate with the Christian people and are counted as a devout person; whether you give to the poor, subscribe to missions and do all the good you can in the world. All these things are good, but not one of them, nor yet all of them together constitute a passport to glory.

Jesus is soon coming again, and then will come the crucial time. The midnight cry will go forth, "Behold the Bridegroom cometh; go ye forth to meet HIM" (Matt. 25:6); and in heaven the angels will sing, "The marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready" (Rev. 19:7). What is the *readiness* of which they speak, the one qualification for entering that heavenly city, and passing unchallenged through the Gates of Pearl. Let us look again at the verse which heads this article: "Blessed are they that *wash their robes* (R. V.) that they may enter in through the gates into the city." And in Rev. 7:14, 15 we are told *how* the robes are to be washed. "These... have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God."

The Only Passport to Glory is the Blood of Jesus.

Glory to God for a finished atonement! The Son of God gave His life on Calvary, shed His precious blood nearly 1900 years ago, as a sacrifice for all the sins of the whole world. And to every repentant sinner who accepts by faith that finished atonement, God gives the right to the Tree of Life, or in other words, clothes him with the perfect righteousness of Jesus, the spotless Son of God. So every soul who has been washed in that precious Blood has the passport to glory, as much right to enter heaven as Jesus has, because God has placed him *in Christ*, and he is free to enter in through the gates into the city.

The Birth Certificate.

When I desired to cross that bridge over the Rio Grande and thus return to the United States, there were many things required of me. The first was a *Birth Certificate*. Not having been born in the United States, though I have lived here for years, I was counted as an "alien," and dealt with accordingly. I talked with one of the British Consuls, and he told me that though from my

speech he recognized me in a moment as English, that was of no avail if I could not produce a certificate of my birth in England. I said to him, "Here is a letter from my father, arrived to-day, censored by the British censor, written from a town in England, in which he calls me his child, and signs himself 'Your loving father, John J. Luce.' I can also bring you fifty or more people, residents of this town, who know me as Alice E. Luce; the postmaster will certify that hundreds of letters, packages of Gospels, tracts, etc., have come addressed in that name, and have all been delivered to me. Does not this prove that I am the person I profess to be?" To which his only reply was, "Nothing will be accepted but your *Birth Certificate*."

Dear ones, in order to enter heaven it is the same thing; "Ye must be born again." (John 3:7.) Nothing is of any avail to give us a right to that holy city but the new birth, that washing in the precious Blood of Jesus. When Jesus comes again there will be many who will stand before Him and tell Him they have always been looked upon as Christians, they can bring many friends who will certify that they are good people, they have prophesied in His name and even cast out demons and done many miracles in His name; but, failing in the Birth Certificate, He will say to them, "I never knew you" (Matt. 7:22, 23). In the time of the Jews' return from captivity there were some who tried to prove that they were priests, but they could not produce their birth certificates, and so we read, "Therefore were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood" (Ezra 2:62; Neh. 7:64). There is a great Hall of Records in London, England, where the birth certificates of children born to British subjects in all parts of the world are carefully preserved. Even so God has "the Lamb's Book of Life," in which He records the New Birth of every child in His family. "The Lord shall count, when He writeth up the people, that this man was born there" (Psa. 87:6).

Is your name in that Book of Life? Have you been born again, and by faith made a child of God, a joint-heir with Jesus of the kingdom of heaven? Praise God, you may know it, and if you come to Jesus as a lost sinner just now, confessing your sins and yielding everything to Him, before you read to the close of this paper you may have the witness of the Spirit in your heart that you are a child of God, and may do as Jesus told His disciples, rejoice because your name is written in heaven. Read John 1:12, 13 and 3:3, 5, 7, 16; and 5:24; Rom. 8:15-17; Gal. 4:5-7; Phil. 4:3; 1 John 5:13; Rev. 20:12, 15 and 21:27; Luke 10:20; and may the Lord quicken to you His own Word.

The Photograph.

The second thing required of me was my *photograph*. Five pictures taken then and there on the spot, were required from me to be affixed to my passports or filed in the various consulates. Not only this, but a minute description of me was written on my papers—height, color of hair, eyes, complexion, etc., to be compared with the original by every official to whom I presented my papers. Now when we come to Jesus, He shows us in His Word an exact picture of ourselves as sinners. James tells us that the Word is the Mirror, and that we are not to be like the forgetful hearer, running away hastily and forgetting what he looked like (Jas. 1:22-25). Paul also gives us a

further beautiful thought along the same line in 2 Cor. 3:18 R.V., viz., that the changed and cleansed heart is itself to become a mirror, ever held up before Jesus, our Perfect Pattern. He tells us that as we yield to the blessed Spirit of God, He will develop in us the photograph of Christ, and we shall be "transformed into the same image, from glory to glory." When you reach the pearly gates, it will be the picture of JESUS that will be required on your heart and life.

Our Life Record.

The third thing demanded of me was an account of my whole life. Every year had to be accounted for, from the date of my birth, and the officials had to record on my passport where I spent every year, even to noting the exact addresses at which I had stayed in later years. So too the Lord keeps a record of our life and work as Christians. When He comes again we shall all stand before His judgment-seat, and our life-work as Christians will be tested by Fire. See Rom. 14:10; 2 Cor. 5:10; 1 Cor. 3:11-15.

Dear one, where are you spending your time? Are you ever found in any place where you would be ashamed for Jesus to find you when He comes? What are you doing for His kingdom and for the salvation of souls? Oh that our life and work may all be done in the power of the Holy Spirit, and so stand the test of the Fire in that day.

The Endorser.

The fourth requisite was the name of someone in the United States who knew me, and who would vouch for my honesty and good character. And as I gave them the names and addresses of referees, my heart leaped with joy at the thought of my precious Saviour at the right hand of the Father in heaven, who is my Advocate, the One to plead my case; for he has entered in there, "now to appear in the presence of God for us." When the angel at the gate of heaven asks me for referees, my answer will be "Jesus." He has bought me with His own most precious Blood, and I am His property. He will answer for me. Glory to His name!—A. E. L.

CONFLICT AND VICTORY.

Revelation is always preceded by conflict. Take the case of Daniel where he said, "I was mourning three full weeks." And as he mourned the human, the angelic and the divine all combined against the prince of Persia—the Satanic powers. This will give some idea of the forces of the evil one. The saint Daniel, the "certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with the fine gold of Uphaz," and Michael, "one of the chief princes," and yet for twenty-one days the enemy was master. He wanted to hinder the communication to mankind not only of the good news of their restoration, but also of his own ultimate destruction. That was at the inauguration of the decree for his destruction, and nearing the termination of that decree the conflict is greater. Not one Daniel, but hundreds are needed.

Every step of Jesus Christ was watched by the enemy and he did his utmost to hinder His every movement even through those whom He healed, so that He had to depart to other places. In another place He could do no more mighty works. Another time they wanted to crown Him. Hindrances through foes, and hindrances through friends! And the enemy is still active against the working of the Son of God and against His plans. But the Spirit of God is available and the promise is "He shall shew you things to come." And no power of the enemy will prevent a revelation, audible or inaudible of the things to come. And the Spirit will work through the Word, will make real its truth concerning coming disasters, and will make real the truth concerning the future joys of the children

of God, and He will bring to the forefront the immanence of the Son of God.

When the earth was without form, and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep, the Spirit of God brooded over the chaos prior to the bringing in of the divine order and beauty. So today the Spirit is brooding over the chaos, the disorder, the disruption, and out of it all will come the divine order. Christ, the firstfruits, will be manifested and they that are Christ's at His appearing, and through Christ and His firstfruits there will come forth divine light and harmony in this world after the darkness has been dispelled and dealt with. In the meantime and in that season of tribulation that is coming on the earth, darkness will be stirred up, and the caldron of wrath, iniquity and wickedness will be seething. Chaos will have reached its zenith, but the Spirit, brooding over the darkness, will again cause light to spring forth and will bring in the glorious dawn of the millennium on earth. But before then the pressure from above will cause that great caldron of darkness, that seething pot of iniquity to be intensified in its fervor, because the heavens will be emptied of Satan and his hosts, who will be pressed down into the seething pot. Masses will be killed, but the enemy leaders will be pressed down beneath the earth, and the devil will be chained for a thousand years.

Daniel's prayer and intercession was the first link in the chain of events to culminate in the final overthrow of the prince of Persia. Daniel's conflict was real and he suffered in his body, but that very conflict brought forth Gabriel and Michael, the two archangels on his behalf and one like unto the Son of man. The conflict in the last days will not be less than what Daniel went through. In the nature of things it must be worse because the wrath of the enemy is greater, seeing his time is short. But his final overthrow is certain.

"Ye have not resisted unto blood." Daniel says, "My comeliness was turned into corruption and I retained no strength." And there will have to be those who resist unto blood. "As soon as Zion travailed she brought forth children." There has been no travail sufficient to bring forth. The enemy must not be more than a match for the saints of God. The Spirit has been poured out and will be poured out more abundantly that there may be overcomers in prayer, wrestling, contending, so that victory may be attained.

Daniel's prayers not only brought forth Gabriel and Michael, but they also brought forth One whom we know as the Son of man, and so God's people praying will not only cause the enemy to be overcome, but will bring forth One, even the Son of man.

The seventy years were determined, but Daniel's look hastened them forward. The children of God in these days have the power to look for and hasten the coming of the day of God. (See 2 Peter 3:12 A. S. V. margin.) Some will fail in this high calling, but some will go through in spite of physical suffering and mental anguish. Paul knew what this conflict was when he wrote: "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in the heavenlies," and so he exhorts us, "Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God. . . praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit." Why? "That ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, stand." This standing calls for and brings forth the divine strength and resources, which are only attained by those who dare to stand.

Dare to be a Daniel! Dare to stand alone!

Stand alone, until divine help comes. It may be twenty-one days or twenty-one weeks or months. But help will come, and victory with the help.

BLACK DIAMONDS FROM DARKEST AFRICA.

John W. Ingham, Benoni, Transvaal.

"By My Spirit, saith the Lord." Human nature is the same among the blacks of Africa as it is among the whites. It loves something new and sensational. In the compounds along the Johannesburg Gold Reef, where thousands of heathen are congregated, the appearance of a new missionary and the commencement of his efforts towards their salvation creates in them a great deal of excitement, which generally only lasts for a short time. It always gives us greater satisfaction when the newness of our work is worn off and we can see more what the Spirit of the Lord is doing in our midst. Now our open-air services are attended more by those who desire to hear and listen to the Word of God and not by so many to hear how the white man talks, scrutinize his habits, observe what kind of clothes, boots, hat, tie, he wears. Now our school

made to sit with Christ Jesus in heavenly places. Hallelujah! One Sunday several miners who were fishing in a large lake near the compound, and others who happened to be passing by, saw a strange event which excited their curiosity. There by the water's edge were a number of natives singing hymns in their native tongue. In the water up to their waists, stood a white man and three natives. Then they saw these natives plunged, in turn, under the water, and they wondered what it all meant. But there were still other witnesses that day. Jesus and the holy angels were looking down upon that scene, and as these converts were buried in the waters of baptism in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, there was rejoicing in heaven and on earth, over Shangaans witnessing a good confession in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. One of these three, Petros, our evangelist, had been previously sprinkled by water. Now he was con-



A GROUP OF ZULUS.

and church meetings are attended more by those who are in earnest after their souls' salvation and not so much by those who are infatuated for a time by the novelty of handling a book with the thought that before long they will be as wise as the white man. Our work in and around Benoni has come to the stage where we can see some of the results of the Spirit's workings, and with assurance and confidence we can say: "Oh, magnify the Lord with me, let us exalt His name together for He hath done great things." Week by week it has given us great pleasure to teach our baptismal class. We feel that it is better for these heathen converts to understand the teachings of baptism by water before they take this important step. It has filled our hearts with thankfulness to see before us from time to time thirty eager, earnest faces drinking in the glorious, sublime truths of death, burial and resurrection with Christ Jesus. "The putting off of the old man, the putting on of the new." These souls who long sat in the valley of the shadow of death are now seeing a great light. They now realize that they have not only been brought out of the depths of sin but also have been

vinced by the word of God that baptism by immersion was the only Scriptural way. In the meeting, held just before going to the water, he told us how he was determined to obey the "Word" and desired to be baptized in a thorough manner, not merely sprinkled with a few drops of water. He further said: "You brethren have not gone this way before. You are saying to yourselves: 'Oh, the water will be cold. Umfundise is going to put us right under as if he were going to drown us.' But I am going to go in first. I am going to show you the way, then you can follow after."

Another convert, whom we have named Enoke, is a Shangaan saved from the depths of sin. A few months ago this boy came to us in great distress because of the awful sins he was a slave to, but, praise God! he has been delivered, and it is now his delight to testify in our open-air meetings to the heathen and tell them of God's great salvation. This precious brother was also baptized in water.

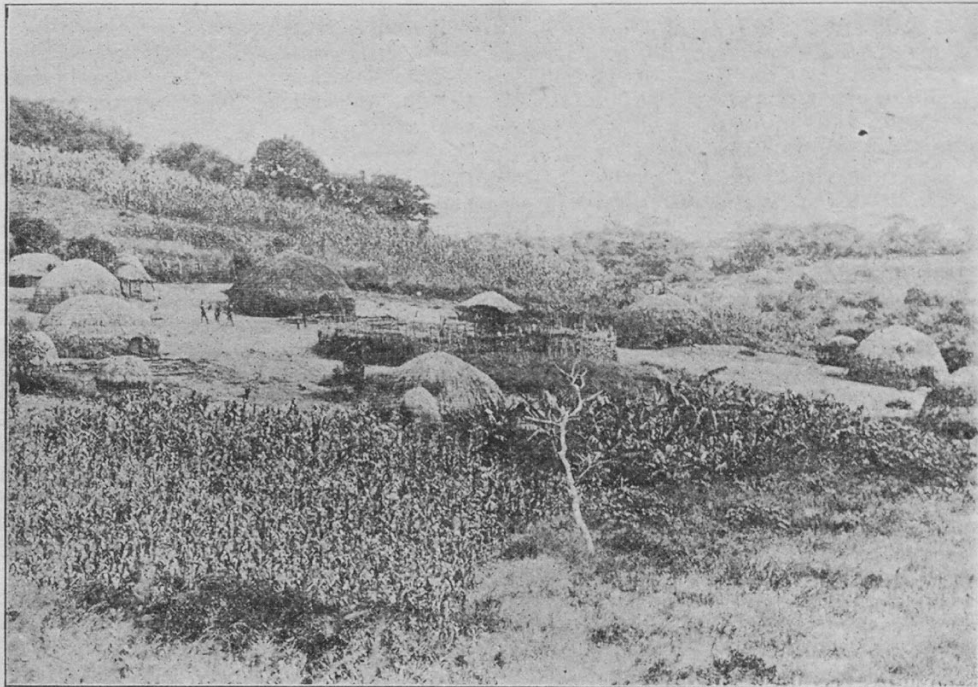
Zakaria was the third one baptized. Not long ago he, too, lived in heathen darkness, but now the love of God is

in his heart. One of the marks of this new birth is concern for the salvation of others. This boy stood up in the meeting and told us that he had become engaged to a heathen girl before the time of his repentance. "Now," he said, "I can not marry an unbeliever, but I ask you all to pray that this girl will be convicted of sin and be brought to believe in our Lord Jesus."

Soon we hope to baptize many more. We earnestly desire the prayers of God's people that these converts may all be kept faithful until Jesus comes. God is graciously putting His seal upon our efforts by opening up new fields of work to the right and to the left of us. About five miles to the west of Benoni we have a congregation in a compound where there are thousands of heathen, most of them natives from Swaziland. Our native helper, who is in charge of the work there, is a Swazie who was converted on our mission station in Swaziland. He works in the

faith. He was once very sick, near unto death, with black-water fever. His relatives and headmen gathered at his home and sent for the witch-doctor. But at his side, praying, was Petros, our evangelist, also another believer. The sick chief hearing that the witch-doctor had come to administer his medicines and practice his incantations, emphatically refused to have anything to do with him or with his medicines, but earnestly asked the Christians to pray that God might heal him. The headmen and relatives reluctantly sent the witch-doctor away, saying to the Christians that if he died they would be responsible and would be punished for it. Petros and the other Christians did not sleep that night but cried mightily unto God and He heard and answered prayer. The chief was raised up, which was a wonderful testimony to the faithfulness of God.

The fields are white unto harvest but the laborers are



A NATIVE KRAAL IN SOUTH AFRICA.

mine during the day and at night he conducts a school, and holds meetings during the week and on Sundays. East of us we have another helper who does the same kind of work in another compound where about six thousand natives are gathered. Still further east we have another helper and several converts who also keep the beacon lights burning brightly in the midst of thousands who are lost in heathen darkness. We continually visit these places and supervise the work. Not only are effectual doors opening on the Johannesburg Gold Reef, but also far away in the homes of the people.

We have recently said farewell to one of our Shangaan evangelists. He was returning to his home in Gazaland. He armed himself with Bibles, hymn books and Gospels for the purpose of opening up work amongst his own people. We have just received a letter from him which says he is now journeying over to a district where the people really need the Gospel. Quite recently a native chief from Gazaland visited us. He is a relative of our evangelist Petros. He invited us to visit his people, as they were hungry for the Word of Life. This native chief knows the power of God to heal the sick in answer to prayer of

few. We have much to do in our schools and open-air and indoor meetings, but there is another field which claims our attention, namely, hospital work. There are many native hospitals within our reach with hundreds of sick inmates. Week by week some of these hospitals are visited. The sick natives are glad to see us and have us pray for them, and many in their time of trouble, tell us of their desire to serve the Lord. Pray with us that the Lord of the harvest may thrust forth more laborers into the harvest.—From South and Central African Pentecostal Herald, a most excellent quarterly Pentecostal Missionary paper, sent postpaid for 30 cents per year from 61 4th St., Newark, N. J.

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THE SUPERNATURAL IN CHRISTIANITY.

By F. A. Hale.

Chapter V.

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is Supernatural.

This chapter is placed immediately following the one on the New Birth, and preceding the one on Christian Growth and Development; because the New Testament, which shows us God's order, places the reception of the Spiritual baptism at the earliest possible date after the acceptance of Christ as Saviour; and in some instances it is coincident with conversion, as in the case of Cornelius. Therefore it is not to be considered as a growth or development of the new man; but as a supernatural endowment of the new creature for certain specific purposes.

To properly understand our subject we must know who the Holy Spirit is. Jesus speaks of Him as "Another," as distinguished from Himself, and says, "He shall not speak from Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear (from Me) that shall He speak: * * * * for He shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you." Also, after the ascension, it was said that He "Received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost." Therefore we should not confuse the Holy Spirit with Jesus.

Neither is the Holy Spirit a mere influence emanating from God. While He is spoken of as "proceeding from the Father," yet all the attributes of Divine personality are ascribed to Him. A sin against Him is not to be forgiven, either in this age or the age to come. He veils Himself and presents Jesus as the object of man's seeking. But He is none the less real, for all that, and every Christian is conscious of His workings and real power within.

The word baptize, when referring to the Spirit, includes both an outward and inward application. Every sinner who comes under the influence of the Gospel is an object of the enlightening power of the Holy Spirit, as he is convicted of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. And it is through the regenerating power of the Spirit that one is born of God. Every child of God is under the direct influence of the Holy Spirit; and every impulse of the new man is prompted by the Holy Spirit. But perfect unity of co-operation is not obtained until the Holy Spirit is poured out in full baptizing power.

The baptism in the Holy Ghost includes the whole man. But in saying, "the whole man," we do not mean to include that part which was crucified with Christ known as the "old man," and which is reckoned to be dead; but we mean the whole physical and spiritual man. For even the new man is not complete without a body. And God has provided redemption for the body. "Know ye not that your bodies are members of Christ? * * * Ye are not your own; for ye were bought with a price: glorify God therefore in your body."

Many of the most spiritual teachers in the churches today are teaching that the experience which we call conversion, where one gets the witness of the Spirit to the forgiveness of sins, is the baptism in the Spirit; merely because the Spirit becomes a real comforter, teaching the young convert, and guiding him into spiritual truths. True, this work is of the Spirit; and a most important work, accompanied by marvellous and blessed results, when persistently followed. The history of the church is filled with numerous examples of the wonderful grace bestowed upon men who humbled themselves before God and followed the leadings of His Spirit. It is not our purpose, nor to our profit, to belittle either the past or present experience of any saint of God. Neither is anything to be gained, in seeking advanced experiences, by denying those we already have.

But the Scriptures teach us to expect more from the baptism in the Spirit than His operation upon the mind and heart. We are taught to expect manifestations of His

presence in the physical realm also, as signs following those who believe. On the day of Pentecost, as the disciples waited before God, the Holy Ghost was "poured forth," and they were all "filled," hearts, minds and bodies. Their vision was quickened and they saw tongues of heavenly fire; their speech was taken into possession by the Divine Advocate and they "began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." And we find the same things occurring at Caesarea and at Ephesus.

Now we are not to suppose that these records were made simply as a matter of history, or to satisfy our curiosity; but "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." The Holy Spirit is not posing as a historian, or an entertainer; but whenever He speaks, it is "for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Therefore by receiving instruction from these Scriptural examples, we see that we may expect, when we receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit, to be filled, body, soul and spirit: and that there will be supernatural operations in every realm of our being. And taking these Scriptures as our example, we are taught what manifestations to expect.

To accept the operations of the Spirit in the mind and heart, and to refuse Him access to the physical realm, is to come short of the full spiritual baptism. It is true, that God, in His tender mercies, will grant us a spiritual fulness just in so far as our knowledge and consecration will permit. Our minds and hearts must first be subdued to His will; and then we are expected to present our "bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." And without this our consecration is not complete, and therefore our acceptance, or baptism, is not complete.

The purpose of the baptism in the Holy Spirit also demands that it include every phase of human experience in its supernatural operations. The new man is to be nourished and developed into a full grown man: strong to apprehend spiritual things. He is also to be "the salt of the earth," "a city set on a hill;" for it is through him that the world is to be evangelized. It is therefore needful for him to have the advantage of every opportunity for development; and have in possession the "whole armor of God."

(To be continued.)

SOME CONDITIONS FOR PREVAILING PRAYER.

1. Forsaking of sin, contrition and humility. 2 Chron. 7:14.
2. Restitution for wrong done to others. Matt. 5:24.
3. Seeking God with a whole heart. Jerem. 29:13.
4. Obedience to the will of God. 1 Jno. 3:22.
5. Ask in accord with His will. 1 Jno. 5:14.
6. Abiding in Christ. Jno. 15:7.
7. Asking in Christ's name. John 14:13-14.
8. Dependence upon the Holy Spirit. Romans 8:26; Ephes. 6:18.
9. Importunity, or perseverance. 1 Kings 18:43; Matt. 15:21; Mark 7:24; Luke 11:8.
10. Faith in God. Mark 11:23-24.
11. Sometimes Fasting. Matt. 6:16 and 17:21; Acts 13:3, 14:23.

"Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not." Jerem. 33:3.—A. E. S.

We are children of the converts of foreign missionaries; and fairness means I must do to others as once men did to me.—Maltbie D. Babcock.

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FOR THE CHILDREN, AND GROWNUPS WHO ARE YOUNG IN SPIRIT.

Carol's Prayer Meetings.

Carol was quite a preacher. As we mentioned in a recent number of the Evangel there were prayer meetings at Hebron school and Carol attended them faithfully and frequently it was her turn to take them. Some of the notes of the little messages she gave are still treasured by her loving parents, and the following in an unformed hand evidently belongs to the beginning of her ministry.

Which is Your Kind?

There are two kinds of trees, good and bad.—Matt. 7:17.

Two ways, broad and narrow.—Matt. 7:13-14.

Two grounds to build on, rock and sand.—Matt. 7:24-26.

One kind of seed, good seed.—Matt. 13:24.

Two kinds of fish, good and bad.—Matt. 13:48.

Two kinds of virgins, wise and foolish.—Matt. 25:2.

Two kinds of people, sheep and goats.—Matt. 25:33.

Here is another of Carol's messages:

My Garden. Cant. 4:16.

Its flowers:

Love..... Lilies (Arum) white, or purple, red, yellow, etc.

Joy..... Roses (all colors).

Peace..... Pansies.

Long suffering. Violets.

Gentleness..... Snowdrops.

Goodness..... Begonias.

Faith..... Sun flowers.

Meekness..... Verbenas.

Temperance.... Heliotrope.

The following is an outline from Luke 22.

Seven downward steps in Peter's path: Sleeping, Smote the servant, Followed afar off, Sat down among them, Denied Him, "I am not"—"I am not."

The following is the outline of a message which Carol gave when she was thirteen years old.

We are God's Temples.

2 Pet. 2:5; 1 Cor. 3:16, 17.

1. God's temples must be exceedingly magnificent, 1 Chron. 2:25.

2. Solomon wonders at God's grace and condescension in coming to dwell in such poor unworthy places (like you and me), 1 Kings 8:1.

3. The Holy Ghost is like a dove which cannot rest on anything unclean. He wants a heart sprinkled with Christ's blood, Gen. 7.

Some of the unclean things: Idols, 1 Cor. 6:19-20; Division, Eph. 2:10-22; Selfishness, 1 Cor. 6:19, 20.

Results of the Holy Ghost's indwelling:

Intercessory Prayer.

Holy Living.

Gifts of the Spirit, 1 Cor. 12:4-11.

Conditions:

Perfect submission of wills, bodies, thoughts, words, everything, till we can truthfully say "I am not my own."

We must be willing to be made fools for Christ's sake.

Carol's Hymns.

Carol sometimes used to compose special hymns for these little gatherings, and the following is one she wrote on Col. 2 when she was eleven years of age.

Rooted in Christ,
And built up in Him.
'Stablished in faith
As ye have been taught.
Abounding with praise
For all He hath done,
For He is thy way;
Glory be to God.

Blotting out handwriting

That was against us;

Nailing with Him

It to the cross.

Blessedly taking

It out of the way.

Presenting us spotless

Then before God.

Glory be to God.

Now He hath made us

Complete in Him,

For in Him dwelleth

The fulness of God.

Now He hath made us

The sons of God,

Children of God

By faith in His blood.

Glory be to God.

We hope to tell some very interesting things about Carol's inner life next week.

AMONGST THE SOLDIER BOYS.

We shout Hallelujah and praise the Lord for the unspeakable answers to prayer which have brought such wonderful victories to the work for our soldiers, as being done by the United Prayer and Workers' League. God has unmistakably used the organization to reach thousands of the soldier boys with a testimony of real joy in a Pentecostal sort of religion. The saints who have been holding on in prayer are singing "Glory, glory, glory" as they see night after night many precious souls accepting the precious blood of Jesus for their salvation.

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BOUND AND LOOSED.

"Whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven," Matt. 16:19.

How many Christians, and especially baptized Christians, are living below their privileges. There are so many of God's dear children who are bound by Satan, and seem absolutely unable to help themselves. They need outside help. The words of our Lord came to us, "Should not this daughter of Abraham be loosed, whom Satan has bound these eighteen years?" Christ draws attention to this woman's high calling, "a daughter of Abraham," and yet she was bound by Satan. An intolerable condition of affairs, Abraham, the friend of God, the father of the faithful, and yet his daughter was bound by Satan.

Christians are also blest with faithful Abraham, and are in a still higher position, namely, in Christ. "For all things are yours and ye are Christ's." "Christ in you" is indeed a close relationship. "If God spared not His own Son, shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" We are "bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh." "If the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." If Christ could claim for this poor woman that she should be free from Satan's bondage, because she was a daughter of Abraham, how much more have the children of God, through a blood relationship with Christ by a living faith in Him, also a right to be entirely free?

We who are free have the honor of freeing the bound ones in His name. "Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven" (the realm of the spiritual wickednesses in heavenly places), and "whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Daniel's prayer caused the archangel Michael to fight with the king of Persia, (Satan) and obtain a victory for Gabriel. So we have a wonderful privilege of binding the wicked powers,

the "spiritual wickedness in the heavenly places," as well as in the bodies of those on the earth. Also of loosing the dear souls from the bondage under which they are groaning. The tables turned; oh glory; these evil powers binding the child of God, and another child of God in turn, binding the very powers that bound the saint of God. This is the right and privilege not of one or two, but of all believers; Mark 16:17 says, "These signs shall follow them that believe "In my name they shall cast out demons." Wonderful condescension, on God's part, to use fallen men who have been saved, to undo the works of the fall, nay of Satan himself. God uses man for undoing the works of Satan on the bodies of mankind, and also binding the very instruments Satan uses, the legions of demons he has working for him on the earth. The agency of man, weak in himself, but the instruments are mighty and that to the pulling down of strongholds," namely, *the precious blood of Jesus Christ, and the mighty name of Jesus*. The blood cuts loose, loosens the hold of the demons in the individual, and in the Mighty Name they are cast out, and headlong down to the abyss.

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Questions and Answers

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362. Who were the "lost sheep in Lu. 15:4-6?"

In this chapter perhaps the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost boy all refer to the lost or straying Israelites. All three parables are given by Jesus in answer to the adverse criticism of the Scribes and Pharisees in verse 3 that Jesus "receiveth sinners and eateth with them." Jesus most truly shows up these growling Pharisees as the "elder brother" in the last of the three parables. But though it had its primary application to "sinners" in Israel, yet it now applies to all sinners, for Jesus Himself applies to a "sinner that repenteth" in verse 7. It does not hurt for a preacher to apply it to a backslider, because all backsliders are in sin.

363. What is the gift of a tongue?

Ans. It is power through the Holy Spirit to speak that tongue at will; to stop at will. See 1 Cor., chap. 14. It does not necessarily include the understanding of that tongue. 1 Cor. 14:14.

364. What is meant by being baptized for the dead? 1 Cor. 15:29.

Ans. Church historians claim that there was in early days a custom for living believers to get baptized in behalf of their dead friends, and that such custom must have been known to the Corinthians, or Paul would not have referred to it. But no Scripture teaches such, and I do not believe that Paul would have dignified such an unscriptural custom by basing an argument on it. Tregelles' Greek N. T. text has a question mark (?) after "the" showing that some Greek texts do not have this "the." This is likely correct, and the passage should read, "What shall become of those who are baptized for dead," (not for THE DEAD). Baptism prefigures death and resurrection. If there was no rising from the dead, baptism would symbolize a falsehood. This passage does not teach forgiveness after death.

365. Does John 20:22-23 mean that Jesus gave the apostles power to forgive sins?

Ans. Yes, when acting in the Holy Ghost, directed by God's power and authority and in accordance with the principles of the Gospel. In such a case it would simply be God acting through them. No man could do it in any other way. God has a right to act through whomsoever He chooses to, today as well as then. Read Acts 5:1-11. 8:20-24; 13:6-12; 2 Cor. 13:2-10.

366. Did Jesus intend foot washing to be observed as an ordinance in the Church? Does history show that the early church observed it?

Ans. "Ordinance" means a law that must be observed. If Jesus meant it as a law or command, every church that does not observe it is breaking His law. He never said He "commanded," so I

hesitate to insert the word "law" or "ordinance" which are equivalent. But He did say "ye ought. But He did say "ye ought," or that it is a duty, and so I say we ought now to do what He said we "ought."

The apostle Paul refers to it in 1 Tim. 5:10; but it is mentioned in a list of charitable deeds, and therefore leaves doubt that he referred to a church ordinance. The next reference to it in history is its practice by some churches about the time of the death of the last apostle, John, near the end of the first century.

367. According to Matt. 25:1-10 only those who are baptized with the Spirit will go into the marriage supper. So what will become of all the other saved ones?

Ans. All that do not get in will be left to go through the awful fires of the tribulation. I doubt if all the baptized ones will get in, rather only the overcomers, those who maintain in their vessels or bodies a good supply of the oil of the Spirit. Already some lamps are going out.

368. Do you think it glorifies God when our children are seriously sick for us to let them lie and die without a doctor when such is against the law of the State?

Ans. According to your faith so be it unto you. Those who have no faith may as well get all the doctors they want. If law requires it, I certainly will not blame you for obeying it. But there is a higher law and a greater Physician, if you have faith to trust Him. If Jesus cannot cure us, no other can.

369. Do you think it glorifies God to say God heals us, but still have the itch and not get healed by the Lord, and for us to go around giving it to others, when we might use some lard and sulphur and get rid of it?

Ans. Those who have more faith in the lard than in the Lord will never get the Lord to heal their itch. Better use the remedy than to give this itch to all the church or neighbors.

370. When will Matt. 24:9-13 be fulfilled? What does Matt. 24:19 mean?

Ans. Just before and during the tribulation. I now see the signs of the spirit in professing saints that will soon lead to such a state of affairs. God help us to pray for and love one another. If we don't, we shall soon be denying Jesus Christ and betraying our brethren in the faith in order to save our own hides. But we shall go to a greater hell than the one we shall escape by such perfidy. We need our love keyed up to the martyr pitch.

Matt. 24:19 means that it will be doubly hard in physical suffering during those days of famine and persecution for those who are about to be mothers

or those who have helpless babes to care for. It is not against motherhood in general.

371. How is the ceremony of ordination performed?

Ans. As in Acts 6:6; 13:3; 1 Tim. 4:14 and so on.

372. Can a man be a deacon in a Pentecostal Assembly without having the baptism of the Holy Ghost?

Ans. Acts 6:3 and 1 Tim. 3:8-10 give the Bible requirements. All Pentecostal assemblies must stand to the Word, otherwise they have no right to the name. But where there are none such let other earnest brethren supply temporarily till God raises up such. They need not be ordained till they get the baptism.

373. Has the council or treasurer a right to take the money pledged for home and foreign missions to pay current expenses of the church, then state that current expenses are missionary work, just beginning at Jerusalem?

Ans. We have no right to use money contrary to the understanding on which it was secured.

374. Now the living foolish virgins will evidently go through the refining fires of the tribulation to fit them for guests for the Lord. But what will become of the foolish virgins who die before the tribulation?

Ans. If they are truly saved, they belong in the class who will suffer loss and lose their reward as in 1 Cor. 3:10-15. If they are not really saved, they will be totally lost. It is a fearful thing to die at any time outside of Christ.

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PENTECOSTAL MISSIONARY WORK IN BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

Kisumu, B. E. Africa. There are only two Pentecostal missionaries in British East Africa, Bro. Clyde Miller and myself. We have four native evangelists and they live by faith as we do. We have gone through some testing times owing to the war. A number of our Christian boys were taken as porters to the soldiers. Two have died, and one returned from the front and died at home.

When we opened the work here we took a number of boys and girls. Just recently there have been three marriages on our station; the boys have taken the Christian girls for wives, and they live on the station. Other missions have trouble with their Christian boys, they marry heathen girls and it is not long before the boys go back. There are eight couples that were married here and live on the station.

The raw heathen are coming into our meetings. We had eighteen last Sunday morning. Some did not have a stitch of clothing on, and some only had loin cloths.

We have about seventy-five baptized Christians and a number of candidates for baptism. We have prayer meeting at sunrise each morning in the week. We are praying for an outpouring of the Spirit upon our native Christians. The dear Lord has manifested His power in our midst in healing the sick. Praise His name. I want to give a note of praise to my heavenly Father. It is three years since I came here and I have not had a sick day since coming. Praise His adorable name forever. I do not take any medicine to keep the fever away; I have not taken a drop for twenty-eight years. I take the Divine Life of Christ every day, and take Jesus for my body as for my soul. Hallelujah! I spent my vacation in Uganda and I was in the fever district and among the tsetse flies that cause the sleeping sickness, and Jesus kept me from them both.

Yours in the Master's service,

Frank M. Moll.

THE PENTECOSTAL WORK IN VENEZUELA.

I will give you a little outline of our work in South America. As a mission we withdrew from the Christian and Missionary Alliance in 1914 and stepped out on the promises of God to walk by faith, and truly that is what it has been, a steady walk of faith, and God has always met us. Praise His holy name!

We are an incorporated body of missionaries entrusted with the work of God in Venezuela. Our staff at the present consists of nine foreign missionaries and about the same number of native workers. We cover quite a large territory and the influence of the Gospel has gone still further than we have reached.

Our headquarters are at Caracas, the capital of Venezuela. There we have two mission stations, one centrally located, and one in the suburbs, with a well-established body of believers who know God and whose faces shine with the glory of God.

Our second station is at La Guaira the port, in charge of one of our precious brethren who knows God and is filled with the Holy Ghost. A more self-sacrificing man of God cannot be found than he is. He covets your prayers for wisdom to teach and guide "this Thy people, that is so great" (2 Chron. 1:10).

Our third station is at Los Teques, an interior town. Here it has been a great fight to get a foothold. The Roman Catholic Church has fought to a finish the truth of the Word of God, but Hallelujah, we can report victory after a fight of about ten years. The priests had vowed that we should never get in there, but we are there, praise God, and expect to remain by His grace till Jesus comes. We have there a goodly number of believers and also our own church home. To God be all the glory!

Our fourth established church or station is at a place called Guarenas, far back in the mountains of Venezuela. This church was born in great tribulation. Two of our most faithful missionaries nearly lost their lives while this church was being brought forth to the birth, but God had compassion on them and on us that we might not have "sorrow upon sorrow" and spared their lives. We have a true band of real Christians there today "who worship God in spirit and truth." The chapel in which they worship is their own construction and is truly a testimony to God's glory. In a town just six miles beyond we have meetings once a week where we have attendance of about two hundred people eager to hear the truth. O, the open doors of Venezuela!

Our fifth Mission Station is called Hebron Home Institute. It is a farm

and school located on the next to the highest mountain range in Venezuela, and many people from the surrounding country come to worship God there. This place was dedicated to God for orphans and for the training of native young men to preach the Gospel to their own countrymen and especially in the parts where the Word has never reached or been preached. We have already a goodly number in the service of the Lord that received their training there, and at the present time we have a fine class in training. Will you pray with us that each one of these precious students may receive equipment from on High before they go forth. In this Hebron Institute we have also a fine day school of about 25 children and this is steadily on the increase.

Nearly all the buildings on the Hebron farm were built by a native brother called Thomas (aided by other consecrated natives), who was a trophy saved out of the neglected island of Margarita. Thomas, when he died, about two years ago, after spending his life for God in Hebron, left us the only piece of property he had, a vacant lot in Asuncion, on the island of Margarita. This caused us to wonder if God was not calling us to enter the open door, and we began to pray that God would send laborers to this whitened harvest field. And it was not long before the Lord began to lay His hand on our dear Brother and Sister Eddings from California to enter that open door. They bravely entered this field under the protest of the priests about six months ago, and truly God is with them and blessing their efforts. Already there is a small company gathered round these dear workers.

The Indians in the far interior, that have never been touched either by us or the Catholic Church, are our GOAL. Will you pray that God will raise up natives who can go to these? Already our hearts are encouraged by God's wonderful providence in linking us up with Sister Anna Coope, who has spent some years amongst the Indians of the San Blas Islands, who recently sent six of her native boys to our Hebron Institute for equipment to preach the Gospel to their own people. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow!" O, dear saints, won't you pray that as they get their training they will also get the inner equipment which is the endowment from on High which comes "after that the Holy Ghost has come," so that they may go forth under the anointing and unction of the Spirit to reach their own people and tribes?—Your brother in the love of Jesus for the lost, G. F. Bender.

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When we came here two years ago there was not a single place opened, now we praise Him that Szemac, Puah and Moheh are open. Then there is all this country south of here with all the tribes ready to be reached. What a blessed field for labor for some earnest consecrated Christians. If there has been a Missionary Committee formed could not this field be taken up for prayer and laid before the Lord. There are many, many places still unreached. I can go out from Szemac 25 days west and not find a single missionary. It is very malarious and very isolated and out of touch with the world, but there are precious souls to be gathered in.

A person coming here will have to rough it and forego many of the comforts of the homeland, but it is worth it all. Glory to God. Jesus left heaven to come to this sin-cursed earth to die for us. Shall we hesitate? No, by His help and grace.—J. D. Fullerton.

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THE GROWTH OF THE KINGDOM.

LESSON TEXT.—Mark 4:21-34.

GOLDEN TEXT.—The earth shall be full of the knowledge of Jehovah as the waters cover the sea (Isa. 11:9).

HOME BIBLE READINGS.—Matt. 5:15-16; Luke 8:16, 11:33-36; Matt. 13:24-50; Luke 13:18-19; Psa. 72; Isa. 2:2-4; Rev. 21:22-27; 22:1-5.

TIME.—Autumn A. D., 28. Immediately following the last lesson.

PLACE.—On the shore of the Sea of Galilee near Capernaum.

SUGGESTED MEMORY WORK.—John 1:5-8; Matt. 5:13-17.

I. THE PARABLE OF THE LAMP.

V. 21. One of the revelations of our God is that "God is light," and it is added "in Him is no darkness at all." The entrance of His Word into our hearts gives us light. When we accept Jesus as our Saviour we become "partakers of the divine nature," we are "light in the Lord." As we are true and obedient to the light that comes to us our "bodies shall be full of light, no part dark." The spirit of man is the lamp of the Lord and our responsibility is to let our light "so shine before men... that they may glorify our Father who is in heaven." We are "the light of the world"—His witnesses to the uttermost parts of the earth. We are to be "blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine, (or shine ye) as lights in the world, HOLDING FORTH THE WORD OF LIFE" (Phil. 2:15-16). That light is in no way to be dimmed, but its rays are to be allowed to pierce and scatter the darkness to the fullest limit of possibility. (How FAR has YOUR light reached?)

V. 22. Cp. vs. 11-12. What our Lord has unfolded to them of His teaching is not to REMAIN hidden to others, but is to be "manifested," "come abroad," after their baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire, after they became His witnesses for the dispelling of the darkness of the whole world. We need to shun places and companies of peoples representing secrets to be revealed only to the initiated. They initiate into darkness rather than light.

V. 23. It is recorded that our Lord repeated these words no less than six times, twice in the chapter under consideration, vs. 9, 23. also Matt. 11:15; 13:43; Mark 7:16; Luke 14:35. In connection with our lesson of last week we read of ears that are "dull of hearing" (Matt. 13:15). Paul, in writing to the Hebrews, tells them that they are "dull of hearing"—unable to understand the deep things of God. The marks of a sheep as given in John 10:27 are: "My sheep HEAR MY VOICE and I know

them and they FOLLOW ME. Compare the following verses, "they know His voice," v. 4; "they shall HEAR My voice," v. 16; "To-day, if ye will hear His voice" (Heb. 3:7); "chosen that thou... shouldst hear the voice of His mouth" (see context in Acts 22:14-15). Truly we pray: "Unstop my ears, that I may hear the softest whisper of Thy love."

V. 24. We are to consider and meditate on what we hear that it may become ours by appropriation, assimilation; only so can we get the full benefit ourselves and give out to others. Such "hearing" implies obedience, and the reward is further hearing—"more given." As we give ourselves to God to hear and obey His will, He will give Himself to us in larger measure.)

V. 25. No arbitrary statement, but an inexorable law of the natural and spiritual worlds. Unused physical powers grow less. Unused spiritual truths grow dim. Neglected opportunities and possibilities in both realms are soon lost. Cp. Luke 8:18, "seemeth to have" or "thinketh he hath."

II. THE PARABLE OF THE UNCONSCIOUS GROWTH.

V. 26. This is the only parable peculiar to St. Mark's Gospel, and teaches us that the Kingdom cometh not with observation or with outward show. The kingdom of God is larger than we know. Elijah said: "I only am left." God said: "I have seven thousand who have not bowed their knees to Baal." We shall meet with surprises some day to find hearts, unknown to us, that are beating true to Jesus.

V. 27. The seed is the Word of God. Cp. 1 Peter 1:23-25 and we learn afresh the invisible energy of that seed—that it is a living, working, active principle in the hearts of those who believe.

In this parable we have the picture of the farmer, having prepared the ground, casts in the seed; and, whether he will or not, his activity in regard to that piece of ground must cease for a time; all anxiety is useless, he may go on with the daily life—sleep and rise—for it is God alone that gives the increase. Hidden from the eyes of man the work goes on, it springs up and grows—"he knoweth not how." Wonderful, beautiful, divine mystery, whether in the physical or spiritual realm! What a lesson for God's servants to sow in faith, and leave the results to Him, free from the burden of a useless anxiety.)

V. 28. All so supernatural—"the earth beareth fruit of herself." Growth is by stages of development, "first the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear." (We do not expect to get corn from the little blade as it comes up from mother earth, nor do we expect ripened fruit to be shown in the life of

a spiritual infant—we should not. In the precious family letter of the Bible, the Holy Spirit, through the aged apostle John, writes to the "little children," "the young men," and to the "fathers." (How unutterably sad to see those who have been years in the Christian life bearing no ripened fruit, bringing no fruit to perfection; or who have BECOME such as have need of milk and not of strong meat.) The little blade just emerging from the ground does not WORRY because there is no "ear," no "full corn." It just absorbs the needed moisture and elements from the earth and GROWS. (Christian growth is not the result of EFFORT, but of fulfilling the simple conditions of RECEIVING all we need from our Father through the Word and prayer.) ALL THINGS that pertain to life and godliness are hidden for us there. Who by taking thought (anxious care) can add one cubit unto his stature? is a pertinent question as regards the spiritual life as well as the physical. The branch of a vine cannot bear fruit of itself; but let the sap flow unhindered from the vine and there is rich, sweet, luscious fruit.

V. 29. Cp. "Gather the wheat into my barn" (Matt. 13:30).

(Question. Can unripe grain be harvested?)

III. THE PARABLE OF THE MUSTARD SEED, OR MANIFEST GROWTH.

V. 30-32. (If the preceding parable taught us the hidden working of the truth—the unseen, inward spread of the Gospel—the present parable brings before us the rapid OUTWARD growth of the kingdom.) It brings before us Christendom, touching, as it does, every corner of the globe. How wonderful was our Lord's knowledge of the future of His work! We hear Him say: "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone, but if it die it bringeth forth MUCH FRUIT." The great commission was given to eleven disciples. (In the beginning the whole church could be contained in ONE ROOM. In the history of the Acts of the apostles, which is the history of the development of the Christian church, how rapid is its growth! The past hundred years the "great branches" have been SPREADING over India, Africa and China, etc., as never before. Nearly every other religion in the world must look backward for its golden age, but Christianity looks forward to hers, and knows that every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.) (The time is coming when the lowly Nazarene of our lesson shall be acclaimed as Lord of lords and King of kings, and the kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ. Our Lord has not yet come into His own, God's clock has not yet struck the hour for Him to take unto Himself His great power and reign. This is the time of His rejection, but, blessed be God, if we share in His rejection and suf-

fering now we shall share in His glory there. If our name is cast out today for the SON OF MAN'S SAKE, we shall be glorified with Him there. Hallelujah! The beginning of the mighty events leading up to this consummation may be on us even now, for we believe the coming of the Lord FOR His Bride is near. His hand is on the door. Are we ready, our lights brightly burning, and we ourselves like unto men who wait for their Lord? Do our hearts say, Come?

In connection with the "fowls of the air," see Ezek. 31:6-13; Dan. 4:12-14, 20-22. Primarily, the reference seems to be to the nations of the earth. When the church, in the time of Constantine, affiliated with the world, her descent into the "Dark Ages" had begun. The nations of the world typified by "beasts" in Daniel, and of whom Satan is the prince, brought great corruption and evil into the church so that "fowls" here as in the parable of the sower, represent the working of Satan.

V. 33. Some of these parables we have in Matt. 13. "As they were able to bear it." Cp. "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now." See John 16:12 and Heb. 5:11.

V. 34. Blessed be God, we can take to Him all we do not understand and He will make it plain.

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TURNING PORTO RICO UPSIDE DOWN AND RIGHT SIDE UP.

Last week we won a great victory in Utuado, about 25 miles from Arecibo. A few weeks ago, a member of the church at Don Alonso turned crazy as a result of an argument with some spiritualist mediums. They called on their evil spirits and somehow they got a hold on the man, who had been a spiritualist before. The Utuado authorities were notified and the man was arrested for wounding a woman, a child and a man while possessed with these evil spirits. By the time we were notified the man was under arrest and we had no opportunity of rebuking the demons from him. It has been a great object lesson to the brethren not to argue with the spiritualists.

The rumors in Utuado and Arecibo were that the Pentecostallers were turning the people insane, and many of the brethren in Don Alonso were advised by the judge and chief of police and many others to quit the Pentecostal people. The whole town was stirred against us and began to work to run us out from the town and everywhere in Porto Rico. The papers talked a whole lot about us.

As soon as we read the papers, and heard from Bro. Felipe Soto, the brother in charge of the work there, we thought that we had better go and see what we could do to change this erroneous idea that the people of Utuado had of us. We then got ready and about thirteen brethren started out for Utuado. I printed about 500 leaflets announcing the meeting at Utuado and at the head I wrote the verses of Acts 4:25-26 that the Lord gave me: "The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord and against His anointed," and the bottom I signed, "The Pentecostallers."

When we arrived at Utuado we distributed the leaflets announcing the meeting and we had the privilege of holding our meeting from 5 o'clock until 9:30 p. m. Over seven hundred people stood in perfect order listening to the message until we got through. The judge, chief of police, mayor, doctors, professors, merchants, rich and poor, stood there listening to the blessed Word as it went forth in the power of the Spirit, and as Bro. Kerr says, "The Sword of the Spirit when in the oil cuts and heals at the same time." Many of these people were cut, and when we were through the judge and chief of police told us to go to Don Alonso and everywhere in Utuado preaching the Gospel, because it was certainly the thing the people needed. So now the door of the Gospel is opened wider than ever with the endorsement of the judge and chief of police. Thank God for the victory. Pray for Utuado. The brother was set free and is all right now.

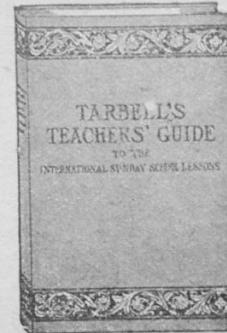
After the meeting at Utuado, father and I went to Ponce to see Bro. Feliciano and family off to Santo Domingo. We had a glorious farewell service in the mission and also at the water front.

Pray much for them, as they are the first Spanish missionaries to go to this island with the Gospel of power and salvation to everyone that believes.—Frank D. Ortiz, Jr., Arecibo, Porto Rico.

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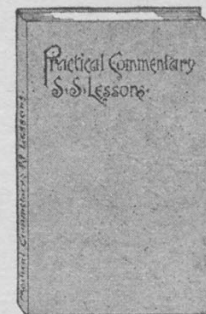
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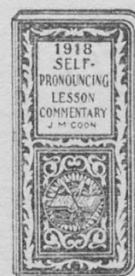


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Jno. 15:1-8.

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That He hath spoken to me,
Telling me how to be faithful
For time and eternity.

Just to be one of the branches
Just to abide in the Vine,
Then shall I ever be faithful,
Partaking of life divine.

Then shall my branches be bending
But never a one shall break,
For they of Thy yielding nature
O glorious Vine partake.

Filled with the fruit of the Spirit,
Bent low in humility,
For the heaviest laden branches
Are meekest and most like Thee.

O blessed joy of abiding
A little branch in the Vine!
O joy of unbroken communion,
This shall ever be mine!

—Mildred Edwards.

PAWHUSKA, OKLA.

I first want to thank the Evangel family for their prayers and ask that they be continued on our behalf. There are souls being saved at nearly every meeting, the saints of God are going down before the Lord on their behalf and God is answering prayer.

The power of God was manifested in our services yesterday, Sunday, February 3rd. It started at our morning service when we were partaking of the sacrament. One lady received healing for her body. In the afternoon a children's service was held in which one young lady was saved and one child of eleven lay under the power of the Spirit for three hours. We also had two cottage meetings in the afternoon in which the power of God was manifested. At the night service six penitent souls bowed at the altar of prayer and accepted Christ as their Saviour, which brought the shouts and praises of the saints unto God who doeth all things well, and is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.—Pastor S. L. Shockey.

A FINE SUGGESTION.

The first Sunday in each month is "Missionary Sunday" in our Sunday School. I wish all Pentecostal Sunday Schools and Churches and Missions knew and realized the great blessing there is in this. We have tried it and it works. For the past nine months not one "Missionary Sunday" has gone without a good offering being taken for the missionaries, and the Lord has surely blessed us. Our attendance is larger and our offerings have increased. It pays to work for His missionaries.—Arthur J. Berg, Minneapolis, Minn.

REPORT OF PRESBYTER ON THE FIELD.

A report from Presbyter John Coxe of Wilmington, Del., was inadvertently overlooked, but we are pleased to give the substance of it. After leaving the Council meeting in St. Louis in September last, he put in a very happy season of ministry at the Stone Church, Chicago, where he reports, "The people are going on with God to deeper life and more glorious victory." In October he was at the Cumberland, Md., Convention extending over three Sundays. Pastor John Boddy and Elder McKenney of Akron, O., were there, and he writes, "The blessing of Pentecostal power and glory were resting upon us all the time." The brethren of Shaft, Lonaconing and Frostburg joined in a special meeting in the Baptist Church when he preached on "Truth for the Present Hour and Age to Come." On the last day of the Maryland Convention, a large theater in the center of the city was secured, and Bro. Coxe preached on "Armageddon," and the message went out to a large number, including a number of Hebrews who were invited.

Bro. Coxe spent a season at the Highway Mission, Philadelphia, Pa., a mission where the Lord has done a wonderful work in saving, healing and baptizing many with the Holy Ghost. The pastor of this mission, Bro. Reel, is only just passed his twenty-second year.

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CONVENTION AT LANCASTER, PA.

A very blessed and interesting convention was recently held by the Lancaster, Pa., Pentecostal Assembly at their hall at 503, corner Church and Christian streets, Lancaster, Pa., which is in charge of Bro. Reuben L. Buchwalter.

Among the workers that have participated besides the writer were Samuel A. Floyd of Harrisburg, Pa., T. B. Buckalew of Alden, Pa., Miss Ada G. Buchwalter of Gordonville, Pa., and Mrs. Ida G. Buchwalter of Ronks, Pa. The Lord has blessed the convention in various ways by bringing to the meetings different ones from time to time and some that have never attended such services before.

One of the daily newspapers which is owned by a Jew published a very interesting announcement that the writer of this item would speak on Prophecy in relation to the coming King of Peace from a Jewish view-point as well as from the Bible, and this brought come Jews to the services and gave the writer an opportunity to tell them about Jesus, and thus the convention has been a blessing to Jews as well as Gentiles.

Lancaster County, Pa., is one of the strongest centers for the Menonites and the Buchwalters have been raised in that faith, and since they have received the Baptism of the Spirit they became very active in testifying about their blessed experiences to their relatives and friends among the Menonites, and as a result has been the establishing of the Pentecostal Assembly at Lancaster, while meetings are also being conducted by the Buchwalters at Paradise and Gordonville, Pa. One of the Buchwalter sisters is now a missionary on the foreign field.

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REQUESTS FOR PRAYER.

Pray for me.—C. B. G.
A sister desires prayer that she may be healed.
Pray for my healing.—M. S., Kansas City, Kans.
Pray for a sister's husband in Denbigh, North Dak.
A mother requests prayers for her son in the army.
A mother requests prayer for her children's salvation.
Please pray especially for my family at this time.—A. K. R.
Please pray for Sister C. who has a troublesome cough.—A. J. J.
Pray for me that I may be a child of God and receive the baptism.—F. J.
Pray for me that I may receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost.—R. E. J.
Please pray for me that I may receive the baptism.—C. A. A., Beckville, Texas.
Please pray that I may be filled with the Spirit and used of God for His glory.—J. B.
Please pray for my family that they will get ready for the soon coming of Jesus.—W. C.
Pray much for us here as we are alone, and the devil is trying us sore.—H. N. Lark, Okla.
Please pray for my husband who is badly afflicted with bleeding piles.—J. M. B., Delaney, Ark.
I want to pray that God will heal my head and eyes and that I may be able to hear.—A. B. G. H.
Pray that I may live a Christian life and may receive all God has for me.—M. J. Kuna, Idaho.
Please pray for our family and that those who are not saved will be saved.—E. D. L., Orlando, Fla.
Pray for me as I am trying to lead the little flock here in the narrow way.—M. H., Hatfield, Ind.
Please request prayer that the Lord may heal me of cancer.—Mrs. M. A. R., Fort Worth, Texas.
Pray that God may finish the baptism of the Holy Spirit in me, for His glory.—T. H. F., Lima, O.
I earnestly seek the prayers of the Evangel Family for strength and for daily guidance.—V. K.
Pray much for us in this needy field.—J. S. McC., Benton, Wash.
Pray for me. I have nervous breakdown and my soul has become chilled on account of it.—J. H. F., Dallas, Texas.
Pray that God will send some Spirit-filled workers to this place.—M. F. Hooper, 823 North Kennedy, Booneville, Ark.
Pray that God will send a revival here and that I may receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost.—M. B., Kenna, N. Mex.
Pray for me that I may get closer to Jesus and raise my seven children as Jesus wants me to.—C. A. E., McLoud, Okla.
Pray for my son that he may be exempted. Pray that he may be saved and baptized in the Holy Ghost.—A mother.
Pray for us, as we are holding the fort against much opposition from the ordinary Christian.—A. J. J., Douglas, South Africa.
We covet your prayers for Southern Arkansas that God will pour out His Spirit and save many souls.—J. C. G., Wesson, Ark.
Pray for my five girls and for my husband, and for Pentecostal preachers to come to Hutchinson, Kansas.—Alice A. Rice.
Please pray for my husband and boys that they may be saved. Pray that I may be able to see without glasses.—E. H., Alex, Okla.
I ask your prayers that I may be kept from all harm and disease, and kept well for His glory.—E. L. D., Grand Rapids, Mich.
Pray for us and the Lord's work here. Pray that God will give me wisdom at all times to understand His Word.—E. M., Blttheville, Ark.
Pray for us in this place because we are not what we used to be. We need more from God because we are getting dry.—J. F. O., Winburn, Pa.
Please pray that God will heal my body of several ailments and strengthen my faith in the Lord. Also pray that my husband may be saved.—D. B.

Please pray that I may be used to the glory of God, and that my husband will soon be saved and receive the Holy Ghost.—T. D. C., Forney, N. C.

Pray for me and mine, and for this wicked city that the dear Lord may send some one here to help us for a great revival. T. R. O'Bryan., Hopkinsville, Ky.

Please pray for the saints at Herculaneum, Missouri, that they may be delivered from the pestilence of small pox that is raging in that place.—J. A.

Pray for my daughters that they will do the will of God. I have two sons and a husband in sin. Pray for them that they will get saved.—E. L. D., Myrtle, Mo.

Pray for my family, they are all unsaved, especially for a son that has been drafted and for a daughter that is very wayward.—M. N. R., McLoud, Okla.

Pray for me that I may be able to ascertain the will of God in all things and for my wife that she may be saved and baptized in the Spirit.—P. M. S., Midnight, Miss.

Please pray that my teeth may be healed of pyorrhea and that I may receive complete sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Ghost.—J. S. T., Eatonville, Wash.

Please pray that God will heal me of stomach trouble, also from the skin disease with which I have been afflicted for over seven years.—M. A. H., Lowndes, Mo.

Pray that I may be fully sanctified, that every member of my family may be brought into the Kingdom of God and baptized in the Holy Spirit.—J. S., Durban, South Africa.

I want you to pray with me that the good Lord will send a good band of workers here. Pray for me as I have a bad itch and there are no elders here.—J. M. O., Jefferson, Texas.

Pray for my nephew in France that he may come back to the Lord before it is too late. Also that my husband may be saved. Pray for a revival in our midst.—L. C., Shannon, Texas.

A sister requests prayer that God will heal her ear that she has had trouble with. Also pray that God will save her husband and baptize him with the Holy Ghost.—E. F., Hillsboro, Ill.

I want you all to pray for me. I want to be wonderfully saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray for my mother, brothers and sisters, and for my wife's family.—H. A. C., Palca, Ala.

Pray for me that I may receive the fullness of the Holy Ghost and speak in tongues. Also that I may be healed of rheumatism. Pray that we may sell our farm.—E. McD., Mountain View, Mo.

Pray for the healing of my niece who has been afflicted with rheumatism since last July who is in a critical condition. I also desire the prayers for healing of my two children of kidney trouble.—M. C., Cato, Ark.

Pray for us to be healed of all sickness. I have pneumonia and a bad cough. Pray for my mother and for my father to be saved and healed. Pray for my husband and children that they all may be saved.—J. S., San Antonio, Texas.

Please pray for the healing of my babe that has a breaking out something like eczema. Also for my little girl who has adenoids in her nose and for weak kidneys. Also that God will send a revival to Mercer.—W. D. McL., Mercer, Mo.

I earnestly ask you all to unite in prayer for me that my lungs may be completely healed and that I may have more faith in God. Pray for my husband that he may be saved and baptized with the Holy Spirit. Pray also that there may be a mighty awakening in this part of the country.—N. K. B., Wellston, Okla.

I want to bring to your prayer circle a dear little soul slowly dying with cancer of the breast and rectum, of what is called bone cancer. The doctors tell her there is no hope for her. She has just to lay on her back with her knees up just day after day. Pray mightily to God that He will heal this woman.—H. N., Kansas.

Pray earnestly and believingly, that God will guide a missionary who must either change his location or return home. Pray for God-sent Spirit-filled laborers who are much needed in special fields at home and abroad. Pray God to make the work in heathen lands self-supporting and self-governing according to His plans. Pray for the unity of God's people beyond anything in the past. Pray for the deepening of God's people in the Word and in the prayer life. Pray for rain in this time of the "latter rain," according to Zechariah 10:1 and Joel 2:23-29.—Mrs. S. A. J., Tulsa, Okla.

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