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YOUR PUBLISHING HOUSE AND OURS.

Workers together with Him! Not individualists working apart from Him and apart from the brethren, endeavoring to build some mushroom spiritual movement round themselves. No, that is not His thought. Is it not rather "brethren dwelling together in unity" with one heart and mind fulfilling His perfect will? And has He not prom-

brilliant, generals, the skilful officers, with their accompanying army of Red Cross men, doctors and nurses, straining every effort; and back of them, the boys in blue of the navy and the commanders and captains of ships, diligently serving every moment to keep the sea free for supplies and reinforcements; but back of these are the great munition factories and commissariat departments, working day and night

dai and Diabolus for the City of Mansoul, painted no vain vision. There is a real fight on, the enemy is real, the conflict is real, and, Hallelujah, the Captain of our salvation is real, and real victory is certain. In this conflict there is no room for any slackers. Our commander expects every one of us to "do our bit." For the word has gone forth, "He that dasheth in pieces is come up before thy face:



ised to command His blessing where such is the case? Just as in a healthy human body, hands, feet, eyes, brain and mouth all work together in perfect harmony with the human spirit to fulfil certain purposes, so in the body of Christ, is it not the desire of our living Head that every member should work together with Him to fulfil the desires of the Spirit of God?

Winning the War.

Every hour of every day we are reminded of the great war in Europe. To win the war, we see unity of purpose and unity of effort everywhere. Not only are those "over there," the brave boys in khaki, the

to keep supplies delivered on time; and back of them, governments, with great financiers in counsel to provide the sinews of war, and mighty rulers, encouraging their people to more strenuous effort. All with one purpose, certain victory and lasting peace. Even the frugal housewife is not behind with her co-operation, as she faithfully conserves every ounce of food, so that there shall be no lack with those who fight. Workers together!

Heavenly Warfare.

So in the spiritual! There is a great fight on. Bunyan, in his book, "The Holy War," as he pictured the great conflict between El Shad-

keep the munition, watch the way, make thy loins strong, fortify thy power mightily" (Nahum 2:1). Be sure you fall in line, and take care not to break rank.

Our part at the Gospel Publishing House is to be a spiritual munition factory. Many tons of spiritual dynamite, carloads of "high explosives" must be turned out these days. No carnal weapons, but that which does immense damage to the strong holds of the enemy of souls, the living truth, that sets free hosts of the unwilling captives of the enemy, and brings into the army of our Jesus thousands of "prisoners of hope." Ours, too, to dispense the

balm of Gilead to the wounded, the wine of Pentecost to make glad the hearts of weary fighters, and oil of gladness to make their faces shine with the glory of God. It is our business and your business. Workers together with Him!

Next to the verse quoted above in the Book of Nahum there is a verse which Dr. Scofield prefixes with the words,

The Future Evangel.

It reads, "Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace!" Up here in the Ozark Mountains where we have come to publish "good tidings" it is indeed our purpose to "Behold Him" whose glorious evangel we are honored to tell forth, and to sit at His feet and learn of Him, and from Him get that which will encourage those who are growing weary in the fight.

For many years we have been terribly cramped and greatly limited in our small, dingy quarters in St. Louis, and now that the word has come "enlarge the place of thy tent," our faith has been emboldened to launch out, and at our new "munition factory" we are being equipped to turn out an output at least five times that of the past. But if ever we were conscious of the need of the prayers, the united faith and the sharing up of burdens on the part of the whole Evangel family it is at this hour. Are you willing to be a worker together with Him and with us? Ask the Captain what He would have you do.

Another feature of our work is to be a commissariat for some of those who have gone "over the top" right into the enemy's positions in the regions beyond. Do not forget your part in the matter of seeing to it that the needs of our two hundred Pentecostal missionaries who are "over there" in the hardest part of the battle field are fully met. To equip them to do full justice in the fight, five thousand dollars per month should go through this distributing center. See to it that you are a "worker together with Him!" Even the 25 cents War Saving Stamp has its place in this great international conflict and is not despised. In the same way, every "quarter" will have its weight in the great spiritual conflict we have on hand. Do what you can, for surely it will not be long before we shall hear our Captain say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

THE TOUCH OF GOD.

"Thy touch has still its ancient power." We often sing it, but how few really believe it. The touch of the doctor's fingers on the pulse is far more comforting to many who are called by His Name, though that doctor may be an infidel. But "His word gives health, His touch restores the vigor, to every weary pain-exhausted frame," now as ever, and that is what the touch of man can never do. Praise His dear Name, He has been touching many dear ones lately, showing forth His mighty power in these last days. One of the sisters who attends our meeting rents part of her house to lodgers. The party who took the rooms has a little girl nine years of age who was very frail and ailing, and has been so from her birth. The trouble was internal, and the child could only eat a very little light food, was very, very thin and weak. The mother was taking her to the hospital, but the doctors there gave very little hope of her recovery, if any. Our sister put the case before us and requested prayer, telling the mother that she was doing this, but neither mother nor child were present, and neither she or her husband were Christians. We had much liberty while interceding for this dear child, and the same Jesus who touched Jairus' little daughter touched this child also, and very soon she could eat and drink and skip about as bonny a child as one could wish to see.

Very soon after this, another little one was born, apparently a healthy baby, but in a week or two became very ailing and fretful, then began to scream in a terrible manner. The mother took it to the hospital and the doctors said it was inherited blood poisoning and nothing could be done for it. The mother had lost four children with the same disease. Moreover it was quite blind. Her distress was very great, but the sister told her that the same God who had healed her other child would heal the baby also, and she asked prayer for it at our meeting. There was real prayer travail for the little one through the sister who brought the case, and we all came through gloriously praising the Lord that He had touched the child.

That night and the next day the little mite was apparently much worse, crying and screaming continually, then blood and corruption began to come through the nose, and the mother gave up in despair, but the sister held on, though the appearance of the child was as if in

the very article of death. Presently its cries grew less, the corruption ceased to flow, it could take food, and more than all it followed with its eyes those who were moving about the room, and when the sister spoke to it, it smiled, and she said, "I do believe baby can see!" The mother could scarcely bring herself to believe such a miracle, but when she took it again to the hospital the doctors pronounced the child quite well, and that it had perfect vision, and that it was a miracle. Glory be to Jesus! 'Tis the very same Jesus, the wonder working Jesus, O praise His name, He's just the same, the very same Jesus."

The next day the little one was so clothed with flesh that the mother was astonished at seeing her little fat baby, and now we are praying that both the parents shall give themselves and their two dear children to the Lord who has done so much for them. His touch, His life, O wonderful, wonderful Jesus! He touched a dear sister who is seeking her baptism the other evening, and she says, "What has happened to me? All the tiredness has gone. I feel so light and full of praise I could dance. I never felt like this in all my life before." I told her it was just an earnest of her inheritance in Christ Jesus, and "still there's more to follow," Hallelujah!

Since writing the above the mother of those two dear children was herself attacked by the enemy. It appears that some years ago she had a severe internal operation which was supposed to be successful, but now all the trouble had returned and her agony was great and she felt she must have medical help, but the dear sister reminded her how blessedly the Lord had healed her children, and urged her to trust the Lord while she prayed for her. After the sister had prayed the whole of the trouble ceased, it was an operation performed by no human hand, and a positive miracle. Now the dear mother is singing hymns instead of songs, and we are sure she is not far from the Kingdom. "Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, for His wonderful works to the children of men." These cases are only a few out of the many answers to prayer that the dear Lord has given us just lately. He has told us that He is going to manifest His power as never before, and we believe it. May He have many channels for His use that His name may be glorified.

Yours in His love and service,
M. MARTIN.

London, England.

THE BEAST OF BERLIN.

The Kaiser is now generally known as the Beast of Berlin, and some interpreters of scripture firmly believe he is the anti-christ, the awful, cruel beast of the thirteenth chapter of Revelation.

He Is Anti-Christian.

There is no doubt in our minds that he is thoroughly anti-Christian. He is a very strange mixture; while he calls upon God in his official communications and publicly appeals to God for help in the war perhaps more than any ruler mixed up in this great war, he violates all the fundamental principles of Christ. He has robbed and plundered the smaller nations like Attila the Hun. His army has violated and slaughtered helpless women, girls and little children. He seems a total stranger to the love and justice of Jesus our Christ. With him might is right. Prussianism has taught its soldiers to kill and plunder and burn with fire, and that they will not be responsible to God for such horrible acts, that their government has commanded it and its authority is supreme. This puts the state and Prussianism above the authority of God Almighty. This is certainly near to the awful deeds of the anti-Christ, who is to exalt himself above all that is called God. He certainly exalts himself, and is truly an anti-christ. But this writer does not believe the kaiser with all these anti-Christian principles is the Anti-Christ.

Down With the Beast.

Every Christian who believes in love and justice will certainly pray fervently that right shall prevail over the might of Prussianism, and that the Beast of Berlin shall be utterly overthrown to the glory of God. Despite his present successes and the sad news in the daily headlines now coming across the waters as to the new German drive, this writer firmly believes by the help of God the nations in the right will in the end down this Beast of Berlin. This is one of the reasons why we do not believe the kaiser is the Beast of Rev. 13. While the Beast of Revelation is to have a deadly stroke, his wound is to be healed and no one on earth is to be able to make war with him. He will magnify himself above God and all men, and is to be destroyed only by the personal return in glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. While the kaiser would like to do all this, yet we do not believe any such success awaits him. He is simply a mad man doing his utmost and spreading terror all

around just before his destruction. The Word of God leaves no hope for such a world empire as the kaiser dreams of, and hence he is bound to fail.

E. N. B.

MEXICAN WORK IN THE SOUTH

Since I last wrote to The Evangel the Lord has made many changes in the Mexican work, and we can see that it is all for the best, that His work may progress and many more souls be reached.

I have taken up the work in San Antonio, Texas, at 747 Ruiz street, and am in hearty co-operation with the American assembly of which Bro. F. A. Hale is the present pastor. Our Mexican mission is located in a very good place for the present, but we ask for the prayers of the Pentecostal people that we may be able to locate a mission nearer the center of the Spanish population. We are believing for a tabernacle in this city, as rent is a constant drain, while a tabernacle makes the work more permanent. The Lord has baptized about 35 or 40 Mexicans here with the Holy Spirit, and the fire is spreading out in their part of the city.

I feel that I should say one word about the gospel wagon, and how the Lord has dealt with us about it. We have felt led of the Lord to abandon the wagon, as I believe that we can do better and more lasting service, and see also more souls saved without it than with it. In the first place, the Lord seemed to hinder us getting a horse for the wagon. We did so much trying to get it without results that it caused us to go down before the Lord in prayer over the matter, and I believe that we have now His will regarding it. Then also, the Russelites, Seventh Day Adventists, etc., are all giving out their pernicious literature, and the good seed sown would be eaten of the birds. We believe that the seed to be sown that will fall upon the best ground and bring forth a hundred fold is that sown through the establishment of missions where a pastor, visiting or resident, can pastor the flock and lead them into the truth step by step. The money sent for the wagon is being used in various ways in His service, and all the literature bought with this money is being distributed in various parts of the country free to the people. We believe much in the printed word, and trust that we may always be enabled to print thousands of tracts, but we feel that we have the mind of the Lord about the gospel wagon. We would ap-

preciate a letter from those that have supported this work, stating their feelings about this matter, as we realize that we are all co-workers together.

Pray much for San Antonio, and that the Lord will give a powerful revival here.

Yours for the salvation of the Mexicans,
H. C. BAILL.

"LADY BARBERS."

(Judges 16:17-19)

It is twelve years ago now since I saw them for the first time in Japan. And strange they did seem, too, as they deftly plied the scissors, leaving as a result of their operation, a fulfillment of old prophetic words,

'Instead of well-set hair—baldness.'

But stranger still did they seem to me as I saw them many times on the Pacific coast last year exhibiting a "union card" in their windows, the proof positive of skilfulness in the art of "shaving off"; and I marvelled at another new thing, forgetting the words of Solomon's wisdom: "There is nothing new under the sun." And new, this trade is certainly not, for I am reminded—with the Word of the Lord before me—of one "tonsonorial parlour", belonging also to a "union", who did a successful business B. C. 1120, and of a man who after he had sat there and was "shaven" went out, wisting not "that the Lord had departed from him." O! the "shaven" men today! the "weak" men today! the "afflicted" men today! the men "like any other men" today! the men making "sport" today! the men with "their eyes out" today! bound with fetters of brass and grinding in the prison house today!

'Instead of well-set hair—baldness.'

Men, whose "inward man" has oftentimes said, "if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me."

Sit in the "lady barber's" chair of public opinion as Pilate did, (Luke 23:23), in the chair of popularity as some did according to John 12:43; in the chair of man's fear as Saul did, (1 Sam. 15:24), or in the "lady barber's" chair of compromise, (John 9:20-23), and written again will it be—"his strength went from him"—"The Lord departed from him."

Yours; fleeing from "Lady Barbers."

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IN PRAYER PERSEVERING.

The whole secret is in knowing God. Intimacy with Jehovah assures success in the prayer life. "The people that do **know** their God shall be strong and do exploits." No exploits, because no knowledge of God! Know God and exploits must follow, explosions, exploits, the hursting forth. Christ was the exploit of God, the bursting forth of the Eternal. He knew God by waiting on God and the exploits followed. Explosions! Christ was the dynamite of heaven. Yes, and where necessary to be used, the Balm of Gilead.

The people that do know their God! No other qualification will suffice, not knowing about God, or reading about God, they that **know** their God shall be strong and do exploits. And the bigger exploit must be obtained before the lesser exploits can be done. "And this is life eternal, that they might **know** thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent." Life from the Eternal! And of course life from the Eternal must have power to do exploits. And not only life from the Eternal, but **the life of the Eternal** received by him who comes to know his Maker.

That stream of light, that strikes the flower and transforms it, that traveled millions and millions of miles from the great sun, came in contact with the atmosphere and that acted as a magnifying glass and concentrated its rays and made them effective. That which would have been ineffectual by itself, pass-

ing through the atmosphere, does exploits, raises millions of tons of water, millions of tons of timber, and causes all the electricity of the earth to be set in motion. Passing through the atmosphere the power is manifested. So God is a reservoir of power, and the people who know God, are in touch with God, who are linked with God, are channels through which the divine power operates and reacts and is manifested in the world.

Those rays of the Holy Ghost, leaving the throne from Christ glorified, seated at the right hand of the Father, coming down through space, came on the 120, and they were as magnifying glasses and the power went forth from them and 3000 were slain. They knew God and God knew them, and the Holy Ghost knew them and went through them and the exploits followed. Strong men were made weak, pricked in the heart; and the weak man, the lame man at the gate, was made strong.

You have seen a retapping of the reservoir in the latter rain. You have seen the shower, but one shower does not empty the heavens, it is generally a harbinger after a long drouth, and men say there is an indication of the drouth being broken, and they hope on and the drouth is broken, the showers come, and some think that is all there is. The Word speaks of the "former rain moderately," and speaks of the former rain and the latter rain coming down together at one special time. Showers are the forerunners of divine floods. "I will pour water on him that is thirsty and floods upon the dry ground." Have you seen it? If you have not seen it you have a right to remind God. God is waiting to be reminded of His promise. David tells us that our God is faithful, keeping covenant and mercy. Remind God He is faithful. If we confess our sins He proves Himself faithful to forgive us our sins. And if we remind Him of His promise He is faithful to fulfil. Why are we so contented with the "former rain moderately" when God has so much more for us? Quite content with the dust laid instead of the soaking rain! God wants waters to swim in, man, water to lay the dust. God is willing to be reminded of His promises.

In the millenium it is promised that the earth shall yield her increase, but God wants heaven to have her increase before the earth gets hers. But there are many adversaries. Not only man's apathy to contend with, but Satan's activity.

Daniel knew it. He alone of all the children of Israel, seeking after God. The moment he sought God there was corresponding activity of spiritual wickednesses in the heavens. But Daniel prayed through these hosts of wickedness, and although there was hindrance for a time, ultimately his prayers reached the goal. From the commencement of his prayer he was heard, and he followed it up. Battery upon battery, prayer upon prayer, till the breach was made by which the answer could come back. It is one thing to be heard, it is another thing to make a breach. The angel was specially commissioned, caused to fly swiftly, and the velocity of the divine messenger was so great that he pierced through the whole mass of spiritual wickednesses in heavenly places. Daniel could not go through but his prayer could, and made it possible for the divine commission, Michael to contend, and Gabriel to come through and bring with Him the whole plan of God for this world.

Here we see prayer, persistent prayer, opposition, victory. If Daniel's prayer had that effect and made it possible for the chief of princes to come through, how much more possible and how much more wonderful is it that the inspired saint, the blood-cleansed saint, the Spirit-filled saint, in harmony with the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, to pray back to this old earth the King of glory. He says, "Surely I come quickly," and the cry goes out, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." The prayer of one man can bring a prince from glory, the prayer of many men of God can and will bring the Prince of Peace from glory.

The prayer of Daniel brought back the restoration of his people, and the prayers of God's people can bring back the restoration not only of the Jew but the restoration of all things. And "the saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the Kingdom for ever." Possess it because they prayed for it. They possess the Possessor. O the privilege, the high calling, the honor God puts upon His saints! Why is it? Because they bear the Name of the anointed ones of God—Christ ones—one of Christ's and therefore one of God's.

Shall not God avenge His own elect which cry day and night unto Him? He will avenge them speedily. O for a divine cry throughout the earth! It will have its purpose. God desires it and God can give it.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

By E. N. Bell,

426. Please give scripture for women baptizing, if any.

Ans. I do not know of any, and am not in favor of it unless in special cases of emergency or in the absence of an elder.

427. Does any one have to speak with tongues before they have the baptism? I sing in the Spirit, dance and praise the Lord in the Spirit, but there is a longing for something more.

Ans. Speaking in tongues is not the means to getting the Spirit. You have to get the baptism first, and the speaking in tongues is one of the results that follow. Yield yourself fully to God and let Christ Himself become your satisfying portion.

428. Will you write us a letter and explain these matters and the Scriptures thereon to us? We enclose a stamp for reply.

Ans. No, we are so busy that it is impossible for this department to answer questions by personal letters. We say specially in every paper that these questions can be answered in their regular turn and only in the Evangel. Matters of trouble and requiring personal letters of advice should be addressed to Chairman J. W. Welch, Malvern, Ark.

429. Have we yet done greater things than Jesus did? If not, how do you explain John 14:12. He walked on the water, appeared behind closed doors, etc.

Ans. Let us bear in mind Jesus here referred only to his works on earth before his death for a lost world. No man can do the great work he did in saving the world, or exercise the authority Jesus received after He rose from the dead. He alone has now all power in heaven and on earth. These "greater works" mean greater in extent, success, numbers, etc., not greater in power or in authority. At Pentecost Peter got his three thousand converts in one day. Jesus did not average one a day while on earth.

430. Please explain Rev. 22:1-3.

Ans. I might cover two pages of The Evangel in explaining these three verses and not hit the point that troubles you. Such requests must always be accompanied by some explanation as to just exactly what particular points troubles the questioner, then I don't have to preach a sermon or write a commentary, only answer one point. So please always explain or I cannot answer. I do not publish your explanations. They are only a private

guide for me to the right point that you want light on.

431. When the Spirit descended on Jesus just after He was baptized by John in Jordan was that His baptism with the Holy Ghost?

Ans. Practically so. As a man he needed the baptism and anointing of the Spirit, and He got it then. Just after baptism in water is the regular time and place where we should expect it.

432. Did Jesus speak in tongues when He said: "Ephatha" and "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani" on the cross? Mark 15:34.

Ans. The common language of the Jews was a mixture of Hebrew and Aramaic. These quotations are from the every day common tongue that Jesus spoke. No special prompting was required to speak in it, it was the natural thing to do.

In the modern Pentecostal sense they were not "other tongues" for "other" means a "different" tongue from our natural mother language.

But Jesus, as God, could speak any language in heaven or on earth. As man completely controlled by the Holy Ghost, He could do the same. So from any standpoint there could be no question about the ability of Jesus to speak with other tongues. The only question is did He do it? I do not know whether He did or not, and there is no spiritual value in knowing nor any teaching to be drawn from it if He did. So it is not worth wasting any time on.

433. What is meant by "let the dead bury their dead" in Matt. 8:22?

Ans. Jesus called this disciple to work in the kingdom of God. He wanted to wait till he could bury his father. Jesus meant as one spiritually alive he ought to put the spiritual work of the Kingdom first, as sinners could bury their own who were physically dead.

434. In Matt. 10:34 Jesus says: "Think not that I am come to send peace on earth, but a sword." What does He mean and who is he talking to?

Ans. He is talking to His disciples. The next two verses show what He means, that when people get saved war arises in sinners against them, even in their own families.

435. Where will the saints be, on earth or with Jesus, during the forty-two months that the Beast blasphemes God, as in Rev. 13:5?

Ans. I believe all true overcomers will be with Jesus. Those not

overcomers will be on earth being persecuted and killed for Jesus' sake.

436. What is meant in Rev. 13:15 by the false prophet giving life to the image of the anti-christ?

Ans. The whole verse is to be taken literally, and fulfillment expected exactly as it is here stated.

437. What is meant by 1 Thes. 4:17?

Ans. It means that all true living saints on earth at the time the dead ones are resurrected will also be changed, get glorified bodies like those raised from the dead, and together in one company go up to meet Jesus in the air.

438. A converted Jew has written a tract charging us with believing in three Gods because we worship as God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Shouldn't his teaching be rejected everywhere as causing division?

Ans. Yes, best not to let him teach in your mission at all.

439. What do the New Issue folks teach?

Ans. It is hard to answer. Not long ago I answered this same question as I honestly understand them, but one of them wrote me I did not put it right. I think the trouble is they do not agree among themselves on some points, and so when you describe one of them, the one who differs of course does not agree that you described him. So I will simply say that as I see it most of them teach error in denying the Trinity, in denying the eternal Sonship of Jesus, in holding as they do that the new birth and the baptism with the Holy Ghost is one and the same, in holding that both water baptism and the Holy Ghost baptism is only one baptism, and both essential to salvation, etc., etc.

440. I have been baptized according to Matt. 28:19 and later according to Acts 2:38 and am still unsatisfied. What shall I do?

Ans. It is not more water baptisms you need, but the Lord Himself as your satisfying portion. Get anchored in Him and in His truth.

Our friends will see that we have gone back to our original name, **THE CHRISTIAN EVANGEL**. Because of another paper being published in St. Louis entitled **The Christian Evangelist** the Post Office authorities in that City requested that we should change our name when we went there, and that was why our paper was called the **WEEKLY EVANGEL** for some while.

We trust to get the Evangel back to its usual form by the next issue. We have had to have our Linotype work done at a neighboring printer's, but we have just gotten our own machine in order, and so we shall, D.V., be able to set and print our next paper in our usual type and get much more matter in it.

Owing to our move we have only gotten out two papers in six weeks but we hope to be able to catch up shortly and to give the full number of papers for the year.

WHY I BELIEVE ALL WHO RECEIVE THE FULL BAPTISM WILL SPEAK IN OTHER TONGUES.

By W. H. Pope.

It is not a question of what this or that good or great man did or thinks, but one of what the Bible teaches. I shall in this article advocate this truth because I am sure the Bible, rightly divided, teaches it. Many point to Wesley, Spurgeon, Finney or Moody, men mightily used of God for swinging thousands into the kingdom, as examples of men baptized in the Holy Ghost without the accompanying sign of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. But in their day there was no issue raised on this line which definitely called them to the witness stand as to whether they ever did or did not so speak. In a mere incidental and unnoticed way it is definitely known that both Finney and Moody did speak in other tongues under the power of the Spirit, but not seeing the significance of it, never laid any stress upon it nor developed any teaching concerning it. Who knows whether all these great men of God may not, in the secret chamber of the Lord, have been so used by God's Spirit? Only eternity can positively answer. Mere silence on the part of some is no proof, as all sensible people well know. Mere silence in the Bible itself is no positive proof. Neither God or man has ever yet told all the Lord has done. But leaving these men and their experiences with God let us look into God's Statute Book and see, as far as written, "what saith the Lord" on this.

While we admit, on the start, that no passage out and out says it is necessary for tongues to accompany the baptism in the Holy Ghost, yet we believe the Bible incidentally teaches it nevertheless. The Bible nowhere uses the term "Trinity" as applied to the Godhead, yet our sane and wise Pentecostal leaders have thoughtfully declared in our statement of Fundamental Truths that the Bible most certainly teaches God is a Trinity. So we may just as clearly and just as surely have it taught that all baptized do speak in tongues, and yet nowhere have this exact phraseology. Why not in this fact as well as that? Yea, we firmly believe it does. Many are saying, "Give us the chapter and the verse where it says tongues are the Sign of the Baptism." Well, praise God, we believe many verses clearly teach this truth, even if

man's present wording of it may not be exactly found in the Book.

If merely mighty deeds or great success were a proof of the Baptism, then it would be easy to prove many had the Baptism before Christ poured out the Spirit at Pentecost. By the help of God, Jonah caused Nineveh to repent and turned this wicked and mighty city to God in a shorter space of time than in any instance under apostolic preaching. The 5,000 or 10,000 in Jerusalem in several years under the preaching of the twelve Apostles, blessed as it was, pales as to numbers and speedy success in comparison to Jonah's single handed success in less than 40 days. But Jonah did not have the New Testament Gift or Baptism with the Spirit. Why then appeal to lesser success, though great and blessed success, as a sure proof of the baptism. Nay, this argument will not hold.

Again look at the Apostles before Pentecost, before they got the Baptism. Jesus gave them power to preach the gospel, to heal the sick and such like, and they very successfully did these things. The word says, "They anointed many with oil and healed them." Generally even the "devils were subject unto them" in Jesus' name. While they failed in one or two stubborn cases of demon possession and had to fall back on Jesus, yet I venture to say, without any fear of successful contradiction by historic facts, that neither Wesley nor Spurgeon nor Whitfield was ever more successful in such mighty deeds in healing the sick or casting out devils than were the apostles before Pentecost. Yet not one of them got the Baptism before Pentecost. Why then be so blind as to appeal to similar things in good men of the past to prove they had the Baptism. If such proves it, then the same proves it in the case of the apostles before Pentecost and contradicts the Bible. John tells us, "The Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified" (Jno. 7:39). So this Gift of the Spirit, as received in the Baptism, was not and could not be bestowed in the New Testament or Pentecostal sense until Jesus was crucified and took His seat again beside the Father in glory.

True, before Pentecost their "names were written in heaven" (Lu. 10:20), they were "born of God" (Jno. 1:12-13), were "clean through the word" (15:3), were the "branches" in the true vine Jesus Christ (15:5), but none of these are the same as the Baptism and could

not be, because they had these before Pentecost, but did not get the Baptism until the day of Pentecost. This is absolute proof they are not the same as the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. After they had all this Jesus said, "Tarry ye until (future) ye be endued with power," and again, "Ye shall (future) be baptized in the Holy Ghost not many days hence." They returned after the ascension of Jesus to heaven "with great joy" but still waited in prayer for the Pentecostal baptism to come. So not the new birth, not joy or the inner witness of the Spirit nor any gift of the Spirit manifested in the prophets or in John or in the apostles before Pentecost can be the sign of the Baptism. Yet many today, when they get some blessing, such as the prophets had or the apostles had before they got the Baptism, jump up and declare, "I have the Baptism of the Holy Ghost!" Nay, brother, God has not changed and when he gives you the Baptism he will take on the "sign" that Jesus promised should follow New Testament believers. God helps us not to be satisfied with ourselves until we are up to His standard for such believers!

But at Pentecost the long expected promise of the Father, the Holy Ghost as a Gift to abide forever, the mighty Baptism, came as a mighty rushing wind and "they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:4)—yea, speaking in "New Tongues" (Mark 16:17) just as Jesus had promised. "But," argues some one, "He also promised casting out devils and healing of the sick, and why are not these just as much a sign of the baptism as the tongues?" We answer these could be and were manifested before the Baptism ever came, and they could not be the one sign to "follow" the baptism when they had come long "before" it. But no case is on record in the history of the world where a man under the power of the Spirit of God spoke in "other tongues", tongues "different" from the natural tongues, as the Greek word here for "other" means, real supernatural tongues, until Pentecost came. Here is one of our arguments that it belongs with the Baptism as its Sign, for God so gave it. God started them out together and it is the **only** "gift" of the Spirit not already given before the Baptism came. It alone, then, can possibly be the **new** and **distinctive** sign. By saying it is "new and dis-

tinctive" I do not mean for one moment that it is the most important or most useful gift. No, it is the infant sign of the baptismal experience. Others and greater should follow, but do not have to follow to prove one has the baptism. There will be also internal evidences to the recipient, but these are not by nature a "sign."

It is the only one mentioned as the **immediate result** of the baptism in the hour they received it that had not been given before Pentecost. This is another important link in our argument for it.

Some argue they only spoke in tongues in order to teach or preach to the **many nationalities** there on that day. Not so, for they so spake in the **upper room**, where no one but disciples were when they got the experience, and where they so spake before any outsider came. It was the "noising abroad" of this new thing that brought the multitude to see and hear this new wonder under the sun. Then, while they did hear and understand in their own tongues the rapturous, spontaneous, hilarious utterances in the Spirit as their souls worshipped and glorified God, yet no hint is given that regular teaching was given in these unlearned tongues nor that Peter's sermon, so mighty in convincing power, was given in these strange tongues. He was a Jew speaking mainly to Jews. Why should he not use their and his own mother tongue? If the speaking in tongues was teaching or an explanation, why did Peter have to get up and explain the explanation?

If this were the only use, why did the Gentiles at the house of Cornelius, where only "friends and near kinsmen" were present, (not a single stranger or foreigner present), break out in tongues "magnifying God" immediately when they got the baptism?¹⁰ It is significant that it came **immediately** with the Baptism, and also that no foreigner was there to be taught. But Jews, saints, with the Holy Ghost who knew that the sign meant the gift of the Holy Ghost, were there, and they needed to be convinced that God had accepted these Gentiles without circumcision; and the sign that God had sealed them with the Spirit in the Baptism was just the thing to do it. The passage clearly indicated and teaches that Peter and the six Holy-Ghost-taught Jews at once recognized it as the sign of the gift of the Spirit. Why should we not accept it as the sign, if Peter did?

Two things show they and Peter did accept it as proof: (1) It says, "They were astonished, because on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost, **for they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.**" (2) When Peter saw this sign had convinced them and being himself also convinced these Gentiles had received or been baptized in the Spirit, he said, "Can any man forbid the water, that these should not be baptized (in water) who have **received the Holy Ghost as well as we?**"

No use to say Peter did not use the exact phraseology that we do, it is clear as daylight, the passage is ablaze with this very thought that he recognized the sign of the tongues as a proof that they had gotten the baptism. Not only so, but no other sign is mentioned to convince them. Yea, more, no other gift of the Spirit is **ever** thus set forth in the New Testament as a proof, saying, for instance, "The Spirit is poured, for we see they have wisdom, love, knowledge, discernment" or such like gifts of the Spirit—gifts which by their very nature could not easily be a sign to bystanders. Christian Scientists claim **love** in its fullness and manifest often more temperance or self-control than some baptized saints, but they have not the Baptism, whereas the Spirit-filled saint, popping off with power and glory, has.

Again in Acts 19:6 when the Holy Ghost came upon them it is recorded immediately as the result, "They spake with **tongues** and prophesied." We cannot claim the prophecy as a proof, unless we admit the old prophets were all baptized with the Holy Ghost, and we cannot admit this because it is contrary to a thus saith the Lord, "The Holy Ghost was **not yet given.**"

In every case where a description is given of what really did happen when New Testament saints received the Holy Ghost, it is declared they spake in tongues. This can not be said of prophecy or any other gift of the Spirit, although this often occurred. Of course there are cases, as in Acts 8, where it says they received the Spirit and no attempt is made to tell us what did or did not happen, what they did or did not do. Three times in this one letter of Acts, which readers are supposed to take as a whole, read at a sitting—three times it describes how they acted or what they did when the Spirit comes, each time telling of the tongues. Why should he tell it again, when he had much else to

tell not yet told at all. Even in Acts 8 it indicated clearly something supernatural happened that Simon "saw" and which convinced of power following the laying on of the hands of the apostles. Matt. Henry, Elliot and Clark in their commentaries declare that taking the light of the other passages as our guide, it is certain the same thing happened in this case as in all the others. These commentators are not Pentecostal nor fanatics either. Even Hovey, the Baptist commentator, holds that the New Testament evidence shows quite clearly that **some supernatural sign** always followed with the Baptism of the Holy Ghost as it was known in **apostolic days**. He also admits that the same experience is known by quite a number of names.

Some hold that only a very small per cent of those who today receive the Spirit would speak in tongues, if they were not all taught they must "expect it," and yet they declare the Scriptures do not teach all to expect it. Well, they cut their own heads off in so saying. Why then on the day of Pentecost does it say, "**All** were filled and began to speak in tongues?" How was it they all broke out speaking in tongues at the house of Cornelius before Peter ever told them of the Baptism or the tongues either one? Why does it specify that **all twelve** of those in Acts 19 so spake?

Truly tongues are not the greatest thing, not an end, only a physical sign pointing to the blessed Spirit in control; but they were important enough for the great and mighty Son of God, the Saviour of the World, the greatest Teacher ever on earth to teach about and prophesy about, and so we have glorious example in Him to teach likewise.

I believe speaking in tongues was the normal experience in Apostolic days of all who got the Baptism. St. Augustine says, "It is expected that the new converts should speak with **New Tongues.**" St. Chrysostom says, "Whoever was baptized in Apostolic days, he straightway **spoke with tongues.**" In the last 15 years it has been restored, and thank God, as the thousands on thousands have received the Holy Ghost all around the world the same apostolic sign has followed in all nations. Why at this late hour try to put out the teaching that caused the fire to fall around the world?

EVANGEL TRACTS FOR THE TIMES
Owing to there being a hitch in the matter of the restoration of the above as Second Class Matter we have not been able to issue it in series of 10's, but hope to be able to continue them shortly.

A REFUGE FOR THE FUGITIVE.

"The eternal God is thy Refuge, and underneath are the everlasting Arms; and He shall thrust out the enemy from before thee, and shall say, Destroy them."—Deut. 33:27.

God is our refuge and strength: a very present help in trouble."—Psa. 46:1.

"Lord, THOU has been our dwelling place in all generations."—Psa. 90:1.

How sweet is the thought of a **refuge**, when we hear of war, strife, confusion, danger and unrest on all sides! When the huge zeppelins or other airships pass over the sleeping towns of England, dropping thousands of explosive bombs, dealing death and destruction all along their pathway, what would the helpless inhabitants do without the under ground cellars, where they take refuge, huddled together, spending the whole night in prayer, until they hear that the enemy has been driven back. Similarly the trenches and dug-outs are a refuge for the troops at the front, and the Scriptures remind us that "the high hills are a refuge for the wild goats, and the rocks for the conies" (Psa. 104:18). There is something so comforting and soothing, such a sense of protection, peace and rest in that word **refuge**.

Our heavenly Father, who loves to teach His little children by means of pictures and object-lessons, has given us in the Cities of Refuge appointed by Moses and Joshua for the Israelites, a wonderful type of the provision He was going to make in the fullness of the times for the salvation and security of the sinner fleeing from the wrath to come. Let us look at the type, in the appointment of the six cities of refuge, and then trace how the meaning of all their names has been fulfilled in Christ, the only Refuge for the sinner.

Read Ex. 21:12, 13. Num. 35:6-28. Deut. 4:4-43 and 19:1-13, and Josh. 20:1-18 for the laws concerning the setting apart of these six cities—three on each side of the rived Jordan—which were to be places of refuge for anyone who had killed accidentally and was pursued by the avenger of blood, i. e. the nearest relative of the man whom he had killed. "And this is the case of the slayer which shall flee thither, that he may live. Whoso killeth his neighbor ignorantly, whom he hated not in time past: as when a man goeth into the wood with his neighbor to hew wood, and his hand fetcheth a stroke with the ax to cut

down the tree, and the head slip-peth from the helve, and lighteth upon his neighbor that he die: he shall flee unto one of these cities and live." We read in the history of the Jews by Josephus that all roads leading to the cities of refuge were ordered to be kept in perfect repair, bridges built over all the rivers, stones removed from the pathway, and signposts placed to point the way.

Now the sinner is a fugitive, in imminent danger of his life. There are three enemies ever pursuing him: first, **the justice and wrath of God** for while He loves the sinner He hates his sin, and is obliged to punish it. "He that believeth not the Son shall not see life: but **the wrath of God abideth on him.**" (John 3:36).

"There remaineth no more sacrifice for sins (when that of Christ has been rejected), but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries." (Heb. 10:26, 27). "He is the Rock, His work is perfect; for all His ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is He." (Deut. 32:4).

Secondly there is **the Word of God**, like a sharp, two-edged sword, ever pursuing the sinner, rebuking him for his sin and rejection of Christ, and warning him of eternal hell. "He that rejecteth Me, and receiveth not My words, hath one that judgeth him: the Word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him at the last day." (John 12:48).

The third enemy ever pursuing the sinner is **Satan**. "Your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." (1 Pet. 5:8). The sinner, like the fugitive manslayer, has no resources in himself, no power to escape, nor to stay the wrath of the avenger; his only hope lies in finding a Refuge, a place where he can flee and be in safety. This, God has provided in His only-begotten Son, who gave Himself for our sins, paying the penalty in full: and in His risen life, as Victor over death, sin and Satan, having fully satisfied the justice of God, and worked out a perfect righteousness for the guilty sinner: He offers **Himself** to that sinner as his place of refuge. "The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it and is safe." (Prov. 18:10).

The meanings of the names of the six Cities of Refuge are full of instruction, teaching us some of the

blessings which are ours in **Christ**, what He is made to the trusting soul who shelters in Him.

I. **Kedesh** means "set apart." This is one of the first lessons the newborn child of God has to learn: that of entire separation from the world, and consecration to the service of God. "And for their sakes I sanctify (or set apart) Myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." (John 17:14, 16, 19). "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing: and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." (2 Cor. 6:17, 18).

II. **Shechem** means "shoulder", which is often used in Scripture to signify the place of **strength**. The Good Shepherd lays the newly found lamb, all trembling and half-dead with fear, on His mighty shoulder, whence it can smile at all the lions, bears and leopards prowling around. The lamb is not one bit stronger in itself, but it has found a refuge: and before the roaring lion can touch it he will have to overcome the Almighty Shepherd.

Even so, dear trembling soul, rejoice in the exceeding greatness of His power who has made Himself thy refuge. The enemy will come against thee with his fiery darts, and with all the subtlety of his wiles: but abiding in the Refuge thou art safe, strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power.

III. **Hebron** means "fellowship" and this is the next precious lesson learned by the saved soul. "God is faithful by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ." (1 Cor. 1:9). The Saviour who has sheltered us in His river side, desires us not only to abide there, but also to hold sweet communion with Him day by day. He wants to draw each one of His saved ones into such close fellowship with Himself, that He can reveal to them His secrets and commune with them "face to face" as He did with Moses of old. But this means a pathway of suffering, of passing through death, burial and resurrection in union with Christ. See 1 Peter 4:13; Rom. 8:17; 2 Cor. 4:10, 11; Phil. 3; 10; Col. 1:24; 2 Tim. 2:11, 12. Let each one study these verses with much care and prayer, and then tell the Lord whether he is willing to go all the way, to count all things but

loss for the excellency of this blessed fellowship.

IV. **Bezer** means "stronghold", and such indeed is our Refuge, Christ Jesus. The enemy is very subtle in his attacks in these days, and his forces are overwhelming as he seeks to overthrow the work of God; but hidden in the stronghold the weakest saint is more than a match for him. Satan has no bombs that can ever blow our stronghold to pieces, for it is the eternal Rock of Ages. "The Lord is good, a Stronghold in the day of trouble: and He knoweth them that trust in Him." (Nahum 1:7).

V. **Ramoth** means "high place", and reminds us of the Ascension of our blessed Lord, in and with whom we are to reckon ourselves as risen and ascended, seated with Him in the heavenly places, "far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come." Glory to God! He hath put all things under the feet of Jesus, and if we are in Him, then all things are under our feet too. So it is possible for us to live an overcoming life, ever dwelling in the heavenly with our Lord, breathing the pure, fresh air of those "high places", while labouring for Him untiringly in this world of sin. As an ancient hymn expresses it,

That we, Lord, with hearts
in heaven,

Here on earth may fruitful
be.

and that is a true picture of what should be the attitude of every child of God.

VI. **Golan** means "joy", and is a fitting close to this beautiful list of the blessings we enjoy while abiding in Christ. There is a two-fold joy: that of the Saviour over His child, and that of the saved one in his Saviour. "The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty: He will save, He will rejoice over thee with singing." (Zeph. 3:17). "The joy of the Lord is your strength." (Neh. 8:10). "These things have I spoken unto you that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." (John 15:11). "Whom, having not seen, ye love: in whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory" (1 Peter 1:8). "Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy." (Jude 24).

The fugitive was obliged to remain in the city of his refuge until

the death of the High Priest: and as our High Priest ever liveth, we must always abide in our Refuge, for only there, under the shelter of the Precious Blood, can we be in safety. "I will abide in Thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of Thy wings."

Oh what comfort it brings,
As my soul sweetly sings,
I am safe from all danger
While under His wings!

—A. E. LUCE.

CAMP MEETINGS

Trossachs, Sask.—June 27 to July 14 or longer. Full particulars from Pastor D. R. Alkenhead Trossachs, Sask., Canada.

Shady Grove, Texas. Camp Meeting starts last Sunday in June. Take train to Woodville, Texas. A. C. Cook, Pinckney, Texas.

Philadelphia, Pa. July 21 to Sept. 3. Bro. and Sis. McPherson and others. Full particulars from J. R. Greig, 906 Filbert St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Davis City, Iowa. August 1 to 11. Elder J. W. Welch Sister Blanche Appleby and others expected. Presbyter John Goblen, Lucas, Iowa in charge.

Los Angeles, Calif.—At Arroyo Seco. Beginning June 1st for 2 months or longer. Andrew D. Urshan and other workers. Write A. G. Osterburg, 610 W. 69th St., Los Angeles, Calif.

Ainsworth, Neb. beginning June 15. S. D. Kinne and wife and other workers. Dr. F. E. Yoakum expected from July 21 to 28. Full information from Hermon L. Harvey, Box 393, Ainsworth, Neb.

Seventh Annual Camp Meeting of the Assemblies of God of Southeast Missouri will be held at **Parma, Mo. August 23 to Sept. 1, 1918, D.V.** For further information and offerings for expenses send to Pastor L. W. Clark, Parma, Mo.

Williston, N. Dakota.—State Camp Meeting and Convention, June 22 to July 15. Workers invited, J. W. Welch, Dr. F. E. Yoakum, Sister A. E. Brown, Evang. J. B. Matthews, Evang. M. McGill. Full particulars from Sec., Box 1114, Williston, North Dakota.

Colorado Springs Mid-Summer Convention. July 1 to 15, or longer as the Lord leads. Plan to take your vacation in July and attend. A number of outside ministers expected. Further information from Pastor M. T. Draper, 506 So. El Paso St., Colorado Springs, Colo.

Alton, Kans.—The Sixth Annual Pentecostal Camp Meeting of the Assemblies of God, August 1-10. Pastor E. L. Banta of Puxico, Mo., Chairman of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God, and others, will be present. A District Council will be organized. A great encampment is contemplated. For full particulars write Willie T. Millsaps, Osborne, Kans.

Newcastle, Pa. The Third Annual Camp Meeting will be held in the City Park, July 29th to August 11th. Workers expected, Frank P. S. Williams, Pastors D. W. Kerr, Joseph Tunmore, J. T. Boddy and others; Missionaries, Miss Elith Bauch of India and Miss Mary Eddy of W. Africa. Further particulars from Pastor Thos. E. Floet, 1700 Maplewood Ave., Wilkensburg, Pa., or Mrs. E. J. Pearce, 811 Lathrop St., Newcastle, Pa.

INCREASE OF PRICES

We regret to announce that the price of the Khaki Keratol Testaments for Soldiers has advanced from 22 cents to 30 cents. This is still the best value in Testaments we know of. These can be obtained for \$3.25 per dozen.

The Publishers of Mottoes that we handle have increased the price of all 6 cent Mottoes to 7 cents, those formerly at 12 cents to 14 cents; those at 18 cents to 21 cents, those at 25 cents to 30 cents, and those at 30 cents to 36 cents.

There has also been an advance in Children's books. "Our Darlings A.B.C. Book" and "Bed-time Stories" have advanced from 35 cents to 50 cents, and "In Nature's Haunts with Youthful Minds" has advanced from 50 cents to 75 cents.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Please pray that I may be healed and do the Lord's will.—M. B.

A soldier boy at Fort McIntosh, Texas requests special prayer.

Please pray for me as I am expecting to be confined soon.—A reader.

Pray for the healing of a brother who is ready to leave all and follow Jesus.

Please pray for the Lord to save my boy who ran away from home and joined the navy.—B. K. Conway, Texas.

Please pray for the complete healing of my body; and that I may be led by the Holy Spirit. M. E. S., Malvern, Ark.

Please pray earnestly for a woman who wants the Lord but some power outside of herself keeps her from taking Him.

Please pray for real conviction and true repentance for me, and for my healing of a complication of diseases.—One out of Christ.

Please pray for me that the joy of salvation may be restored, and that I may be healed of sick, nervous headache.—F. B. Anarene, Texas.

Pray for my husband that he may be loosened from the power of the enemy that is tormenting him, and from his farm if it is God's will.—Mrs. R. H. G.

A soldier boy at Camp Lewis, Wash. writes, "I wish to have my name placed on your prayer list at this time that I may be an overcomer."—J. S. D. Johnson.

Bro. Sam Hall is starting a tent meeting in Schenectady, N. Y., a city of 100,000, and a new field for Pentecostal teaching, and requests prayer that God may give revival.

Please pray that I may be as clay in the hands of the Potter. I am so worn from long nursing and old age, it seems as if I could break up.—Mrs. E. E. K., Beckville, Texas.

I earnestly request that fervent, effectual prayer be made that God would pardon my transgressions, restore my soul and give me back the joy of my salvation.—Backsilder.

Have been seeking the Lord for over a year, and it seems as if I have got to the place where I can hardly pray. Let every child of God offer up prayer for me.—J. R. C., Rush Springs, Okla.

Sister J. C. Joiner of Silvertown, Texas writes of her husband departing to be with Jesus and requests prayer for herself that she may endure to the end, also that someone may be sent to Silvertown to preach the Gospel.

We have a man in our city who has been given up to die by the best physicians. His trouble is bone cancer. Please pray for his soul's salvation and for his healing. God is talking loudly to him.—F. C. W., Sioux City, Iowa.

Pray for my brother who is in camp that he may just obey and follow God; he is a child of God and filled with the Spirit. Also for my other brother who is unsaved and expecting to go to camp any time. Pray much for this very needy place that someone will come and hold a meeting here.—A Sister Kemp, Okla.

A sister, who has just laid her husband to rest, writes, "I wish to request the prayers of the Praying Band for his unsaved relatives and friends for whom he has prayed so long, and for his only sister who was not able to come and see him. He has sent her the Evangel for the next year."—Florence Pate, Grand Marsh, Wis.

A sister requests prayer for her daughter who is away from home, that she may be led rightly, that she may have God's peace and do His will. She is weak in body and worries much. She also writes: "Pray also that God may touch my body, give me strength for the task before me, and baptize me with the Holy Ghost."—J. R., Hamlin, Texas.

WILL PRAY FOR MENTAL CASES

If the ones who asked prayer for mental affliction will write me (they need not give names unless they want to) I, and I believe others, will be willing to join them in fasting and prayer for complete destruction of the awful torment. Read Matt. 17:14-22.—Myrtle Blevins, Thorp Spring, Texas.

PREACHER AND MEETING WANTED

If any of the Evangel family can tell me the whereabouts of Bro. C. B. Huston and wife, formerly pastor at Parma, Mo., should be glad to hear from them. Anyone who feels led to come and hold a meeting for us, we would be glad to hear from you. We have a Church just about finished and would like to start a meeting next month.—Chas. Woolridge, Deacon and Sec., Assembly, Arcadia, Kans.

MISSIONARY NOTES.

Bro. J. R. Hurlburt writes from Rio Diablo, San Blas Islands, Panama. "We are living on an island, a hundred miles from Colon and far off the main line of travel. This island is small and is covered with almost a perfect mass of grass houses. The Indians are a heathen people and still very primitive in their ways. Coming here three months ago we found an old dilapidated building in which we began to teach and preach. However we were not here very long before we felt the conviction that the Lord would have us tear down the old building and replace it with a better one. By the help of the Lord we enlisted the chief (a Christian man) on our side and began to stir up the Indians to contribute money and coconuts towards the expense of the new plant. We are thanking God for the results. They have already given us over \$100.00, and now, God willing, by June 1st we will have a nice galvanized zinc building, 22x60, the main floor cemented, to be used for school and meetings, the upstairs for living rooms and a private prayer room.

"We covet earnestly the prayer of the Evangel family. We are asking God to send a mighty revival in our midst and there are some encouraging indications of its approach. Last week the chief told me that he believed our Mission was the beginning of a work among the Indians, even the wildest tribes far up in the mountains upon the mainland. He said that the mountain Indians are the hardest to deal with, and agreed with me that we must have (Wagah) foreign missionaries like ourselves to reach them. The chiefs have called for some of our boys and girls to go and teach them, but this is impractical at this time as the Bible is not written in their language, and these boys and girls have a very inadequate knowledge of the English Bible. The only solution we believe is for missionaries to learn the language and supervise the field until such time as the Indians themselves can be entrusted with the work.

"The only other Mission in all this region is conducted by Sister M. E. Purdy. The island and village where this woman of God is situated can be clearly seen from where I am sitting. About two months ago Sister Purdy received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and has since been rejected by the pastor of her church in Providence, R. I., this man threatening to use all

his influence to cut off all her support until she writes him that she has "dropped the thing." I feel like introducing to you this good servant of God, who, for four years, has lived a life of self denial in a heathen grass-thatched-house village in order to preach Christ to a benighted and run degraded people. Here is a pioneer in foreign missions in very deed, and we are rejoicing in spirit that God has brought her into "like precious faith" with us.

Bro. E. E. Adiska writes from the American Mission, Itigi Sta., via Daresalaam, East Africa: "We have been waiting for our little mission in Detroit to send us the glad tidings that they have joined the General Council, but have so far been disappointed, but now the matter is very urgent, as the Africa Inland Mission is urging us to join them under certain conditions, for they say that independent missions will not be allowed to go on with their work. I feel that the General Council is God-sent, and hope to receive admission to your union before it is too late. God's people in the homeland do not realize what difficulties we Pentecostal missionaries have to face these days. Two precious lives have been laid down for this pioneer work and God has wonderfully blessed with the fruits thereof. We have been a self-supporting station from the beginning. Hold us before God in prayer."

Bro. Samuel Hansen writes from Shanghai, China: "My brother-in-law, my two sisters and I are now back, taking charge of my father's work (George Hansen's) while he is in U. S. A. The Lord is wonderfully working in our two missions. Crowds of sinners are attending the services regularly, and several have been saved, bringing their idols to be destroyed in the presence of the public. One of the gods they brought was the god of riches, made of clay, and another called the kitchen god. These heathen are so earnest when they come to the Lord and testify for Jesus anywhere they can hold up the blood-stained banner of our Lord Jesus. Several have been healed, especially one who was dying and had given up all hope. We prayed according to James 5 and she was wonderfully healed and was shaken under the mighty power of God. It is blessed to see these Chinese under the power and speaking in tongues according to Acts 2:4.

Bro. Ivan Kauffman writes us that he has located at Tao-chow, where he formerly work as an Alliance missionary, much to the delight of a number of the old converts, and many who have grown cold are coming back again. Bro. W. W. Simpson writes us that he with his son William, is also on his way up to Tao-chow to look after the things he left there when last in China. He has left his daughters at Bro. Stanley Smith's Mission Station at Tsehchowfu. Let us unite for God to send another Pentecostal Revival to Tao-chow as these brethren meet there.

Sister May Gray asks us to announce that she and her husband have left Koga and their present address is 2696 Ushigome, Honmoku, Yokohama. Bro. Gray will still make regular visits to Koga and outlying stations, at one of which many are coming out beautifully on the Lord's side. She asks special prayer for a number of school teachers who have recently been saved. She writes of these school teachers, "One by one these came from their lonely posts and were saved and baptized. Miss Yamauchi seemed dull and we hesitated to immerse her, but later, feeling clearer did so. She returned and in a few days sent us a letter telling of a beautiful and to her unheard of experience. One night after endeavoring to lead two other teachers to the Lord they began singing hymns. The house is in the middle of a field and the night a dark and stormy one. At 10:30 or 11:00 the three heard a beautiful masculine voice join theirs in singing the praises of Jehovah and sang distinctly to the end of each verse. Yamauchi San said it was so beautiful she wanted to hear it all night, but one of the other teachers became frightened and asked her to stop singing. She wrote to me immediately asking if I did not think it was Jesus singing with them as it was too beautiful for a human voice and no one for many miles round there knows God or hymns."

Bro. Chas. Personeus writes from Juneau, Alaska: "The work among the natives at Douglas seems to be increasing in interest and one young woman has returned to the Lord. Some of the natives understand English quite well, but I also have a good interpreter which makes it easy to talk to them. I enjoy working amongst them very much. They are not slow at testifying or praying when the time comes for either."

MEXICAN WORK ALONG THE BORDER.

In our recently-opened Spanish Mission in Los Angeles, the Lord has been giving us many precious tokens of His presence and the old-time power has been falling. Brother Olazabal from San Francisco has been here for a month's special campaign, and God used his faithful messages to bring the light on Pentecost to many, especially those who had known him here before in the M. E. church, when he used to criticise and persecute "this way." They began to say, as of old about Saul of Tarsus "that he now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed," and to inquire what had made the change in him.

The assistant pastors of two of the local churches have been attending our meetings, and both have received glorious salvation. Hallelujah! One of them was like a man "drunk with new wine" the night he received the witness of the Spirit that he was a child of God. They both, with the wife of one, are now seeking the Baptism of the Holy Ghost; and I ask very earnest prayer for them, as they are going through great persecutions, in company with other church members who have begun to seek Pentecost.

One Sunday afternoon last month we experienced a severe shock of earthquake in the middle of our meeting. The tumbledown old building in which our hall is located swayed and rocked, but there was no sign of any panic, and no one dreamed of running out to escape. One sister cried out, "Jesus is coming!" and all sprang to their feet with outstretched arms, while shouts of praise and the sweetest strains of the Heavenly Choir filled the place. None of us will ever forget the sacred sweetness of that hour.

We reminded each other of the time in Acts 4:31 when the early disciples had been praying for boldness to speak the Word in spite of all their persecutions, and when in answer to that prayer "the place was shaken where they were assembled together," and we prayed that it might be to us a token from the Lord that He was going to give us more boldness in telling forth His message, and Himself to confirm the Word with the signs following.

One young man came to ask prayer for healing, as he suffered from epilepsy. We gave him the Word about healing, but told him first to seek the salvation of his

soul, as he did not know that his sins were forgiven, though a church member. God saved him gloriously, and (I believe) healed him too. Then he began to seek sanctification and the Baptism of the Spirit. He was at the altar praying, and no one was speaking to him at all, he was just dealing with God. Suddenly his hand went into his pocket, and he flung a package of tobacco to the farthest corner of the room. Then followed a case of cigars—and as he continued to seek the Lord, oh how the glory of heaven shone from his face! The next day he came from his work for the dinner-hour, and found there was still one cigar left on his table. The tempter said to him, "That is the last cigar you have left, you had better enjoy it," and he yielded, and put it into his mouth. But he had not taken more than two puffs when he felt deadly sick, trembled all over, and had to clutch a support to keep from falling. He threw away the cigar, crying out, "Lord Jesus, I promised you last night that I would never smoke again, and I will keep my word." Oh how faithful the Spirit is, and how tenderly He leads those who begin to seek Him!

Dear ones, please pray very earnestly at this time for these dear Mexicans who are seeking the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, that the Lord may do a deep work in each one of them, that they may soon receive the Fullness, and be sent forth to work mightily for Jesus among the thousands of unsaved ones who crowd these streets. We get good crowds at the open-air services, but very few follow us into the hall as they are so afraid of being hypnotised, or else absolutely careless and gospel-hardened. Pray that the Lord will raise up a real band of overcomers in this wicked city, who will be ready to go all the way with Him and who will be kept true to Jesus and the teaching of His Word, and not led astray by the many false teachers.

Yours in our Coming Lord,
ALICE E. LUCE.
1114 Coronado Terrace, Los Angeles, Cal.

Bro. Lloyd G. Creamer writes from Taiyanfu, N. China: "Bro. Steinberg baptized nine in water and all are seeking the baptism. Next week I expect to go out for a week or ten days to a small town and three villages of good size nearby, with my Chinese teacher and evangelist. These villages have no mission, and no missionary work is done in them."

Sister Sarah Kugler sends an encouraging word from Waang Kong, S. China: "God continues to bless in our midst. One of our school boys, having fallen off a water buffalo, threw his elbow out of joint. It was swollen and very painful. His father and mother are Christians so he was taken to the Lord for healing. Today he is perfectly healed and is a great witness in his village, two miles away, for the power of God. Now his grandparents, 75 years old, have accepted Christ and this opens another village to the gospel. Recently the heathen celebrated the 'god of the earth's birthday.' A grand parade was given here in this village that lasted three days. Hundreds came to celebrate. This gave us a fine opportunity to give out the Word. Two men came to the altar and accepted Christ while a number of others were under deep conviction. How we praise God for every hungry soul."

Sister Marie Juergensen writes from 55 Morikawa-Cho, Hongo, Tokyo, Japan: "The other day, being a Japanese holiday, many people were out, and we, as soldiers of the Heavenly King, trusting in His keeping power, went out to lift up Jesus to these souls. We started for Asakusa, where throngs of people were out for the pleasure of this evil world. We stopped at a large temple, and along a narrow road leading up to the temple thousands of people were walking. Our heart's desire was to hold a street meeting to tell all these dying souls about a loving Saviour, but street preaching is not permitted now in Tokyo. So while we distributed many tracts to those who were going up to the temple, our worker went to see about getting permission to hold a street meeting there. Permission was granted, and we had a splendid meeting, with a large crowd to listen to the wonderful story of salvation. The Sunday Schools are all going on very nicely and many little ones are truly being led to the Lord. Many can pray to Jesus all by themselves. It is wonderful to hear them, even little ones in the small class who are no more than five or six, pray beautifully. We know the time is short and want to be found occupying. Our cry is, 'Even so, come, Lord Jesus, Amen!'"

TENT WANTED.

I wish to buy or rent a tent 30x50 or 40x60 to hold Camp Meeting in—C. E. Brooks, R.F.D. 2, Box 40, Attica, Kans.

Pueblo, Colo. Tent Meeting, 7th, 8th and Granite, opposite the 4th St. Depot of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad. Thomas Griffin in charge.

BEULAH HEIGHTS CONVENTION.

North Bergen, N. J.

"The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." All praise to Jesus.

The Missionary Convention just held at Beulah Heights was one blest of God. There was a most precious spirit of unity and fellowship, and the presence of God was manifested from the first service until the last.

Workers present were Pastor and Mrs. Kerr, Pastor George Smith, Pastor McKenney, Pastor and Mrs. Stroh, Pastor Waggoner; Missionaries, Bro. Shaunessy, Miss Sisson, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Garrison, Miss Baugh, Miss Cox, Dr. Talbot, Miss McDonald, Miss Cramer, Mrs. Watson and Brother Sidersky, Home Missionary to the Jews.

On Sunday, May 26th, there were ordained as evangelists and missionaries a number of the graduates of the Missionary Training School, which was a most solemn and blessed service, the Spirit giving a message with interpretation as hands were laid on each candidate. Thursday, May 30th, was a special missionary day on which was held the graduating exercises of the class of fifteen students, all of whom have definite calls to the Lord's work. Seven for Africa, one for China, two for India, one for South America, one for Palestine, and three for Home work.

An offering for Missions was taken on Thursday, May 30, and Sunday, June 2, which amounts to \$1,603.00 in cash and pledges.

There was much prayer through all the convention for the soldiers and sailors in camp and for the "boys over there" in France and we feel God will gather many souls unto Himself during these days of strife if we are faithful in prayer.

The Lord began baptizing the seeking ones on the first evening and the altar service during the week lasted long into the night. A Baptist minister from Stormville, N. Y., came to the convention seeking the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and the Lord blessedly met him, also some of his congregation, who were also there, received the blessed Spirit and spoke in other tongues. Other dear ones came seeking healing and were touched of God while in their seats. Praise His name. Many saints of God said this convention exceeded any they had attended and left for their homes much built up in God. We feel God

has much more in store for us from the Throne and we are going on to take up new possessions in Him. "Much land ahead to be possessed." Amen.

LILLIAN M. JEWETT.

Electra, Texas—We took charge of the work here May 12th, since that time about twenty-five have been saved, some in prayer meetings and some in the general meetings. We are having prayer meetings at sundown every evening for a revival in this place. Pray for us.—O. W. Edwards and wife.

Bridgeport, Tex.—Bro. E. L. Newby reports that the work is moving on nicely at Bridgeport and that the work in general in Texas is in good shape. He reports the work of Bro. T. S. Miles at Bowie, Tex., where he has been visiting of late, is going well. He would be glad of a visit from any saints passing that way.

Paducah, Ky—Bro. Correll from Kevil, Ky., delivered the dedication sermon at the Union Holiness Church on June 2nd and the church feasted on the hidden manna from the Throne. We are few in number who believe the true gospel. Will the Evangel family earnestly pray for this church. Many thanks for your prayers in the past.—Mrs. Lena R. Kyle, The Paducah Missionary.

Woodland Park, Colo.—We truly can appreciate that song, "I am living on the mountain underneath a cloudless sky." For we have just finished a meeting at Edlowe, Col., 9000 feet elevation. Five professed Christ as their Saviour. We finish here today and drive on to Colorado Springs tomorrow and then on to Yoder, Colo., for ten days meeting. —J. D. Wells and wife.

Ruth, Nevada.—We are at Ruth, Nevada, giving out the Word. It is nine miles from Ely, the largest trading point in North Nevada, in the Step Tae mining district. It is a very wicked place, great drunkenness, and wide open gambling dens. Step Tae valley is 471 miles long but there is not an assembly in all of it. We have a car and are doing all we can. The need of the work here is Spirit-filled workers who are willing to work with their hands, and to work for God in this Western country. Pray for us for this is one of the most needy fields we have visited in all our travels. Pray that God will give us souls for our hire.—Bro. and Sister S. B. Finlay, Gen. Del., Ruth, Nevada.

Stratton, Ont.—We have just completed a campaign of over three weeks at Stratton, Ont., and we are thankful to God for the way in which He blessed our ministry while there. There was really only one Pentecostal family there at the beginning, but now a permanent work has commenced and the assembly is rapidly increasing. Many were converted, healed, and in our last service one dear soul received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Pray for this new work.—W. Franklin Bell and Chas. Moser.

Bradford, England—We have just had the best Convention I have ever been at, either on this side or your side of the water. Over thirty baptized in the Spirit and twenty-seven passed through the waters and crowds healed. Praise the Lord. Our missionary offering was two hundred pounds (\$1,000.00).—Smith Wigglesworth. (The brethren in Los Angeles cabled our brother to attend the Camp Meeting there, and eight weeks previous to writing us he had written for his passports, but had not received them up to the time of writing.)

Bradford, Ark.—We held a three weeks' meeting at St. Francis, Ark., on the Missouri line, and the first two weeks we had a hard fight. But, praise the Lord, the last week the Lord broke through. Several were saved, one received the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4, and several were seeking. The whole town is stirred up. Last night we gave a call to all those who wanted the baptism of the Holy Ghost to come and give us their hands, and about 40 came up. Some of the very best people in the town said they wanted the baptism. The mayor of the town of St. Francis said he wanted the baptism. Pray for the work to be built up and also the work in Bradford.—Chas. Williamson.

San Antonio, Texas—We are glad to report victory. Our work has passed through a severe struggle, but God has sustained us in the dark hours and we feel encouraged to press on. He is ever with us. Hallelujah! God has been wonderfully using Bro. Gallegos, our Spirit-filled Baptist preacher, in giving out the Word. Last week three were baptized in the Holy Ghost and there are ten or more seeking earnestly to be baptized. The crowds are increasing too. Pray with us that the enemy may be defeated and many souls saved among the Mexican people here.—Sunshine Marshall.

Woodworth Etter Meeting.

Indianapolis, Ind.—A very distinct work is being done at the Woodworth Etter Tabernacle in these days as the Convention goes on. The tide of glory is rolling in on the saints and God is multiplying the signs and wonders, the sick are being healed of cancers, tuberculosis, and dropsy, the saints are getting through to the baptism and sinners are being convicted and saved. On Sunday June 9th a woman 70 years old was helped to the Tabernacle. She was paralyzed on one side. At the proper time was prayed for by Sister Etter. In a few minutes she was walking and dancing all over the platform with her arms uplifted that had been helpless, as well as one limb, a few minutes before. As the audience beheld her walking and praising the Lord, many were moved to tears. A woman in the audience, who was deaf in one ear, seeing what had been done, came to be prayed for, and her ear was unstopped, her hearing restored, and she greatly magnified the Lord. Others with tuberculosis and other ailments were prayed for and healed. It is a great privilege to attend the meetings and people are coming from all over the country. Evangelist A. H. Argue and other good preachers are here and the table will be spread with many good things. A special rally is being convened this month to continue some weeks.—M. W. Bradley.

Sparkman, Ark.—We have just closed a ten days' meeting near Millville, Ark., in what is known as the Smead community. We started the meeting on May 16th and the Lord set His seal on it from the beginning. On the following Monday Bro. Walter May joined us. The saints were built up and there was great conviction on the people. Two received the Holy Spirit as in Acts 2:4, a number were saved, and it was wonderful to see twenty of those precious people follow Jesus into the watery grave according to Matt. 28:19. On the same night we observed the sacrament and foot washing. The next day the meeting closed with an additional baptismal service. It was wonderful to see the people slain under the mighty power of God. At the water's edge, two ladies repented and were numbered amongst those that were baptized. The total number that were baptized was 27. The meeting closed with great victory and the revival spirit is still on. Pray for this place.—Pastor A. L. Casey.

Los Angeles, Cal.—God continues to bless in the meetings, souls are being saved and the altar is always filled with seekers for the baptism. We have been greatly blessed by having with us for two services Bro. Bailly of S. America, and Sister Coope, who works among the San Blas Indians off the coast of Panama. The Mexican Presbyterian minister that I requested prayer for in my last letter went to San Francisco with Bro. Olazabal. Today I received a card from Bro. O. saying God had answered prayer and he had received the baptism. Praise the Lord!—John A. Preston.

Zion City, Ill.—When it was announced that Bro. Raymond Richey would address the people of our city on the evening of May 30, and tell them how God was blessing the work of the United Prayer and Workers League people flocked to the Church in numbers unequalled in months past. None were disappointed, for God surely touched all who were there and they were built up in energy to push the good work along. A handsome offering was given to the work. The following night he was greeted by a house full at the Christian Assembly (Pentecostal) Church. This being Bro. Raymond's old home, we can see how he is growing in the Lord and it rejoices our souls. We commend him and his work to any who desire the very best for our brave, lonesome, homesick and tested heroes in the home and foreign field.—John H. Sayrs.

Lucky, Ark.—We have a body of saints here, almost two years old, standing for the old gospel. Bro. and Sister DePriest came to us three weeks ago and God met us from the first service and the power fell. The devil got mad and burned the house down on us one Saturday night. On Monday lumber was placed and a nice summer shed was built, and the meeting went on and souls were saved and baptized in the Holy Ghost. On Sunday a number were baptized in water according to Matt. 28:19. The presence of the Lord was wonderfully manifested at the water's edge, and a message was given in tongues and interpreted that Jesus was coming soon, appealing to those present to have their lamps trimmed and burning, and to be ready. The meeting closed with good interest and good crowds. There were many cases of healing. We are planning to have a Camp Meeting in August.—Lewis Short, R. F. D. 1, Box 18, Glenwood, Ark.

Pegoda, Tex.—The dear Lord has been blessing us at Pegoda, souls getting through to God, eight baptized in water and nine baptized with the Spirit. The meeting has been conducted by Bro. C. N. Wells of Dollardsville, Tex. There are still lots of hungry souls there. One old lady 80 years old received the Holy Ghost as the Lord said He would send. Please pray for us. General Council preachers are welcome. We are located five miles from Trinity in the country on the B. and G. N. R. R.—J. S. Dishough.

Pueblo, Colo.—Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." I never saw a time when it was easier to talk to people about their souls' salvation than now. Crowds will gather on the streets for hours to listen to the simple story of Jesus and His love. While at Beloit, Wis., holding meetings for the Salvation Army it was wonderful to see how people listened to the gospel on the streets for over one hour. We saw people cry on the street, and we saw in all 25 souls weeping their way to Jesus. The harvest truly is ripe but the laborers are few. The grain is bending low. Lord, help us to thrust in the sickle which is the Word of God. Just one instance, a very wicked sinner at Richland Center wrote to me and in his letter he sent me a check for \$5.00 to have me come and visit him and talk about salvation. I told him I could not stay over two days, and he said, "If you will come back here and hold meetings I will buy the chairs for you, and if you cannot get a building to hold meetings in I will buy a tent for you, and I will take care of you and your wife while you are here." Oh, God help us to quit fighting over non-essentials and roll up our sleeves and tell the people about Jesus Christ the Son of God who died to set sinners free. At the unanimous invitation of the children of God at Pueblo we are here taking charge of the tent meetings. Tent meetings start June 16 and last as long as the Lord leads. There is a place to camp for those who come from a distance. Workers who are all out for the salvation of the lost are welcome.—Evangelist Thomas Griffin, P. O. Box 636, Pueblo, Colo.

Bro. E. J. Witte has taken charge of the Assembly at Davis City, Iowa, and earnestly solicits our prayers for God's richest blessing on his labors. His present address is Box 167, Davis City, Iowa.

WANTED—A good Pentecostal woman, middle aged, or a younger woman with one child for a good Pentecostal home. Can make her home with this family.—Mrs. Mary Dyer, R. 3, Russell, Iowa.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.**BEGINNING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE.**

The topics for the next three months' Sunday School Lessons will we believe, be of interest to all our readers, comprising as they do a series of "Studies in the Christian Life." We will endeavor to deal with these studies from the Pentecostal standpoint. With this issue we deal with the first two studies, the first for July 7th and the second for July 14th.

Lesson Text.—Acts 16:13-15, 25-34. (Read also John 1:35-51).

Golden Text.—Whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely. Rev. 22:17.

I.—How the Gospel came to Europe.

Paul had been given the vision of the man of Macedonia who had petitioned him to come over to that country to help them. He was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, so with Silas, and probably Luke, he was soon in Philippi, one of the chief cities of Macedonia.

The women who resorted to the riverside to pray—Claudius had banished all male Jews—were probably many of them Jewish proselytes. God has always respect for praying people—take Cornelius for example—and to these praying women He sent the great apostle to the Gentiles.

Lydia's conversion is put in a beautiful way, "whose heart the Lord opened." The Sun of Righteousness shone on the bud of faith of that worshiper of God and the flower opened and the fragrance of Europe's first convert has never left that continent. She first had an open ear and an open mind to receive the gospel message, then an open heart to receive Him who is the beginning, ending, center and circumference of the gospel message, Jesus Christ, then an open hand and an open house for God's people. God would ever have an open people. Have you ever heard Him say to you, "Open to Me, My sister. My love, My dove, My undefiled?"

Those were happy days for the apostle in Lydia's house, for later, when in prison, he writes of the "fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now" (Phil. 1:5). Lydia was probably one of those who was responsible for sending Paul help from time to time. In his letter to the Philippians he commends them for communicating with him in his affliction, and gives them the promise, "My God shall supply all your needs according to

His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Many appropriate this promise but they do not practice the condition that inspired it—helping God's missionaries. We were recently told of a Pentecostal Sunday School that used to help the missionaries, but now they spend all their Sunday School funds for literature for themselves. Retrogression!

It was the Lord who opened Lydia's heart; her conversion was more than a matter of taking the preacher's hand and repeating a set prayer. Unless there is a supernatural operation of the Lord "translating out of the kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of God's dear Son," revival efforts are valueless. Mighty Holy Ghost intercession alone can bring about this.

Lydia "was baptized and all her household." It is God's thought in the New Testament as well as in the old, "The blood for the house." Stand in simple faith that all your household shall come under the only safe shelter, the absolutely efficacious shelter of the precious blood of the Son of God.

II.—The Godly Suffering Persecution.

Where the mighty power of God is in operation you can count on men and devils being stirred. Some of Satan's satellites get mightily scared lest the hope of their gains should be gone. The damsel who was delivered from Satan's power was probably a sort of spiritualist clairvoyant, a fortune teller. Carnal hearts are ever concerned with the future and are willing to pay big fees to have their natural fears allayed by some promise of good fortune ahead. (The saint of God takes no undue thought for the morrow and rests perfectly satisfied with the way the Word foretells his future, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever." That's good enough.)

So for the good deed of delivering a poor demon-possessed maid, Paul and Silas were scourged and imprisoned. Luke and Lydia would have to take charge of the Pentecostal meeting that night, while they had one of their own in the jail. Cannot you hear them singing something like Bro. Myland's refrain,

Yes, we know, where e'er
we go,

Come to pass what may
Still in faith we say,

When we're in God's pur-
pose

Love Him as we should,
He will work all things to-
gether for our good.

And as they made a joyful noise unto the Lord and the other prisoners were kept awake wondering what these Pentecostal folks were going to do next, the Lord manifested His mighty power with an earthquake. That is the best thing about a Pentecostal meeting, when things are really in the Spirit, it is always so full of surprises.

The keeper of the prison woke up with a big scare, and the devil knowing that he had but a short time more in that heart, tempted him to kill himself. If the prisoners escaped it meant sure death to him anyhow. But Paul cried out and stopped him. None of his congregation had left and it was just about time for the altar service. And the first one to come trembling and falling down was the jailer himself.

III.—God's Condition of Salvation.

To the question, "What shall I do to be saved?" Paul replying, lays the emphasis on faith, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." Peter laid the emphasis on repentance and baptism when the 3000 asked him what should they do. Was Paul working in opposition to Peter when he answered the jailer differently? Had he a greater revelation than Peter when he sets forth the alone condition of faith in Jesus Christ, which thought he brings out more fully still in Romans, writing "All depends on faith" (Rom. 4:16, Wey.)? There are many who would set forth Paul and Peter as in opposition, but we believe they were both men filled with the Holy Ghost, and it is best for us, rather than to build our doctrine on one verse alone, whether it be Acts 2:38 or Acts 16:31, to take all these God-given utterances together and thereby get a full-orbed revelation of the whole truth.

The fact that the jailer came trembling indicates already repentance towards God, and Paul takes him to the other necessary condition, "faith in Jesus Christ."

Here again we see the provision of household salvation (see v. 15), "And thy house." If the red cord—just a type—was sufficient for the salvation of all of Rahab's household in Old Testament days, how much more is the blood of Jesus Christ sufficient in the days of the New Covenant?

IV.—The Place of Baptism.

No card-signing, no church-joining, no probation, **straightway the**

jailer "and all his" were baptized. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" are the conditions set forth by Him whose authority cannot be questioned. No question of formula here. Would to God that saints would not divide the precious body of Christ over such today. Where much stress is laid on formula the importance of faith is not infrequently overlooked. The jailer rejoiced, "Believing in God with all his house." Baptism is a blessed rite that should take place immediately the sinner comes to God in true repentance, and has real faith in Jesus Christ, and it most beautifully identifies him with the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, but faith in God is the condition by which the saint lives from day to day.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ" is not only the all important condition at the beginning of the Christian life, but it is the necessary condition for the continuance of the same. Not faith in baptism, not faith in your faith, but faith in Jesus Christ, the Author and Perfecter of faith! He himself is our salvation.

READING GOD'S WORD.

Lesson Text.—Acts 8:26-39; Psalm 19:7-11.

Golden Text.—Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free. John 8:32.

I.—The Evangelist's Commission.

The angels are tremendously interested in us folks on the earth, and anything they can do to minister to those of us who are heirs of salvation, they do. So it was an angel—an angel of the Lord, (R. V.)—one of those fellows that excelled in strength because he was always hearkening unto the voice of the Lord, who counselled Philip to leave the revival he was having in Samaria and go down to the Gaza desert. Philip did not consult his reason—most folks do—but he arose and went. It is far better to give quick gladsome obedience to God's calls than to spend months reasoning about them. Philip was not one of those incorrigibles who has to be sent to Whale College for three days and three nights in order to be taught obedience. Everything was timed perfectly according to the Divine clock, and had Philip delayed he would have missed the eunuch. Can God trust you to be always on time?

II.—What Comes to the Humble Reader of the Word.

The Ethiopian eunuch was prob-

ably either a Jewish proselyte or an enquirer after the way of truth. He had "come to Jerusalem for to worship." But the power had gone out of Judahism, the sacrifices were now but lifeless forms, gross darkness was upon those blind leaders of the blind who posed as teachers, they had rejected the True Light and there was no light in them. Sad of heart must have been that eunuch as he returned to Ethiopia, for neither a position of great authority, nor great treasures, nor the outward things of religion satisfy. Jesus alone can satisfy a hungry heart.

Philip had an ear to hear what the Spirit had to say, and when the Spirit said "Go" he ran. The Psalmist said he would run the way of God's commandments when He had enlarged his heart. We need to have our heads like they advertise some of the woolen goods "well shrunk" and our hearts, like Philip's enlarged, and then we should be better runners in the race set before us. The eunuch happened to be puzzling his unenlightened mind over the 53rd of Isaiah, that scripture that portrays perhaps more wonderfully than any other in the Word the atoning work of Christ.

III.—The Living Word the Key to the Written Word.

What an opportunity for Philip to preach Christ. His only theme was "Jesus." He just "opened his mouth," and such a convincing message poured forth that probably before he was half way through his audience became so anxious to obey the gospel, to be a doer as well as a hearer of the Word, that he stopped the preacher and asked why he could not be baptized right away in a stream that coursed beside that desert highway.

IV.—Faith in and Obedience to the Word.

Philip's examination of his candidate's eligibility for baptism was short and simple. "If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest." Then came the eunuch's confession of faith, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." The Scriptures declare that "Who-soever—that is you, I, or anybody else—believeth—the simplest condition God could have thought of—that Jesus is the Christ—is born of God." "IS BORN OF GOD," repeat it again and again and believe it; it does not read "shall be." We emphasize this because there is a school of so-called teachers arisen who would fain rob faith of its simplicity. Obedience is the sure

and certain fruit of heart faith, and straightway the evangelist and the new convert went down together into the water, and the eunuch was buried with Christ in baptism unto death, to come forth to walk in newness of life. According to some ancient versions (see note in Weymouth's translation) the Spirit straightway fell on the eunuch, and right there on the banks of that river he received his "Pentecost."

V.—Signs Following the Word.

Then comes one of those supernatural touches that are so sweet in the Acts of the Apostles, "The Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip:" We are all likely to covet this mode of locomotion in these days of universal 3-cent fare with war tax on top. No passport complications as some of our missionaries are now having! Nothing is impossible to faith. The first condition is to be one of God's minute men like Philip, a busy evangelist who put in every moment winning souls for his Master. Some of us are looking for a glorious transportation before long, only instead of being found at Azotus we shall be found in glory. Do you know the secret? It is the Blood. As the Spirit said to one brother, "Nothing else is needed, nothing less will do," and He, the Spirit, will always operate where the Blood is honored.

VI.—The Value of God's Word. Psalm 19:7-11.

When modern higher critics—"lower infidels" Pierson used to call them—are belittling God's Word, it is refreshing to turn aside and read what the man after God's own heart says about it.

It is "perfect"—absolutely complete. It is "sure"—nothing wobbly about it. It is "right"—no mixture or error in its contents. It is "pure"—containing no evil. Evil men sometimes accuse the Bible of containing impure passages, but it is their minds that are corrupt and not the Book. It is "clean" and "true and righteous altogether"; it endures for ever, is better than gold and sweeter than honey. "Money talks" say the men of the world, but it never speaks salvation, and he who has gotten into the Word, and the Word has gotten into him, has something far better than gold. Psalm 1 shows that true prosperity comes to the man who delights in and mediates in the Word of God.

VII.—What the Word of God Does to Those Who Keep It.

The Word of God works effectually in those who believe it. 1.

Converts the soul. 2. Makes wise those who are but simple ones. 3. Makes you full of joy—rejoicing the heart. 4. Shows you what is right and what is wrong—enlightening the eyes. 5. It warns; and there are many dangers of which we need warning. 6. It brings to those who keep it great reward. Says the Psalmist, "O how love I Thy law! It is my meditation all the day." Do you say the same?

Just a question here. Do you systematically read the Bible through every year? There is an admirable calendar called "Daily Bread" published at The Gospel Publishing House, which some of us have followed for years, which shows you how, by reading 4 chapters in different parts of the Book each day, to read the Old Testament once a year and the New Testament and Psalms through twice. These calendars can be gotten for 10 cents per dozen and Sunday School teachers should endeavor to get their classes to follow this system.

—S. H. F.

Milton, Okla.—We have a small band here and the work is pressing on for God. We have meetings four times a week. Pray for us that God will send us a pastor, this is a wide field and we need a worker.—Mrs. J. W. Brown.

Long Beach, Cal.—These are wonderful days we are living in and our God is truly in our midst. There is a sweet spirit of love and unity amongst the saints. No "isms," praise God. We are not looking for any new or popular way, but we still believe in the old gospel way of salvation through the blood of Jesus for baptism of the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4 for believers. God is honoring His Word with us. Several have been saved or reclaimed and baptized in the Spirit and also in water this year. One old brother and his wife, over 75, were baptized in the Spirit according to Acts 2:4; and on Sunday, May 12th, we baptized them in our heavenly Father's great pool, the great Pacific Ocean. I covet the prayers of the saints for Long Beach. It is a great tourist city for both winter and summer. At this time there is such an inflow of men to work in the shipyards here and San Pedro, where 20,000 men are at work. There is a little band of 6 to 15 that meets every morning from 9 to 11 at the Mission to pray for a mighty revival, not only here but all over the world.—W. R. Potter.

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM

JUNE 1st TO JUNE 24th, 1918.

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| Collection, Kaymoor, Va. | \$ 2.25 |
| S. K., Gilmour, Ind. | 25.00 |
| R. M. T., Corsicana, Texas | 1.50 |
| Assembly, Grand River, Texas | 6.50 |
| J. R. N., Waldron, Ark. | 2.00 |
| Miss B., St. Louis, Mo. | 5.00 |
| P. K. O., Sunnyside, Wash. | 5.00 |
| S. S., Galveston, Texas | 1.50 |
| C. W. L. P., Sun, W. Va. | 1.00 |
| W. E. M., Red Star, W. Va. | 10.00 |
| G. C. M., McCurtain, Okla. | 1.50 |
| J. W. P., Madison, Ill. | 1.00 |
| N. P., Shirley, Mont. | 5.00 |
| F. C., Knoxville, Ia. | 5.00 |
| A. S. H., Lynden, Wash. | 1.00 |
| Assembly, Springfield, Mo. | 4.00 |
| N. S. R., Jacksonville, Fla. | 2.00 |
| C. P. R., Terrall, Okla. | 10.00 |
| M. B., Ellsville, Ark. | 1.00 |
| Mrs. D. W. L., Minneapolis, Minn. | 10.00 |
| C. W. Bradford, Ark. | 3.00 |
| Mrs. M. S., Houston, Texas | 9.00 |
| M. V. B., Duer, Colo. | 2.00 |
| Assembly, Marionville, Mo. | 5.00 |
| Assembly, Tulsa, Okla. | 40.00 |
| F. K., Whittier, Calif. | 15.00 |
| O. A., Gridley, Calif. | 5.00 |
| Assembly, Shaft, Md. | 15.43 |
| Mrs. G. B., St. Louis, Mo. | 20.00 |
| H. H., Camp Kearney, Calif. | 1.75 |
| Assembly, Puxico, Mo. | 3.00 |
| J. H. D., Dansville, N. Y. | 50.00 |
| Phelps St. Assembly, Springfield, Missouri | 1.20 |
| Bro. Richard | 5.00 |
| Assembly, Crane, Mo. | 6.20 |
| Truce Assembly, Jacksboro, Texas | 5.84 |
| T. S. H., Santa Rosa, Calif. | 5.00 |
| A. M. W., Binghampton, N. Y. | 3.00 |
| D. O., Princeton, Mo. | 1.00 |
| Assembly, North Gate, N. D. | 8.00 |
| Assembly, West Plains, Mo. | 6.35 |
| Assembly, Binghamton, N. Y. | 22.85 |
| S. S. Deep Creek, Wash. | 10.00 |
| Assembly, Shady Grove, Texas | 1.45 |
| S. S., Assembly, Bridgenport, Tex. | 1.55 |
| Mrs. J. P., Fortuna, Calif. | 10.00 |
| J. G., Fortuna, Calif. | 5.00 |
| S. S., Assembly, Pilot Point, Tex. | 3.50 |
| M. L. | 2.00 |
| Free Gospel Church, Corona, N. Y. | 8.50 |
| Mrs. F. B., Union City, Ind. | 10.00 |
| S. S. Assembly, Sidney, Iowa | 5.25 |
| Assembly, San Antonio, Texas | 10.00 |
| O. W. E., Electra, Texas | 10.00 |
| J. K., Binghamton, N. Y. | 7.00 |
| Assembly, Lowell, Ariz. | 4.67 |
| Mrs. J. S. T., Eatonville, Wash. | 2.00 |
| Ass'y, Cedar Creek, Buffalo, Ark. | 5.12 |
| Jehovah's Pent. Assembly, Bloomfield Pittsburg, Pa. | 20.00 |
| Assemblies of Northwestern Kans. | 10.00 |
| E. T. P., Chicago, Ill. | 20.00 |
| A. A. C., Ft. Smith, Ark. | 7.50 |
| S. S., Newcastle, Texas | 4.50 |
| C. W., Bradford, Ark. | 5.00 |
| C. S. P., Philadelphia, Pa. | 1.00 |
| A. T. U., Great Bend, Kans. | 1.00 |
| E. N., Seattle, Wash. | 15.00 |
| E. E. S. M., Ashland, Ore. | 1.00 |
| S. S., Kimberly, Minn. | 6.00 |
| W. P. L., Creal Springs, Ill. | 15.00 |
| Mrs. S. N. and daughters, Quinlan, Ia. | 1.50 |
| Mr. and Mrs. F. C. M., Sioux City, Ia. | 5.00 |
| G. W. R., Bremerton, Wash. | 5.00 |
| W. H. C., Earle, Ark. | 15.00 |
| H. H. W., Newcastle, Texas | 4.50 |
| S. S., Dunmuir, Calif. | 12.50 |
| A. M. W., Katy, Texas | 2.00 |
| Mrs. J. T. B., Social Hill, Texas | 2.00 |
| Assembly, Dallas, Texas | 11.00 |
| R. M. B., Fountain, Colo. | 1.00 |
| Assembly, Grand River, Wash. | 1.35 |
| Mrs. T. W. L., Norman, Okla. | 2.00 |
| Assembly, San Diego, Calif. | 51.50 |
| W. L. T., Hamilton, Mont. | 6.35 |
| I. L. G., Baker, Fla. | 2.00 |
| S. S., Cumberland, Md. | 35.00 |
| Assembly, Live Oak, Calif. | 13.50 |
| E. H., Lakeport, Calif. | 1.50 |
| Light House Church Brooklyn, N. Y. | 25.00 |
| N. G. N., Hartford, Conn. | 45.00 |
| Assembly, Bradford, Pa. | 45.00 |
| R. A. M., Grantsville, Md. | 6.60 |
| Mrs. G. F. K., Rawson, Ohio | 4.20 |
| M. E. W., Brunswick, Mo. | 3.00 |
| M. M., Pattonsburg, Mo. | 1.00 |
| Assembly, Puxico, Mo. | 1.50 |
| Assembly, Pasadena, Texas | 20.70 |
| H. M. O., Berlin, Neb. | 3.00 |
| C. L. G., Jenny Lind, Ark. | 2.00 |
| A. Brother, Springer, N. Mex. | 5.00 |
| A. M. B., Keokuk, Ia. | 1.33 |
| Assembly, Boise, Idaho | 10.00 |
| Friend, Long Beach, Calif. | 10.00 |
| M. B. L., Osborne, Kans. | 3.00 |
| J. S. H., Ft. Wayne, Ind. | 15.00 |
| E. O. B., Tulsa, Okla. | 15.00 |
| Brick Church, Rosebud, Mo. | 11.65 |
| W. H. C., Knoxville, Iowa | 2.25 |
| Assembly, Ferndale, Wash. | 17.55 |
| Assembly, Hamilton, Mont. | 3.15 |

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| "E", Ozark, Ala. | 1.00 |
| Assembly, Pawhuska, Okla. | 10.60 |
| Assembly, Minot, N. Dak. | 25.25 |
| Assembly, Lynden, Wash. | 25.00 |
| A. P. C., Chicago, Ill. | 2.00 |
| H. B., Commerce, Texas | 2.00 |
| A. A. C., Ft. Smith, Ark. | 7.50 |
| R. W. C., Huttig, Ark. | 5.00 |
| J. M. M., Quinlan, Texas | 1.00 |
| Mrs. E. S., Humble, Texas | 6.30 |
| Assembly, London, Ark. | 7.00 |
| Assembly, Olympia, Wash. | 70.00 |
| Assembly, Albion, Mich. | 6.00 |
| Assembly, Golden Gate, Ill. | 7.50 |
| Mrs. D. B. P., Hornbeck, La. | 7.00 |
| T. S. M., Bowie, Texas | 3.00 |
| J. S., Binghamton, N. Y. | 20.00 |
| L. S., Elora, Ont. | 50.00 |
| Assembly, Granite City, Ill. | 11.85 |
| L. S., Holt, Fla. | 5.00 |
| A. N. and L. H. | 3.00 |
| Bethel Temple, Los Angeles, Calif. | 110.00 |
| J. L. P., Roseboro, Ark. | 5.00 |
| J. W. M., Sparkman, Ark. | .51 |
| C. L. F., San Diego, Calif. | 4.75 |
| J. B., Osgood, Ind. | 5.00 |
| A. A., Staples, Minn. | 8.00 |
| F. Y., Marion, Ohio | 1.00 |
| Mrs. J. H. S., El Dorado Spgs., Mo. | 5.00 |
| Assembly, Beaver Falls, Pa. | 10.00 |
| Assembly, E. St. Louis, Ill. | 6.75 |
| Mrs. E. F., Remlig, Texas | 5.00 |
| Mrs. F. F. P., Hamilton, Ont. | 5.00 |
| Assembly, Galena, Kans. | 16.75 |
| O. W. L., Newcastle, Pa. | 30.00 |
| N. W., New Brighton, N. Y. | 9.00 |
| M. I., Rich Hill, Mo. | 3.00 |
| Truce Assembly, Newport, Texas | 3.20 |
| Mrs. M. N. R., McCloud, Okla. | 2.00 |
| C. B., Manakin, Va. | 2.50 |
| M. P., Anna, Ill. | 1.00 |

Total \$1468.95

DISTRIBUTION OF MISSIONARY FUNDS

The following is the record of the distribution of funds sent in during May.

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| W. W. Simpson, China | \$248.81 |
| W. Norton, India | 55.00 |
| L. M. Anglin, China | 55.00 |
| Geo. Kelley, China | 55.00 |
| R. Richey, Soldiers' work | 53.15 |
| H. Hansen, China | 50.50 |
| A. E. Luce, Mexican work | 50.00 |
| A. H. Post, Egypt | 50.00 |
| N. Sorensen, S. America | 45.00 |
| L. Gardner, India | 43.00 |
| S. Feliciano, Santo Domingo | 40.00 |
| N. Nichols, China | 40.00 |
| E. Webb, China | 40.00 |
| C. Personous, Alaska | 40.00 |
| A. Page, Fiji Islands | 40.00 |
| W. J. Taylor, Japan | 40.00 |
| E. Bernauer, Japan | 40.00 |
| J. D. James, China | 40.00 |
| Alice Wood, S. America | 40.00 |
| Lillian Denney, India | 40.00 |
| J. Harvey, India | 40.00 |
| Mrs. Lawler, China | 35.00 |
| H. Bowley, W. Africa | 35.00 |
| J. M. L. Perkins, W. Africa | 35.00 |
| H. C. Ball, Mexican work | 30.00 |
| H. C. Ball, Mexican workers | 50.00 |
| H. C. Ball, Luz Apostolica | 25.00 |
| C. H. Hansen, W. Indies | 30.00 |
| B. A. Schoenech, Nicaragua | 30.00 |
| E. Steinberg, China | 30.00 |
| H. M. Turney, S. Africa | 30.00 |
| H. Kaufmann, China | 25.00 |
| M. Ledbetter, China | 25.00 |
| D. Malott, China | 25.00 |
| C. F. Juergensen, Japan | 25.00 |
| W. Lowther, China | 25.00 |
| M. Chapman, India | 25.00 |
| E. Lynne, India | 25.00 |
| Blanche Appleby, for China | 23.74 |
| J. Preston, Mexican work | 20.00 |
| F. M. Burnett, Mexican work | 20.00 |
| R. F. Baker, Mexican work | 20.00 |
| S. Marshall, Mexican work | 20.00 |
| K. Kirsch, W. Africa | 20.00 |
| C. Snyder, W. Africa | 20.00 |
| B. Dean, India | 20.00 |
| Olive Maw, China | 20.00 |
| M. Scott, India | 20.00 |
| C. Eady, China | 20.00 |
| Door of Hope, China | 15.00 |
| F. S. Ramsey, China | 10.00 |
| P. Cragin, S. America | 10.00 |
| W. B. Morgan, Leeward Is. | 10.00 |
| C. Smythe, B. W. Indies | 10.00 |
| C. Anderson, China | 10.00 |
| B. S. Moore, Japan | 10.00 |
| Zion Orphanage, Armenia | 9.00 |
| L. Leatherman, S. America | 8.00 |
| J. Salter, Congo Belge | 5.00 |
| W. African Missionary drafts | 3.30 |
| P. Redwood Jewish work | 1.00 |
| Persian Relief | .50 |

Total \$2031.00

S. W. Brown, R. 3, Paris, Ark. desires to have the address of Sister Chambers who holds preacher's license.