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## The Gifts of the Spirit



For centuries the gifts of the Spirit have been almost entirely lost to the Church, but as far as God is concerned they have never been withdrawn. As the vital doctrines of the Church have been gradually restored, so the gifts of the Spirit are themselves being gradually restored.

### The Great Need.

If the inauguration of the church demanded the gifts of the Spirit, how much more does the termination of this dispensation demand these manifestations of the Spirit to make up for the terrible period of lapse? The divine mission of the gospel needs to be attested by the supernatural as much in the end as at the commencement of this dispensation.

### God's Command.

Some good people think that we should not seek the gifts, and say, "No, you must seek the Giver. The Holy Spirit is the Giver, and when you have the Baptism of the Spirit, you have the Giver."

Now, what does the Word of God say as to seeking the gifts? And remember it is the Holy Spirit speaking in the Word.

First, God does not want us to be ignorant of the gifts. How many are ignorant of them these days? How many religious leaders could name the nine gifts of the Spirit? The Holy Spirit anticipated this time of ignorance, and so warns us. Next we are told to "Covet earnestly the best gifts." The original word is "dzayloo," and is a strong word, meaning to have intense heat for, a warmth of feeling, to be zealous, in other words, to be a zealot or crank after the gifts.

### Seeking the Gifts.

Then again in the 14th chapter we are told to "desire spiritual gifts." That word desire is the same as we get in James 4:2, where wicked men are mentioned as killing because of desire to have. So strong is the desire to have, that some go to the length of killing in order to get their desire. We are to have the same intense desire for spiritual gifts. Rotherham translates both words, "Be envious of spiritual gifts." Weymouth translates one passage, "Seek to excel in the greater gifts," and the other passage, "Be earnestly ambitious for spiritual gifts." Is there not need of confession that we have not sought the gifts of the Spirit as God would have us?

Of course, in seeking the gifts of the Spirit, or anything else, for that matter, our chief desire should be that God may be glorified through being able to demonstrate His power through His humble human instruments. And as it is more essential, for our personal benefit, for us, by God's grace, to be than to even have or do, we should seek to be filled with the Spirit, and have the fruit of the Spirit so prevail in our lives that God could consistently bestow His gifts upon us.

### An Analogy.

We have in the 12th chapter of 1st Corinthians, the analogy of the human body with its various members and their varied functions. Fancy a body without members! The normal body is born with all its members complete. It is just as necessary for the 20th century baby to have all its members as a babe of the first century. As Bro. A. S. Copley writes: "If our natural members and their functions are to continue with us throughout life, should not the gifts and offices of Christ's Church, which is His body, continue throughout its earthly career? Shall the symbol be more permanent and perfect than the great spiritual organism thus symbolized?"

### For Everybody.

The manifestation of the Spirit, we are told, is given to every man to profit withal. Each one may have his share or gift.

This 7th verse of 1st Cor. 12, we see, from what immediately follows, refers more directly to the bestowal of a gift or gifts than to the manifestation of prayer, singing or dancing in the Spirit though these are included therein; for there certainly is much profit from every operation of the Spirit through our spirits, when they are in unison with the Spirit of God.

"There are various kinds of gifts—but the same Spirit.

Various forms of official service—yet the same Lord.

Diversities in work—yet the same God."—Weymouth.

Here the Trinity is clearly set forth, and also the unity, "God worketh all in all." Study the various gifts of the Spirit, and then pray for and seek the best. God will know which is best for you. And the Spirit distributes them severally as He wills.

Some hold that when a soul is baptized of the Spirit, he receives one or more of the gifts of the Spirit. We know that when Paul laid hands on those

men at Ephesus that they not only spake with tongues, but prophesied. Then Paul tells Timothy (4:14), "Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of hands of the presbytery." And again in 2 Tim. 1:6, "Stir up the gift of God which is in thee by the putting on of my hands." May there not be latent gifts of the Spirit within us only waiting to be stirred up?

### The Restoration of Lost Years.

We believe we are in the time of the Latter Rain. Rain has the same characteristics, whether in the first or last century, and as with the natural, so with the spiritual rain. We should look for all the signs and wonders that took place with the outpouring of the former rain. In Joel 2 we have not only the promise of the outpouring of the Spirit in the last days, but also the promise of a restoration of that which was lost.

The modern church reminds one of the story of Dorcas. She died, was laid out, people were weeping, and shewing the work or deeds of the departed one. It may be some one says, "I don't think it's God's will for her to lie here dead, for her usefulness has stopped. Let's send for the Pentecostal preacher." And so Peter is sent for, and Dorcas is restored to life, and no doubt with her quickened spirit and body she made far more garments than ever before. The Church has been dead as far as spiritual gifts are concerned, and has been content to dwell on what was done in the first century. Not for us now! Poor Dorcas is dead! What a wonderful history she had! Pentecostal brethren, you have your work to do in the restoration. Christ is retained in the heavens till the time of restitution of all things. Acts 3:21. Is not the restoration of the gifts included in this statement?

### Why So Few Gifts.

If men sought as earnestly for the gifts of the Spirit as they do for salvation, they would not be denied them. God the Holy Ghost is active, restless and unable to find a vent for His operations. God is a cheerful giver. He gives us all things richly to enjoy, then why are not the gifts of the Spirit manifested? Because they have been so long in abeyance, that down in the heart of men there is a solid unbelief that they can ever be realized.

God has given us a high calling. The Spirit is not partial or limited either as to time, place or occupation.—Arthur W. Frodsham, Fredonia, N. Y.

# -:- "They Shall Speak With New Tongues." -:-

By Thomas Atterberry

## Sanctification Not the Baptism.

During these present years which mark the close of the age of the Holy Spirit, God is once more manifesting Himself to the world in a special manner by restoring to the Church the gifts which were so manifest at the beginning of this dispensation. On the day of Pentecost when the age of the Spirit was ushered in and the promise of the Father fulfilled, the one hundred and twenty who for seven days had been tarrying in the upper room, were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Acts 2:4).

### Instances of Pentecost.

While it is doubtless true that in every generation there have been some trusting souls who were able to rise above the doubt and unbelief of their day and lay hold of the promise of the Master given in His parting message to the world: "And these signs shall accompany them that believe: in My name they shall speak with new tongues" (Mark 16:17); and to have this promise verified in their own experience; yet in no generation since apostolic days until this present one was this true to any appreciable extent. A friend and neighbor of mine received her personal Pentecost with signs following, months before the present spiritual awakening in this city was precipitated, and has been speaking in tongues ever since, as the Spirit gives her utterance. And she states that thirty-five years ago, when she was a child, her father received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, accompanied with speaking in tongues; and while recognized by all as a saint of God, he was looked upon by his church and neighbors as an old man, unbalanced in mind. The Spirit seldom spoke through him in public places, but very often he would gather the children in his room for a season of prayer, and there the Holy Spirit would speak through him in languages he had never learned. And so I have been able to gather authentic information concerning isolated cases in this and other lands who in their day believed God and had wrought out in their own lives the fulfillment of this last promise of the risen Lord.

### Fulfillment of Prophecy.

But today God is literally pouring out His Spirit upon all flesh (Joel 2:8). As I write these lines there lies before me verified information of the baptism of the Holy Spirit being received by believers in great numbers in all parts of this country; the continent of Europe, China, Africa and the Islands of the Seas, and everywhere this baptism is accompanied with speaking in tongues as on the day of Pentecost.

Thirteen years ago very few believers in all the world had come into their inheritance; but today those who have been sealed by the Holy Spirit of promise (Eph. 1:13) are a very great host and multitudes are daily being added to their number.

Because the baptism of the Holy Spirit accompanied with speaking in tongues has so recently been brought to the attention of the Christian world, it is not surprising that there should be confusion in the minds of many as to its meaning. Those of us who had known something of the deeper works of grace wrought in the heart and life by the Holy Spirit and who had been calling some of these experiences by wrong names, have been compelled to readjust our systems of thought and belief; and this is no easy task when questions of religion are involved.

It is not that we discredit former experiences and works of the Holy Spirit in our lives; but in the greater light that has come in this revelation, it has been made plain that what we had called the baptism of the Holy Spirit was not the baptism, for the reason that the scriptural sign which always accompanied it in apostolic days, namely, of speaking in tongues, did not follow (see Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; 19:5), and while it is true that many saints of God have been filled with the Spirit and have even known the anointing that abideth (1st John 2:27), yet it was an error and a misapplication of terms to speak of these fillings and anointings as the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

### Importance of This Gift.

There has been a tendency on the part of certain ones who have not received their personal Pentecost, to minimize this gift of the Holy Spirit as manifest by speaking in tongues. They declare that the gift of tongues is the least of all the gifts of the Spirit, and they would seem to conclude that for this reason it is scarcely worthy of serious consideration; and that compared to the fruits of the Spirit there is in this gift little to be desired. **Those who take this position seemingly do not understand that the fruits of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22) are for development of character, while the gifts of the Spirit (1 Cor. 12:8) are for service.**

But from a careful study of this question I am not convinced that it can be proven by the Scriptures that the gift of tongues is the least of the gifts. The fact that in enumerating the gifts of the Spirit Paul mentions tongues last is not conclusive proof that he considered it the least of all gifts. In speaking of the fruits of the Spirit, Paul says: "And now abideth faith, hope, love" (1 Cor. 13:13), and according to this rule we should conclude that faith was greater, but in the same verse he adds, "and the greatest of these is love."

It has been believed by most students of the Bible that the gift of prophecy is the greatest gift, but it is only true that this gift is greater than the gift of tongues when the one speaking is unable to give the interpretation. (1 Cor. 14:5). When one speaks in tongues with the power to interpret, the gift is certainly

as great, if not greater than that of prophecy.

When one prophesies in his native tongue, his mind is active and there is always the possibility of the pure message of God being corrupted by his own thoughts; but when one speaks in an unknown tongue his mind is a blank, while the Holy Spirit takes possession of his vocal organs and gives forth the message without any thought or effort on the part of the one through whom He is speaking. A message thus given is verily wholly of God, and of such a gift, surely no thoughtful person can ever speak disparagingly.

### Speaking in Tongues Not Discouraged by Paul.

Some have declared that Paul, in writing to the Corinthian Church, discouraged speaking in tongues and that for this reason the same should be done today; but a careful reading of his letter will reveal the fact that the exact opposite is true. In this letter he says: "**Now I would have you all speak with tongues.**" (1 Cor. 14:5), and warns the Church against forbidding any to speak with tongues (1 Cor. 14:39), and he gives thanks to God that he spoke in tongues more than they all. (1 Cor. 14:18).

### Speaking in Tongues and the Gift of Tongues.

A clear distinction should be made between speaking in tongues and the gift of tongues. To speak in tongues is the heritage of all believers, for the Master Himself declares that "**these signs shall accompany them that believe: in my name they shall speak with new tongues**" (Mark 16:17); and the Apostle Paul would not have said: "I would have you all speak with tongues" if this blessing was only for a chosen few. This speaking referred to by Jesus and by Paul is evidently that which accompanied the baptism of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost and which always accompanies the baptism today, and had no reference whatever to the gift of tongues. Paul declares that the gifts of the Spirit in the Church are divided "to each one severally even as He will." (1 Cor. 12:11). Just as there is healing in many instances without the gifts of healing, and faith without the gift of faith, so there is speaking in tongues as an evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit being received without the gift of tongues.

### Four-Fold Purposes of Tongues.

Tongues serve a four-fold purpose, namely: As a sign to believers; for the edification of the one through whom the Spirit speaks; for the rendering of acceptable praise unto God; and as a sign to unbelievers.

#### 1. As a Sign to Believers. (Mark 16:17).

In this world we are ever surrounded by spirit forces and influences that do not emanate from the Father, and there is the constant danger that souls seeking any spiritual blessing, be led astray

and deceived by them. For this reason God, in giving to His children the blessings of the gospel, accompanies each work of grace or gift bestowed, by some sign that the recipient may know that he has received the thing sought. To regeneration and sanctification the Holy Spirit bears witness, giving the assurance that the work wrought in the heart is of God (Rom. 5:1-5; Heb. 10:14, 15); but in receiving this Pentecostal blessing He cannot bear witness to Himself (5:31); so unto all who receive the gift of the Holy Spirit there is given as an evidence the physical manifestation of speaking in other tongues.

### 2. For the Edification of the One Through Whom the Spirit Speaks. (1 Cor. 14:4).

It is the united testimony of those who have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, that when He takes possession and speaks in other tongues, they are edified and strengthened as in no other exercise and that the glory that floods the soul at such times is beyond mortal tongue to describe.

### 3. For the Rendering of Acceptable Praise Unto God. (1 Cor. 14:2).

God has ever had trouble with His children here below in getting them to render unto Him the praise and thanksgiving that are due His great name. Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, David calls on everything in earth and sea and sky to praise God (Psalm 148); and John speaks of the four living creatures which he saw in his vision that had no rest day and night, but were constantly giving praises to "Him that sitteth on the throne, to Him that liveth for ever and ever." (Rev. 4:9).

As the soul of a loving mother grows hungry and longs to hear an expression of love from the thoughtless child who is ever receiving but never giving so much as one word of thanks, so our Father in Heaven loves to have wafted to Him from this prodigal world which has cost Him so much, a real note of praise and thanksgiving for His unspeakable gifts. But it has come to pass in these apostate days that even in His own Church which is supposed to be made up of men and women who have been redeemed from the curse of sin and who are heirs to eternal life, that one seldom hears a word of genuine praise from a really thankful heart for what our God has done.

But through this manifestation of the Holy Spirit, God receives from lips of clay praises that are wholly acceptable unto Him.

### 4. As a Sign to Unbelievers. (1 Cor. 14:22).

If there was ever an age when supernatural manifestations in the Church were needed as a sign to a skeptical and materialistic generation, surely it is the present one. A real belief in a **wonder-working God can scarcely be found today even in the Church, while among both clergy and laity exist the rankest unbelief in anything supernatural.** This manifestation of God's mighty power in speaking through His children in the languages of the world, is needed as a

sign to unbelievers in the modern Church as well as to those who are avowed skeptics.

In my experience in Christian work I have known nothing that could possibly bring such utter confusion to the enemies of our God as this manifestation of the supernatural. Often in the meetings where the Holy Spirit has had the right of way, He has called sinners to repentance in a language which perhaps they alone of those present understood.

In a meeting in Los Angeles a Spaniard who had lately come to this country was called upon to forsake his sins by the Holy Spirit speaking to him in his native tongue through an ignorant African girl who did not know one word of Spanish. He was reminded of crimes which he had committed in his own land and which no one in this country knew anything of, and was warned to forsake his evil ways; with the result that in fear and trembling he came to the altar and surrendered himself to God.

#### Controlling the Gift.

In his first letter to the Corinthian Church, Paul gives instruction as to the control of the gift of speaking in tongues. He declares that the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets (1 Cor. 14:32), and that, therefore, the worship of God in the Church may be conducted without confusion (1 Cor. 14:32), and that all things should be done decently and in order (1 Cor. 14:40).

In a meeting where there is the utmost freedom and where the Holy Spirit is manifesting Himself in the exercise of the gifts, many of those who have received the baptism find that they can at almost any time speak in an unknown tongue, and if they fail to wait for the Spirit to bid them speak, the unity of the service is broken and the result is confusion and discord.

There is a divine order for the worship of God in the Assembly, and if all present but yielded themselves to the Holy Spirit's control, there will be the utmost harmony throughout, and all things will be done unto edifying. (1 Cor. 14:20). When the Church assembles for worship, the order of service should be such that every one present might receive his portion of strength and blessing. There is no edification in the exercise of the gift of speaking in tongues to anyone in the assembly except to the one speaking, **unless the interpretation be given.** For this reason Paul admonishes the Corinthian brethren to refrain from the exercise of this gift in the meetings of the Church if there be no interpreter present; but that each one "speak to himself and to God." (1 Cor. 14:28). This counsel was given by Paul for the regulation of the worship of God in the devotional gatherings of the Church, but in evangelistic meetings conducted for the expressed purpose of winning the unsaved, the exercise of this gift is proper and desirable, as this manifestation is given as a special sign to unbelievers.

#### Seeking Tongues.

Some have agonized and prayed that they might receive the gift of tongues,

but all to no avail; for tongues are never given but in connection with the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Seek not, therefore, for tongues, but seek the gift of the Holy Spirit and in the receiving of this gift He will speak through you in other tongues and there will be wrought out in your own life an experience that will tally in every particular with that of the disciples in the upper room when they were all baptized with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Acts 2:4). For to you is the promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call unto Him. (Acts 2:38, 39).—The Closing Age.

#### PENTECOSTAL POWER.

The promise to the overcomer who keeps the works of the Lord Jesus unto the end is, "To him will I give power over the nations, and he shall rule them with a rod of iron." Where do you commence to exercise power? Christ says, "Behold I give you power \* \* \* over all the power of the enemy." You have to receive power here to rule over there. Powerless now, powerless hereafter! In order to become a ruler in the future, you must learn to rule now.

Where do you get that power? In touch with Him. He drew His disciples aside privately, and instructed them. He told them to tarry in the upper room. "Ye shall receive power when the Holy Spirit is come upon you" (Acts 1:8 R. V.).

There is no excuse for being without this power, for "the promise is UNTO YOU." "Tarry ye until ye be endued with power from on High."

#### THEY SHALL SPEAK WITH NEW TONGUES.

The ear of the Bridegroom is attuned to hear the cry of the bride, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." Amidst all the plaudits, the harmonious chants and glorious anthems of heaven, the loud hallelujahs and cries of "Worthy the Lamb," away through them all comes the cry of the bride, "Come, Lord Jesus," and that cry is not lost or swallowed up in its passage through the volume of sound from the throng around the throne.

To emphasize the cry, God has given the bride a new tongue to utter it, yea to whisper it, so the world shall not hear it, and the enemy cannot understand it. It is the language direct from the Throne and therefore it is bound to return to the Throne.

They spoke wonderful things on the day of Pentecost, but they are speaking more wonderful things in this latter Pentecost. They are speaking about the exodus. The first Pentecost inaugurated the church, the last is giving the finishing touches. It is necessary to have the supernatural because the church is soon to be called into the supernatural. Don't miss your share.

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## THE NEW YEAR.

While a new year is just opening up before us, this world of struggling humanity finds itself still confronted by the same old perplexing and unsolvable problems as ever, and with new ones daily arising; also by most undesirable, distressing—and in many cases—appalling conditions, for which there seems to be no human remedy.

While this must be apparent to all, yet there are things transpiring in the religious realm which are of no special interest to the masses. And while it may not be possible to add anything new along this line, we feel constrained to reiterate and emphasize the fact, that perhaps at no period in the history of the religious world, has there been such a severe conflict, in some respects, between truth and error; light and darkness and the forces of good and evil, as at the present time. Isms and cults and doctrines of demons, of every kind, have been, and are multiplying amazingly; entering in under the direction and supervision of Satan, the "god of this world," "transforming himself into an angel of light" and thus insinuating, in a very subtle way, many very plausible, seductive and dangerous errors through some of his most learned and cultured agents, whose persons and messages find favor with vast numbers.

Brain-cultured ministers of doubt,  
By many well received,  
Before the world go in and out,  
Deceiving and deceived.

For some time past there has been something of a revolt among the ranks of unbelievers, against that extreme phase of materialistic infidelity which seemed to prevail among the majority of them up till about a quarter of a century ago; and they are now recognizing and acknowledging the fact that man has a spirit life and are endeavoring to develop that part of their nature: to live in the spirit—their own spirits—"but not according to God," and are thereby opening up the avenues of their being to the influence of all kinds of false and seducing spirits; at whose instigation they are formulating their religious beliefs.

And many, we are sorry to say, of supposedly spiritual people, are giving heed thereto.

As an illustration of this, and a further fulfillment of the predictions of our Lord, we make the following quotation from an article in *The Jewish Era*, entitled, *Present Conditions in Jerusalem* by Pastor S. B. Rohold, a well known worker among the Jews: "All missions and schools are closed, the devil's messengers having brought this about, whom no one seems able to hinder. The saddest feature about it is that two of these messengers are so-called Hebrew Christians. One is a man named Dr. Musa, a Persian, who claims to be the incarnate Messiah; and strange to say, his wife, who is a cultured, educated lady, believes him, and did not hesitate to give Mr. Payne and myself reasons why she believes that her husband is the Messiah. We were shocked by her statements.

The second impostor is one, Japhat Beham, who was formerly identified, while in America, with a well known and deeply spiritual organization. He, too, claims to be the Messiah. You can realize what harm these impostors are doing to the cause of Christ here in Jerusalem. There are others about whom I dare not begin to tell."

Truly, these are perilous times, and no one is safe who does not have an unwavering faith in God, and His word, seeking to be filled with His Spirit—"The Spirit of Truth that guides into all truth,"—pleading for the wisdom from on high, and not leaning upon our own understanding, nor the plausible, extravagant, but misleading opinions of men who are, in many cases, like the deceivers referred to,—only religious "thieves and robbers."

Men make opinions, but the truth,  
Doth God alone create;  
Then learn this fact, ignored in youth,  
That notions have no weight.

Therefore, it behooves us, as God's children, to sink deep into His will, patiently waiting the soon Coming of Jesus, the true Messiah, and Hope of the world. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus!"

Take Thy throne and rule the nations,  
As Thou dost in hearts today,  
Ending all earth's tribulations,  
By thy universal sway!

—J. T. B.

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We ought to have this for the cause of our King Jesus in the next few weeks. How many of our readers love the Lord well enough to answer God's call to fill one of the above places?

In my last article I spoke of the Baptists of this one county trying to raise \$75,000. They now report having raised it. Cannot all the Pentecostal people of the United States raise in two weeks what one county of Baptists raised in one week? Of course we can, if every man will do his best. One local church, the First Baptist Church of Dallas, Tex., has laid \$600,000 at the feet of the Master. What shall we do for Jesus?

The King is coming soon. Have you done for Him all possible with the pounds He has put in your hands? Honestly answer this question now, and act as He directs you, and you will not be ashamed before Him in that great and glorious day. Who will be one?

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## Questions and Answers

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**Ques.** Where did the Baptism with the Holy Spirit with the sign of speaking with other tongues commence?

**Ans.** It started on the day of the first Pentecost after Jesus was glorified at the right hand of the Father. On that day Jesus received of the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit and poured Him out with signs that could be seen and heard (Acts 2:33). Immediately "they were all filled with the Holy Ghost (Spirit) and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance" (2:4).

**Ques.** Is the speaking in tongues under the power of the Spirit ever referred to in the Scriptures as a "sign," or did the early apostolic church ever take it as a sign of the baptism, or the gift of the Spirit?

**Ans.** Yes, Paul says, "Wherefore tongues are for a sign," 1 Cor. 14:22. Again, when the Spirit was poured out with tongues at the household of Cornelius, just as He was at the beginning at Pentecost, the scripture assigns as the way they knew He was poured out as: "For they heard them speak with tongues," Acts 10:46. Then when the church at Jerusalem questioned Peter's receiving these uncircumcised Gentiles, as saved and baptized with the Spirit, Peter said to them by way of explanation: "As I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them as He did on us at the beginning. Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, John indeed baptized with water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost. Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as He did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God? When they heard these things (that the Spirit fell in the same manner and with the same result as on the day of Pentecost), they held their peace, and glorified God," Acts 11:15-18. Peter later calls this, "God bearing them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost as He did unto us," Acts 15:8. So the scriptures call it a "sign," call it "God bearing witness," and show that the apostles instantly accepted it as an evidence that God had bestowed the Holy Spirit on such as spoke with tongues as the Spirit of God gave them utterance. If the apostles and the early church, who knew more about how the Spirit was poured out than we do today, were satisfied with this evidence, why should we not be?

**Ques.** How did the church lose this supernatural power?

**Ans.** The church has never entirely lost it. After a few centuries most of the church for most of the time, did truly lose it through loss of consecration, loss of a close touch with God, loss of full gospel light, and through sin and unbelief. But the early church had these signs long after the days of the apostles, as shown by early church historians,

such as Eusebius, also the church fathers, such as Irenaeus, Chrysostom, St. Augustine, etc. Then all down the centuries, where saints have been fully consecrated, been full of faith in the promises of God and of love to each other, God has poured out His Spirit on such little groups and they spake with other tongues under the power of the Spirit. Some of the early Methodists under Charles Wesley, some of the Quakers, and later Charles G. Finney and D. L. Moody spoke in other tongues under the power of the Spirit.

During the first half of the last century quite a group of such appeared in Scotland and England. The sainted Edward Irving was pastor of such a church in London. In the last decade of last century, about 100 received the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues under the ministry of Rev. Daniel Awry, in eastern Tennessee and western North Carolina. All during the 19 years of this century, God has been pouring out His Spirit in this same Bible way on many thousands, some in about every nation in the world. He is ready to do it on a larger scale in every or any church that will yield to God, clean up from all known sins, and believe His promises.

**Ques.** What do the Assemblies of God of the Pentecostal faith believe today?

**Ans.** These assemblies are opposed to all radical Higher Criticism of the Bible and against all modernism or infidelity in the church, against people unsaved and full of sin and worldliness belonging to the church. They believe in all the real Bible truths held by all real Evangelical churches.

They believe in a salvation that changes a man's nature, in the power of the blood of Christ to wash and make the heart and life clean, in the baptism with the Holy Ghost just as given in the apostolic days, or in believers being filled with and led by the Spirit of God, that all preachers and deacons should be filled with God's Spirit before being recognized as officers of the church or assembly; in the soon coming, or pre-millennial coming of Christ back to earth again; in the prayer of faith for healing of the sick who will trust their bodies to the Lord, in local churches or assemblies governing themselves as led by the Spirit and as directed by the Word of God. They believe the Bible is the Word of God, that all men and all churches should shape their lives according to this Book. They believe in the doctrine of Christ's atonement for sin with His own blood, that there is no salvation except through Christ, believe in the Deity of Christ, that He is the real and divine Son of God. In short, their war cry is, **BACK TO CHRIST AND THE BIBLE**; back to the teachings of Christ and the

apostles exactly as given in the New Testament.

**Ques.** What is Bible Repentance?

**Ans.** It is a change of the mind in reference to sin and to Christ, a change of mind accompanied by godly sorrow for sin, such a conviction that one is a sinner and guilty before God as makes the person willing to turn away from sin and to cry out for a Saviour, such a sense of guilt on account of sin and sins as makes one to know he needs Christ.

**Ques.** What is saving faith?

**Ans.** It is a personal trust in Christ as his Saviour. It is a leaning of the soul on Christ for salvation from sin. It is a committal of one's self into the hands of Christ with sole dependence in Him for salvation. It is the supreme choice of the heart to own Jesus Christ as your ruler and your Lord. It is a true declaration of your heart to loyally own Jesus as your King. Faith makes Jesus your King and you a citizen of His kingdom.

**Ques.** What is the Baptism with the Holy Spirit?

**Ans.** It is the outpouring of the Spirit of God upon a blood-washed person who fully consecrates himself to Christ and who so believes in the promise of God as that God can and does pour out upon him, through Christ, the Holy Spirit; such an outpouring as results in the person's whole being, body, soul and spirit, becoming enveloped in and saturated by the power and glory of God, an experience in which the Spirit is bestowed in God's purpose as a permanent gift to abide forever in his body as the temple of God, to dwell in him, taking the things of Christ and showing them to such person, increasing fellowship between this person and his risen Lord, and manifesting the presence of the Spirit by giving the person utterance in other tongues (languages supernaturally spoken) and manifesting the power of God in any gifts of the Spirit as He wills. (1 Cor. 12:11.)

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## A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE.

Though the years are quickly flying,  
Be not anxious or unwise;  
Yielding up to foolish sighing,  
In the path where duty lies.

Look not on the past regretful,  
Or toward the future sad;  
Trustful always, never fretful—  
Ever thankful; ever glad.

Only by the moment living—  
Future time may not be ours;  
Leave the past, while meekly giving,  
To the present all our powers.

Be not careful for the morrow,  
But the Master's words obey,  
Lest we yield to needless sorrow,  
Bearing burdens all the way.

We belong to One who reckons,  
By a surer rule than we;  
Ages are with Him as seconds,  
Measured by eternity.

Leave our lives to His adjusting,  
Who the whole creation scans;  
Simply to His wisdom trusting,  
Times and seasons, place and plans!  
—John T. Boddy.

UNIVERSAL BLESSING PRECEDES  
UNIVERSAL DISASTER.

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and power, who went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil, for God was with Him (Acts 10:38). Satanic oppression is not lifted, neither has God lifted the anointing of the Spirit from His Son. As long as Satan does works of oppression, so long will the anointing be upon the Son to undo the works of the devil.

It says in the Word, "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth he has but a short time" (Rev. 12:12). But Christ anticipates that. Christ comes first to receive His own unto Himself, and as great wrath is foretold to the inhabitants of the earth, so is great blessing prophesied for those who are His.

Note Joel's prophecy, "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh \* \* \* and I will shew wonders \* \* \* before the great and the terrible day of the Lord come." The great and terrible day of the Lord preceded by an outpouring upon all flesh. Blessing before judgment! Mercy before disorder! Mercy anticipating disaster.

When God pours out, His blessing is limitless, it cannot be measured. Can you count the rain drops or the flakes of snow? Can you measure the thunder or lightning? And when God declares that He will pour out of His Spirit upon all flesh, you can count on a comprehensive outpouring and one that will be worthy of God.

Look at the first outpouring on the day of Pentecost, spreading to all parts

of the known world, turning the world "upside down." And what you see of Christianity in the world today is the evidence of it.

And you can count on the latter rain transcending the former, so that the former things do not come to remembrance. If there is to be universal disaster there will be universal blessing first. Prior to wrath coming upon the residue, the Lord comes in power and blessing to His own. But in spite of this, there will be a rejection of the Spirit and of mercy by many. Will He find faith on the earth when He comes in judgment? He will deal without mercy with those who refuse His mercy.

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth, and the anointing is not lessened but intensified. If Satan has great wrath because the time is short and his acts increase correspondingly, the Son has great mercy and His acts increase correspondingly.

God has set Him upon His throne, God has highly exalted Him. Why? Because He carried out His Father's will. He was manifested to undo, to nullify the works of the devil, and yet people say, "There is no devil and no devil's work." Then if that is true, God anointed His Son in vain.

The Son received a specific anointing for a specific work of a specific purpose to meet a specific enemy—that old serpent, the devil, whose work Christ undid mostly at the cross. He conquered death, disease, despair and destruction. Rejoice in that He whom God anointed obtained and still maintains the victory. The voice that said, "Get thee behind me, Satan," will also later command him to be bound with chains and cast into the pit, and finally consign him to the lake of fire and brimstone.

Jesus Christ is conqueror over sin, sickness, death and the devil himself.

## AUBURN SCHOOL.

Owing to finding the furnace in the school building is cracked and we have to get a new one, and because the strike prevented us in getting in coal, and because of other unavoidable delays, it will be impossible to get the New Middle West Pentecostal Bible School ready to open on Jan. 1, 1920, as was hoped. It may be March 1 or April 1 before it can open full blast, but due notice of date of opening will be put in the Evangel.

A meeting of the Directors and Board of Trustees has been called to meet at Auburn, Neb., on Dec. 30th. Likely at that time we can decide on date of the Convention that is to precede the opening of the school, and we may be able also to decide on the date of opening.

A President or Principal has already been secured for the school, and he is corresponding with teachers and working on the proper courses to be offered in the school. Quite a little progress has been made and if all the brethren will look up to God and heartily cooperate with the Trustees in raising the necessary funds, we shall soon have a blessed report to make in the Evangel.

E. N. BELL, Sec'y.

## FORGETTING.

## A New Year's Message.

"This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:13, 14.

We stand on the brink of God's New Year,

Our backs we now turn to the Old;  
As we gaze down the dim, op'ning vista,  
God's grace doth in freshness unfold,  
Speaks a voice to our ears ready list'-ning—

"Forgetting the things left behind,  
Press forward—the mark lies before thee—

God's prize waits His own there to find."

Yes, forgetting the dark hours of trial,  
The anguish of pain we have known,  
Forgetting the stings and the heart-throbs,

Bitter tears shed in moments alone.  
Forgetting the times of self-pity,  
When we felt we were misunderstood,  
And others had cruelly wounded—  
Forsaken by man and by God.

Forgetting our failures so many,  
And the triumphs, lest foolish our boasts

Might be in our own mighty working,  
And not in the Lord God of Hosts.  
Forgetting how much we've accomplished,

Forgetting how many we've won,  
Forgetting our own great achievements,  
Yes, forgetting most all we have done.

What then would He have us remember?

This God who doth bid us forget—  
Remember His love so unchanging,  
Each need hitherto having met,  
Remember His unceasing working  
In those who His will strive to know;  
Remember, 'tis God worketh in us,  
His own great salvation to show.

Remember He liveth forever,  
Interceding for you and for me—  
Our own blessed surety that some day  
Our eyes His full glory shall see.  
And if He should come in this New Year  
May He find us, whenever the day,  
Remembering Him, our Redeemer,  
And forgetting the creature of clay.

—Alice Reynolds Flower.

EVER HEAR PAUL RADER? THOSE who have, consider him the greatest living preacher. Rader held a meeting in St. Louis before we left there, and we enjoyed hearing him very much. Rader has had a personal Pentecost, and that is the secret of his power. We have a few of his books in stock at the Gospel Publishing House, all at popular prices. "Hell, and How to Escape," 11c; "Signs of the Times," 11c; "The Empty Cottage at Silver Falls," 27c; "Straight from the Shoulder Messages," 27c; and "How to Win and Other Victory Messages," 38c.

## A FEW QUESTIONS ON THE BAPTISM OF THE SPIRIT.

### I. Who can be baptized with the Holy Spirit?

The apostles, New Testament believers, preachers, leaders, and "as many as the Lord our God shall call."

Acts 2:38 and 39:

38. Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

1. It was spoken to the Jews

2. "to your children"

3. "and to all that are afar off." (Gentiles.)

Ephesians 2:17 and 18:

17. And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

18. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

4. It is clenched with "even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

"The promise" in Acts 2:38 and 39, includes the whole plan of redemption and all the blessings contained therein.

(1) All agree that repentance is for Jew and Gentile, New Testament times and present times.

(2) All agree that baptism is for both Jew and Gentile and for all times.

(3) All agree that redemption from sins is for all Christians of all times.

(4) Then why not agree that "the gift of the Holy Ghost" is for all Christians for all times?

WE ARE TAKING ONLY A PART OF THE BLESSING, BUILDING ONLY THE FOUNDATION AND NOT THE SUPER-STRUCTURE. WE HAVE THE FACT OF THE REDEMPTION BUT NOT THE BLESSING AND POWER OF REDEMPTION.

Read again in connection with Acts 2:38 and 39:

Acts 1:4 and 5:

4. And being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me:

5. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

Acts 2:33:

33. Therefore, being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

These two passages clearly emphasize "the promise" refers to the Holy Spirit.

### II. If we may be baptized with the Holy Spirit then must we not be?

1. Not for our sakes, but for the sake of the lost.

If lost souls are won in proportion or according to the measure of our power, then how great the crime if we are without power.

2. God uses the saved sinner to reach the unsaved sinner. It is his only method.

God sent an angel to Cornelius, but he sent a saved sinner, called to be an apostle, filled with the Holy Ghost, to make known to him the way of salvation.

The Son of God spake in person to Saul of Tarsas, but he sent one Ananias to tell him what to do.

3. We may not preach error, but yet not preach the truth.

To fail to preach the "whole gospel of God" is a greater sin than to preach error.

All the isms and heresies combined are not causing the loss and hurt as the failure of the church to be baptized with the Holy Spirit.

### III. How may we obtain the baptism with the Holy Spirit?

This question is asked not of the unbeliever, but of the believer.

1. We must renounce all sin.

Here is the main issue involved.

1 John 1:2:

1. My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

2. Absolute obedience.

Acts 5:32:

32. And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

Faith in Jesus Christ for righteousness to the unbeliever.

Obedience to Jesus Christ to the believer for power.

Consider the illustration of the Whole Burnt Offering laid on the altar, nothing kept back.

3. The third step in securing the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is an intense desire for it.

John 7:37-39:

37. In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

38. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

39. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Isaiah 44:3-4:

3. For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring.

4. The fourth step in receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit is definite prayer.

Some will say, he is already here, therefore, why pray for his coming?

So is Jesus Christ an abiding gift to the world, but each individual must seek him.

Acts 4:31:

31. And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

Acts 8:15 and 16:

15. Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

16. (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them; only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

Ephesians 3:14 and 16:

14. For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

16. That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man:

5. The highest step in receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is faith.

Mark 11:24:

24. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire when ye pray believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Faith accepts results as if they were already in our possession. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen,"

Faith asks "according to his will" hence, knows that prayer is heard.

We accept the Holy Spirit for power and service as a sinner accepts Christ for salvation. He takes him at his word.

### IV. How long will it take to obtain the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and how often?

1. How long does it take the sinner to find Christ? Even so, we obtain the gift of the Holy Spirit.

2. One baptism and a new supply for each day and for every new trial and new duty.

The Apostles were baptized the day of Pentecost, but we read they were filled on separate and subsequent occasions.

Acts 4:8:

8. Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,

"Then Peter filled with the Holy Ghost."

"They were all filled with the Holy Ghost."

We must not neglect the gift but kindle it anew.

2 Tim. 1:6:

6. Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.—From the Searchlight, Fort Worth, Texas.

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## Our Distinctive Testimony

**The Gospel of Profusion.** "Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the Lord will do great things." With these good words, Joel brings us the promise of Pentecost. To what land does the prophet here refer? The Lord tells us through Malachi to bring all the tithes into the storehouse and prove Him now, if He will not open the windows of heaven; and further promises us "Ye shall be a delightful land." That is, His obedient children will be the land for whom He will do the great things.

We are aware that many teach this is purely Jewish. That was what Peter thought until God taught him that He is no respecter of persons, and that in every nation he that feareth Him and worketh righteousness is accepted with Him. And Paul tells us further that he is not a Jew that is one outwardly, but he is a Jew that is one inwardly. So, if you have that heart circumcision of which the apostle talks, you can put your finger on this Pentecostal promise and boldly declare, "This is for me." Yes, the promise is unto you.

**The Inheritance of Faith.** Fear is the principal thing that keeps people out of their inheritance. "How can I get rid of fear?" you ask. The Lord answers, "Whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from the fear of evil." Faith cometh by hearing, and faith is just the opposite of fear. Joel tells us to cast aside our fear, and be glad and rejoice. When in Chicago recently we saw a number of large notices on the billboards, signed by the Mayor of that city, in which he advised, "Throw away your hammer and get a horn." Here a greater than the Mayor of Chicago counsels us, cast away every hindrance to faith and make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Move out from Grumble Building on Fear Street and take up your permanent address on Praise Avenue. For the promise is sure, the Lord will do great things. Praise Him!

Further down in Joel's Pentecostal message, he **Our Hope and Refuge.** says, "The Lord will be the place of repair for His people" (Joel 3:16 marg.). Anything wrong with you? Move into Him for repairs. No rising prices to fear. "Without money and without price" is the legend writ large over the Lord's workshop. We heard a brother testify recently, "I was all out of fix, but I went to Jesus; and now, bless God, I can say with David, 'My heart is fixed!' He fixed it up fine for me. And he fixed up my poor body too." Some may question our brother's interpretation, but the fact remains, our Jesus can make a good job out of the poorest, basest, weakest, most despicable material, yea He can make something out of "the things that are not." There is no need to fear if you quit looking at yourself, and keep looking unto Jesus. He is the one that has promised to do the great things, and to pour out of His Spirit upon all flesh. The baptism of the Holy Ghost, just as they re-

ceived on the day of Pentecost, is the portion He has for you, and that is just the open door to the much more beyond.

**This Is That.** On that wonderful day when the Spirit was first outpoured, when there came a sound from heaven of a mighty rushing wind, when the cloven tongues of fire came down on the hundred and twenty and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance, they made such a noise that a large crowd soon assembled to see what was the matter. When they began to question, "What meaneth this?" Peter, made suddenly aware by the Spirit as to what was happening, declared, "This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel." The parched ground was drinking in of the rain from heaven and was glad and rejoicing, for the Lord was doing great things. God's promise through Joel for the last days was being fulfilled. This was "the former rain moderately" and three thousand were caught in the first shower.

But is there not a promise of a "latter rain" also—"a downpour of seed rain and of the harvest rain in the first month," as Rotherham translates Joel 2:23? Surely we must be living in this "month," for on the one hand we are seeing the seed—the Word—planted, and the rain causing it to spring up, and on the other hand we find souls ripening and maturing for the soon approaching harvest.

**Doubtful Disputations.** True, we have apparently only gotten the first sprinkles, but they are an encouragement to ask of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain, and Zechariah 10:1 gives us the assurance the Lord will send the showers. Are you drinking in of the rain of heaven, or are you putting up your little umbrella of doubt and declaring, "I don't believe in this 'tongues' business!" Said a minister to some students who had received the Pentecostal baptism, "You are at liberty to give your testimony in my meeting, but no 'tongues,' mind." "Tongues" are in my testimony," answered one of them. "Tongues" were in Peter's testimony and likewise in Paul's, for he declared, "I think my God that I speak in tongues more than ye all." If you are a despiser of the "tongues" and those who use them, you will have to cut all the apostles out of your fellowship.

But those who have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and have found out that in the last days God is making no difference between us and those at the beginning, are rejoicing in the fact that the Spirit of God has given them utterance in languages supernatural and supernal, and that they have at last found out an adequate way of expressing their love and praise to God.

**For a Sign.** But "tongues" are ever a sign spoken against. Of our blessed Lord it is written, "He hath no

form nor comeliness; and when we shall see Him there is no beauty that we should desire Him." That was to the natural eye, but to the eyes anointed with heavenly eyesalve, "He is altogether lovely." So with the new tongues, to the natural ear there is no form, comeliness or beauty that any should desire them, but to those who have submitted themselves to the will and ways of God, there is something more blessed than words can express in speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. A Christ without a cross would have been acceptable to the Jews, and a Holy Ghost baptism without the tongues would be acceptable to the church of today. But the real Christ is the Christ of the Cross of Calvary, and the real Holy Ghost is the one of the mighty rushing wind and the tongues of fire of Pentecost.

**The One Condition.** What is the essential condition of receiving the Pentecostal baptism? **Faith.** Peter, reporting his trip to Caesarea and the revival God gave, answered his critics, "If then God gave unto them the like gift as He did unto us, when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I, that I could withstand God?" (Acts 11:17 A. S. V.) Jesus said, "He that believeth on Me, as the scriptures hath said, from within him shall flow rivers of living water." This spake He of the Spirit. "These signs shall follow them that believe: In My Name shall they cast out devils, they shall speak with new tongues." All can believe; it is the simplest condition our God could have thought of.

Faith is the pass-key to all the promises, and to the promise of all promises, the promise of the Father. The Pentecostal baptism is for everyone who is "of the faith of Abraham." It is our God-promised Isaac. Isaac means laughter, and have you not heard the laughter of those who are seeking and those who have received? It is the unmistakable seal of heaven. "You Pentecostal people are so frivolous," complained one long-faced professor. Oh no, we are simply rejoicing in the fact that the Lord has turned our captivity and has filled our mouth with laughter and our tongue with singing (Ps. 126:2). Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowler: the snare is broken, and we are escaped. No wonder we laugh. Ours is a joy unspeakable and full of glory. This is the heritage of faith.

**Tarry Until.** When a seeker is tarrying for the power, the Spirit frequently convicts of many things that would hinder His incoming. This is "the way of holiness: the unclean shall not pass over it." It is a costly way for the flesh, but it is abundantly worth while to make straight in the desert of our hearts a highway for God the Spirit.

And then when He comes in His fulness, how wonderful it is. What praise! What adoration! What worship! The Bible becomes an altogether new book when you go through it with the Au-



thor. Then you know what is contained in those five weighty words of Jude's, "praying in the Holy Ghost," and you are not cramped by the narrow limits of your understanding when you pray, but you can launch out on a boundless ocean of intercession that takes in the whole will of God for the whole world. And you are made a witness of power for Him.

Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?—S. H. F.

**WHAT RUSSELISM SAYS ABOUT THE GODHEAD.**

The doctrine of the trinity of the god-head well suited the dark ages which it helped to produce.

Trinitarian nonsense, taught by gray-haired professors in theological seminaries. . . .

God is a solitary being from eternity, unrevealed and unknown. No one has existed as his equal to reveal him.

**REPORT OF SOUTHEAST ALABAMA DISTRICT COUNCIL.**

The Annual District Council of the Assemblies of God for Southeastern Alabama, was held at Enterprise, Ala., from Dec. 3rd to 7th inclusive, and was certainly most excellent, thank God.

Through the kindness of the County Officials the Council was held in the County Court House. It was attended by a large company of preachers, Christian workers and delegates from the different assemblies that well nigh filled the large Court room.

The Council was enthusiastically welcomed by the general public, and the evangelistic services in the evening were crowded by very respectful and attentive hearers. The members of the Council were very generously and hospitably entertained by the church and friends of the town.

The spirit of the Council breathed of love, unity, confidence and co-operation. The reports rendered were founded on solid pillars of grace and truth in the churches, and flamed with revival fire from the different fields and were filled with news of victory from everywhere.

The business sessions enjoyed the freedom of the floor; the guidance of God's word and the present evident illumination of the Holy Spirit; and was consciously profitable to all.

Our forces were augmented for the coming year by the ordination of some six or eight tried and proven applicants to the full ministry of the Word, and perhaps twice as many bright applicants were licensed to preach.

The Council, by the grace of God, subscribed for the ensuing year, \$1,360.00 for foreign mission work.

The scenes at the street meetings were quite memorable. A line, two deep, was formed for about a block, while standing, and an entire block long when marching.

Bro. John D. James and his excellent wife, returned missionaries from a long period of faithful and effective service for the Lord in Hong Kong, China, were present and rendered special assistance in connection with Foreign Missions.

Bro. and Sister James favored the interested and appreciative listeners with old familiar songs rendered first in Chinese and afterward in English, accompanied by the guitar. Thank God for such songs as "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart," and others of a like nature rendered in the Chinese language in the power of the Spirit.

The evangelistic services were attended to overflowing, and overshadowed with

power from on high and blessed, it seemed, with the best music and singing on earth, intermingled with shouting and dancing in the Spirit, followed by fervent prayer, and joyful, blessed and triumphant testimony, which published His doing among the people, praising the Lord, for His wonderful works to the children of men.

The Gospel messages were strong, stirring and appealing, freighted with fire and power, seeming to come direct from God and to go direct to the hearts of the hearers, filling the place with an overflowing sense of His presence, and bringing forth shouts in heaven as well as on earth over the increase in the royal family and the anointing of the sons of God with the Holy Ghost and power. And each one left, I think, when forced to finally adjourn, with the conscious benediction of the Lord. —W. B. Jessup, Chairman.

**REPORT OF BRO. RAYMOND RICHEY'S TENT MEETINGS IN HOUSTON, TEX.**

Our heart is full of praise this morning for the great victory God is giving us here in Houston.

We have just closed our tent meeting with a goodly number saved, some one being saved in nearly every service. The Lord put His seal upon the last meeting by saving ten. Then on Wednesday night following the closing meeting Sunday night, we had a glorious baptismal service in the tabernacle. This has all come about through prayer. I praise God for the band of young people here, who took hold in this revival in every way they could to reach lost souls. Our meetings seemed to be sweeter every time we came together. I feel that the Lord has been so good to His people in this place, because they have stood true and are trying to press along in the battle. How wonderful it is to recognize the presence of God in our midst, at all times, day or night. It seems that the last few months have been the greatest since I have been in the ministry.

Praying God's blessing to rest upon the Evangel family.—Raymond T. Richey.

We have an additional report from Bro. Richey, too lengthy for publication in full, of a series of ten days' meeting at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, and at Fort Sheridan, Ill, where he says great numbers were saved nightly. He was assisted at the Fort Sheridan meetings by Bro. H. K. Needham, of Los Angeles, Cal., and other workers from different parts of the country. He also says that the League is desirous of reaching the Army Camps along the Mexican border, and the oil fields of Texas, and desires the prayers of God's people for help to this end.

**CHETOPA, KAN.**

Eight weeks ago we sent for Bro. Bryan, of Muskagee, Okla., and Sister Katie Utiger, of Eureka Springs, and began a battle for the Lord, and the battle has been raging ever since. Step by step we have moved up until we have the victory. Praise the Lord. Between 40 and 60 have been saved and a number of the best men of the town have received the baptism in the Spirit. The end is not yet. We have bought a large brick building on Main street, have it nicely furnished and well lighted, and will be glad for any of the brethren in harmony with the Council to call on us.—J. H. James.

**WANTS HOME.**

Please pray I may find a home with Pentecostal people. Will work for small wages just to be with people with whom I can have real fellowship.—Mrs. L. M. Christian, 1056 East Vernon Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.

**REPORT FROM THE BIBLE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT OF GLAD TIDINGS MISSION, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.**

By D. W. Kerr.

"As cold waters to the thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country." We thought perhaps a little news from here would be refreshing to some who are thirsting for the knowledge of the scriptures. To all such we can report a promising outlook for the Bible School which has been opened in San Francisco under the endorsement and co-operation of the North California District Council of the Assemblies of God. The school has also received the recognition and encouragement of the General Council. The management of the Bible school is under the supervision of Pastor Craig and a staff of counsellors.

Having reached San Francisco after schedule time, we found the school in full operation with Bro. and Sister Ira Surface in charge of language and synthetic study classes. Already about twenty-five students are enrolled as regular attendants. Applications are coming in from various sections of the country, so that by the beginning of the new year the rooming capacity of the present buildings will be filled. The buildings in which the school work, as well as the Glad Tidings Mission Hall, are occupied under a lease, held for a term of years. We are sure, the Lord will have larger and more commodious quarters for us whenever they are needed. Hence we are still all happily content with such things as we have, for we have brought nothing into this world and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

Our beginnings are small and unpretentious. We aim at quality rather than quantity. The instructions, comprising language, synthetics, studies in the life of Christ, and Bible doctrine, are thorough and fundamental. The students are learning to "dig." Those in attendance are of a high average in spiritual fervor, perseverance, and patience. We are truly a happy family. We welcome to our school circle all who mean business, and who are bound to go through. For particulars concerning the Bible School, write to Pastor R. J. Craig, 1536 Ellis Street.

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## In Defense Of The Truth

A letter written to the author of a recently published article

I have recently seen an article from your pen, entitled,

### "The Modern 'Tongues' Movement."

By selecting this title you seem to have before you two movements, viz.: Old and Modern. To me there is only one Tongues Movement; the one that had its beginning at the Upper Room in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost, Acts 2:1-4. This same movement extended to Samaria, Caesaria, Ephesus and everywhere, where the unadulterated Gospel was preached in the power of the Spirit. It was the same in the times of Irenaeus, 185 A. D.; Tertullian, 204 A. D.; the Monastics, 300 A. D.

In the Encyclopedia Britannica, Vol. 27, pages 9 and 10, 11th edition, article GLOSSALALIA—Tongues, we find these words: "Tongues recur in Christian Revivals of every age e. g. among the mendicant friars of the 13th century; among the Jansenists and early Quakers; the converts of Wesley and Whitefield; the persecuted Protestants of the Cevennes and the Irvingites."

The Encyclopedia Catholica says also of St. Francis Xavier, who was born 7th April, 1506, and died Dec. 2, 1552, on the island of Sancien, just off the Chinese coast, that he preached in tongues unknown to him.

It is the same Movement all down the ages. I know Coptic Orthodox people who speak in tongues.

The Pentecostal movement does not put a monopoly on anything in God's Word. All the promises of God are yea and amen in Christ Jesus.

You give a good testimony to what you have been pleased to call "The Modern Tongues Movement" in the very first line of your article: "Which is gathering a considerable number of people."

How is it gathering them? Is it by the wisdom and learning of men? Is it by riches and wealth? Is it by subtlety and deceitfulness? Or is it by some mystical spiritual power?

These people have not very many learned men. They are in most cases rather poor in this world's goods. You can easily discern on their foreheads SINCERITY. How then are they gathering a considerable number of people from every kindred, nation and tongue? It is by the power of Almighty God, for it is thus written: "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Zech. 4:6.

You say, "It claims to be Pentecostal and consequently Apostolic in teaching and practice."

(a) CLAIMS. If a thing is given to you, you have the right to claim it, haven't you? It was proclaimed by the Apostle Peter, one of the early tongues people, on the day that this movement was inaugurated, that the promise was to as many as the Lord our God would call. It is offered to the church in all ages and lands to receive this gift, just as it was given to the tarrying hundred and twenty. Let us hear Peter again, "And God who knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, EVEN as he did unto us, and put no difference between us and them." "And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them AS ON US AT THE BEGINNING." Acts 10:45, 46.

All we have to do is to claim by faith the things freely given unto us from God and they become ours.

(b) The Pentecostal people are, by the grace of God, endeavoring to be Apostolic in teaching and practice. This one thing

they do: "Forgetting those things which are behind, reaching forth unto those things which are before, pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus."

You write, "It claims to be receiving special manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the gift of tongues and other gifts."

The Lord gives the manifestation of the Spirit to profit withal. What you term special manifestations are the privilege of every saint filled with the Holy Ghost. "It shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions and your old men shall dream dreams, etc." Whenever the Spirit of God gets hold of people and fills them, manifestations surely follow the Spirit's infilling and presence.

"There are manifestations among the people, that if not supernatural, have the appearance of being such, to the extent that they are convincing."

Thank God for this frank admission! Whom do these supernatural manifestations convince? Not very many wise and prudent in their own eyes, I know. When our Saviour was rejoicing in the Spirit, He lifted His pure eyes unto the Father and said: "Thou hast hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them unto babes." There are people today who resist the Holy Ghost, kick against the pricks, ignore and even denounce the real work of God. The Jews and Stoics are not all dead.

I agree with you in going to the law and to the testimony. What does the Beloved John say in regard to spirits and manifestations? "Beloved, believe not every spirit," he says, "but try the spirits whether they are of God." How can we try them? He answers, "Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is OF GOD." This settles it. Do Pentecostal people, right in the midst of their manifestations, confess that Jesus came in the flesh? Most assuredly they do.

"Wrong in doctrine." Thus you begin your offensive effort. Then you call the Pentecostal people a sect—"The teaching of this sect," you write. In this you did not fulfill the Golden Rule.

The Pentecostal people are, at least, as much unsectarian as any other church I know of. They endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace until they all come to the unity of the faith and know as they were known.

"Their teachers place special emphasis on the popular delusion that Christ is going to reign on the earth a thousand years."

Poor John, the Beloved! You were deluded on the Isle of Patmos! Rev. 20. You are holding to the popular delusion with the Pentecostal people when you say that your Lord is going to reign with His blood-washed company on the earth! Rev. 5:10.

Papias, Justin, Martyr, Irenaeus, Cyprian, Hermas and all ye who loved not your lives unto death in the early days of Christianity, you are branded with the Pentecostal people as deceived and misled!

Luther, Mead, Milton, Brent, Isaac Watts, Isaac Newton, Wesley, Charles H. Spurgeon, D. L. Moody, J. C. Ryle, George Muller, D. W. Whittle, G. C. Needham, hundreds of missionaries on fire for God—witnesses of four centuries—you are quite away off the

teaching of those who can explain the Book of Revelation away!

"If one will note the trend of their teaching, their so-called visions, their dreams and revelations, one will learn that they either teach or otherwise assure the people that this will be what Jesus will do when He comes."

Suppose the Pentecostal got this teaching through visions, dreams, revelations, an angel or Christ, by what means was this same teaching communicated to the fore-mentioned personages?

You believe that the day of miracles is not passed; why do you then make light of visions, dreams, revelations, etc.?

"When John received his revelation, nothing was said about Jesus' reigning on the earth for a thousand years."

Now to the inspired word! Now to the very John that you mention! In Rev. 5:10, the cry of the saints was, "And we SHALL REIGN ON THE EARTH." SHALL, when used with the 1st person, denotes futurity, does it not? No doubt Rev. 5:10 refers to Rev. 20:4. Notice the 6th verse: "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection; on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ and SHALL REIGN WITH HIM A THOUSAND YEARS." In Rev. 5:10 we have the place of this reign—the earth. But in Rev. 20 we have the time—the Millennium.

When the prophets declared the incarnation of the Son of God, they did not, every one individually, give the full particulars of the birth, life and death of the God-man. One prophesied that His birth would be in Bethlehem. Another: when the sceptre departed from Judah and the law-giver from between His feet. Would you blame the writers of the four Gospels for setting together the various prophecies concerning Christ? I think not. And if not, why do you demand everything about the Millennial reign of Christ to be in one place?

We come now to your so-called second error. I don't know whether you put it second, because it is lighter or weightier; be that as it may.

"Another error is that every one who receives the baptism of the Holy Spirit will speak in tongues as an evidence of such baptism."

Is it an error to contend for the faith once for all delivered unto the saints? The feature which distinguishes the Pentecostal Movement over the earth from all others, is the speaking in tongues, which is held to be the evidence of the baptism in the Holy Spirit. The Lord told His followers to tarry until they were endued with power from on high. The saints obeyed the command. It took ten days to bring the UNTIL. When were they satisfied that they got what they were waiting for? On the tenth day there came a sound as of a rushing mighty wind and filled the house, where they were sitting. But they went on tarrying. Then there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire and sat upon each of them. But they still went on until lo! they were filled with the Holy Ghost and began TO SPEAK WITH TONGUES AS THE SPIRIT GAVE THEM UTTERANCE. When did they know that the promise was fulfilled? The answer is plain from the foregoing scripture.

The same thing was repeated, when Peter, eight years after the day of Pentecost, went to proclaim the Glad Tidings to the Gentiles. "While Peter was yet speaking the Holy Ghost fell on all them that heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles ALSO was poured out the

gift of the Holy Ghost. **FOR THEY HEARD THEM SPEAK WITH TONGUES AND MAGNIFY GOD.**"

Let us hear Thayer, the great authority on the New Testament Greek: "Gar—for—adduces a cause, or gives a reason for a preceding statement." How would those brethren of the circumcision have known that the Gentiles received their baptism, if this evidence was not manifested? Had there been other evidence than the tongues, surely they would have been demanded.

Again Paul goes to Ephesus. There he finds disciples. He faces them with the question, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" "No," they answer, "we have not even heard that there is any Holy Ghost." Paul then baptizes them in water and lays hands on them. When doing so the Holy Ghost falls upon them. What is the result? **THEY SPEAK WITH TONGUES AND PROPHECY.**

There are three "ANDS" in Acts 19:6. The word in the original for the 1st and 3rd is **Kai**, the well-known conjunction. But the "AND" that joins the coming down of the Holy Ghost with the speaking in tongues,—the second one—is not **Kai**. It is **te**, which is a very special and precise little word appearing infrequently in the entire New Testament. Thayer says, "**Kai** introduces something new under the same aspect, yet as an external addition, whereas **te** marks it as having AN INNER CONNECTION WITH WHAT PRECEDES." Lexicon, page 616.

Therefore, the speaking in tongues has an inner connection with the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Prophecy is an external addition.

There is not one soul mentioned in the New Testament as having spoken in tongues before getting the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

It is clear that when the scriptures mention any signs following the Baptism, they, first of all, mention tongues. When they are silent about tongues, they record no other evidence. Acts 8:17 and 9:17. Commentors agree that the speaking in tongues was what made Simon astonished and Paul himself told the Corinthian saints that he spoke in tongues. 1 Cor. 14:18. He thanked God for it too!

**"If one has to know his spirit's infilling by speaking in tongues, the thing will be sought for, will be that particular demonstration."**

The sign is not the thing it signifies.

So, tongues are not the baptism, but the evidence. Faith is the evidence of things hoped for, but is faith the things hoped for? The whiteness of skin marks some nations, but are these nations the whiteness?

The disciples were infilled; what was the result? Acts 2:4. The Caesareans were baptized; how did the Jewish brethren know they were? Acts 10:46.

**"After listening to this sort of persuasion and giving it credence, the one who may be full of faith, love and the joy and peace of God, feels empty and dissatisfied and finally seeks for so-called baptism."**

In the first place you take love, faith, joy and peace to be the signs of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. You know well that these are the fruits of every one who is born again of the Spirit and that the disciples had these fruits before the day of Pentecost.

Second: You admit plainly that when people listen to us in explaining the simple truth and give credence to it, they feel dissatisfied and empty and finally seek the Baptism. Hallelujah for such an admission!

It is the privilege of every child of God to be filled full with the Holy Ghost. With-

out Him we are comfortless—orphans. Without Him most of our peace and joy is not real and lasting. Most of our power would not be heaven-sent, but manufactured!

The Baptism of the Holy Ghost is not the end, but the beginning of a blessed life. Always more to follow! O Glory! Glory! Glory! Right now I have the sweetness of this life and thank the Triune God for leading me this way! Hallelujah to the Lamb!

**"Many have been seeking for years, but have not received it, while others fall into the trap, get under the power and though they did this but once, they believe they received the real Apostolic blessing."**

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," saith THE LORD. The 120 tarried ten days. Cornelius and his household did not tarry more than a few hours, probably minutes, why was that? The answer was given to Isaiah. Isa. 55:8-9.

Pastor Polman, of Amsterdam, Holland, started with his wife, at the same time, to seek the Baptism. After a short time the wife was baptized. Pastor Polman had to seek for nine months more. Why was that? "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither your ways my ways, SAITH THE LORD."

"Those nine months," says Pastor Polman, "were the most blessed days of my life." It pays to wait on God. Isa. 40:31 and Lam. 3:26.

**"No one can manifest these gifts (of the Spirit) unless it is by the indwelling of the Spirit."**

This is true, but you seem to think that the sign of tongues and the gift of tongues are one and the same thing.

First. The sign follows the Baptism, Acts 2:4; 10:46; 19:6. The gift does not necessarily follow it.

Second. We can speak with tongues as a sign without an interpreter. Acts 2:4; 10:46; 19:6.

We must have an interpreter or pray to interpret for ourselves when we have the gift. 1 Cor. 14:13.

Third. No number is specified in the sign as speaking at one time. ALL Acts 2:4; ALL Acts 10:44; ALL Acts 19:6. In the gift, by twos or threes and one interprets and that by course.

Fourth. In the sign one is under the control of the Spirit. "AS THE SPIRIT GAVE THEM UTTERANCE." Acts 2:4. In the gift one can control himself. 1 Cor. 14:28.

Fifth. In regard to the sign, Luke says, "They were ALL filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with tongues." But regarding the gift, Paul says, "Do all speak in tongues?" (He was explaining the nine gifts and not the Baptism). Of course the answer is dogmatically NO.

If any of the nine gifts in 1 Cor. 12 can be a sign of the Baptism, why were they not manifested in the Book of Acts?

Again if you take any of the nine gifts as a sign, how many members of your church have the Baptism?

**"From two to a dozen or more may be gibbering in unknown tongues all at once."**

If this dozen or more are tarrying for and receiving the Gift of the Holy Ghost, then they are not out of order to speak all at once, as the case was with the 120, Cornelius and the Ephesians. But if they have the gift of divers kinds of tongues, they must be silent, if they have not an interpreter in the meeting and cannot interpret for themselves.

Pentecostal people do not sanction error, whether in doctrine or practice.

**"Not any more than three could speak in one service."**

Now dear brother, does the scripture you quote say so? The word says, "If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be BY TWO or at the most BY THREE, and that by course, and let one interpret."

This passage which says, "if any man speak in an unknown tongue, etc.," is evidently an instruction to one man, and not to two or three different individuals, and the "let it be by two and at the most by three" must refer to two or three different tongues and not to different persons; but the languages in this case are to be limited to two or three, spoken by course, consecutively, and not run in together.

**"But how could such a rule be observed by those who, perhaps, are lying stiff or jerking, writhing, and quaking or otherwise acting without regard to the proper decorum of worshippers of the God of order and decency?"**

Here again, dear brother, you are writing in a careless way about God's workings. Moses exceedingly quaked, Acts 7:32. Job said he was shaken to pieces. Job 16:12; 21:6. David, Jeremiah, Daniel and other prophets describe similar experiences. Habbakkuk and Joel prophesied of the trembling in connection with the revival, Hab. 3:16; Joel 2:10. Paul said he trembled as he preached. 1 Cor. 2:3. The hundred and twenty appeared drunk on the day of Pentecost, Acts 2:13 and Phil 2:12. These same manifestations took place under Fox, Wesley, Whitefield, Finney, Abbot and Edwards.

**"Such rules are not for them."**

Let me kindly ask, "Are they for you? How can you follow them when you have not what they are set for?"

**"The spirit among them submits not to these regulations."**

I do not know of any other people who try to have a thus-saith-the-Lord for everything, like the Pentecostal people. They are open for anything that God reveals. They do not go by creeds and theories of men, but by the living word of the living God.

My answer on the above covers your extension of the same thought.

**"We are ready to accept tongues that accord with the Holy Spirit's own teaching and law; all others we reject."**

I say a hearty amen to this. You judge that the tongues manifest in the Pentecostal Movement are not in accordance with the Scriptures; do you have those that are scriptural? Do any of your people? If not, why judge that these tongues do not accord with scriptures? Do you follow the Spirit's order in your meetings as drawn in 1 Cor. 14:26?

I see no people that aim to follow the Spirit's order of a meeting like the godly, persecuted Pentecostal people.

In concluding these lines, I confess, humbly, my personal weakness to convince anybody, but pray Him who hath all power in Heaven and Earth to grant you to see His mighty truth clearly set forth in His God-in-breathed word.

Yours very humbly, contending for the Truth,

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### MISSIONARY PERILS.

The more I study the missionary problem, the more I am convinced that whatever is done for the evangelization of the world must be done now and quickly. Missionaries on the foreign field are meeting opposition from organized religious societies, both heathen and so-called Christian, and this opposition is growing stronger every day. Recently we were informed of a heathen society in India which has adopted Christian methods of evangelization to propagate their belief and especially to oppose consecrated missionary effort, and to entice back to heathenism those native Christians who have surrendered their all to Christ. A native worker is supplied with but little more than enough support than he needs to keep body and soul together and to carry on his work of distributing gospels, preaching and doing personal work. When he is approached by one of these heathen propagandists and when he is questioned as to his support and then offered twice the amount he is now getting if he will renounce Christ and go to work for the men who are enticing him, it is a sore temptation, and some of the weaker ones might possibly be overcome. The only remedy is to pray much for the native workers in all lands, and then give more, so that the missionary can spare more from his own funds to see that the native worker is taken care of. Then these enticing offers will no longer be a temptation to him. We cannot all go, but we all can give and pray and give again. None of us have yet resisted unto blood. Let us do our very best for the spread of the Gospel while it is yet day, for the night cometh!

J. ROSWELL FLOWER, Treas.

### MISSIONARY GLEANINGS.

#### MISS LILLIAN TRASHER TO SAIL FOR EGYPT JANUARY 3rd.

The many friends of Sister Lillian Trasher will be interested to know that she has booked passage for Egypt to sail January 3rd. Our prayers will go with Sister Trasher that the Lord will grant her a safe passage across the seas and that her life will have increased usefulness for God as she again takes up the active superintendency of the Assiout Orphanage, Assiout, Egypt.

Sister Mattie Ledbetter writes: "We expect to be off next week to the inland villages and towns. We are going out now to the nearer places till we get prepared for further and longer tours. We expect to be gone for weeks at a time. It will be hard work. I dare not look at it in the natural or, like Peter, I begin to sink; but I have never in my life felt Jesus so near nor had such intercession given me with such joy following. Sometimes it seems my body cannot stand the pressure. Twice recently I have been prostrated under the power for hours at a time and seemed once

in the border land of heaven where all within and around seemed love, the pure love of God. I wept with happiness and plead with God to teach me how to tell poor lost souls of His wonderful love. I don't know all God has in this new work for me, but He is truly dealing with me in a marvelous way about it."

Brother M. M. Pinson is laboring among the Mexicans at Calexico, Calif., on the border, about one hundred and fifty miles from any Pentecostal assembly. He reports, since the tent meetings have closed, they are holding meetings in the Christian colored church each night except Sunday night, when they occupy their own church. Two more have been baptized in water and one fell under the power of the Spirit recently. They need a chapel very much to properly care for the work. Pray for Brother Pinson as he labors among the Mexican people, and don't forget to help answer your prayers.

Sister Ethel Webb is just recovering from a very severe attack of malaria fever, according to a recent letter from Miss Nettie Nichols. She was taken to the very brink of the grave, but the Lord was gracious to her and in answer to prayer, through faith, she has been delivered from the fever. She is left in a very weakened condition and the prayers of the Evangel family are requested for her complete recovery. The work at the Ningpo Orphanage is going on in victory. New quarters have been rented which are more sanitary than the old ones and God is blessing the work.

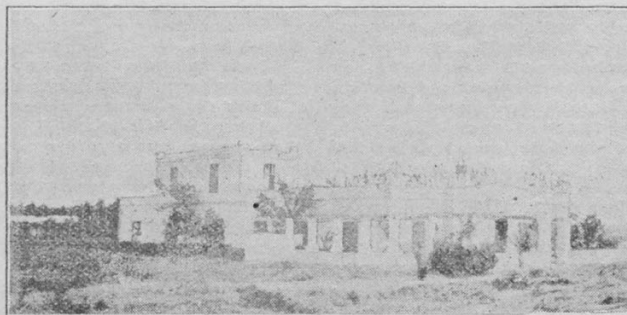
Sister Estella A. Bernauer writes from Japan, "We have started our work for the coming year with glad hearts. My English Bible classes have been much smaller than heretofore. Perhaps the, (to them) strange demonstrations, have frightened some away. However, those who do attend, are more earnest, and we have tasted the joy, for the first time since laboring here, of having a number with whom we could really fellowship in spirit, and who could stand with us in faith. Not long since, when sorely pressed in body, I called on them to pray for me. I wish you could have heard them. It was like sweetest music to my ears. The power fell and we all received such a blessing. God wonderfully touched my body, and I have not been sick since. Glory to Jesus!"

Geo. C. Slager and Harland Lawler have moved out of Shanghai and are both opening new mission stations. Brother Slager writes, "We arrived here (Chuchowfu, Chekiang, China) a little over a week ago after a trip of about one week's duration. With the exception of a few hours' ride on the train, we traveled all the way on a Chinese river boat. We praise God for bringing us here. Brother Harland Lawler and wife accompanied us from Shanghai, stopped over here two days with us and then proceeded to Yushan, about fifty miles farther on, where they feel led to labor for the Lord. We held two meetings here last Sunday, though, as yet, we have no chapel in readiness. We need to do quite a lot of repairing and remodeling of the building and procure some seats before we can announce regular meetings. Our expenses in coming have been very heavy but, believing we were in God's will, we have gone forward, trusting Him to supply. Please stand with us in prayer that every need may be supplied for this Pentecostal light-house in this needy city and province. This will be the second Pentecostal Mission opened in this province. Praise the Lord."

Bro. and Sister Juergensen report a gracious outpouring of the Spirit in Japan. "We have just held two weeks special meetings in one of our stations in Koishikawa district and the Lord has wonderfully blessed. We have held these meetings especially for the unsaved and, although many nights the weather was rainy, the Lord has every night given us a full hall, every seat taken while many were standing around the hall and at the door. During these two weeks special meetings, thirty-eight precious souls came forward to give their hearts to the Lord, realizing their need of salvation. After the preaching service, seekers for the promise of the Father in earnest prayer sought the Lord. God's power came down and they shook and fell flat on the floor, while shouts and praises filled the room. The slain of the Lord were all over the hall, while some dancing in the spirit were truly drunk with new wine.

"One night, while all were praying and seeking the Lord, a man in the room who had not yet given himself to the Lord, was greatly convicted as the Spirit of God came down and he said, 'My sins trouble me and give me pain.' It was the only words he could find to express his deep feeling of conviction. Then and there he came forward and gave his heart to God.

"Since writing the above, the Lord has given us two native workers who have heard the blessed Master calling, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men,' and like Peter and John of old, they have stepped out and left all to follow Jesus. We praise the Lord for them and are trusting Him for their support."



Assiout Orphanage, Assiout, Egypt, Lillian Trasher, Supt.

The missionaries have a tender place in their hearts for the Evangel as is evidenced by a recent letter: "The Evangel is not only an assistant pastor, but to us missionaries it is a missionary with a message of fire that encourages us and teaches us how to work for better results for God. It is one of our best friends." Every one who loves missions should push the circulation of the Evangel, which is a missionary paper, first, last and all the time. Missionary interest will increase as the circulation of the Evangel increases.

Brother Solomon Feliciano writes from Porto Rico that he is not well; has been in bed several days. His legs are in bad shape from an infection received in St. Domingo. He needs our special prayers in his behalf for perfect healing that he may resume his work for God. He also reports special blessing upon the people. In the last days of September three brothers received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. On the 20th of October five were baptized in water according to Matt. 28:19, and on Nov. 9th seven were baptized in water at Montes Llanos where a new work has been opened. Twenty-five dollars is needed at this new station to purchase chairs. Workers are also badly needed in Porto Rico.

Sister Olive Maw writes that after one year's stay in the homeland, she was sailing back to China on Nov. 27th. She sends greetings to all her friends and says, "We had a lovely visit with the saints in Tacoma, Wash. It seems the nearer the time comes for us to sail, the harder it is to part with the Lord's children that we meet along the way. We are sure that the prayers of the "Evangel family" will follow us as we go forth to this needy field. Misses Finch and Kenning are with me. Miss Louella Morrison, of near Toronto, Can., is also to join us before the 27th. She is to go to South China. We are glad for the number who are obeying the call and are pressing out to the needy fields."

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**BENTON, ILL.**

Have just returned from Benton where I have been for the last ten days, assisting the pastor, Bro. Clyde Bailey, in a revival. There is a nice work there, and the Lord gave us a blessed revival for the short time. Six souls were saved, two received the Holy Ghost. The Lord blessed from the beginning and saints were edified. Pray for me.—J. H. Law.

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## Reports From the Field

### WICHITA FALLS, TEX.

All is well with us; souls are being saved and baptized every week. Praise the Lord.—E. L. McWhy.

### FITTSBURG, PA.

We just closed a very profitable meeting. Real results. Revival still going on.—Pentecostal Gospel Mission.

### WEBBER FALLS, OKLA.

The Lord is blessing, saving souls and baptizing with the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4.—Willie Jones.

### MUNCIE, IND.

Have just closed a two weeks meeting; several were saved, other blessed, good interest at all the meetings.—Sam Hall, Evang.

### CAIRO, ILL.

We had a fine meeting; some twenty-one prayed through and six or seven got the baptism, I believe. It has been a terrific battle, but Jesus has the victory, and we praise Him.—Harry E. Bowley.

### MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

The Lord sent in both people and workers at our recent convention, so that both hall and accommodations were filled to capacity, and we had a good time in the Lord.—C. M. Hanson.

### UNION CITY, TENN.

We are in a new field here and the people fill the school house to hear the glorious gospel. God has been pouring out His Spirit. Pray for a great Pentecostal Revival here.—P. M. Joyner.

### HUMPHREY, ARK.

Have had just a few days' meetings here, one saved and one baptized in the Spirit according to Acts 2:4; the saints are going on with the Lord. Glory to God.—G. W. Danks and J. D. Phiber.

### CHARLESTON, W. VA.

We have a small assembly here, and are having good meetings and a large attendance. Pray for us that God may have His way with us, that souls may be saved and filled with Him.—Earnest C. Davis, Pastor.

### ARCADIA, KANSAS.

Bro. W. T. Gaston, of Springfield, Mo., was with us two weeks. God was with him in a wonderful way in delivering the Word; the messages were convincing, the crowds were good, and conviction was on the people. Seven souls saved, eight were baptized in the Holy Ghost, according to Acts 2:4, and the saints were built up. Pray for us.—Pastor Geo. M. Patterson and wife.

### VAN BUREN, ARK.

Wife and I came here Oct. 31st and started a meeting. We found Pastor Williamson on his guard against the enemy. Seven have been saved, eight received the baptism as in Acts 2:4, the backslidden have been reclaimed, and some wonderful cases of healing have taken place. The town is stirred. Three baptized in water according to Matt. 28:19, all grown folks, from 73 years down. Unto God who giveth us the victory be all the glory.—Charley Peppers and Wife.

### KOSHKONONG, MO.

Bro. J. T. Wilson is here in a meeting; two have been saved and some reclaimed, and others refilled. Interest is good. Praise the dear Lord. Pray for us.—Pastor H. A. Donaldson.

### SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

We are shouting victory to our Coming King for what He has done; we have a nice hall, and are sending our first missionary offering with our love and prayers.—P. D. McCabe, Pastor.

### CREAL SPRINGS, ILL.

The Lord is blessing in our meetings, not in large numbers, but souls are getting saved and baptized in the Spirit as on the day of Pentecost, praise the Lord. We haven't any pastor; pray for me that the Lord may use me here in my home town, and give me a message for this people.—W. M. Lane.

### DES ARC, ARK.

Just closed a five days meeting; Bro. and Sister Miller from Fort Smith, with us a few days, but the revival is still going on. Eighteen saved and fourteen baptized since the meetings began. We have a nice little assembly of about forty, only about three months old. Pray for us.—Pastor W. H. Shands.

### ORCHARDVILLE, ILL.

Just returned from a blessed meeting where God sweetly met with His people. He is still the God of Abraham, and Isaac and Jacob. We ask all to earnestly pray that we may wait patiently for the latter rain. It looks to me like we must have another shower to ripen the grain for the final harvest.—E. F. Cunningham and Wife.

### COLLINSVILLE, OKLA.

Sister Pearl Watts just closed a ten days' meeting. She gave some powerful messages from the throne. Souls prayed through to victory and saints were edified and brought into closer unity. The power of God fell more than for years; many healed. We are praising God for His mighty power manifested while she was here.—C. E. Fields.

### WICHITA, KANSAS.

The dear Lord opened a place for meetings and some are being restored to the joy in the Holy Ghost, many are being healed by the mighty power of God through faith in Jesus Christ. We would welcome a Spirit-filled Evangelist in fellowship with the General Council. Pray God will give us a great revival this winter.—Pastor P. M. LaBerge and wife.

### MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

We had been praying that God would work in our midst, and now He is surprising us all the time. He has been blessing our Sunday School most wonderfully; several of the children who had grown cold have been revived, four have been saved and two received the baptism of the Holy Spirit; others are seeking the Lord very earnestly. They are really setting an example for the older folks. New members are being added every Sunday and we are encouraged to look forward to greater things.—Mrs. A. F. Berg, Sec'y Full Gospel Mission Sunday School.

### GOOSE CREEK, TEXAS.

Bro. Lin Baker and Bro. J. L. Hardwick have just closed a three weeks' meeting; God blessed wonderfully, saving about thirty and baptizing about twenty-five in the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. Thank God for it all.—Pastor J. L. Hardwick.

### SPOKANE, WASH.

The dear Lord has been graciously manifesting His power to the Pentecostal Assembly of God at 1630 W. Dean Ave. Souls are being saved, believers baptized in the Spirit, and the saints are healed of divers afflictions. To God be all the glory. The saints have purchased a nice church property here. The pastor, D. W. Raines, and his wife, live in the rear rooms that have been fitted up for living quarters.—D. W. Raines, Pastor.

### VAN BUREN, ARK.

Bro. Peppers and wife have been helping Bro. Williamson in meetings for the last four or five weeks; seven saved and received the baptism in the Holy Ghost; three or four restored. Meetings still running. Continue to pray, for there is lots to be done here for the Lord. One sister who had been wearing glasses nineteen years, is healed and she has been helping me sew, and has not had her glasses on any more. Praise God for His goodness to mankind.—Mrs. M. G. Garrett.

### GALENA, KANS.

Dear old Galena! God is being favorable to us here, for which we praise Him. Everything seemed against having a revival when Bro. Iversen and I came, BUT GOD! Hallelujah! Thursday night the ban was lifted so we could open the church and the enemy attacked our bodies, but our mighty Physician has restored.

Saturday the break came, and souls began to come to the altar. Sunday morning, instead of Sunday School, we were asked to talk to the children, as hardly one was saved. Thirty children, old and young, came to the Lord with tears of repentance. The parents become broken and melted and there was nothing to do but pray throughout the morning service. Sunday night and Monday night the same; five were saved Sunday night and Monday night two or more. The church is well filled at every service and a deep interest is manifested. Pray for us.—Evang. Wm. F. Kirkpatrick.

### KITCHENER, ONT.

We have just closed a very profitable series of meetings. Bro. Argue, of Winnipeg, came to us, we believe an appointment of the Lord, and we opened fire the 28th of October. Our hall soon proved too small, so we called a halt in meetings; saints continuing in prayer, while workmen enlarged the hall. The enemy, of course, violently opposed our progress, but the precious saints continued in prayer and fasting. The enemy gave back and God's blessing fell. A number of dear ones who had been long seeking the fullness came through, speaking in tongues. God's presence continued with us night after night; one night seven baptized in the Holy Ghost. We kept no account of the number saved, but many were saved, and a few who had been out of fellowship were graciously restored. Bro. Argue prayed for many sick ones and the testimonies of healing were emphatic and inspired us all of the truth of Divine Healing.

Bro. Argue's messages on prophecy were splendidly received, and his powerful appeals to believe God at this time, inspired faith in us all.—Pastor A. C. MacCreedy.