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### **ISSUED BI-WEEKLY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

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### GREAT OPPORTUNITY AND GREAT NEED.

Jesus saw things as God sees them, and God sees the end from the beginning. He sees the mighty victory at the end over all things. Therefore the apparent failures and temporary backsets along the way never discouraged Jesus. The triumph is always sure.

So in our dark hours God would have us look beyond the shadows to the glorious morn of victory. Some now are losing precious time by looking at these things by the way and in their way. This is a mistake.

#### Fields White Now

Once Jesus and His disciples passed through Samaria, a place of mongrel faith and a half false religion. Full blooded Jews despised the whole outfit, and had no faith in them and no dealings with them. Doubtless the disciples never expected a single convert en that visit. A lone woman came out to the town well and talked with Jesus, and they wondered why Jesus would waste time on her. But Jesus saw in her the beginning of a mighty harvest of souls. Jesus said to them, "Lift up your eyes, and behold the fields already white unto harvest." God rewarded His vision of faith, and in a few days many had believed on Him. See John chapter 4.

So it is today if we will but use the eyes of Jesus to see. Thousands of towns and small cities all around the world have never heard of the present outpouring, the present mighty workings of the Lord. Many dry hearts are hungry for the Latter Rain, and God wants us to bring them the good news. Added to these are millions of sinners. Then there are millions of dear soldier boys without Christ who are in a more serious mood than ever before and more ready to be saved. What a great opportunity, a great ripe harvest!

#### Great Changes on Hand.

The foundations of old theories and notions are being shaken to pieces. Men are in the air. If we will show them the Solid Rock to which they can anchor and be safe, there never was a day with greater opportunities for God and souls than this. We must enter in and reap.

#### Great Need

Often when great things are just ahead we have the greater trials and the harder fight to enter in and possess the land. We must refuse to let down, rain or shine, hot or cold.

But last month in the hot weather, almost unheard of for June, very many dropped down, and our volume of business and income in cash dropped off over \$1200.00. Nothing but the dullest time in July ever before brought such a falling off. Now if the brethren and saints allow this to be followed by the usual dull July, and we have to meet a similar shortage in July, it will greatly cripple us in our fight for God to push into the victory God wants.

#### A Serious Condition

This is a sudden and serious condition of affairs in our work and your work. Here in Springfield, Mo. it is not nearly so hot as it was in June; but whether hot or cold such a serious condition must be met by heroic efforts. If all will catch on and pull a little, if all will lift their best, if all will not neglect again, as last month, then the tide of the battle can be turned into a glorious victory! Hallelujah!

#### What You Can Do

If you are saved, if you know God, you can help. If you can and then fail God, it will be an awful thing to account for, because this is God's work, not ours. It is the General work, not a local spot, and if you fail God at the center, at the pivotal point it would spread disaster all around and all abroad. It would be terribly felt throughout the home field and by the missionaries in the foreign field to the uttermost parts of the earth. God forbid!

We canot afford to fail, we must not and by His grace will not. But to prevent it we are taking all of our dear readers into confidence and letting you know in time to come to the rescue, to the help of the Lord against the mighty,—to come in God's way and in God's time. How can you do it?

1. Come to God in Jesus' name by mighty and earnest prayer. God alone is the solution. He is our refuge. He can do it. We must have Him and His help.

2. Talk about it. If you get it on your heart you will talk, for Jesus says, "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." Again, "They that feared the Lord spake often one to another, and the Lord heard and hearkened." So talk it up, get up an interest in the great work of the Gospel Publishing House, and God will show some of each group what to do.

3. You can help by renewing your own subscription to the Evangel and by getting up a new list of names at 50 cents each for the rest of the year. Don't fail us in this. If each reader, all down the line, would send us one new name and address with 50 cents in stamps or check, it would solve the whole problem. As some will neglect this, let others send us several at 50 cents each.

4. You can help by a free will offering, great or small. Even 10 cents is appreciated. Our house is too big to be heated with stoves, and we must have a steam heating outfit put in, and this cannot be done in a day. It will cost \$1200.00 to \$1500.00 to do this. and we ought to begin on it now so as to have it ready for heating by cold weather in November. Can't you send us a \$1000.00 or \$500.00 or \$100.00 or \$50.00?

5. We can use Liberty Bonds or Baby Bonds or War Saving Stamps. We can use anything that can work for God. If you have anything that is not at work for God, send it to the Gospel Publishing House, now at Springfield, Mo. and we will put it at work to giorify Jesus.

Do not yourself be idle these great and glorious days, nor allow anything else to lie around idle. These are the closing days of this age. Mighty things are just ahead. Jesus is coming to claim and reward the faithful. Will you be one of them?

#### Our New Home

Remember our new home. In fact it is the only real home of its own the Gospel Publishing House ever had. But we are settled now, we trust, till Jesus comes: You will always know where to find us. If you forget and write us at our old address in St. Louis, we will get it just the same. Half of our mail still goes there, but it comes right on here to us and we always get it. But it loses time. So it will reach us quicker and you will get your goods quicker by writing us at Springfield, Mo.

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#### OBSTRUCTING THE VIEW OF THE LORD JESUS

By Arthur S. Booth-Clibborn

The office of the Holy Spirit is to reveal the Lord Jesus, to open up to the soul all that He is. "We would see Jesus" is ever the cry of those who have come under a powerful action of the Holy Spirit. This desire itself is an evidence that the Spirit of God has been at work. The degree in which a holy passion for the Lord Jesus, for the glory of His name and person, has been aroused is a test of the purity of the spiritual work accomplished. As all real blessing all spreading of the revival spirit depends upon personal acquaintanceship with Christ and knowledge of His will, we can at once see how wrong it is when man in any way puts himself between the soul and its Redeemer, and thus obstructs its view of the Lord. In the degree in which this sight of Him is impeded, in that degree is faith killed and revival rendered impossible.

To uselessly and selfishly obstruct the view in some public building or at a show or pageant, quickly provokes complaint. The huge hats in fashion at one time provided many examples. To build out the sunshine and fresh air from other people's dwellings is often claimed to be a disagreeable necessity. But what are all such earthly obstructions compared to that of preventing a full view of our mighty Christ? Men and systems, by a blind selfishness in the erecting of idols, can completely obliterate the person of Christ. If it can be easily done by religious thoughtlessness, how much more by sectarianism and bigotry?

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Now, true sanctification has always one invariable result. It gives the soul a perfect horror of obstructing anyone's view of the Lord Jesus. It desires that the Redeemer be seen and He alone. Thus the great passion of the sanctified preacher is so to "keep out of sight" that Christ may be seen in all His perfection, and may thus become all in all. He would like to be as transparent as glass, so that people listening to him and thus necessarily looking at him for a moment might see through him, beyond him, and thus forget him. He feels that any bit of him, as it were, which might obstruct that blessed saving sight is simply unendurable. "Away with it," he cries; "How can I best manage to get rid of it; A proper sight of my Lord can alone bless or save anyone!" He sees a great danger in becoming "someone" whose name attracts, whom people want to hear, their favorite preacher; someone to whom they might get to look too much. He is on his guard, for instance, lest in a visit to assemblies where he was formerly known and loved, human affection, curiosity or admiration, should in any degree turn away the attention from the Lord JESUS. To him it would be a cause of grief unspeakable that his poor person should come between his audience and the blessed Lord, on whom he desires every eye, every heart, to be fixed And this, his passionate desire,

changes to prayer and faith. His petition, being pure, is granted, and God gives him that selfless Holy Ghost ministry in which people hear the voice of Another, see the face of Another, and are thus brought so exclusively into the presence of Christ that what they are becomes manifest in the light of what He is. All else is forgotten. Men and things are far away. Each and all stand face to face with Christ. Agents, in-struments, ambassadors, messengers, ministries, have all disappeared. Even a Moses and an Elias are no more visible. A Paul and an Apollos have been lost sight of. The law even and the prophets can no more be seen. They were but schoolmasters and preceptors to bring men to Christ. They were but means; He is the end. No man is there any more-"Jesus only."

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But there arises here in natural sequence a question: is such a pure, selfless, transparent ministry possible? Can it be received and exercised here on earth? There can be only one answer. Such a ministry is supremely necessary; therefore it must be possible to us. In nature all that is necessary exists. In grace it must be the same else were grace lower and less perfect than nature. Yet we know it is higher in order and therefore more all-answering. If the lower meets every physical need shall not the higher meet every spiritual need? Shall it not do so "exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think?"

Such a ministry must, therefore, be possible. A preacher must be able to totally forget self, yes, even good self. How? Such a complete sanctification must be possible, and such a blessed baptism possible, and that Christ thru enduement shall have become so infinitely adorable, so passionately loved by the ministering one that loyalty to Him shall have swallowed up all else. The overwhelming sense of His beauty, perfection, and power, the continual spiritual sight of Him as the one and only answer to all earth's problems, will thenceforth so completely absorb the entire being, that the intrusion of anything else, any creature, kingdom, power or glory, will be utterly abhorrent. The Christ-life has become established within, and has created this holy aversion to all that does not proceed from and lead to the glorifying of God.

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If God used certain spiritual means to attain that end in the worshippers and preachers of apostolic days, the means must be available today, since the need is just the same today. Therefore, should any preacher be determined to know to what extent the Holy Spirit does or does not work through him, the test described above is ever accessible. How far does he succeed in becoming invisible and in making Jesus visible to his hearers? These effects are interdependent. They always go together. They cannot be separated from their causes.

To illustrate. A preacher during the course of his address creates a very powerful impression. Is the result this: -the hearers are spell-bound by the eloquence, the intelligence, the scholarly attainments of the speaker? He or she looms large. The human personality stands out-all-absorbing-an object of admiration and wonder. Or is this the result :-- Jesus has become so overwhelmingly manifested and revealed (unveiled) during the discourse that all minds, hearts, and consciences are occupied with HIM? The consciousness of HIS perfection, HIS immaculuate purity, HIS grace, is supreme. He is beheld with unimpeded vision; as a consequence, the exceeding sinfulness of sin has become manifested, and the desire for cleansing and deliverance is thenceforth overwhelming.

These two contrary results cannot be both attained at the same time. For God to be made wholly visible by man, man, the instrument, must be transparent, or in other words, invisible.

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That is "success" and nothing else. How wrong, how sinful it therefore is to obstruct by one's own person the view of Christ, the one and only source of salvation! In apostolic preaching—that performed in Pentecostal power—JESUS is made so visible, so real, so PRESENT that He absorbs the attention of the audience to such an extent that they lose sight of, and even consciousness of the preacher. "And they saw no man but Jesus only."

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In sanctification, our powers of sensitiveness are so purified and transfigured thru the inward cross, that they become thenceforth wholly taken up with that which concerns the name, the glory and the interests of our beloved Lord. We become sensitive as regards these matters alone. Our powers of sensitiveness are thus all economised for Him. That, and nothing less, is "full salvation." The old sensitiveness (about ourselves) is slain. We are conscious of being dead to the "world." We are "alive"—very much alive—to all that concerns Him.

This gives the wisdom and love and selflessness which you see displayed for instance in a fire brigade—all the firemen are absorbed in their object.

Thus we, in preaching, are absorbed with CHRIST, and those He sends us to bless. We seek to create confidence in Him.

A practical word as to present day revivals. How many of them, how many "popular preachers" would bear the above test if it were applied to them? Is it indeed, "Jesus only?"

This matter is so delicate that if a preacher has any special "axe to grind," any "new" strong doctrine to push through at all costs, there is a painful sense that our sight of the Lord Himself is being obscured. The same occurs when there is any preaching at people, or worse still, any praying at them. All harsh, rasping elements grieve and drive away the Dove-like Spirit of God. His office ever is to reveal, to unveil the Lord Jesus. When Christ the Head, the Center, the Origin and goal of all things is recealed, is made present and manifest in a meeting, all goes along with the ease and restfulness which is ever a characteristic of true Life. When Christ is known doctrine settles down naturally into its proper place, as well as in its proper proportions.

And what is doctrine after all? It is but the shadow of which He is the substance. It is but the form of which He is the life. Shadows and forms however correct they may be—do not feed us, quicken us, bless us, anoint us, baptize us. Men need HIM—Himself. They hunger and thirst for **Him**. How many divisions are caused by man's interferences. Divine things are taken into human hands. Teachers get in front of THE TEACHER. Man pushed himself into the forefront and looms so large that Christ is no longer to be seen, much less to be felt.

Oh what a melting, humbling, liberating action is manifested when men forget all their isms for a moment cease to look sideways at each other, or to think sideways, and when they all lose themselves in the sight of HIM, self consciousness and doctrine consciousness disappear and Christ consciousness alone remains. That SAVES, that and nothing else.

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It may sound like an Irishism, but it is nevertheless true that the best of preachers are those who are singularly conspicuous by their personal absence. Their souls are smitten with the holy passion to make Jesus visible, and "JESUS ONLY." Nor has this any taint or mock modesty or of studied humility. It is like the fruit of a tree. It grows naturally. Yes, it is a fruit of the Spirit. The Spirit has been given, for Jesus has been glorified. and the proof that the Spirit had been given and was at work in and through the preacher was just that very thing that Jesus had been glorified and made alone visible. The preacher was in his normal position, that of nothingness, emptiness, lowliness, self-obliteration, and Christ-glorification. May our prayer grow ever mightier: "Vouchsafe, O Lord, that we may ever be perfectly kept from obstructing the view of Jesus.'

#### ANNUAL MEETING OF GENERAL COUNCIL

The General Council Will be held this year, D. V. at **Springfield**, Mo., September 4th to 11th. A special feature of this meeting will be a series of special seasons of definite Bible instruction by experienced teachers of the Word.

Will all those who have special matters to be dealt with please send in particulars some time previous to the meeting, also resolutions to be submitted to the Council. Pray much for this meeting and for a big forward move for our precious Lord.

#### THE MOHAMMEDAN WORLD EX-PECTS THE RETURN OF CHRIST

While the entire Christian profession is agitated over the midnight cry, "Behold the Bridegroom cometh," a similar agitation is moving the millions of Mohammedans in Asia and Africa. The following appeared in "The Moslem World:"

"What is now the most burning question in the Orient? The second advent of Christ. How many times have I been asked: 'What does your Holy Book say about it?' At present the most widely distributed book in Turkey is a Turkish tract, written by a devout Mohammedan, which is read everywhere with great interest. Its contents are as follows: 'The present war will wage for six years. Then a great power will come and take Constantinople. Following this there will be a rallying of all Moslems and a speedy victory. This, however, will be short, for the Antichrist will come-enemy alike of Christian, Jew and Moslem. His rule will endure forty days, and will be the most dreadful which the believers have ever experienced. But then will Jesus come, and establish a kingdom of peace for forty years. I have been literally stormed with questions: 'When will Jesus come?' 'What does the Bible teach concerning this?' 'Have you no suspicion, no suggestion, no hint, no feeling that He is near?'

It is indeed inspiring that this missionary writes of being besieged by Moslem inquiries asking, "When will Jesus come?" "What does the Bible teach concerning this?" What a contrast with teachers in this land of ours, who antagonize and even despise this great truth which has taken hold upon these Mohammedans! Surely the men who slight the Bible doctrine of the second coming must be wilfully blind or blinded. A missionary in India, laboring among the Mohammedans gives still stronger information of this significant expectation. Mr. Arthur L. Grey says in "The Substitute:"

"Recently I have talked with several religious teachers among the Mohammedans who said: 'We Mohammedans look for the return of Jesus Christ to this earth, and moreover, when He shall come again all Mohammedans will accept Him, for then He will be greater than Mohammed, because He will be after or later than Mohammed.' As the Moslems are fatalists this may be the one great reason why more of them do not accept Jesus now. They have a notion that this is part of God's programme for them and that He, in His own good time, will again send Jesus into the world, when all Mohammedans must accept and follow Him.'

To this must be added another great fact. Orthodox Judaism is full of expectation. They expected the coming of King Messiah, though they do not believe, like their kin, the descendents of Ishmael, that He is the Lord Jesus Christ. Christians, Jews and Mohammedans all expect the promised return of Christ. It is of startling significance. --Our Hope.

#### A PLEA FOR UNITY A. P. Collins.

"Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace," Eph. 4:3.

#### I. What?

1. One Body, the Church invisible, composed of al true believers. 2. One Spirit, the Holy Ghost, who convicts of sin, regenerates, guides into all truth, seals us unto the day of redemption. 3. One Hope, an anchor to the soul, both sure and steadfast entering into that within the veil, whither Christ, the forerunner, is for us entered; whence we look for the blessed hope, the glorious apearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Titus 2:13. 4. One Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by Him. 5. One Faith, that Jesus is the Son of God, 1 Jno. 5:4-5. John 3:16. No other name under heaven or given among men whereby we must be saved. 6. One Baptism, in the Holy Spirit. He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost. Not symbols here, but spiritual realities. 7. One God and Father of all who is above all and thru all and in you all. Eph. 4:6. Glory to His holy name!

#### II. Why?

1. Jesus prayed for it, John 17:21. 2. That the world may believe that God has sent me, John 17:21. 3. That souls may be saved. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. There the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore." Psa. 133. 4. That we may all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, Eph. 4:13. 5. That we may be a glorious Church without spot or wrinkle. 6. That we may be a fit habitation of God through the Spirit, Eph. 2:22. 7. That we may be a spiritual house to offer spiritual sacrifices to God. 1 Pet. 2:5.

#### III. How?

1. By walking worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love. 2. Speaking the truth in love, that ye may grow up into Him in all things which is the head even Christ. Eph. 4:15-25. 3. Be renewed in the spirit of your mind. Eph. 4:23. 4. Neither give place to the devil. Eph. 4:27. 5. Grieve not the Holy Spirit. Eph. 4:30. Be kind one to another. Eph. 4:32.
 Be filled with the Spirit. Eph. 5:18. With this distinct seven-fold basis of unity, and seven-fold incentive to it, and seven simple rules to secure it, there is no reason why all true children of God may not be one, and thank the Lord they will be according to John 17 and Eph. 1:10. Hallelujah! Glory to His name!

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#### THE WHOLE CREATION GROANETH

#### Mrs. Maria H. Boddy

What meaneth all this agony, That even nature feels the curse Of sin—which caused Gethsemane—? And there is dread of something worse.

We sense a mournful monotone In nature's voices everywhere,

And all creation seems to groan, And man can scarce his burdens bear.

The songs of birds have cadence sweet, Yet, ever voiced in minor key;

And all the sounds of earth we meet From plaintive strains are never free.

Pain, sickness, sorrow and distress Would seem the heritage of man;

And who can all these ills redress, Or who remove death's baneful ban?

- "Twas Christ, Himself, who bruised the head
  - Of that archfiend, who marred the earth,
- And He who rose from out the dead Alone can save from sin and deart's.

And breaking soon upon the scene He'll lift the curse forevermore;

For full redemption it will mean

When He shall peace on earth restore.

Then all creation will rejoice, And earth shall blossom as the rose.

And praise resound from every voice While nature dwells in sweet repose.

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#### THE CHRISTIAN EVANGEL

#### PRAYER FOR THE WATERSPRINGS

Whenever an event is recorded twice over in the Word of God, we may be sure that it is of special importance. There is a little incident in the history of the conquest of Caanan which the Holy Spirit has thus emphasized, and which gives us an object-lesson of how we should pray for the Living Water, always a type of the blessed Spirit Himself. In Josh. 14:16-19 and Jud. 1:12-15 we find this record of how Caleb's daughter Achsah asked him for the watersprings. "And Caleb said, He that smiteth Kirjath Sepher, and taketh it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter to wife. And it came to pass, as she came unto him, that she moved him to ask of her father a field: and she lighted off her ass: and Caleb said unto her, What wouldst thou? Who answered, Give me a blessing: for thou hast given me a south land: give me also springs of water. And he gave her the upper springs and the nether springs."

Let us notice these points about Achsah's request—a prayer that received such an abundant answer.

I. She asks of a Father. This is a great secret of praying for the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, the Rivers of Living Water. It is from our heavenly Father that we ask the blessing, and He is infinitely more ready to give than we are to receive. If there is any delay in the answer to our petition, it is because there is some hindrance in us, which He has to remove: something already filling us, or choking the channel, and so preventing the inflow of the Rivers. "If ye, then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him? (Luke 11:13.)

Ask then, thirsty soul, with fullest confidence in the loving Father whose heart is yearning to bless His child. Ask as simply as a child asks bread, and ask without fear, not saying in thine heart, I hope I shall get the real thing, and not anything spurious. It is as if to remove such a fear as this that the Holy Spirit has repeated His promises in Matt. 7:7-11 and Luke 11:9-13, saying, "If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?" We all know that this would be impossible: for a good human father would never give to his hungry child a thing useless like the stone, or harmless like the serpent or scorpion. Still less would the heavenly Father give to His hungry child anything spurious, anything pertaining to "that old serpent, the devil." While thou art sheltered under the precious blood of Jesus, and living in obedience to the Father's will, never needst thou fear to ask boldly from the Father, and never will He allow His child to be disappointed.

II. She asks as bride of the Conqueror. Othniel was the victorious destroyer of the enemies, and his name means "The Lion of God." Desus Christ has overcome Satan in the Cross, and as the Conqueror, ascended to heaven, He sent the Holy Ghost to gather out His bride from all nations. And that blessed Spirit of Promise is the Bloodbought heritage of every member of His Bride. Fear not then, child of God. to claim thine inheritance, for it has been purchased for thee by His precious blood. Let not the devil deter thee by his lies, insinuating that it may not be God's will for thee to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost, but claim it. boldly, saying, the Lion of the tribe of Judah has prevailed, He has conquered the enemy, and bought for me the inheritance with His own precious blood: so I will by faith claim what is mine, and possess my possessions, (Obad.17).

III. She asks in communion with The expression "as she came him. unto him" is rendered in the Spanish Revised version 'as she was going along with him:" and brings out the thought that it was as she held communion with her bridegroom and talked with him of her father, his riches, his love and his generosity, that both his faith and her own were increased. Notice that it was Othniel who asked for the field, incited by his bride, emboldened by what she was evidently telling him about her rich and liberal father. With us it is just the other way about: it is the Lord Jesus, the Son of the Father, who in communion with His bride strengthens her faith and encourages her to ask what she will. But in the other details of the story the case is parallel with ours. To His beloved Son the Father said, Ask of me, and I shall give Thee the heathen for Thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for Thy possessions, (Psa. 2:8). God has given to Jesus the field of this world, and the work He has entrusted to His Church in this age is the spreading of the Gospel, the making HIM known even to the very ends of the earth. It is for this work that the baptism of the Holy Ghost is needed, to be equipped for this service that the workers need to pray for the enduement of power from on high.

IV. She asks, emboldened by past favors. "Thou hast given me a south land: give me also springs of water." The father has granted Othniel's request for a field, and the rich and tertile south land is theirs: but Achsah knows that the southern sun is strong and the winds hot, and that all their crops will be dried up without an abundant supply of water. So, making the past gift her plea, she asks more, thus rejoicing the heart of her generous father, who loves to see the confidence his child has in him. David knew that this was the way to come to his heavenly Father, making past gifts his plea when asking for more; yea, letting the further requests be the way he expressed his gratitude. "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord," (Psa. 116:12, 13).

V. She asks for exactly what she needs. There is nothing that will meet Achsah's present case but springs of water, to irrigate that rich and fertile land which has been given to her. So it is for the watersprings that she asks. and not for "protection," for "help," for "blessings" or other vague petitions. Dear ones, let us learn from her to be very definite in our requests from our Father in Heaven. Especially when you are seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost, when you look out upon the field of the world and see the work Jesus has left for you to do, when you feel how urgently you need power to do it, how nothing but the springs of living water can supply your need: then ask for the watersprings. Let your request be definite, your faith firm, and your praise continual: then it will not be long before you receive the desire of your heart.

VI. She asks in humility. "She lighted from off her ass." This is one of the most important things in seeking the baptism of the Spirit, to ask in humility and meekness, down in the dust. The blessed Spirit cannot dwell in a heart where pride is harboured, and this is the reason so many of us have to wait for His fulness; because it takes Him so long to bring us down low enough, to the place where "the lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the Lord alone shall be exalted," (Isa. 2:11-17). "Thus saith the High and Lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is holy: I dwell in the high and holy place: with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit: to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite ones," (Isa. 57:15). "In that hour Jesus rejoiced in Spirit and said, I thank Thee, O Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, that Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and has rerealed them unto babes," (Lu. 10:21).

VII. She obtains more than she asks "He gave her the upper springs for. and the nether springs:" an unfailing and abundant supply for her every need. Even so is the experience of every trusting child of God who comes to his heavenly Father. He never disappoints us. The answer may be delayed, but "though it tarry, wait for it: because it will surely come it will not tarry,' (Hab. 2:3). And to those who tarry for the baptism of the Holy Spirit the promise is abundantly fulfilled. When the Comforter comes in to abide, when He has subdued the whole being to His control, and He takes possession of the yielded lips, speaking through them in other tongues the praises and glories of Jesus, truly it is the glory of heaven that fills the temple, and it is joy unspeakable and full of glory. The Lord does for us "exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." and the earthen vessel becomes not only filled but overflowing with the Living Water. Yes, He gives us the "upper springs". the blessings that come direct from heaven, in our times of hidden com-

munion with Him. But that is not enough to satisfy the ever-loving and ever-giving heart of our Father. He gives us also the "lower springs"the blessings that come to us from human channels, through messages and fellowship with the saints of God on this earth. Hallelujah for a God who delights to give all and more than all that we ask! Let us swing out recklessly on His promises, in the simple faith of a little child with a father, and put Him to the test. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house: and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it," (Mal. 3:10). "He that be lieveth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow Rivers of Living Water," (John 7:38).

-A. E. LUCE.

#### THE NUMBER STORY

Many write to us to know when their subscription to the Evangel will run out. This question is answered by the number on your paper in every issue. The number of each paper changes each week, moving up one number higher each week, or rather two numbers, since the Evangel became a bi-weekly paper. Your subscription has not run out until the number IN the paper reaches or comes to be the same as the number printed opposite your name on the yellow address label pasted on it with your name. The one pasted on with your name stays the same for a year at a time and always is the number of the paper with which your subscription will run out. Study this note and look to your numbers in the paper and pasted on your paper till you once understand it, then any time you can look at your name number and the number in the paper and tell exactly when to renew.

#### THE WORK IN EGYPT

We are receiving some encouraging reports of the work in the needy land of Egypt. Also urgent calls for prayer and financial help.

Since our return to the homeland, the burden of this work has never lifted. Not only has the Lord laid it on our hearts to pray for the native workers and the work there, but to do all in our power to help the work financially. The Lord has made it possible through His people to send about \$100.00 per month. However, Bro. Post, who is standing for the work there, as we are here, informs me that this amount is not sufficient.

The need of financial help is great at this time, not only on account of war prices and conditions, but also the work seems to be spreading and increasing

Native workers are greatly needed to respond to the Macedonian cry from many villages in the interior, and there is a greater demand for consecrated Missionaries than ever before to go forth "weeping bearing precious seed," and

God's Word declares. "they shall doubtless come again rejoicing, bringing their sheaves with them.'

Will the readers of the Evangel pray that the bars will soon be broken down. and the missionaries will be able to go forth again to Egypt, Africa, India, China, Japan and the is'ands of the sea.

There will undoubtedly be a time of ingathering of the precious fruit of the earth, and the husbandman waiteth, and has long patience for it unt'l He receive the Early and Latter rain. "Be ye therefore patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh."

May the Lord give us all a deeper in- " terest in His work in the regions beyond, and whatever we do for the advancement of His Cause and Kingdom in those dark lands, let us do it now while it is called today; for the night is coming when no man can work.

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#### CHECKS NOW GOOD

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#### A CORRECTION

Bro. Andrew Urshan writes, "J want to make a correction to the report about the crippled brother that appeared in the Evangel; that 15, that he cannot run around but walks around, alone and without his crutches, whilst before his healing he could not walk at all without two big crutches, and he was mostly wheeled about in a chair. Surely God has done great things for him but he is not completely straightened out yet, but he is improving, praise God. All he has now is a cane by which he walks."

**INCREASE IN PRICES** The publishers of Finney's "Lectures on Revivals," "Letters to Professing Chris-tians," and "Gospel Themes," and of Lin-coln's "Lectures on the Book of Revelation," and all other books in the International Leaders' Library have increased to 85 cts. We can send any of these books at this price, postpaid.

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.

There has also been an advance in Chil-dren'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 advan-ced from 50 cents to 75 cents.

**NOTICES** We wish to get in touch with any Pente-costal people living in or near Fremont, Nebr. if they will write to us.—C. A. Paul-son, Fremont, Nebr.

**HOME WANTED**—I have had to send my daughter to the insane asylum for treat-ment, and I have my little granddaughter to take care of, but I am too old. I would like to find her a home amongst some Pen-tecostal people.—J. M. Orndorff, Jefferson, Texas.

#### DO FOREIGN MISSIONS PAY?

#### By Will K. Norton, Benares, India.

"Do Foreign Missions Pay?" The question is often asked even in these days. But about a century ago, a very large element of the Protestant churches, bitterly opposed Mission work, and called missionaries "lunatics," and "dreamers of dreams." The British Parliament declared against them, and its East India company agents denounced all missionaries as "dangerous lawbreakers."

When young William Carey proposed to a Baptist assembly the duty of preaching the gospel to the heathen, the aged president sprang to his feet in high displeasure, and shouted: "Young man, sit down! When God pleases to convert the world, He will do it without your aid or mine!"

At that time the East India company was as hostile to Christian missionaries as was the Moslem, and the conversion of a Hindu was considered as difficult as to raise the dead to life.

The Chinese and Japanese ports were all closed to the outside world.

The islands of the sea swarmed with cannibals, and Africa was an unknown country.

The languages of pagan nations, permeated as they were by a strange earthliness that left no terms for spiritual conceptions, seemed an insuperable barrier to all Christian approach. The laws of caste, false science, false philosophy, false history, false chronology, false geography, and the fixed customs and hoary prejudices of centuries, held those nations as in a mental and moral paralysis.

A church looked out upon a hostile, impregnable world, and nominally Christian people, intensified that hostility by their unholy acts, their unChristian greed. Rum and religion went hand in hand. The native people were further debauched and degraded by conquest until so-called Christianity became a horror even to pagans.

A little more than one hundred years ago, not an open door. And today hardly a closed door. The details of this maxyelous change form the most romantic chapter in human history. Men come and go, dynasties rise and fall, but Jesus said, "This Gospel shall be preached to all nations." This prophecy is being fulfilled today, and God's Word is all enduring.

What are the results of missionary enterprise?

#### THE CHRISTIAN EVANGEL

Whole nations have been brought to Christ. Cannibalism is now unknown, and Christianity is ever increasingly taking the place of paganism. William Carey, the "consecrated cobbler," and the Baptist missionaries in India are said to have "saved that country to the British Empire." When the soldiers of the East India company came to Hyder Ali, "the scourge of the Carnactic," to make peace he said, "Bring Schwartz, the missionary, with you, him only can I believe. Sir Rivers Thompson, ex-governor of Bengal called the missionaries the 'salt of the country and the true saviors of the empire." Sir John Lawrence, the greatest of the viceroys of India said : "Notwithstanding all that the English people have done to benefit India, the missionaries have done more than all other agencies combined "Missionaries have been the greatest explorers, and have brought in their trail peace, civilization and a message of eternal hope to a hopelessly lest people, schools, hospitals, orphanages asylums and institutions for blind, lepers, widows and all others who are afflicted and need help always follow in the wake of missionaries.

But where and when have humanitarians, or infidels, or atheists, or theosophists, or Hindus, or Mohommedans, or those who say "missions do not pay," what intelligent, united, practical effort to make this world better, to lift up the fallen, to bring peace and joy to hungry, aching hearts? What has all this brood done to make the world brighter, and the eternal future a glorious hope?

It is the missionaries who have gone ahead into pioneer districts and commerce has followed in their tracks. It is the missionaries of the Cross who have civilized as well as Christianized savage tribes. A high native official once visited a large rescue home, and as he saw the missionary ladies tenderly taking care of diseased and fallen native women who had been public prostitutes, he xelaimed, "Nobady but Jesus pee ple would do this."

Missionaries have reduced dialects of savage tribes to a written language Carey of India became one of the most accomplished linguists, and voluminous translators the world has seen. Moffat, unaided and alone translated the entire Bible into the heathen tongue of South Africa, an achievement without a parallel in the annals of intellectual labor. Missionaries have translated the Bible from a haif dozen languages to more than four hundred languages. Today the Hindu and the Hottentot, the Chinese and the Persian and all other tribes and kindreds and nations can read in their own language that, "He is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him," and we know that God's word shall not return unto Him void.

What do women owe to the work of the missionaries?

For four thousand years women had been mere helpers ,"hewers of wood and drawers of water." Before the teaching of Christ, and to. day where the teaching of Christ is not known, woman is only the instrument of man's pleasure. Even among the "chosen people" the morning prayer of the devout Jew was to bless God that he was not born "a Gentile, a slave, or a woman." In pagan countries women have ever been mere chattels, to be bought and sold, seorned and maltreated with impunity. In India women are unwelcomed at birth, untaught in childhood, slaves in wifehood, cruel ly mistreated in widowhood, and unlamented when dead. The only two things all the different castes and sects of the Hindu's can agree upon are the sanctity of the cow and the degradation of women.

It is no answer to this assumption to say that woma 's elevation is due to civilization. Rome and Athens have not been surpassed in many intellectual aspects. The Chinese and the Hindus boasted of a civilization when our ancestors were paint ed savages. But at the height of those civilizations, woman was the slave of man.

It has been on'y the Cospel of Christ as preached by the mission. aries that has changed and elevated the condition of women. The apostle Paul writes to the Churches: "Help those women which have labored with us in the Gospel." Woman had become a prime factor, a leader, in the divine ministry, and men were enjoined not to direct and command. but to co-operate with and help her. Woman's magnificent work in behalf of foreign missions is her recognition and vindication of that principle which has wrought her deliv. crance. She owes everything to the Gospel, and she has given it her noblest and her best. Women today are flooding the zenanas of heather dom with the light of the Gospel, and the Christian mothers thus trained are the hope of India's coming millions.

Missions are not an experiment, nor an expedient. And it is not a mere phase of Christianity. It is Christianity itself. The Church without a missionary spirit is a dead Church. The Christian without the missionary spirit is a dead Christian. Livingstone said: "God had only one Son, and He was a missionary. The command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," is just as much a command and just as important as, "Thou shalt not commit adultery. Do not allow yourselves to be deceived in this respect. And beware of the man who, or the Church which talks against or tries to belittle the work of foreign missions.

What is this religion worth to us, and what has it cost us? Is it worth nothing to be lifted from the lowest to the highest estate? Evil to him who, in the day of his prosperity, forgets the pit from which he was digged, and neglects those who are still mired therein.

The most practical answer to these inquiries will be found in the amount of our contributions to the present foreign mission cause. In America today people are spending a hundred dollars for tobacco, beer, moving pictures, and such like things that do more harm than good, and in comparison, are giving a nickel to mission work.

In foreign lands today there is an ever increasing demand for more men and more money to carry on missionary work. In certain parts of India today the heathen are demanding baptism in such numbers that the missionaries cannot accept them for a lack of teachers. In Korea, more than three thousand are turning to Christ each week. "Ethiopia is stretching out her hands unto God." Christ is yearn. ing over the lost world, and "Christians" are storming the movie theaters, swallowing the lump in their throat for pity of the ragged child in the play-while the heathen wait and die for the Gospel that comes too late.

#### HOW GOD PROSPERS THOSE WHO TITHE.

A sister in Buffalo, N. Y., writes, "In 1914 my brother bought a farm in New York state costing over \$22,000 and gave a mortgage on it for \$16,100. His 1915 wheat crop eame out better than he expected, so that in gratitude to the Lord he gave me \$25 to send to the foreign mission field. In the fall his apple crop exceeded his wildest expecta-

tions, netting him about \$5,000. So he tithed this amount, sending me a check for \$500 for missions. 1916 was a poor year for farmers. The farm bureau at Cornell College audited his books for him and while there was no eash on hand to show a gain, they considered that on account of improvements he had made on his farm in drainage, etc., that \$1,938.60 could be counted as profits. At this time he keenly felt the need of a runabout but on account of a poor year could not afford to get one. And many other necessary things could not be gotten for the same reason. But what was my surprise to receive a check for \$193.86 for the foreign field. This was a sure test of faith and I am glad he stood it. And truly the Lord was pleased with his sacrifice for in spite of the failure of several crops in 1917 his net gain was \$6,251.00. So this year his foreign missionary offering was \$650. He is saved but has not got the baptism. Besides this tithing he contributes to the support of the church he attends."

#### Man Stuck Dumb Through the Power of God.

Los Angeles, Cal.-Bro. Andrew Urshan writes, "Last Sunday, June 2nd, was the opening of the World-Wide Camp Meeting. The large tent was too small. Great conviction was upon hundreds. Many got saved and baptized in the Spirit and others reclaimed." Bro. Urshan tells us that on Sunday afternoon that one who came 'o the meeting was struck dumb so that he could not speak in a whisper for three days and nights, but at the time of writing he just began to speak a little. He says that his face is lit up with the glory of God. During these days of dumbness this brother went about "preaching the gospel'' in spite of his dumbness, as will be seen from the following extract from a letter.

"Yesterday afternoon I went out to the store where I work to see my employer and some of the men there. The manager of the delivery department was out to lunch but I had a chance of talking to one of the other men who is a Sunday school teacher like myself. He is still a sinner for he smokes and sometimes swears. He wanted to know why I could not talk, so I took him down in the basement of the store where we would not be disturbed and gave him a copy of the sermon I had written out and my testimony to read. He said it was fine.

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the minister, but he was not at home, so I went into the church next door. I went in there to read the Word and to pray. I took the hig Bible and opened it at Isaiah 41 and I read from verse 8 to 18. Oh! praise God, what a blessed promise. What a blessed assurance to go on and witness for Him. When I had prayed a little while the minister came in. We went into the house and had quite a long talk, that is he did most of the talking because I had to write. I let him read the sermon also. After a season of prayer in his house I went back to see the boss and have a personal talk with him. He was there this time and I took him down in the basement and let him read my papers-that is, not mine, but the Lord's-praise His name. After he had read them, I said (on paper) 'Mr. Morris, I am working for the Lord today, how about your soul?' I looked him right in the eye and he gave me an honest answer, 'Well, no, I have never been saved, though I have always tried to live the right kind of life.

"From there I went over to see

"After this I went to the manager of the store and asked him if he would like to know the real reason of my not speaking. I saw by his face when he started to read the sermon that he was disgusted, so I wrote and asked him about his soul. Praise the Lord I was not discouraged nor afraid because I knew the Lord with with me. He just put O.K. or, the paper when I asked him if he had ever been saved. So I hand ed him a copy of Glad Tidings and a copy of the outline of the sermon and told him to take them home and read them. I would never have the chance of talking to these men so closely if I had been able to telk."-Earl W. Major.

The following is a description of the Sunday afternoon meeting from the pen of this same brother: "The Persian evangelist preached Sunday afternoon to an audience of more than 1,000 people. He pleaded with the congregation with great earnestness to seek God with all their hearts and to begin right now. He showed from the Bible the great benefits to those who seek God, in Jesus' Name, for their country, for their home and for themselves, reading the following scriptures, Psa. 24:3 and 6; Psa. 34:4 and 10; Psa. 69:32 and Proverbs 28:5. After reading these scriptures and commenting on them, he then began to show the awful danger of those who

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#### THE JOY THAT IS SET BEFORE US

What is rain? It is water raised up from the earth. It was arrested from the earth, from the tenacious hold of the power of gravitation. It is taken up by a power beyond itself and comes down to earth again to accomplish its purpose, to give seed to the sower and bread to the eater. It completes the And God says, "So shall My circle. Word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: it shall not return unto Me void." It is going to complete the circle, coming down from heaven, quickening the individual, and the word and the individual return to heaven. The individual is born of the increase of the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

In a marvellous way water is drawn up; it starts from the earth to heaven and comes back again in the rain, fulfilling its mission. That is in the natural. But there is to be a spiritual harvest and there is a spiritual parallel, but the order is reversed. Instead of earth being the goal, heaven is the goal. It is written of the Word of Quickening that proceedeth out of the mouth of Jehovah, "It shall not return unto Me void." It has to return. The spirit returns to God who gave, but not void. With it a marvellous host! Seed!

The word was given unto Abraham, "By Myself I have sworn....that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand on the seashore." Think of the seed lying in the earth, the seed of Abraham all down the ages and God says, "My word shall not return unto Me void.' As the rays of the sun raise millions and millions of tons of water, composed of billions and billions of drops, so the Sun of righteousness, when He arises, will raise up millions and millions of seed. The quickened word cannot return void. Let us repeat it again, the word of quickening cannot return void.

Thus it behoved Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and it became Him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through suffering. Many sons! The Holy Ghost never uses extravagant language, and so when He says many that in itself is sufficient. The Spirit never attempts to count the stars of the heaven or the grains of sand on the sea-shore. "The sand on the seashore," and "Many sons unto glory," the two are synomymous. The Infinite will not burden the finite with infinite figures.

You see the mighty drawing power of the sun in its keeping planets in their place, in its raising tons and tons of water from the earth, and in taking up all the dew-drops again to the reservoirs of heaven; and when the sun sets the water is distilled again only to be lifted up again when the sun rises. Silently, the great, mighty forces are at work. And He who created the sun has reserves of power, and He Him-

self shall descend from heaven with a shout, and with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God, and then shall the many sons be raised to glory. A shout, a voice and a trump, and every body of every sleeping one who is ordained to eternal life shall defy every law of gravitation, bone shall come to bone they shall be clothed upon, an exceeding great army. That trump of God will put breath, the very breath of God into that sleeping company. Not the voice of the prophet Ezekiel, but the trump of God, and the coming forth of an exceeding great army having the very nature, the breath of God Himself. Not only defying every law of gravitation, but the change will transcend the comprehension of the most fertile brain and imagination. It has puzzled the minds of men all down the ages.

How are they raised up, and with what body do they come? Ask Paul. "Thou fool!" The cleverest mind, the deepest searching, cannot find out the transcendent magnificence beyond compare, beyond the imagination of the highest thinker, of the kind of a body they shall have. John saw it in the revelation. His eyes as a flame of fire. His feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace. His voice as the sound of many waters, His countenance as the sun shineth in his strength, and he writes, "And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead." That was only a veiled vision, if he had seen Him in His fullness, it would not have been as one dead, but one dead. "In the glory of His Father!" And the Word of God distinctly states, "When He shall appear, we shall be like Him.'

No wonder man fails. Man comprehending God! Impossible! And so equally impossible is it for the glorified man to be comprehended, for Christ said, "The glory which Thou gavest me I have given them." No wonder that the apostle says, "It doth not yet appear what we shall be."

When of a night you see a star, can you imagine what the sun will be like from the star? You can watch the star but when the sun comes in its strength your eyes are dazzled and the star is eclipsed. So the saint in his natural glory will be utterly eclipsed with the glory that is to be revealed in him at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

It will be affinity of glories, glory attracting glory through the medium of the Son of man. It doth not yet appear what we shall be, nevertheless Jesus said, "The glory that Thou gavest Me I have given them." Did it look like it when Peter denied his Master before a servant maid? That made no difference. The eternal purposes of God were carved out. "The g'ory which Thou gavest Me I have given them." Certainly, it was in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power might be of God and not of man. And if Jesus had not thus prayed that His faith fail not, the vessel would have been broken. Frail vessels need extra prayer. "Simon Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to

have you, that he may sift you as wheat: but I have prayed for thee, that thy And Christ knows faith fail not." every weakness of every saint, and our High Priest has anticipated every one. You may not know your weakest Peter was weakest where he noint thought he was strongest. That was part of the weakness. But our almighty, all-seeing High Priest diagnoses every case. And if our members were written down in His book before we were born, how much more, the weaknesses of our spiritual natures. An inventory kept, and the weak point spotted and reserves of grace allocated for that spot.

A general welcomes the enemy who finds out the weak spot in his line and a wise general concentrates his forces on that weak spot, and so the enemy unconsciously made that the strongest point in the line. Yes, and though now for a season, if need be, we are in heaviness through manifold temptations, and although the temptations are diverse, there is also grace sufficient. There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man, but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able: but will with the temptation a'so make a way of escape. Paul says, "When I am weak. then I am strong." Paul had to learn to be strong in his weakest spot. A triumph of grace reflecting glory to the God of all grace. God loves His people, and so grace has been poured out in abundance, rolls, and rolls and rolls of grace.

When a nation shall be born in a day (Isa. 66:8), when all shall come to know the Lord from the least to the greatest, when the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea, then will it be seen that the millenium will make up for the leeway, and will make up for the devil's seeming majority in thousands of years previous. The very bells of the horses will ring of salvation, the animals will be co-operating, even the cockatrice will not hurt the child's hands as it plays upon its den. Death will be the rare exception rather than the rule. And the seed of Abraham will multiply and multiply as the stars of the heavens and as the sands of the sea shore. Christ will see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied.

In Isaiah we read, "Hell hath enlarged herself and opened her mouth without measure." But death is going to be swallowed up by a still larger mouth. And where sin has abounded, grace will much more abound. Happy the one who is in the Kingdom at the inaugeration of the Millenium. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things I will make thee ruler over many things, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Undershepherds in the Millennial Kingdom.

J. W. WELCH AT MALVERN, ARK. The Chairman of the Council has moved to Malvern, Ark. All Council correspondence should be sent there.

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441. Is it true, as some teach, that the Gospel of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John is not the gospel of Jesus Christ and that the gospel of Christ is to be found only in the teachings of Paul?

Ans. They all contain the teachings of Christ, and all are true. Christ did not finish His gospel in what He says in the four gospels, so He continued His teaching by the Spirit in and through Paul. He revealed to Paul the mystery of the church and brought the gospel of grace alone, without any mixture of law or man's works, to a glorious climax. But it is all of Christ, and for Christ and unto His glory. It is folly to set one part of the New Testament against the other when one God is the author of the whole. Take it all together, each part in its own place, and as a complement to the rest.

442. Can you help me to find my brother-in-law and his wife and two children? They both have baptism and his name is W. R. Westberry.

Ans. Anybody knowing this family's whereabouts please write W. S. Partin, Moody, Texas.

443. Is the tract by Mrs. Sexton of Atlanta, Ga. on Sunday the Lord's Rest Day under the New Covenant all true Bible?

Ans. It does not claim to be all "true Bible." Part is Bible and part is history, but all seems true to the Bible.

444. Does a person have the Baptism who believes the Bible only in spots?

Ans. Hardly. She may have had it once, but is badly in error now. Pray for her!

445. When a backslider is reclaimed should he be again baptized in water?

Ans. There is no scriptural example for it, if he was really regenerated when first baptized and had a scriptural baptism.

446. Is chewing gum what the Bible sails the lust of the flesh?

Ans. The B ble knows nothing about gum chewing. It is a modern fad. In moderation it is not a sin in itself, but is not a becoming habit, is a waste of God's money, and may become a serious habit. It is not a sin to take a glass of soda water, but would be wrong for any saint to become a soda fountain hum or a gum sot.

447. What is the witness of the Spirit?

Ans. It is the assuring voice of God in and to the heart. the voice that tells us on the inside that God is our Father, we are His sons and Jesus is our Saviour.

448. How do we resist Satan in our bodies as James 4:7 says?

Ans. By faith, by rejecting what he says, what fear says, what symptom says. By hurling God's Word at Satau, by refusing to listen to h's lies. By standing on God's promises and by faith

appropriating them as ours.

449. Does Acts 6:6 teach the laying on of hands for deacons and should we do this today?

Ans. Yes, the deacon is to be ordained as much as the elder is to be ordained, but each is ordained to a different office, one to the deaconship of serving in the business matters, the other to the ministry in spiritual matters. Ordain means to appoint, and the apostolic way to appoint one officially was, after he was selected by the Church, to lay hands on him officially, pray over him and thus publicly set him apart to his appointed work. Of course we should do the same until Jesus returns.

450. Will small children, not yet accountable, go up to meet Jesus in the rapture, or be left to go through the tribulation?

Ans. The Bible is silent on this question, and where God is silent we need not worry. The loving Father will do the right thing.

451. Will people get saved after the Bride class goes up? If so, will they be in the Millennium reign?

Ans. Yes, yes, but while sharing in millennium blessings they likely will not share in authority with Christ, might not reign.

452. Will people get saved during the Millennium?

Ans. Yes, in multitudes, those who are left alive on earth. But millions will be killed before then and be in hades during the Millennium.

453. Will people during the Millennium go on with business as they do now?

Ans. Yes and no. They will work, but under perfect conditions, and with great prosperity upon all, with joy and gladness in their happy hearts. But the nations will still be natural, living men and women similar to what they are now.

454. After the final judgment, in the new earth and new heavens, will people work as they do now?

Ans. The days in the flesh will all be past then. All engagements will be suited to glorified bodies. I do not think we will all be satisfied to do nothing, and I believe the infinite God will have plenty of glorious plans to engage us happily forever; but not in such business as we now carry on.

455. Should tithes all go to the local pastors, or some to the evangelist and some to the missionaries?

Ans. The scriptures are clear that one tithe of our income should go to the ministry who give their time and energies to God and the gospel. Circumstances differ. The main thing is to pay them promptly to spread the gospel. If you will do this, and look to God. He will show you as His steward what to do with the money in your hands. To God more than to anyone are you responsible for what you do with His tithes. Ask Him to whom to give it.

456. Should not the pastor be properly cared for first before sending away money for any other purpose?

Ans. If this question is from the members, it is a fine spirit. If it is from the pastor, it is pitiable. It should be the desire of the people to honor and care for their pastor. It should be the desire of the pastor to see God honor His people and bless them, because he makes it his business to see that his people remember the missionaries. The best way to dry up at home is to forget the heathen. The sure way for the pastor to be poorly cared for is for him to poorly care for the missionaries. God will bring it home. If we open our hearts and pocket-books to missions, God will prosper us. A missionary church will also do more for their pastor.

457. Does the deacon have any authority before he is ordained, when he is simply appointed?

Ans. Authority over whom or for whom or for what? The word deacon means to minister, to serve, not to boss. He is the servant of God and of the church, not a boss over the church at all. But he has authority to attend to what the church elected him for and set him at from the moment they set him at it.

458. Can a sinner be healed by the Lord and remain in sin?

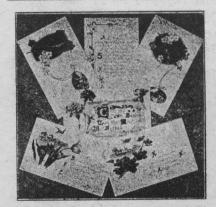
Ans. All we get from God down here below is through grace and through Christ. A sinner may partake of His healing mercy if he will. But God's mercy is designed to turn us from sin to Himself, and while after being healed, many remain in sin, they should not do so. Those who do not turn to God will find they are shutting the doors of mercy against themselves.

459. What do the three unclean spirits like frogs in Rev. 16:13 represent?

Ans. They represent demon forces and seducing spirits which will operate in the days of the anti-christ as shown in Rev. 16:14.

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## In The Regions Beyond

#### WHO WILL HELP?

Bro. James Harvey writes that he and Sister Harvey and Sister Parker have arrived at Nawabanj, the Mission Station where he formerly labored, and he reports most favorably on spiritual conditions, for the Aston sisters have been working most faithfully at this station. However, there is a call to the Evangel readers to make the mission station habitable. He writes, "The Mission House is in a bad condition. The walls are of mud, which are cracked in many places, and the roof is propped up with several props and leaks terribly. When it rains there is not a dry room in the house and in some of the rooms not a dry spot. We estimate that it will cost \$350.00 to put a decent roof on the walls, and then of course they will remain mud as they now are, but the house would last a few years. As we do not even have \$50.00 to put into the roof we sha'l have to let it go. Probably parts of it will fall down during the rains but it cannot be helped. In fact, we would not be surprised to see it all fall in. The doors and windows are in bad condition and when dust storms come we are just smothered. The floor is all breaking in.'

Just put yourself in the position of these dear missionaries for a moment, precious, noble souls that have given up a'l to preach the gospel to souls in darkness, and see them faithfully witnessing in a trying plague-ridden atmosphere, the thermometer at about 135 degrees, (one missionary told us that it sometimes went up to 165 degrees), and then think if the Lord would not have you to help them to a little comfort. Ask the Lord if He wou'd not have you to make some sacrifice in order to have this roof fixed and other necessary repairs made at the Nawabgani Mission.

The Missionary Treasurer, Stanley H. Frodsham, Springfield, Mo. will gladly forward promptly all gifts sent for Bro. Harvey.

Bro. C. J. Hansen sends us a good report from St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, West Indies, "I returned last evening from St. Kitts and Montserrat, B. W. I.. calling upon Bro. Smythe at Cayon, St. Kitts and held meetings there for about 10 days. The Lord gave us a real blessing, over 30 souls were redeemed from sin and accepted Jesus as their Saviour, thank God. From there I went to Montserrat to see Bro. Willie Morgan at Happy Hill and God gave us a refreshing time. On Sunday, the 9th of June, seven souls were saved and three received the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4. Thanks be unto God for His love and mercy towards His humble children. I will now be here at St. Thomas, V. I., for some time until I go to some other places as God calls."

Bro, Will K. Nerton writes from Benares, India. "The hot weather is upon us in full force now, but the work is going on as usual. Every day we are meeting new pilgrims, most of whom have never heard the name of Jesus before, to whom we are telling the gospel story for the first time. God is blessing and is sending us to many honest enquirers who really seem to be seeking the truth. When the time is ripe we believe that there will be a great harvest of souls from this 'seed sowing' for much of it has fal'en on 'good ground.' Please pray that we may have a real revival among the heathen."

Sister Margaret Piper writes from Honolulu. "Just received a few days ago the offering of \$20.00 which was sent to Jaran. As the saints here were just out of money I shared with them. There are nineteen mouths to feed here and four houses to pay rent for, the home here and the mission stations. means much for these saints here to stand before God for all this as they are not known except in Pittsburg and their own country town, not having visited the mission centers in the United States. I have been waiting God's leading until now and bel'eve I shou'd open Japanese meetings right away. There are two hungry hearts attend the English meeting but say they cannot understand well enough to get much help and desire Japanese meetings. Pray that God will bring in more.

Bro. Berger N. Johnson writes from Embarcacion Salta, Argentina, "Bless God, I am still among the living ones, though that is about all. Have been very sick now for close on four months with fever. But I am better, though my stomach is not well. My native boy has kept well and he has waited on me like a mother. He is a bright Christian young fe'low with a good character. We are also advancing with the Missionary Home and Hall for meetings. They have cost much but God has sent in as I have built. It pays to trust Him for all He lets us entirely depend on Him. Thousands of Indians pass here these days. They are sent from here by railroad to different plantations or lumber camps. These Indians are of the wild naked kind, tattoed red, blue and yellow. This place is the port for the Indians for shipment, and here, at the entrance of these Indian lands, we have a big, brick building and a fair house for missionaries from which we hope to push forward to the thirty or more tribes of Indians in Bolivia and Argentina. living in the low tropical woods, or the plains, who have no missionaries.'

In writing to us, do not forget the new address. THE .GOSPEL. PUBLISHING HOUSE, SPRINGPIELD, MISSOURI.

#### A GOOD WORK IN NEED

It has come to our notice that a well established work in India is at this time suffering not a little through lack of We refer to the work of the funds. B. C. H. Mission founded by Bro. Albert Norton. Not that we have heard from Bro. Albert Norton himself, for as a faith worker he only makes his need known to the Lord. This knowledge has come to us from another source. So many who used to send regular help have difficulty in sending funds through, and when they are told by the postoffice people that they cannot send money orders, and by the banks they cannot provide any more exchange. they give up the attempt. We have no difficulty in forwarding funds and shall be pleased to promptly forward either to Bro. Albert Norton or Bro. John Norton all contributions sent in. It is over forty-five years since Bro. Norton went to India to work for the Lord and he has grown old in the service of the Lord, and we are sure he is most deserving of support. Address all offerings to Stanley H. Frodsham, Springfield, Mo.

Miss Constance Swinfen Eady writes from Mountain Home, Simla, India, "I was two months in Singapore and had such a blessed time there. The Lord blessed many Chinese girls there during a m'ssion, and the Lord opened many doors for me there. The Lord had laid on my heart the need of a training school for Eurasians and Anglo-Indians, and when I got back to India I found that Miss Emily Lynne has arrived and had opened a school in Madhupur. How I praise Him that the need is supplied. Miss Lynne and I are in very close touch and I have been a good deal in Madhupur. The Lord is laying on me much the need of the Eurasian girls and if He opens the way I hope to start work among them in Calcutta in the autumn-should He tarry so long. I hope at the same time to have a Home there for missionaries. May I ask you to pray much about this. For the present I am staying at a Training Home for missionaries for the season at Simla. Some are asking to come who have not yet been baptized with the Holy Ghost; do pray that they may receive, and that the days may mean all that He wants them to mean."

#### FROM AN AMBULANCE WORKER IN FRANCE

Somewhere in France. I think that the hardest temptation is to let slip and forget all that God has done for me. The Word says, "Grow in grace" and growing is a continual uninterrupted proceeding. Our every day life is very much the same week in and week out. and the seeming hopeless futility of the whole thing sometimes makes one almost crazy. Here we are, torn from all our spheres of life, and engaged in trying to succor and remake what millions of other men are still more busily engaged in destroying. Oh, it does seem hopeless! I think the very hopelessness of all around has fixed my hold more on that Hope .--- C. H. B.

#### A GOOD REPORT FROM SAI NAM, SOUTH CHINA

We are in the midst of a revival meeting at this writing and the blessings of the Lord have attended since the first meeting which began five days ago. Last night, at midnight, and in fact almost all night, the prayers of the hungry Chinese were heard by some of the missionaries.

One dear boy has received his baptism since the meeting began, and we are hoping that many will receive. He is from the Hakka people, and he has been so filled with the Lord that his face is illuminated with the power of the Holy Ghost. Last evening the Holy Ghost had charge of the meeting, and this boy danced as gracefully as if he had been a professional dancer. There were about twenty on the floor praising the Lord at one time. There was one man on the floor under the power of the Holy Ghost, and this young Hakka boy shouted and danced around him. without touching him. How wonderful to see the Lord working.

There are fourteen applicants for baptism, so we were anxious that they receive the Holy Ghost before they were baptized in the river. We hope that many will receive the Holy Ghost ere these meetings come to a close, and we feel that this will be the case, as the seekers are so hungry that they are praying almost night and day.

GEO. M. KELLEY.

Bro. Harry Bowley writes from Cape Palmas, Liberia, "We have had our tests again along the line of sickness. I had a hard attack of fever, then, when I was just up a litt'e while, Mr. and Mrs. Perkins came from the interior, tired and worn from their last trip. Fever claimed them and down they went. Mr. Perkins is up today for the first time. God was merciful and spared their lives and we praise Him for healing in Jesus' name. Mrs. Perkins was a very sick woman. It was surely God that undertook. The Lord is blessing us in the work and we do praise Him. There is good interest among the boys. Tomorrow, D.V., we expect to take a few boys and carry Mrs. Perkins' magic lantern with us to show pictures of the life of Jesus. Do not know when we shall be back. It is rainy season but we feel we must go out and tell about Jesus. Rray for the work. We have fought against heavy odds and the battle is fierce, but Jesus will surely lead us forth more than conquerors."

Sister Leanor H. Parker writes from Nawabganj. U. P., India, "Great joy f'lled our souls when our feet touched India's soil. How I wish I had known Jesus earlier so as to have come here sooner. If the Pentecostal saints cou'd see these poor, lost people, half-starved, half-clothed and without any hope in this world, they would sacrifice more that the Gospel of Jesus would be spread over India. May God help us to do our duty.

#### THE CHRISTIAN EVANGEL

"We were given a very hearty welcome in India. When the people saw us coming, they ran to meet us and some hugged Bro. Harvey and some cried. They were so glad to see us. One old woman took my hands and kissed them. She was on her knees, crying, and a great tear fell on the top of my foot. My soul was stirred to the very depths and a greater cry than ever went up to Him that I might be a true witness for Him. I do want to comfort and love these dear people. I do love them and the more I see of them the more I love them, even with all their filth and dirt. Oh pray for us, beloved, as we labor in India."

Sister Eva M. Caton writes from Suva, Fiji, "I do praise God for the way He is working in our midst. We are beginning to see a cloud the size of a man's hand and are expecting soon to see the showers. Miss Starkenberg, who is an excellent Bible Teacher, has been giving some talks on the coming of the Lord, and it is wonderful to see how the people here fairly drink in the truths. Several well educated, high class Indian young men have been coming-these speak good English and understand all that is said. I have never seen such reverence for God's Word as I see among these young men and when once a truth is shown them in the Bible they grasp it eagerly. A week ago Sunday night God laid a certain message upon me and as I gave it out God wonderfully anointed me and His power was very manifest. The Word gripped them, the Spirit came upon them and it was a wonderful sight to see such a crowd of young men upon their knees crying to God. Two of these young men have been wonderfully converted and have now received the baptism. God is continuing to bless us in the village work and I praise Him for the blessed privilege of taking the water of life to these thirsty ones."

Brother Arthur S. Booth-Clibborn of 49 Highbury Hill, London, England writes, "We have been much edified and refreshed here in London by the words and witness of Brother C. Wesley Longstreth who is on his way to U.S. A., and earnestly hope he will everywhere receive the heartiest welcome during his prospective tour in the U.S.A. He, and his devoted wife, and the colored native convert who accompanies them, have a wonderful story to tell of God's work in which they were sustained and brought off more than conquerors. They have indeed been through many fiery trials. It has been their privilege to break up new ground far, far beyond any extant missionary station. Fire, flood, fever, loneliness, poverty, repulsive "food," dangers manifold and many, a native "soil" as refractory as can well be imagined, prices vastly increased even out there through the war; the irregular arrival of parcels, the necessity of putting into writing a new dialect, and making translations of Scripture as well as hymns;---and all this in Equa-

torial-African conditions-combined to create experiences of the Grace of God and a type of Christianity of the very sort that Pentecostal circles seem most to need in these days of side tracks of all kinds. Nothing is so purifying, nothing gives a more wholesome experience, or a more sane outlook than the practice of apostolics, (with a "daily dying" as a common-place, an every day experience) in an African jungle, 100 miles from the nearest bit of "civilization." A breath of life and love divine, a sense of Christ-likeness accompanies these Welcome them, love missionaries. them, cheer them, these of whom the world is not worthy. They come from a hot oven, from the gates of death. See to it that they are properly clothed when your North American winter comes on. (They have no idea that I am writing this.) I have no fear of your spoiling them for their hearts are in dark Africa and their faces will be ever towards its specially dreadful and specially cherished crosses."

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#### July 21, 1918. Praying to God.

Lesson Text: Luke 11:1-13; Psa. 145:18, 19.

**Golden Text:** "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Heb. 4:16.

No one could pray like Jesus. In the brief epitome of His life given to us by the four evangelists there are, we believe, twenty-one references to His life of prayer. Real prayer always brings results, and the disciples, coveting the results Jesus was getting, petitioned Him, "Teach us to pray." Not teach us how to pray. A person can know how to do a thing and not do it. No, they wanted to enter into a prayer life and they came to Jesus to teach them. To Zion, which according to Paul is "the mother of us all." there came the promise in Isaiah 54, "All thy children shall be taught of Jehovah," and Jesus was no other than Jehovah manifested in the flesh. He taught His disciples to pray and will teach all who are "born from above" all they need to learn. Have you not heard Him say, "Take my yoke upon you and learn of Me?" Who teacheth like Him? Have you enrolled as a student at Emmanuel College?

#### The Model Prayer

The ways of the Lord are always just the opposite of the ways of man. Man puts himself first. "God first" was ever the policy of the last Adam. The natural man would start with petitions concerning himself, but Jesus had ever before Him the worship and praise due to the Name of His Father and the fulfilling of His blessed purposes, and if we wish to follow the Heavenly model when we pray, we shall first give ourselves over to praise, worship and adoration of our loving Heavenly Father.

The first phrase, "Our Father," suggests that blessed bond of relationship which is ours through the blood of Jesus. Note, it was to the disciples He was teaching this prayer and not to the world, and it might well be called the "Disciples Prayer," for it would be more true to call John 17 the "Lord's Prayer. There is a fundamental error at the basis of every false creed. "the universal fatherhood of God," linked up with that other lie, "the universal brotherhood of man," but the teaching of Jesus was as far away from this as the fartherest constellation from the earth. No, He told the Pharisees they were "of their father the devil." That is why it is so important to be "born from above" or "born again." It is only through His death, burial and resurrection that we can appropriate the words He gave to Mary Magdalene, "My Father and your Father, My God and your God!" No man knoweth the Son but the Father, neither knoweth any

man the Father save the Son, and He to whomsoever the Son will reveal him. Our first interest

The first interest of every disciple of Christ should be that the Kingdom of God come, that the will of God be done on earth. Seek first the Kingdom, the interests of the Kingdom, the extension of the Kingdom, the coming of the spiritual Kingdom into the hearts of all men, and God has pledged Himself to add everything else you need. Dr. Seiss writes that these two petitions, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven," are practically the sum and substance of all true prayers. He says that the angel described in Revelation is none other than Jesus our High Priest, and we see that He takes the prayers of all the saints, your prayers and mine, to which He adds incense, and they go up to God, and then, having filled His censor with fire from off the altar, He pours them on the earth, a prophetic picture of the sure and certain judgments of the last days. Are you helping to fill up this censor to speed the coming judgments and millennium of peace that lies beyond? This gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness and then shall the end come. Pray for and help towards the speedy thrusting forth of the last eleventh hour laborers to the farthest unevangelized lands.

#### Our daily bread

There is coming a new meaning to this petition these days of war, "Give us day by day our daily bread." Bro. Johnson of Liberia told us at the Missionary Conference of the time when they were reduced to "hard tack." that is very hard "dog biscuit" with little bits of meat inside, in which some maggots were endeavoring to set up housekeeping, and one Pentecostal preacher, after he had heard him, said he had made up his mind from that time never to complain of "war bread" again. In Matthew's version of this prayer we read, "Give us this day our daily bread." No thought for the morrow! Some folks worry about what they are going to do a year from now. Our one concern is to trust in the Lord and do good today, and so shall we dwell in the land and verily we shall be fed, and we can leave to-morrow with its good and evil with the Lord. And if you keep your ears open to Him today He will keep you "from the fear of evil."

Concerning the petition that follows. "Forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us," there is a note in the Scofield Bible, "Used as a form, this prayer is, dispensationally. upon legal, not church ground; it is not a prayer in the name of Christ (Cf John 14:13, 14; 16:24); and it makes human forgiveness, as under the law it must. the condition of divine forgiveness an order which grace exactly reverses (Cf Eph. 4:32).

#### Importunity, Vs. 6-8.

It has been well said "There is no such thing as importunate prayer being unanswered." The Syro-Phoenician woman would not take "No" for an answer from Jesus, and she got what she was after. You can get all you want from the Lord if you only want it badly enough, that is if your motives are pure. It is possible to ask for something to consume on your lust, and you won't get what you want because you ask amiss.

It is said of George Muller that he prayed persistently for sixty years for the salvation of two men. One was saved at Mr. Mu'ler's last service, and the other a year after his death.

Is not this illustration a parable for the last days? The night is far spent. Soon, yes, very soon, we expect to hear the midnight cry, "Behold the Bridegroom!" We, of ourselves, have nothing to set before the hungry people who come to us, and we need to knock hard at heaven's door until we receive the three loaves, and is it not our privilege to partake of the Father. Son and Holy Ghost, and to take to the hungry this living Bread from heaven?

Ask, seek, knock. We once heard a sermon with four points, I. Be earnest, 2. Be more earnest, 3. Be more earnest still, 4. You get there, or in other words you have received, you have found, and the door is opened unto you. This is the way to pray for the supreme gift, the gift of the Holy Ghost, and you need have no fear your loving Heavenly Father will give you a wrong spirit.

The nearness of Jehovah

The Psalmist said, "The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him." How nigh? We read in another Psalm, "I love the Lord because He hath heard my voice and my supplication, because He hath inclined His ear unto me." Here is a picture of Jehovah bending down His ear not to miss the faintest whisper of our petition. Don't you love Him? He longs to fulfill the desires of our hearts. Ask Him to make your heart 100 per cent pure so that only those things that shall please Him shall come forth in your prayers.

#### July 28, 1918 OBEYING GOD

LessonText: \_\_\_\_Matt. 4:18-22; Jno. 14, :22-24: James 1:22-27.

Golden Text:-If ye love me, keep my commandments. John 14:15.

#### Obeying the call to discipleship, Matt. 4:18-22.

John the Baptist had pointed Jeaus out to his disciples as "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world," and they had followed Him, and as they abode with Him that day, how certainly were they convinced that He was the Messiah. Andrew was one of those who had followed Jesus, and fellowship with Him was so sweet that he had to hunt up his brother Simon to introduce him to this prophet of Nazareth. And so it was a glad day

for these two brethren when Jesus sought them out as they were plying their trade as fisher folks by yonder Galilean lake. When He called to them "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men," they straightwal left all and followed Him. And we who know Him say, "Who would not follow Him?" At the first, following Him is a great plunge of faith, but when once you have plunged, you see that you have just exchanged the vanities of time for the glories of eternity. He promises an hundredfold now in this time, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

Did it pay them to follow Jesus? Ask Peter after he had gotten his first big haul of fish on the day of Pentecost. Any one of thos : three thousand souls that he caught that day was worth more than all the fish that ever swam in the sea, not excepting that fish that served as hotel and mission room for Jonah for three days and three nights. James and John left their ship and their father. John left his father, but he had a mother given to Him (John 19:27), even Jesus own mother, even her of whom it is written, "From henceforth all generations shall call me blessed." Ask John whether it was not worth while leaving the fish business in Galilee to be the disciple that Jesus loved. That place of love on Jesus' breast was worth more to him than all the fish of Galilee's lake though every fish had turned to solid geld. Ask him again after he had seen the mighty apocalypse of Jesus Christ and had peered into the things to come that angels' eyes had longed to look at.

And these simple, rough, uncounth fisher folks, these men with horny hands, these men with no table manners, who did not even wash their hands before they ate, these men, whose clothes did not smell at all good, these men who were "unlearned and ignor ant," these are they that are going to sit on thrones and judge the twelve tribes. Truly the first are last in the Kingdom and the last first. /And surely it pays to obey Jesus when He says, "Follow Me." Have you obeyed? Or are you everlastingly counting the cost? Wake up and count the gain. "Heirs of God and joint-heirs with Jesus!"

#### Love the Mainspring of Obedience, John 14:22-24.

"If a man love me," here is the secret of service .- We hear much about "acid tests" these days and the loyalty alike of statesman and citizen is being tested to see if there is any alloy. 1 Cor. 13 is the "acid test," or should we not call it the "sugar test" of discipleship. "Only love counts!" You never have to raise any question as to the loyalty or obedience of that soul who is overwhelmingly in love with Jesus. "I delight to do Thy will," is the response of love, ,"Yea Thy law is within my heart," and is not this law referred to here the law of love? John writes, "This is His commandment-the new law written in heart and mind--that we should believe on the name of His

Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another as He gave commandment."

We know a missionary in India who had to send her sons home to school in England, and her one prayer was, "Keep these boys in love with Jesus." She knew that such a love would be the best preservative and antiseptic amidst the evils to which they were subjected in their school life, and when she arrived home in England, and took a room near the school where they were living, and the boys came to her room. she found God had answered her prayer and these boys were ready for their "Pentecost," and they received practically right away.

Take heed lest the first love wane and you become lukewarm, and He shall have to spew thee out of His mouth.

The one who really loves Jesus will keep or preserve or meditate upon every saying of His and will render prompt joyous obedience to His every word, and then, wonder of wonders, He promises that He, the Son, with the Father also, and in another place He speaks of the Comforter, the Holy Ghost too, "We will come and make our abode with him." The Triune God tabernacing in him that is poor and of a contrite spirit who lives to love and serve his Jesus! Oh what a salvation is this, Father, Son and Holy Spirit coming and dwelling within the temple!

Continuous Obedience, James 1:22-27 It is one thing to yield to the first call to follow Jesus and it is another thing to live a life of continued obedience. There are many "forgetful hearers" today who congratulate themselves that everything is "all done," and therefore they can live a life of license, they 'got saved" years ago, and that will be sufficient to carry them through to the end. James trains his guns on this position and riddles it through and through with holes. He paints for us the portrait of the man who is blessed in his deed, it is he who looketh into the perfect law of liberty and continueth therein. The fact of our having some experience in the Christian life some years ago will not save us, if we are now reprobate to Jesus. It is the indwelling of the living Christ today that alone is salvation.) He is our life If you have lost Christ, you have lost salvation. Christ, "the power of God!" Learn to feed on Him and have His life renewed within day by day. How? By feeding on His Word. There is power in the Word, it worketh effectually in the hearts of them that believe, it creates faith within, and obedience is the sure and certain fruit of faith. As you are feeding day by day on the written Word the living Word is fully formed within.

It is the purpose of our God that our lives shall be so surcharged with the life of Christ that our whole beings, even to that "unruly member" the tongue, shall be in perfect subjection to His blessed will. And if this member is unbridled, James writes a big label and pastes it on your experience "VAIN RELIGION." "But." say you, "I have had a number of works of grace and I have been baptized in water I don't know how many times, and I talk in tongues by the hour!" "I don't care about that," says Brother James, "You know all the backbiting you have been doing of late, and I tell you that your religion is vain."

Is not that tongue of yours like the dead fly which causes the ointment of the apothecary to stink? Our Father has provided a wonderful balm, even the name of His only begotten Son, and He has declared that His name is as ointment poured forth. Isaiah complains that the name of the Lord is continually blasphemed because of the inconsistent lives of the children of Zion, and it is the tongue "that defileth the whole body" and "is set on fire of hell." that is the dead fly in the ointment. The name you bear is good if you are called a Christian, but does that tongue of yours bring credit to that name, or does it stink in the nostrils of those with whom you live because of your unbridled tongue?

But, hallelujah! He who cleansed Isaiah's lips is our God, and He is still in business, and He has the antidote for an unbridled tongue and a deceived heart, the blood of God's slain Lamb and the fire of the Holy Ghost cleanses and purges through and through.

James tells us what pure and undefiled religion is, and there is lots of room for us to practise it in these days when this poor old war-ridden world has so many fatherless and widows for us to visit in their affliction. We heard of one pastor in Canada who has 300 war widows in his congregation. Visit these poor souls by way of the Throne, if there are none in your district, and implore Him who is the Father of the fatherless and the Judge of the widow that they may be brought into full salvation and the comfort of the Holy Ghost.

"And to keep himself unspotted from the world." God has done, and ever will do His part in the matter of salvation, but there are certain things in which He throws the responsibility over us. "Keep yourselves in the love of God." "Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God." Pure and undefiled religion is to keep ourselves clear from everything of the world with its million and one amusements lest we become spotted, for Christ would have a bride without spot or wrinkle or any such thing.—S. H. F.

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#### IN PRISON AND OUT AGAIN

E'der A. B. Cox, who is now in evangelistic work in London, Ont., Canada; writes, "I wish to sound a note of praise to the Lord for His goodness to me. A committee came to me wanting me to pledge 40 cents per week for the war fund. I told them that my wife and I had lived for the past six months on about \$25.00 per month and that I had paid 10 per cent of that to destitute missionaries, or really more than that, and I did not feel I could afford any more. I felt it my duty to give all the support I could to our missionaries. It was rumored around that I had said that the government had never done anything for me and that I had said I never would do anything for the government. A part of the Committee stated that this rumor was absolutely false and that I had never made any such remark. Anyway, the Sheriff and State Attorney were notified and came and arrested me and put me behind the bars. Numbers of people wanted to go bail, and at last my bail was put at two thousand dollars, the same as a mur. derer. But somehow the Lord did not let anyone go bail, the different ones were put off. On Sunday at 3 o'clock I was released without bail or one cent to pay, neither did I have to appear for trial. I was taken from my supper table on Friday night and I fasted and prayed until my deliverance came on Sunday. I can say I had a very close time with the Lord and that the Scriptures were never sweeter to me in my life, and Jesus was never so real to me before. I only publish this for the glory of God and that our ministry be not blamed." (Bro. Cox sent us a clipping from the Cumberland Times which sympathizes with and completely vindicates him.)

**Bigelow, Ark.** Just closed a meeting at Houston, Ark. where eleven received the baptism and several were saved. We are in a new field and want the Evangel family to pray for us and this place.—Jacob Miller.

Paducah, Ky. As stewards of the Union Holiness Church at Paducah, Ky. we feel the dear Lord would have us testify. Since dear Sister Kyle, our leader, opened up fire at this place, giving forth the whole Word, we have been rejoicing with her. We received the baptism as in Acts 2:4, and a number of others besides were saved and baptized. Some miraculous healing was done through the blood of Jesus. Wife and I thought for many years that we had the Pentecostal power, but found we did not. We find the precious blood of Christ brings healing to all who trust Him. Our health is better than ever before and the Holy Spirit is showing us things to come. God is using Sister Kyle in a wonderful way in this place, and she has suffered much in the building up of the work here. She has been with us fourteen months and surely has given her life for the sheep. Pray for her and the work here .- Elder Silas Vick and wife.

## Reports From the Field

#### AMONGST THE SOLDIER BOYS

San Antonio, Texas. The Lord is grac. iously blessing the ministry of the Word in this place; and souls are being saved and baptized in the Spirit and the saints are being built up. We than's God for the opportunities we have of ministering to the soldiers. We have about fifty Pentecostal boys in the training camps about here, while probably twenty-five have already gone abroad. Tt. has been proven beyond a doubt that it is possible to live a Christian life in the army. And in most cases the boys have won the respect and confidence of their officers by their consistent Christian conduct. In one non-combatant unit, where there are about a dozen young men who have the baptism of the Spirit, the officers, without solicitation, had a tent, 18x18 put up, floored and seated, in which the Christian boys are permitted to hold meetings. This is in answer to prayer and shows what the Lord is willing to do when we trust Him

Many young men, by being brought into the army, have been awakened to their need of salvation. Some have been saved, others need the earnest prayers of the church that they may be brought to the birth. Dear ones, pray earnestly, not only for your boy, but for all these precious young men. The time is short and our opportunity will soon be gone and we must do all we can while it is day. Any reader of the Evangel who has relatives or friends in the camps around San Antonio; Tex. will please write to them, directing them to come to the Assembly of God Chapel, 424 Dolorosa St., southwest corner of City Hall square, or write to the Pastor, F. A. Hale.

Turlock, Calif. We can report victory here at Turlock, praise the Lord. We have seen quite a few baptized in the Holy Ghost, and souls have been saved, Hallelujah! The Lord is working and we feel the Lord is especially laying a spirit of prayer upon us for a revival at this place. There are many hungry souls in this community and we ask an interest in the prayers of the saints for a real outpouring of the Spirit.—A. Petersen.

Appy, Ky. Just closed a two weeks meeting at Appy, Ky. Bro. J. E Brooks Bro. B. W. Lawless and several other folks from laeger, W. Va. were with us part of the time. God blessed His Word and put His power on it and there were continually from ten to eighteen at the altar. Six or seven dear ones received the Promise and God baptized them with the Holy Ghost as He did the household of Cornelius. Five were baptized in water and many others were convinced of the way. Pray much for this place and this part of the field.—S. C. Luther.

#### FULL GOSPEL ASSEMBLY, PERSIAN MISSION

141 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, Ill. As it is the duty of an assembly to announce its removal to the rest of the assemblies, but we thought in ourselves how could we announce a new place without announcing success in the new place. Therefore we bowed our head in silence, for our voice would be heard as a sounding brass if without new success, if no results. But now we can gladly announce our new, and far better place, and say that the Lord has visited us with sorrow, and joy, tears, and laughter. Last, but not least, with power: the promise of the outpouring is being fulfilled again, and many are under the power.

While we announce our new place we request prayers of God's people to hold us at Jesus' feet. As this assembly is composed of, supported, and led by young men, I don't know if there is one like it in the whole world.

All who would like to see the prophecy of Joel fulfilled in regard to young people are welcome to see it fulfilled. We are situated now on a historic corner, Chicago Ave. and La Salle St. exactly opposite the Moody Church from which we were put out when we received the promise of the Holv Ghost. Located as it is near to the theological principalities, we have worked very hard to prepare this place. How? As for vears it has been a saloon, a place of darkness, an open door straight to hell, so now the devil can go and commit suicide, for in this place Jesus is lifted up, and the Holy Ghost manifested. One encouraging thought about this place is that it is for sale. The discouraging part about it is it is sold with another lot next to it. If the Lord would loose one from the other perhaps that would be designed that the Lord would have us have it .--- Jeremiah Werda, Pastor.

Los Angeles, Calif. God continues to bless in the Mexican work. Several have been saved since our last report, five were baptized in water and two received the baptism of the Spirit in the service following. One of these brothers got a wonderful experience and said God had called him to preach the gospel in the most dangerous places of his native land, Mexico.—John A. Preston.

#### THE DOCTRINE OF HOLINESS

Bro. L. Wooten, one of our young evangelists whom God is blessedly using in the South, has written a book "Holiness Becometh Thy House," which we printed for him at the Gospel Publishing House. It can be gotten from him for the price of 25 cents postpaid.

Address all orders to Evang. L. Wooten, Elba, Fla., and not to the Gospel Publishing House.

Page, Oklo. I am at Page, Okla. in a battle for the Master and the Lord is meeting with us in a wonderful way. Backslidden church members are getting renewed, and one Adventist and his wife got saved and she got the baptism and spake in tongues, and he is seeking. Some precious Baptist people are seeking the Holy Ghost now. One old man 66 years old got saved and is now seeking his Pentecost. Six at the altar last night. The devil is making a strong effort to hinder the work. Large crowd out every night. Sister Riggins of Ft. Smith, Ark. and my wife came in and are now helping. Pray for us and the people at Page.-J. W. Hudson.

#### SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF MARY-LAND AND WEST VIRGINIA

Will be held at Cumberland, Md., July 25th to August 4th. Special evangelist and missionaries are invited. A great time is expected in the Lord. Every Minister and worker in this District is especially urged to be on hand. The business of the Council will be taken up Monday the 29th.

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Davis City Iowa. August 1 to 11. Elder J. W. Welch Sister Blancle Appleby and others expected. Presbyter Jo'in Goben, Lucas, Iowa in charge.

Los Angeles, Calif.—At Arroyo Seco. Be-ginning June 1st for 2 months or longer. Andrew D. Urshan and other workers. Write A. G. Osterburg, 610 W. 60th St., Los Angeles, Calf.

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. Har-vey, Box 393, Ainsworth Neb.

Seventh Annual Camp Meeting of the As-semblies 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.

Alton, Kans.—The Sixth Annual Pente-costal Camp Meeting of the Assemblies of God, August 1-10. Pastor E. L. Banta of Puxico. Mo. Chairman of the Southern Mis-souri District Council of the Assemblies of God, and others, will be present. A Dis-trict Council will be organized. A great en-campment is contemplated. Fof full par-ticulars write Willie T. Millsaps, Osborne, Kans.

Newcastle, Pa. The Third Annual Camp Meeting will be held in the City Park, July 26th to August 11th. Workers expected, Evang. E. S. Williams; Pastors D. W. Kerr. Joseph Tunmore, J. T. Boddy and others; Missionaries, Miss Edith Baugh of India and Miss Macy Boddy of W. Africa. Fur-ther particulars from Pastor Thos. E. Float, 1700 Maplewood Ave., Wilkensburg, Pa., or Mrs. E. J. Pearce, 811 Lathrop St., New-castle, Pa.

North East Texas Camp Meeting will D. V., be held at Quinlan, Texas, July 26 to August 4. All are expected to bring bedding and toilet articles and come pre-pared to pay your own carfare to and from meeting. Table on free-will offering plan. Meeting will be held in nice grove, plenty of water. A number of ministers expected. For further particulars write to Bro. Jim Medley, Quinlan, Texas, or R. M. Thomas, Frankston, Texas.

Old Time Camp Meeting of Assembly of God will be held at **Boach and Oak Hill**, 8 miles from **Eureka Springs**, Ark. Com-mencing Sunday July 25th and continuing 10 days or longer, D. V. Those coming, ministers excepted, must provide their own food and s' elter. Supplies can be bought near by. We have secured a beautiful prove good water. Come praying for the salvation' of souls and enjoy a feast at Father's table. For further information write Elders J. M. Viney or Wm. Terrell, Eureka Springs, Ark.

Austin District Camp Meeting will begin at Elgin, Texas on July 13th D. V. and will continue for two weeks. Quarterly confer-ence will convene for three days beginning Jul, 15th to 17th inclusive. Bro. F. A. Hale of San Antonio, State Chairman, will be in charge of the Conference. All are in-vited. Bring bedding, cooking utensils, etc. Free table for all workers, but all will be responsible for their own train fare. Come praying.—J. D. Sheumack, Jr.

**Pentecostal Camp Meeting**, Cor. 52nd and Powell Sts.. **Portland**, **Oregon**, commencing **July 7th** until the first Sunday in Septem-ber. Camp will be held on same beautiful grounds used by the assembly for the past five years, on Mt. Scott car line. Tents may be had by writing the pastor. All should bring their own toilet and bedding articles. Address all communications to Pastor Will Trotter, 212 East 30th St., Portland, Ore. Portland, Ore.

Local Camp Meeting, Hartford, Ark., Aug. 1-10th. Let saints everywhere arrange to come, especially those of Western Arkan-sas and Eastern Oklahoma. Elder S. A. Jamieson of Tulsa, Okla. and others ex-pected. Bring tollet articles and bedding. Come praying and belleving.—Fayette Ro-mines, Pastor.

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"After showing the wrong way to seek God he showed the right way, reading Dan. 9:3 and Jer. 29: 13, adding that wicked persons would not humble themselves and seek God as that person in Psa. 10:4. 'But,' he said earnestly, 'If you are a true believer your heart is responding to this message as the Word says in Psa. 27:8.' In conclusion the preacher quoted, Matt. 6:33; Luke 11:9; Is. 55:6; Amos 5:4; Hosea 10:12 and Zeph. 2:3. He then appealed to the greatly convicted congregation to move into the other tent, to seek, not so much the blessings of God, but God Himself. About a hundred people responded to the call and rushed into the prayer tent, fell on their knees, crying unto God.

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"It was about 9 o'clock when the power seemed to be lifted from me and I was allowed to get up from the ground, and to my great astonishment I could not speak, but, praise the Lord, I was happy for I had God. Peace! Peace! A peace that the world knows not of, neither can give, nor take away."

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**Preacher wanted.** Bro. J. H. Belcher of Lane, Okla, wants a preacher to help him in a meeting which starts July 26. Write him at Lane, Okla.

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meeting but no success.—A. E., Galveston, Texas. Please pray for a soldier boy, an\_only son, with 27th Eng. on way to France, that he may be saved speedily. His name is Waldo Lee Clark. Pray for my husband that he may be brought to know the saving power of the Lord Jesus Christ before it is too late. Pray for my husband that he may be convicted of sin and seek salvation, and also for their wives. Pray for two young boys who are go-ing to dances and who are hardened against the influences of Christianity. Pray for a young orphan girl, 18 years old, that God will be around her and pro-tect her from evil and bring her to know Jesus as her Redeemer and best Friend. Pray for a nalif sister that she may be healed of nervous trouble of the heart and anemic condition that she will be saved. Pray for a young main nearly 21, that his heart may be changed. He is given to lying and stealing and it seems that he cannot help it. Pray earnestly for this case.

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